



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for October 31, 2016

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me." - Martin Luther



BISHOP'S OFFICE TRANSITION TEAM NAMED

The Synod Council has formed a Transition Team that will work over the next year as our synod elects a new bishop. Their responsibility will be to make recommendations to the synod council on the election process for the new bishop, help the synod appropriately recognize the ministry of Bishop Skrenes, work with the Bishop-elect on the transition and to help plan the installation service for the new bishop.

Members of the Transition Team are:

Pastor Doug Johnson, Chair
Pam Long, Synod Vice President
Larry Pagel, Synod Treasurer
Rick Pink, Synod Council
Barb Maines, Synod Council
Bill Weis, Synod Council

Bill Vorhes, Synod Council

Pastor Mike Laakko, Synod Council

Pauline Kiltinen, former Synod Vice President

Pastor Ellie Russey, Retired Pastor

Pastor Peter Vorhes, former Synod Council

Bishop Thomas Skrenes, non-voting adviser

By the end of November, more information will be sent to the congregations of the synod concerning the Task Force and their ministry. In the meantime, please pray that God's Holy Spirit will inform and encourage all of us.

Thanksgiving for the Life of Dorothy Andersen

The widow of Bishop Emeritus Harry Andersen, Dorothy Andersen died on Thursday evening October 13, 2016. Dorothy was a wonderful woman of faith and great friend and support of her spouse. She had been in failing health for some time and died under hospice care at the age of 92. The family is planning a memorial service in the spring in her native Nebraska where her remains will be buried next to her husband. You may communicate with the three children, one daughter and two sons and their families, by sending condolences to daughter Elaine Bugge at 5940 Woodcreek Lane, Middleton, WI 53562. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord that they may rest from their labors."

Always
being made
New.

The Campaign for the ELCA

The Always Being Made New Campaign in the Northern Great Lakes Synod

As we enter the second year of this campaign,
we thank you and we thank God for the generous
contributions toward the recipients of the 2015 year;
New and Renewing congregations,
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, and Barrier Free Projects.

In 2016, the Campaign is raising funds to support both ELCA
World Hunger, and local efforts to address poverty and
hunger. ELCA World Hunger provides a wealth of resources
to educate congregations and offer opportunities to give at
www.elca.org/hunger. Many Northern Great Lakes
congregations house or support local food pantries, clothes
closets, week-end backpack meals.

Please be generous! Funds raised in 2016 will be split evenly
between ELCA World Hunger and grants made
available to support local NGLS efforts to address
hunger and poverty.

Let us join together to do God's work on a scale and
scope that we could never do within our individual
congregations.

TRANSITIONS

- We celebrate with Finlandia University at the
installation of their new Campus Pastor, Rev. Soren
Schmidt, on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 5:00
p.m. (ET) at the Chapel of St. Matthew in Hancock,
Michigan. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the
day is red. All are welcome!

- We also celebrate with Bethany, Norway and Calvary, Quinnebec at the installation of their new pastor, Rev. David Johnson, on Sunday, November 6 at 1:30 p.m. (CT) at Bethany. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red, and All are Welcome!!



Calling all Pastor-type Musicians!!!

The Synod Worship Committee is looking for musicians to accompany the closing worship at Synod Assembly 2017.

The closing worship will be Tuesday, May 23, at NMU.

The only requirements:

- That you play an instrument
- That you will be attending Synod Assembly anyway as either a voting member or a visitor

We are looking for bass guitar, tambourine, flute, strings - whatever you've got!!!

Please contact Pastor Katherine at the Synod Office if you're interested!



Faithful Finances

Coming Saturday, November 5, 2016
12:30 - 3:00 p.m. ET
at Immanuel, Negaunee,
following the Sticky Faith Workshop.

For Financial Secretaries, Pastors, Council Members,
Bill Payers, and anyone who wants to learn about
Financial Best Practices for Congregations.

Led by the Synod Bookkeeper, Betsy Koski

More info at www.nglsynod.org.

MARKED!

Sunday, February 26, 2017 at Eden, Munising
Sunday, March 5, 2017 at First, Iron River

Please note the date changes!

Make plans now to attend
with your Confirmation Youth,
and to collect Health Kit and Love Bundle
supplies in your congregation.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For the people of our nation as we choose our leaders.

+For our clergy widows and widowers that Christ continue to comfort.

+For those who suffer persecution for the faith.

+For all those affirming their baptism on Reformation Sunday, God bless their continued participation in their community of faith.

LOOKING AHEAD

Congregational Leaders Intensive

February 24-25, 2017

**at Fortune Lake Camp
Crystal Falls, MI**



**Effective leadership is important!
Be equipped, learn new skills, deepen
your understanding of what effective
congregational leadership looks like.**

**Request a Thrivent Action Grant to
help with expenses.**

More details coming soon!



STICKY FAITH

Coming Saturday, November 5!

To equip adults who work with
children and teenagers!

- Deadline for registering - **November 1st**
- Register by calling the Synod Office
- **Only \$5.00**
- Hosted at Immanuel, Negaunee
- 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. ET
- Pay at the door

Give a boost to your Sunday
School Teachers,
Confirmation and Youth leaders, etc.!!!

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "**Breath Prayer**"
and **Daily Devotions**.
The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

News for Pastors
and Congregational Leaders

REGISTER TODAY

LSS SUNDAY | March 5, 2017



Register online today at
www.lsswis.org/LSS-Sunday-registration.

CELEBRATE THE MISSION THAT CHANGES PEOPLE'S LIVES!
Join with congregations all across Wisconsin and Upper

Michigan to share how your congregation's ministry through LSS is changing lives each and every day.

Our work is rewarding and humbling, and in that humility we ask that you:

- Designate the first Sunday in March as LSS Sunday at your congregation (or another date of your choice).
- Request an LSS staff speaker (as available).
- Confirm your participation and let us know how many offering envelopes we should mail to you.

Thank you for being a partner in our ministry. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jim Holmberg at 414.325.3069 or james.holmberg@lsswis.org.



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