



**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**  
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**E-Notes for July 31, 2017**

## The Season of Pentecost

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

From the New York Times:

“Today six million people are at risk of starvation in Somalia, and another fourteen million in South Sudan, Nigeria, and Yemen. It is the gravest emergency since the Second World War, according to the United Nations”

The news media has largely ignored this famine disaster in the making. Now the Church must act. Please support the world hunger program of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

### **BISHOP THOMAS AND LUANNE SKRENES FUND FOR MINISTRY**

About \$20,000 has been received in gifts and pledges for the Bishop Thomas and Luanne Skrenes Fund for Ministry.

The ministry of love in the Northern Great Lakes Synod continued

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS IN THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD CONTINUES! Luanne and I are showing our thanksgiving to God and appreciation to the ministry of the synod by establishing the "Bishop Thomas and Luanne Skrenes Ministry Fund" through our Synod Endowment. Annual distributions from the Skrenes Fund will support the clergy of our synod - debt retirement, as well as the work with our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Please consider a financial gift to the Skrenes Ministry Fund of the synod thank you for supporting the efforts that have energized us in our ministries!

You may send your gift to the Northern Great Lakes Synod  
1029 N. Third Street, Suite A, Marquette, MI 49855.

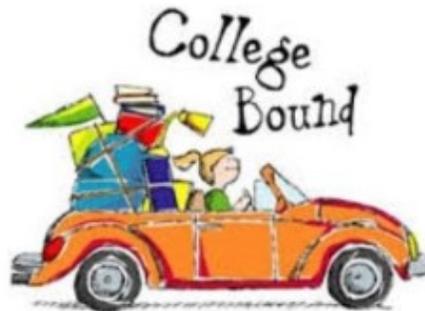


## **DOES THE SYNOD HAVE ARCHIVES? WHAT GOES IN IT?**

Yes, our Northern Great Lakes Synod shares a historic record archives with the other eleven synods of Region 5—the synods in Upper Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. The archival vaults are underneath Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque Iowa. They are staffed and maintained by the synods of Region 5 and the whole ELCA. A permanent record of the ministry of the congregations and synods is kept there for individual and historian use.

This week several large boxes of records were shipped to the archives by our synod office. The files of the 47 Pastors of this synod who have died since 1999 and the record files of the 14 congregations that have left the ELCA or closed since I became bishop were sent to the archives. Rostered persons who resigned from call without retiring are sent to the churchwide

offices in Chicago for their safe guarding. Part of the bishop's responsibility is to safeguard the records of the synod and, along with the Synod secretary, I have worked to maintain the records and other historical information of this synod. I will be turning over responsibility for the files and records of the current congregations and pastors (under call and retired) as well as the synod on September 1 to our new bishop.



## Going to NMU or MTU or LSSU this Fall?

Let us know!

If you have a student going to Michigan Technological University this Fall, connect that person to Lutheran Campus Ministry by calling Pastor Bucky Beach at 906.482.5410.

If one of your students is going to Northern Michigan University, call Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette at 906.225.1119.

If your student is going to Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, call Faith Lutheran Church at 906.632.7246.

Campus Ministry works!





## **Reminder!**

**Registrations for Mackinac Island must be received in the Synod Office by **August 7th.****

**All single or married Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers, and spouses are invited to participate in this retreat from September 24-26, 2017 at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island.**

**Go to [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org) for more information and the registration form.**



### ***Youth Delegation to Tanzania has Returned!***

**T-12, the synod's first ever youth delegation to Tanzania has returned from their adventure and they'd love to thank you and share their experiences. There will be multiple**

opportunities, spread throughout the synod, to hear how God touched them. Please join us on at one of the following:

- Sunday, August 6, 4 p.m. ET at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI.

- Sunday, August 13, 4 p.m. CT at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rhineland, WI.

- Thursday, August 17, 7 p.m. ET at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Hancock, MI.

The young people will offer reflections and music from their journey. These events will be perfect for any church or community members interested in learning more about our companions, people who financially and/or prayerfully supported the travelers, and especially for young people and their families who should consider traveling to Tanzania in the future. Come and support our youth who represented us so well and have an inspiring message of faith and transformation to share!

## Bishop's Transition Team News



*You are Invited*

*to the Installation Service of  
Bishop-Elect Pastor Katherine Finegan  
on Saturday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m.  
at St. Peter Cathedral  
Marquette, Michigan  
With Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Reception to follow at the Holiday Inn,  
Marquette from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. ET*



## **Installation Choir**

You are invited to sing with an adhoc choir that will enrich the Installation Worship Service of Bishop-elect Pastor Katherine Finegan on October 21 at 1:30 p.m.

However, there are some things you need to know before you sign up:

- Because of the needs of sound and musicians, the choir will sing from the balcony of St. Peter Cathedral.
- There are 30 narrow and winding steps spiraling up to the balcony.

- There is a small chair lift which can transport one person at a time.
- The nearest bathroom facility is either up more stairs or back down the 30 stairs.
- There will be a final choir rehearsal on Saturday, October 21, at 10 a.m. ET at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.

If you are still interested in being a part of this choir and willing to brave the balcony steps, please call the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 and sign up. We will send the music to you and try to schedule at least one rehearsal near you.

Please sign up by September 15th.



**FORTUNE LAKE**

*A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI*

## Women's Fall Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp September 15-17, 2017

### Theme "A Godly Touch"

**"I want men/women everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer,  
without anger or disputing." 1 Timothy 2:8**

Engaging Workshops

Singing

Praise & Worship

Great Fellowship

Food & Fun

Crafts

15 minute Massage (cost \$10)

**Duplex housing** \$125.00

**Lodge housing** \$140.00

**Cost includes:** Meals, Saturday

night ice cream social,

workshop materials,

and Coffee Café.

~To register, please call Pam at 906-428-2442 or 906-280-2918. Forms are available on the following website: <https://www.nglsnod.org/welca/>



## **Plan for the Future! Leave a Legacy!**

Don't miss this great opportunity to meet with our  
**Regional Endowment Planner, Tim Knutson.**

Come learn something about Estate Planning, getting your financial affairs in order, and creating a legacy that will benefit your family, your church, and the work of Christ long after you are gone.

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017  
at Pioneer Lake, Conover**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. CT  
Supper included!

**Thursday, October 12, 2017  
at Calvary, Rapid River**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ET

Supper included!

This event is FREE, however, registration is required.

Please reserve your spot by calling the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 by the end of the day on Thursday, October 5th.

(Pastors/LLM's are invited to join Tim for lunch on :

**Tuesday, October 10 at 12 Noon at Tula's in Rhinelander**

**or**

**Thursday, October 12 at 12 Noon at Family Inn in Escanaba.**

Please call the Synod Office by October 5 to reserve your lunch.)

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARKED!**

**Sunday, February 18, from 4-7pm at Gloria Dei, Hancock**

**Sunday, February 25, from 4-7pm at First, Gladstone**

**This is a wonderful event for your Confirmation Youth. This year, congregations are invited to collect items for Backpack Programs throughout our Synod that help to feed hungry students over the weekends.**

Check out more info at [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)



## **ALTAR GUILD WORKSHOP**

Saturday, September 30

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran, Ishpeming  
Featuring Rev. Melinda Quivik

Cost: \$20 which includes program, lunch and snacks

Register by Monday, September 25  
More information at [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)

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Don't miss it!!  
Bring your whole Altar Guild!!  
Ecumenical!!

Learn the finer details and best practices!!



## **Pre-Retirement Seminar**

### **Are you 50 years old or over?**

While many adults over the age of 50 are thinking about retirement, everyone approaches this important stage in life differently. Some spend a lot of time in the planning stage, while others start planning with just months to spare. No matter where you are in the process, Portico's day long

**Pre-Retirement Seminar** can help. The good news is we're coming soon to your area!

Together with our partner, Ernst & Young, we cover all phases of retirement planning in simple, understandable terms - from **establishing a retirement budget**, to **discussing investment strategies**, to **reviewing health care options**. We leave plenty of time to address your retirement questions. This small investment in time and money may be beneficial, not just for pre-retirement planning, but for peace of mind. You'll breathe easier knowing what you need to do now to help ensure a confident retirement when the time is right for you. Take advantage of this opportunity and join us! We look forward to seeing you there.

**DATE:** Friday, November 10, 2017

**LOCATION:** Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

3200 N. Mountain Road, Wausau, WI 54401

**TIME:** Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. seminar runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Register today and to see other seminar locations and dates, go to the following website:

<https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/NewsEvents/Events/Pre-RetirementSeminars>



## **National Youth Gathering – Houston June 27 – July 1, 2018**

Make plans to attend with your youth,  
or contact Lisa Bouche at [lisabouche92@gmail.com](mailto:lisabouche92@gmail.com)  
if you have one or two youth who need a church to go with.

Check out the information and links available at [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering)

Or go to Facebook and check out the group:  
ELCA Gathering 2018 - HOUSTON!! (NGLS)



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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE 2017  
CAMPAIGN TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN:**

- 1. Grants given to congregations to begin or nurture a companion congregation relationship with another congregation from our Lutheran Companion Synod in the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of Tanzania.**

2. The Churchwide portion will go to equip missionaries from Tanzania to Tanzania and beyond; and the Synod portion will go to nurture or begin companion congregation relationships between NGLS congregations and ELCT congregations.

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

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### LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+We give thanks for Pastor Peter Vorhes, now retired from Faith Lutheran Church in Calumet and for Pastor Cori Johnson, now on leave from Call as she resigns from St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Stephenson and Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Wallace.

+We thank God for the safe return of the NGLS Dental Mission group from Tanzania. It was a successful and important journey. God bless their efforts to make a difference in Jesus' name.

+We pray for those impacted by drought, famine and war in Africa.

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Check out [www.prayfaithfully.org](http://www.prayfaithfully.org)  
for weekly "Breath Prayer"  
and Daily Devotions.  
The synod website is [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)

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**Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes**

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