

Northern Great Lakes Synod **Year in Review**

May 2023 –
May 2024





In Memorium

- Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege
- Rev. Ingmar Levine
- Rev. Robert Langseth
- Rev. Les Niemi
- NGLS V.P. Orice Walters
- NGLS Youth Coordinator Nora Tahtinen
- Associate in Ministry Arlene Rajala

The
**Faithful
Innovations**
Team
of



Emmanuel,
Menominee

**KEEP
CALM
AND
TRY NEW
THINGS**

The Five Steps of Faithful Innovation



Listen



Reconnect



Define



Reframe



Cultivate

Choose a Sunday to Answer the Call

Supporting
Seminary Students and Pastors
**Before, During, and After
They Answer the Call**

Gifts are split between

- Seminary Scholarships and
- Clergy Debt Relief



Have you remembered Ministry Efforts in your will?



**What's
your
Fifty?**



The Ordination of Deacon Jen Elsenbroek
at Messiah, Marquette June 18, 2023

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- Ordination Selfie
 - Rev. Elise Hynek
 - July 8, 2023

 - Called to serve
St. James, Rudyard





Welcome to
Intentional Interim
Rev. Peggy Rose
to serve
Pioneer Lake, Conover.

July 2023

The Tri-Synodical Youth Gathering "JOURNEY" August 24 – 27, 2023





The Installation of Rev. Sarah Semmler Smith
as Pastor of Good Shepherd, Houghton and
Lutheran Campus Minister at Michigan Tech
August 27, 2023

Fall 2023



Lifelong
Faith Formation

Christ's Kaleidoscope

A focus on resources that educate regarding racial equity, our indigenous neighbors, and the LGBTQIA+ community.

Who are the Evangelicals?

A former evangelical pastor turns whistleblower
(without being mean).

Embracing God's Future without Forgetting the Past:

A Conversation about Loss, Grief, & Nostalgia in Congregational Life

Stewards of Children:

The movement to make your faith community a safe space

The Gospel of Mark:

It's Story and Meaning

That's Not in MY Bible:

a survey of the Apocrypha

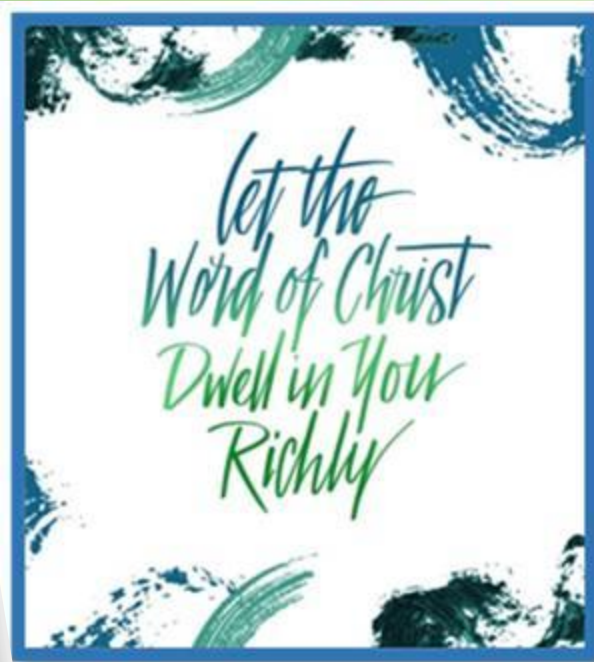
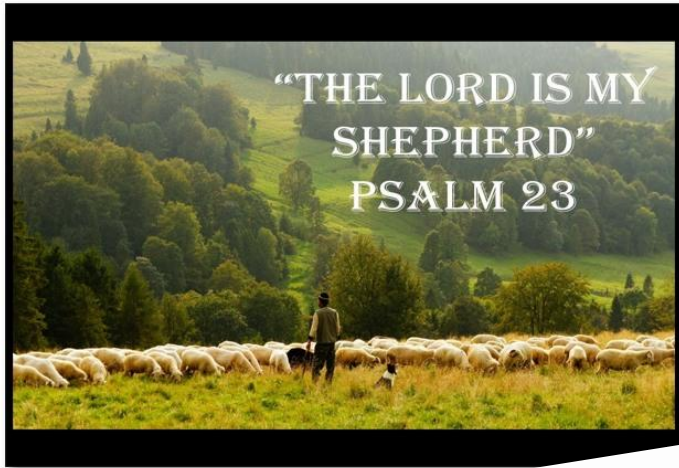
Your
Northern Great Lakes
Synod Council

September 2023



January 2024

Psalm 23 - "Shepherd's Psalm"



December 2023

Acts 16:6-15 "Paul's Second Missionary Journey"

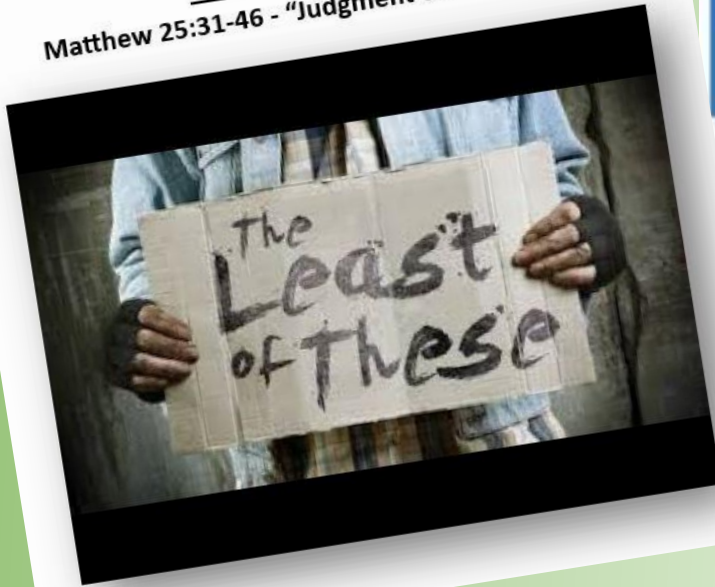


John 4:1-30 - **April 2024** "The Woman at the Well"



February 2024

Matthew 25:31-46 - "Judgment of the Nations"

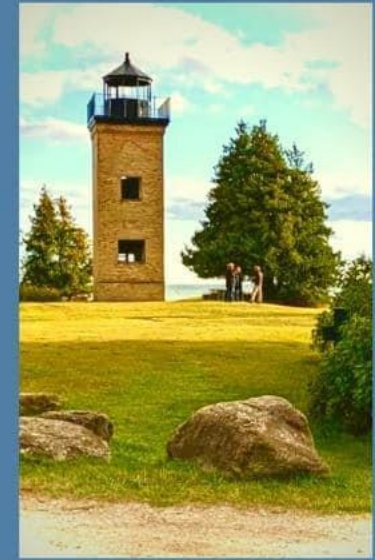


**Join the Conversation
the First Thursday
of every month!**

Celebration of the Monarchs, 2023!

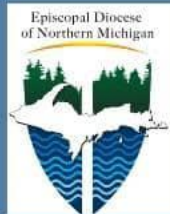
Come and Join UP Wild Church at Peninsula Point, Stonington at 5:00 PM EST, Thursday, September 7, to celebrate the Monarch migration.

Please bring a chair and a refreshment of your choice.



Peninsula Point Light
3722 County 513 T Rd,
Rapid River, MI 49878

UP WILD
CHURCH
DELTA COUNTY



THE MONARCHS OF PENINSULA POINT

The Stonington Peninsula guides monarch butterflies

Just as the Peninsula Point lighthouse guides ships on Lake Michigan, the Stonington Peninsula guides monarch butterflies as they begin their 7500-mile migration south to their wintering grounds in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico. In the fall, thousands of monarchs can be seen here, waiting for favorable conditions before they cross Lake Michigan. But it's their offspring, 1 or 4 generations removed, that will return here the following spring!

Milkweed is central to the life of the Monarch

The monarch comes to Peninsula Point in search of milkweed plants. Monarchs lay their eggs ONLY on milkweed plants, on which the larvae feed, grow and thrive. During the summer breeding season, the monarch's life cycle (see inset) takes 2-5 weeks to complete.

The showy flowers of the milkweed also offer abundant, high quality nectar which, many pollinators, including the monarch, require. Nectar is essential to sustain monarchs during reproduction and to fuel their migration to and from Mexico. Next spring, the monarchs that left Peninsula Point will move north, breed, lay eggs and die. Their offspring will continue the migration northward, breeding and laying eggs along the way. Three generations later, they will arrive at Peninsula Point and the cycle will begin anew.

Did you know?

Peninsula Point is home to only one of the few places in North America where monarchs can be released from their great migration. Because it is so unique, the local service, together with the Delta County and Delta County Community Foundations, have been conducting a research project. Help making it the national home for the monarch in North America! The data collected here is shared with numerous scientists. Not been published in research journals elsewhere also, joining the North American Monarch Conservation Plan! Researcher: Ben Hill.

What can you do?

In the fall, 1-2 million monarchs are released to disperse each the following spring and winter south. Essentially, thousands of monarchs are released to disperse each the following spring and winter south. You can help by providing milkweed in your garden. For more information, visit www.monarchwatch.org





**BEHOLD & AWAKEN
WONDER!**

UP WILD CHURCH

Wild Church has grown to **FIVE** locations:

1. Marquette
2. Keweenaw
3. Delta County
4. Northern Wisconsin
5. Eastern U.P.



UPwild
in the Keweenaw

Wilderness Walk
Saturday, March 16, 4pm
Marsin Retreat Center

Celtic-themed walk will last about one hour, with potluck to follow. This event is family friendly, and open to all, no religious affiliation necessary.

find more info at upwild.org



Installation of Rev. David Murphy in a new partnership
with Our Savior's, Marinette and Good Shepherd, Peshtigo
September 10, 2023



The Aurora Borealis
made an appearance
at

The Leader Event for
Pastors and LLM's
Fortune Lake Camp

September 17-19, 2023



The Installation
of
Rev. Bre Kinnunen
at
Immanuel,
Negaunee

September 24, 2023





The
Synod
Women's
Organization
Convention

October 13, 2023

Riding the Tiger

Aging and Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

A Men's Retreat

Sponsored by The Cedar Tree Institute in partnership
with the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA



October 20 (Friday) 5 P.M. CST –
October 21 (Saturday) 2 P.M. CST
Fortune Lake Camp, Crystal Falls, Michigan

Facilitators: Rev. Lee Goodwin, Rev. Jon Magnuson, and Rev. Scott Ehle

*Lodging (single rooms)
Dinner, Breakfast, and Lunch
Cost: \$150

*(SINGLE Rooms or DOUBLE Rooms available—state option when registering.
Space is limited)

Register by October 1, contact Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop
906-228-2300 or by email at: jduehring@nglsynod.org
Registration is being handled by the Northern Great Lakes Synod

Based on the Franciscan priest Richard Rohr's insights,
a fascinating and helpful look
at the peculiar gifts and challenges in the second half of life
as we navigate with courage and hope, the shifting sands of, identity,
utility, and meaning.

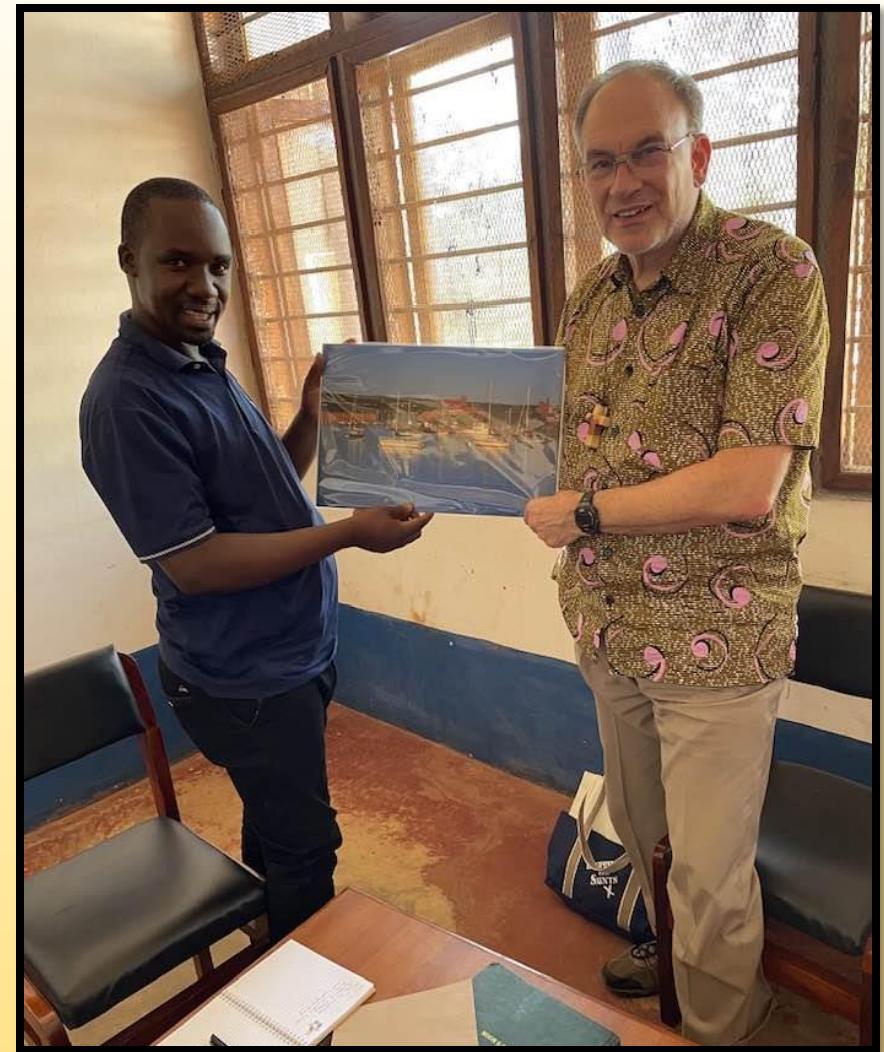


Region 5 Bishops and Staff Retreat in Chicago
October 25-27, 2023

Pastor Jim Duehring in Tanzania – October 11-26, 2023



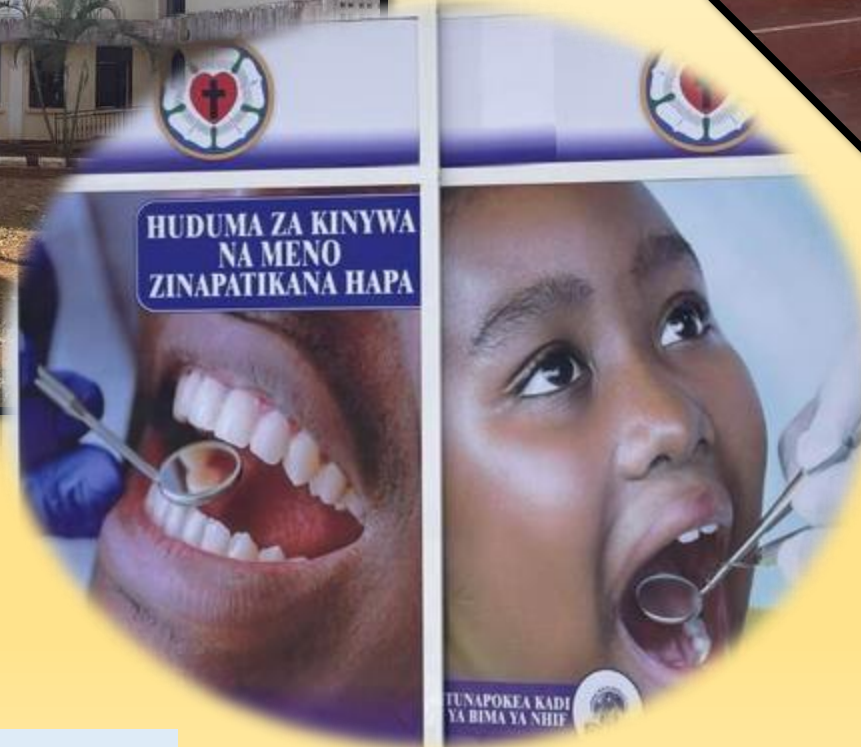
Pastor Jim Duehring at the Sewing School on Zanzibar and with Headmaster at Kisarawe Lutheran Jr. Seminary



At Kisarawe Junior Theological Seminary



Worshipping with the Masaii



Our Dental Ministry



Native American Sunday

A Liturgy for Worship

Northern Great Lakes Synod

Marquette, Michigan

UPDATING OUR WEBSITE

Please be patient with us as we
work out all the bugs!

For Questions call 906-228-2300 or email ngls@nglsynod.org





DARKNESS TO LIGHT®

END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The upcoming Crystal Falls, MI - Darkness to Light
training on Saturday, October 21

from 9:30 am–noon CT

Is being held at the

Dining Hall of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

138 Fortune Lake Camp Road

Crystal Falls, MI

WE ARE HIRING

Welcome
Courtney
Wehmeier!
Our new NGLS
Office
Administrator

JOIN OUR TEAM





The Installation of Rev. Timothy Johnston
at Bethel, Ishpeming
October 22, 2023

By the Grace of God and
The Call of the Church

Melissa Salminen

will be ordained into the Ministry of
Word and Sacrament

Saturday, October 28, 2023

11:00 am EDT

Trinity Lutheran Church,
414 E. Ridge St. Ishpeming, MI

Bishop Katherine Finegan, presiding
Rev. Elisabeth Daniels, preaching

Rostered leaders are invited to vest.
The color of the day is red.

Luncheon to follow in fellowship hall.

Livestream:

<https://www.facebook.com/trinityishpeming>

Melissa has been called to serve Bethany Lutheran,
Perkins and Trinity Lutheran, Stonington

The Ordination of Rev. Melissa
Salminen called to serve
Bethany, Perkins & Trinity, Stonington
October 28, 2023



The Installation
of Rev. Melissa Salminen
November 5, 2023



Our First Call Pastors at
First Call Theological Education
Wausau, WI
November 12 – 14, 2023





- What innovative ministry, event, initiative, or vision could come into being if only the money was there?
 - What new thing would your congregation do if it only had the money?

GIVINGTUESDAY

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CHANGE HAPPEN THROUGH CREATIVE MINISTRY**



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ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO
MADE A GIFT AND SPREAD THE WORD
ABOUT OUR NEW SYNOD MINISTRY FUND.
WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT
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You Give



They Match



Increase your impact



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Thank you to all who made donations in 2023!

2024 Ministry efforts that have been supported so far:

- Kitchen upgrades at LCM at MTU
- The Collaborative Ishpeming Good Friday Cantata
- Coming in August, Wild Church Convocation

Now accepting
GIFTS
for 2025
disbursements!



2024 NGLS CHILD PROTECTION POLICY



Wardrobe Change for Pastor Johnston

And.....ACTION!!

A Lutheran Christmas Service



Winter 2024



Open to Interpretation:
Insights into Translating the Bible

The Way of the Dream:
God's Forgotten Language

Native America and
the Stewardship of the Land:
Land Acknowledgements and Beyond

The Book of Proverbs Part One:
Donning A Foreigner's Clothes

Stewards of Children

Stewardship Of Animals

With
Bishop Malasusa
preparing for his
Installation
January 2023



Bishop Katherine Finegan attends the Installation of Rev. Alex Malasusa as the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.
January 2024



Installation Worship Service
January 21, 2024



Presenting
Clergy
shirts to the
Women
Clergy of
the KKKT



At Mkuza Girls' School January 2023





KALEIDOSCOPE CHALLENGE



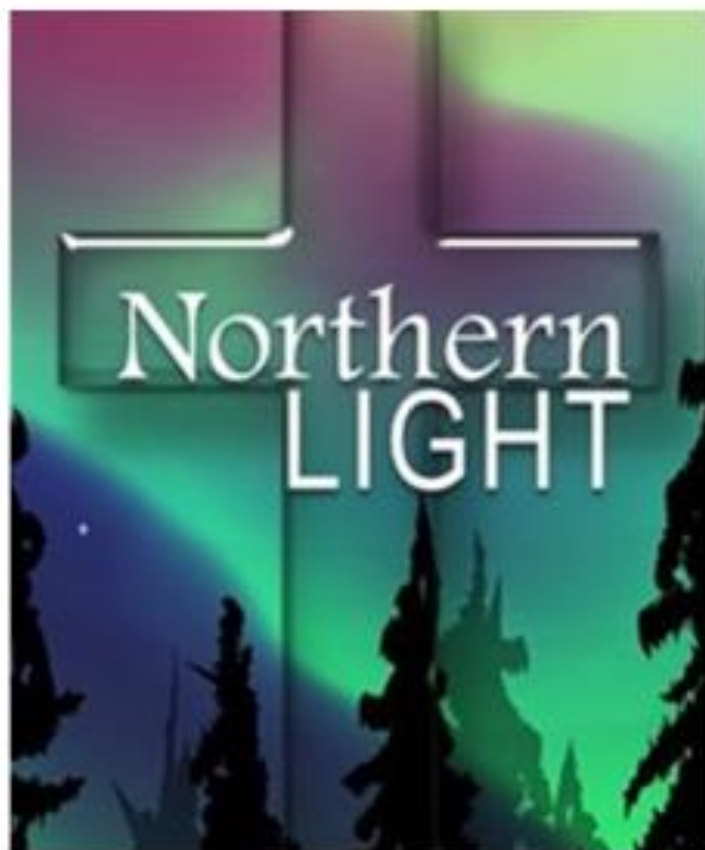
FEBRUARY 15TH - MARCH 25TH



We give thanks for 106 years of ministry at
St. James Lutheran, Marinette, WI
Last Worship Service was April 14, 2024

St. James Lutheran Church
100th Anniversary
June 1918 ~ June 2018

STAYING CONNECTED



- E Notes
- Facebook
- Prayfaithfully
- Website
- Newsletter
- Mission Support
- Synod Assembly

Give a gift to our Synod's Endowment Ministry



Distributions support:

Clergy Debt Relief, Seminarian Scholarships, Campus Ministry, Tanzanian Projects, Youth Ministry efforts and More!!!

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Good Shepherd, Houghton and MTU
"Feed My Sheep" Initiative to raise \$20,000 for a \$20,000 Grant







Lutheran
Campus
Ministry
at NMU.
Spring Break
on Sanibel
Island working
for Hurricane
Recovery.





*2024 Spring
Synod-Wide Hike*

A joint event between the
NGLS and U.P. Wild.



LIGHT THE FIRE

FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP



Friday, May 31
6:30 CT / 7:30 ET
at a site near you!



FORTUNE LAKE
LUTHERAN CAMP

A Place of Grace

fortunelake.org

COMING THIS OCTOBER!!

CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE FAIR

COST: \$25

Includes Lunch,
All Workshops,
and a copy of
All Creation Sings

Pick from **TWO** options

Saturday October 12

Emmanuel Lutheran, Menominee
2901 13th St
906-863-3431

Saturday October 19

Bethel Lutheran, Ishpeming
333 East Ridge St.
906-485-5533

Register at
www.nglsynod.org or
send your check payable
to the NGLS to
1029 N. 3rd St. Suite A
Marquette, MI 49855

SCHEDULE – All Times Local

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|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 9:30am | Coffee and Registration |
| 10am | <i>All Creation Sings</i> Workshop |
| 11:30am | Festival Worship |
| 12noon | Lunch |
| 1pm – 3pm | Resource Fair & Workshops |

This event made possible by a generous grant from
the NGLS *Equipping the Saints* Endowment Fund.



Have you thought about including
Ministry in your will?

You can continue to bless ministries
that matter to you and still benefit
loved ones through estate planning.

If you have made a planned gift
or want more information how....

You are Invited to the
Second Annual Seed Sower Luncheon

Wednesday October 2

More info coming soon!