

**NORTHERN GREAT
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E-Notes for August 15, 2014

PENTECOST SEASON

“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

“Be not afraid. When the words or message appear in Scripture, they usually herald some dramatic shift just around the bend. God’s people are predictably confused, tempted to hide their heads and pray for the tempest to pass. Then God speaks a word—“Be not afraid—and beckons them to continue on their path, and the story of faith lives on.”

Stephanie Spellers, "Radical Welcome," p. 53.

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"God's work. Our hands." Sunday Sept. 7, 2014



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,



[Register your congregation](#) for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.

Click here for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday [resources](#).



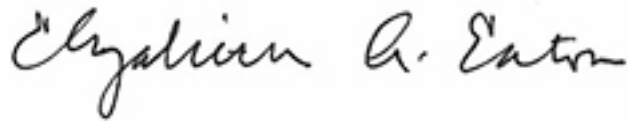
Custom order deadline:
August 8

Order your T-shirts today! Deadline for custom t-shirts is August 8.

Yellow: wear it, share it.

Thank you for considering participation in the "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014. Whether in urban communities, write letters to soldiers and veterans or serve meals to people and families in need, we dedicate this day to be church together – as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and around the world. It's not too late to plan your participation in this dedicated day of service! Here's how I'm participating the day. | [Watch video](#)

To help guide your congregation's planning download a toolkit, bulletin insert and flyer at www.ELCA.org. T-shirts are once again available from Old Lutheran to help increase the visual impact across the ELCA. How can you use your congregation's service activities? The toolkit offers a special media outreach section to pitch your activities to newspaper, television and radio outlets. Advocacy is also part of our call to discipleship. Visit www.elca.org to learn how we can use "our voices" to make positive changes in the world. Sign up your congregation for service at www.elca.org/dayofservice/Register. Shortly after Sept. 7, please share stories about your participation. Send your stories and photos to LivingLutheran@elca.org, so that together we can celebrate the good things God accomplishes through you. As we serve together during "**God's work. Our hands.**" Sunday, we are reminded of the love of God who knows and loves each one of us. *In gratitude to God and in service to others, go in*



Peace,

Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

You are invited to the ordination and
installation

of

Diane Srutowski

at First Lutheran, Gladstone
Sunday, August 17, at 3pm. ET

Clergy are invited to vest.

The color of the day is red.

Registration has been extended!

**“LORD , TEACH US TO
PRAY...”**

Evangelism Retreat, Prayer Workshop
Friday, August 22 – Saturday, August 23,
2014

Bethel Lutheran Church
Cedarville, Michigan

See the synod website for the brochure!
www.nglsynod.org

Festival of Congregational Renewal

Coming October 10 – 11, 2014
at Messiah, Marquette

Only \$10 a person or \$50 per congregation.
Bring a team of folks and attend as many workshops as possible.

Confirmed Workshops to be offered so far:

- ~**Release Time:** Come hear how these youth programs are working in Republic and Crystal Falls.
- ~**Mid-Week Sunday School:** Different than Release Time, some churches have chosen to move their Sunday school to a mid-week time. Come learn what this change means for programming possibilities and community outreach.
- ~**CORE:** This organization seeks to be a positive reforming influence in the ELCA. Come hear about their efforts.
- ~**World Hunger:** For Congregational Hunger Representatives and all those interested in beginning or building their church's World Hunger involvement.
- ~**Prison Ministries:** Come learn what the possibilities are for ministry in our prisons.
- ~**Banner Making:** Learn one process for the visioning and creating of banners that enrich your worship space.
- ~**Bible Study:** We will soon begin the Year of Mark. Come get an overview of this unique and fascinating gospel.
- ~**Without Vision the People Perish:** What vision does your congregation have for its purpose? Its mission? How is such a thing discerned and clarified? Come learn about tools and steps you can take to discover your congregation's mission.
- ~**Constitutional Review:** How out of date is your Constitution? What is the process for amending

it? Where is a church to begin? Come have all your constitution questions answered, and learn why this document is so important.

- ~**The Great Commission Agenda for Councils:** The Church Council has an important role for leadership in the church, and congregational renewal is a part of that. Come hear one method for equipping and training councils to effectively lead their congregations with purpose.
- ~**Advocacy:** Public policy can have a profound impact on people struggling with poverty and housing insecurity. Learn what it means to be an advocate and what are the hunger issues facing people in the U.P. and Northern Wisconsin.
- ~**Poverty Simulation:** What does chronic poverty and hunger feel like? How would you cope with powerlessness? What if you had been born in a system that works against your efforts to improve? Come get a small taste of what so many people experience every day.
- ~**Rise Up Detroit:** Explore the possibilities, Learn about the event, Partner with other churches.
- ~**Reconciled in Christ:** What does it mean to be a “Reconciled in Christ” congregation? What is the process? Hear from congregations in our synod who are offering intentional and public welcome to people who consider

themselves LGTB.

~**Liturgy Matters:** Come hear from our own Rev. Melinda Quivik who has so much to offer and teach when it comes to the importance of meaningful liturgy, the involvement of the laity in worship leadership and planning, and practical steps to enriching worship and reaching for excellence in the worship experience.

~**Screen Time:** Come hear from congregations in our synod who are using screens to enrich worship and not distract from it. Find out how screens can be tastefully added to the worship space and provide yet another dimension to the worship service.

~**Social Media:** Does our church really need to be online? (YES!) What is the best way to do this? Webpage? Facebook “Group”? Facebook “Page”? What about photos? Privacy concerns? What are the best practices? Come hear all about it.

The above list is just the beginning. More workshops are being added as the event draws nearer.

Start recruiting your congregational team now!

Friday October 10

6:30pm

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	7:00pm	Festiv
al Opening Worship		
	8:00pm	Welco
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	8:30pm	Recep
tion		

Saturday October 11, 2014

	8:30am	Coffee
& Registration		
	9:00am	Works
hops		
	12	
noon	Lunch	
	1:00pm	Work
shops		
	3:00pm	Closin
g prayer		

Register between **August 18th - October 3rd**
 at www.nglsynod.org and be prepared to use paypal.

Hotel accommodations on your own.

If you are a World Hunger congregational representative,
 please register through the Synod Office.

If you are interested in hosting a workshop or a

display table, please call the Synod Office.

Rise Up Together: Detroit 2015

Plans are well underway for the Youth
Gathering in Detroit
July 15-19, 2015.

Your church should have received a poster and a DVD. Please use these materials to generate enthusiasm and commitment among your leaders and young people.

Some dates to remember:

September 15: Registration soft opening. Leaders may enter data.

October 15: Website goes live. Primary leaders can submit

registrations.

January 15, 2015: Registration fee increases \$50, from \$325 to \$375.

Places to find more information:

www.gatheringleaks.com

www.elca.org/gathering

Facebook page ELCA Youth Gathering

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=285650866539>.

If your church is interested in riding a Synod Bus to the Gathering (leave on Tuesday July 14, return Sunday July 19, 2015) please call the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 or email Rev. Katherine Finegan at kfinegan@nglsynod.org. She is the NGLS Gathering Synod Coordinator and Synod Day Director. If she doesn't know the answer to your question, she'll direct you to someone who will. The cost of the bus will be split between those who ride it. The Synod will provide T-shirts for all NGLS participants for our Synod Day. It's all very exciting!!! Don't miss this

incredible opportunity for a faith-deepening, group building, justice proclaiming, fellowship gushing and love overflowing event!

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**Mark your calendars
for Youth Ministry Events at
Fortune Lake!**

October 17-

19

Junior High

Retreat

October 31 - November

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Senior High Gathering

Go to www.fortunelake.org for more info
and registration.

The easiest Youth Ministry event you'll
never have to plan.

Just come!...and bring your youth!!!

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org for weekly
“Breath Prayer” and Daily Devotions.

The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

Rostered Leaders in first Three Years of Call: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 2014 FCTE (First Call Theological Education) Fall Event will be held November 9-12 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon Wisconsin. Please reserve these dates now, and watch for detailed information to arrive during the early part of September. First Call Theological Education cares about your transition to rostered leadership. The ELCA is committed to providing a three-

year structured program of theological education and involvement in colleague groups, all designed to assist you as newly rostered leaders in the transition to public (rostered) ministry. As a whole church we want to surround you with resources, while still giving you the freedom to determine your unique situation.

This year part of the time spent together will be adding your personal input to be used by the ELCA's Theological Education Advisory Council. This council plans to address in a holistic way issues on theological education, leadership development, candidacy, call, and rostered leaders.

Please note: if you would like to assist with any of our worship opportunities, please contact Linda Rozumalski at 715-472-4895 or rozumalskili@gmail.com

See you in November!

Sheri Jackson, First Call Planning Committee

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Synod” page
and “like” us. 😊**

TRANSITIONS

+Congratulations to **Pastor-Elect Diane Srutowski** called to serve Trinity in Stonington and Bethany in Perkins. She has served in our synod as a Licensed lay Minister and is a member of First in Gladstone. A worship service of ordination and installation will be August 17 at First in Gladstone at 3pm.

+Congratulations to **Pastor Andrea Fluegal**, ordained at Roseville Lutheran Church, Minnesota on July 13, and called to serve Prince of Peace, Eagle River. Pastor Fluegal will be installed Sunday, September 7 at 3pm CT. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.

+God bless **Pastor Kristin Rice** who has resigned as pastor at The Northern Lights Lutheran Parish (Mass City, Ontonagon, Winona). Pastor Rice completes her work in our synod at the end of the month. May God bless her as she seeks a new call.

+There is a new pastor in Chassell at Holy Trinity Church. Welcome **Pastor-Elect Joe Iverson** who will be ordained in Westby, Wisconsin on August 23rd and who will be installed at Holy Trinity on September 21st. God bless his ministry in our midst.

LIFTING UP TO GOD I N PRAYER

*Those persecuted for their religious faith. We especially pray for those who struggle to lift high the cross of Jesus in Iraq. Bring peace O God!

*All those congregations who will participate in the “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday on September 7. May God bless your efforts to make a difference!

*We lift up the Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, Syria, and all places of violence and warfare. God give us wisdom, humility, and hope.

*We hold in prayer all the unaccompanied minors. May their needs be met, and the complicated politics untangled so that a life-giving way forward may be found and God’s will is done.

*All those suffering from the Ebola virus and all those struggling to tend to the needs of the sick. We pray for effective treatment and a stem to the spread of the illness.

*For those who enjoy the last weeks of summer before school begins. Safety O Lord please upon the highways, in the air and on the waters of our land.

+Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes

Bishop