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

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E-Notes for June 15, 2015

SEASON after PENTECOST

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The Sundays after Pentecost are often said to represent the time of the church the time between the earthly ministry of Jesus, which is past,

and the consummation, which lies ahead (Advent is its sign).

In the pilgrim state in which the church lives and exercises its ministry,

it is the Spirit of God who leads and accompanies into all truth....

green is used for the "after Pentecost" season, a time of growth in the Spirit as the risen Christ is formed in his people."

~Manual on the Liturgy. Pfatteicher and Messerli, P. 27

Luther Land

Tour

Coming September 19-28, 2016!!!

Watch for more details in the next Congregational Mailing.
Pastor Katherine Finegan and her husband, Dave, will be leading

a Ten Day Fall Tour in the steps of Martin

Luther.

Sponsored through "Faith Journeys", hotel, breakfasts and dinners, program and guide, bus and airfare will all be included in the cost.

Save the dates in your calendar today!!

More info coming soon!!!!

Sneaky Visitor Initiative

Similar to a Mystery Shopper or an Undercover Boss, you are invited to visit another congregation, preferably where no one knows you

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(including the distant cousin and the aunt four times removed),

and evaluate that congregation on their welcome, their worship, their witness, and their building.

Evaluation forms are available at www.nglsynod.org.

Simply go to any NGLS congregation, and <u>after</u> your visit (please do not fill out the form <u>during</u> the visit),

send the completed forms in to the Synod Office (either electronically or through the mail).

The form with your feedback will be sent on to the congregation,

and the fact that you sent it (that is, your identity) will remain in confidence at the Synod Office.

Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee ©

Are you interested in serving on a Synod Committee?

The following groups are looking for folks willing to meet quarterly,

and apply themselves to the work of the church as we walk together as a Synod.

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Interested?

Contact Pastor Katherine Finegan at kfinegan@nglsynod.org
or call the Synod Office

CLERGY—Registration Open Mackinac Island Retreat September 27-29, 2015

For twenty years (every other year), our synod has sponsored a retreat for clergy (and if married their spouses) on Mackinac Island. We spend time on this beautiful island the last week the resorts are open in the fall. We received a great price from the Mission Point Resort as we spend a Sunday evening, Monday and Tuesday, September 27-29, 2015 in one of the premier vacation areas of the country.

Our clergy and spouses hear lectures, have great discussions and enjoy time in worship and learning as well as have free time on the island. This has been a very popular continuing education opportunity. Our main speaker this year is one of the senior bishops of the ELCA, Bishop Gary Wollersheim of the Northern Illinois Synod. Bishop Wollersheim is known in the Conference of Bishops as having a passion for evangelism and outreach. We look forward to his presentations.

Registration brochures are available soon on the synod website!

ALL NGLS CONGREGATIONS ARE INVITED

TO BEGIN COLLECTING **DISPOSABLE DIAPERS** FOR DETROIT!

This is an "in kind" offering for the RISE-UP Detroit Youth Gathering. Please bring the diapers to any of the following churches by July 10.

St. Paul's, Ironwood Ignace Pioneer Lake, Conover Shepherd, Peshtigo Zion. Marinette Minocqua Holy Cross, Baraga Marinette Bethel, Ishpeming Rhinelander

Messiah, Marquette

United, Pelkie

Bethany, Republic Good Shepherd, Houghton Bethany, Ishpeming Good Zion, Manistique Zion, Allenville Ascension, Christ the King, Escanaba Bethany, Escanaba Our Savior's, Immanuel, Escanaba Trinity, First, Gladstone Bethel. Cedarville Our Redeemer, Newberry **Mission** Bethel, Menominee

Zion, St.

ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS ALL

- Up and coming opportunities for Organists, Choir Directors, Choirs, Musicians and assorted Music lovers

 <u>Heritage Hymn Festival:</u> 7pm on July 25 at the Keweenaw Heritage Center,

 Calumet. Cost \$10. Includes lunch.

 Featuring international choir director and organist Michael Burkhart. For more info, call Kathleen at 906-337-2567. Register by emailing swell2pedal@yahoo.com.

 <u>Organist Workshop and</u>
- Hymnfest/Concert: At Messiah Lutheran, Marquette.

Featuring Daniel Schwandt, Organist and Cantor for the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Friday, October 2 at 7pm, Cost is \$5.00 (Choirs invited to rehearse Thursday evening)

On Saturday, October 3 8:30am registration - 2:30pm: Workshop, beginner to advanced. Lun ch included.

Cost: \$30.00 (complimentary ticket to Friday Concert with pre-registration). Register by going to www.nglsynod.org.

Festival 2015

The Festival of Congregational Renewal is coming October 23-24, 2015 at Ascension Lutheran, Minocqua, WI.

Plan on meaningful worship, interesting workshops, riveting discussion, and a boatload of ideas to bring back to your congregations.

Mark your calendars now to avoid future conflicts.

If you would like to present at a workshop

or host a display, call the Synod Office at 228-2300 or email Pastor Katherine Finegan at kfinegan@nglsynod.org.

This event is in partnership with the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

Come learn with our neighbors in Christ.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Summer Camp is now in full swing!!!

To register, visit fortunelake.org or phone 906-875-3697

Synod Women's Organization

Upcoming events

~Friday, September 18: Convention

At Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

Come to learn what the Women of the ELCA in the NGLS are doing to partner in ministry.

Board elections will also be held, and we will hear from our Churchwide representative.

Come for the Convention – Stay for the RETREAT!

~Friday, September 18 – Sunday,

September 20, 2015

The theme verse this year is I Corinthians 3:16: Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

It is being planned by the "Bethany Babes" of Norway, Michigan and they are very excited to offer participants a program that is filled with meaning, worship, fun, and more.

Accommodations are assigned first come, first served, so register early.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

On FACEBOOK??? Go to "The Northern Great Lakes Synod" page and "like" us. ©

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For all those preparing to attend the National Youth Gathering in Detroit, that the details may come together, that plans will be

confirmed, that the Spirit will move!

- +For peace between and among the people of Israel and Palestine
- +For summer and refreshing days, that worship will be included in our vacation time.
- +For new high school and college graduates, as they step into their future.

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