



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for February 29, 2016

The Season of Lent

QUOTE OF THE DAY

All glory, laud, and honor to you,
redeemer, king.

To whom the lips of children made
sweet hosannas ring.



Ad Campaign Update!

Thank you to all those congregations who have been able to give to support this effort. We have received donations from Endowment Funds, General Funds, Memorial Funds, and individuals. As of today, we have received almost \$10,000 with promises of more to come. If your congregation has not yet made a donation, please consider what you can give. We have covered the cost of production, and now need to buy air time. You are invited to be a part of this exciting new way to WITNESS!!!

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For the nomination process in our nation, may we lift up leaders worthy of our trust.

+For in treatment for cancer and other illnesses, that they have their strength renewed.

+For our congregations, that they may have a clear sense of mission and purpose.

+For those who grieve, especially Pastor Marcia Solberg at the death of her brother; and Pastor Bill Payne at the death of his sister.

LSS SUNDAY - March 6, 2016

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.

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY at
www.lsswis.org/LSS-Sunday-registration.**

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

PASTORS: Have You Taken the Health Assessment Yet?

Portico Benefit Services is offering a 1% discount
to each congregation of the Synod if 65%
of our plan members (pastors and covered spouses)
take this health assessment.

Please take 15 minutes of your time TODAY
to take the assessment. You will be benefiting yourself,
your congregation, and your entire synod!
Go to MyPortico and click on the Mayo Clinic
health assessment link under the 2016 GO Challenge.

The health assessment is confidential and results will not
be shared with the Synod Office.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

An Adventure for Youth to Travel to Tanzania.

+ A youth trin (16+ years old) is being planned to visit Tanzania in the

...year trip (2017 year old) is being planned to visit Tanzania in the summer of 2017. See the Synod's website for more information. This could be a very exciting experience!

Congregational Parochial Reports **(Forms A & C)**

Congregations should have received their Form A & C from the ELCA by now. They are also available on the ELCA's website at this link:

<https://webapps.elca.org/FormAAndC/Login.aspx>.

If you do not have a copy of the report mailed by ELCA, you may need to **contact the Synod Office for your password** and congregation's ELCA number. Reports can be submitted directly to the ELCA by filling them out online and the Synod can download them from their.

Or you mail fill it out by hand and mail it into the Synod Office to be submitted.

The deadline is February 20, 2016!!

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

TANZANIA PRESENTATION FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Luanne Skrenes is willing to visit your congregation or conference/cluster area in 2016 to do 45-90 minute programs on the Companion Synod work of our synod in Tanzania. Her presentation can be tailored to your specific needs. She is available to speak on the Dental Clinic, Mkuza Girls School, Kisarawe School and

the whole companion relationship that has enriched our synod work for nearly the past 25 years. Our congregations need to hear of the good ministries that are being done by the people of our congregations and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The only honorarium needed is an offering for our work together in Tanzania and some mileage.

Please contact Luanne at
906.485.5121 or 906.869.6796.

ROSTERED LEADERS REPORT TO THE BISHOP

Every rostered leader is expected to submit a report to the Synodical Bishop every year. The reports can be found on the ELCA website or by clicking the following links:

Clergy Under Call from a Congregation:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Ordained_Minister_Under_Call_Fom_A_Congregation.pdf?
_ga=1.147968880.675730411.1361995271](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Ordained_Minister_Under_Call_Fom_A_Congregation.pdf?_ga=1.147968880.675730411.1361995271)

Clergy On Leave or Disability:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Ordained_Minister_Not_Under_Call.pdf?
_ga=1.190152172.675730411.1361995271](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Ordained_Minister_Not_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=1.190152172.675730411.1361995271)

Clergy Retired:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Ordained_Minister_Retired.pdf?
_ga=1.186257902.675730411.1361995271](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Ordained_Minister_Retired.pdf?_ga=1.186257902.675730411.1361995271)

Clergy Under Call Synod Council:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Ordained_Minister_From_Synod_Council_Church_Council_Under_Call.pdf?
_ga=1.146551667.675730411.1361995271](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Ordained_Minister_From_Synod_Council_Church_Council_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=1.146551667.675730411.1361995271)

A.I.M.s & Licensed Lay Ministers Under Call from a Congregation:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Lay_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?
_ga=1.176873314.675730411.1361995271](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Lay_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?_ga=1.176873314.675730411.1361995271)

A.I.M.s Retired:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Lay_Retired.pdf?_ga=1.184277601.675730411.1361995271

You should be able to fill in the form online, save it to your computer, then attach it to an email to the Synod Bishop (tskrenes@nglsynod.org) or Synod Office (ngls@nglsynod.org). If you are not able to fill it out online, please print it out and fill it in by hand, then mail it to the Synod Office.

Call the office at 906/228-2300 if you have any questions.



Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn is an emergency homeless shelter which moves from church to church on a weekly basis, and is open from the end of September to the end of May.

We serve about 15 - 20 guests each night. We receive our support from churches, from other groups, and from individuals. We do not accept or solicit donations from any governmental agencies. We also provide a Warming Center for our homeless guests

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 (*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 after your visit (*please do not fill out the form during the visit*), send the completed forms in to the Synod Office (*either electronically or through the mail*). The form with your

Center for our homeless guests and for anyone wanting or needing breakfasts and lunches at no cost.

Contributions such as yours help us to pay our bills certainly but they also encourage us to realize that we have the support of the wider community in our work to help our homeless guests to get back on their feet by finding jobs and/or finding a place to live. Thank you so much for helping us!

For more information, contact Helen McCormick, President Room at the Inn
347 Rock Street,
Marquette, MI 49855
Phone: 906-227-9171
Fax: 906-228-2469

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



**Items for Pre-Assembly Reports are needed
in the Synod Office
by March 14, 2016!**

**Synod Assembly Registration information is now available
online at www.nglsynod.org/assembly.**

**Committees wanting to have a display table
can find a Display Request Form
on the synod website under assembly.**



Thinking ahead to

MARKED!

4:00 – 7:00pm local time.

Includes worship, learning, fun and food!!

March 6: Prince of Peace, Eagle River

March 13: Immanuel, Escanaba

**PLEASE CALL THE SYNOD OFFICE
WITH NUMBERS OF STUDENTS AND ADULTS ATTENDING!**

Marked! is a Synod sponsored event to gather in NGLS Confirmation students. This year, we are collecting school supplies for LWR School Kits and local schools. Many of the below items are on sale NOW. If your congregation is collecting for the fall, please keep MARKED in mind, and buy extra.

Items needed for LWR School Kits:

70-sheet notebooks of wide or College ruled X 4

30 centimeter ruler X 1
Pencil sharpener X 1
Blunt scissor X 1
#2 unsharpened pencils X 5
Black/blue ball point pens (no gel pens) X 5
Box of 16 or 24 crayons X 1
2 inch Pencil eraser X 1
Drawstring school bag. Pattern available
at www.lwr.org/schoolkits

Items suggested for local schools:

Hand sanitizer
Boxes of tissues
Clorox wipes
Folders
Pens/pencils
Erasers
Stickers
Granola bars

Your congregation received a letter with all the details. If you cannot find that letter, call the Synod Office and we'll send you another one, or find it on our website at www.nglsynod.org.

Thank you for your support of this embodiment of walking together as a Synod!



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Activities

April 8-10: Adoptive Family Retreat

April 22-24: Adult Retreat
(Focus on Bible study)

April 29-30: Church Staff Renewal

Retreat

(For anyone on your church staff)

For more information about any of these events,
please contact FLLC by phone at 906/214-2267
or check out their website at
www.fortunelakelutherancamp.org.

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**- Pastor Katherine Finegan
Assistant to the Bishop**

