



**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**  
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**E-Notes for May 31, 2016**

**The Season of Pentecost**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Lutherans have a very particular way of understanding the Jesus story. It's not a movement from unbridled freedom to submission. Rather, it's the story of God redeeming us from sin, death and the devil, setting us free from our bondage to sin so that, liberated and alive, we may serve God by serving the neighbor. And it's not about our effort or goodness or hard work. It's about God's gracious will to be merciful."

- Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

**What Excites You in the Name of Jesus?**

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"So now I ask you - lay folks, pastors, Christians all - what ministry of witness in the world are you in love with? Is there one ministry beyond your congregation that excites you, revs your motors, turns you on, and gives you goose bumps all over? What pumps you up - and makes it all worthwhile? Is it World Hunger, church colleges, Bible camp, campus ministry, new mission starts, seminaries, encouraging young people, visiting the prisoners, visiting the dying, advocating for the poor, justice for the oppressed? What are you doing to witness in the name of Jesus?

- Bishop Thomas Skrenes

from the Sermon at Synod Assembly 2016

**1517 - 2017**

**THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION**

# "FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION"

Journeying Toward Shared Faith and Life

This event will facilitate discussion,  
prompt reflection, and urge collective action  
that builds mutual understanding  
and strengthens ties among diverse expressions of faith.

Finlandia University and the Northern Great Lakes Synod

**September 25-27**

**at Finlandia University**

**Hancock, Michigan**

This conference is for clergy and interested lay people and  
will feature presentations by **Bishop Alex Malasusa** of the  
Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in Tanzania

and

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

Historian Professor **Dr. Mark Granquist**.

Worship

Panel Discussions

Key Notes

Workshops

Banquet

Register online at [www.nglsynod.org/reformation](http://www.nglsynod.org/reformation)

## Ad Campaign Update!

Please send us a digital copy of the outside of your church building for the Ad Campaign. A "landing page" is being developed and we want people to see your church! Check out your congregation's information at [www.churchisgood.org](http://www.churchisgood.org).

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 \$15,000 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**

+Giving thanks to God for successful surgeries, happy medical results and good recovery recognizing that Jesus is the Great Physician.

+For those who travel this summer. O God, guide and guard those on the highways, oceans, lakes and streams.

+For those who begin their ordained ministries in our midst and for those who discern God's will as they continue to serve.

### **TRANSITIONS**

+ Congratulations to **Pastor Bre Johnson** who has accepted the call to Faith, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. She will be installed on Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m. Color of the day is red.

**Mark Your Calendars!!**

# **The Festival is Coming! The Festival is Coming!**

**Friday - Saturday, October 28-29  
at First, Gladstone**

**Come for opening Festival Worship done up righteous!  
Stay for a cornucopia of ideas and information.**

The following workshops have been confirmed:

Faith Out Loud

Practicing Discipleship

World Hunger

What Can Thrivent Do for You?

Funding Your Efforts through Endowment

Stewardship Today

Constitutional Review - the Latest Amendments

Lutheran Social Services

Effective Use of Social Media in the Parish

What is a Reconciled in Christ Congregation?

Human Trafficking and What Can We Do About It?

Ideas to Mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Women of the Reformation

A Sneaky Visitor Tells All

We will have displays, door prizes, new ideas, and more. Past Festival participants remarked on the positive energy, the joy of being together, and the great sparks of creativity that they brought back to their own congregations.

**Don't Miss it!!**

**Pastors! Looking for a great Continuing Education opportunity?**

Go to [www.leadingwell.net](http://www.leadingwell.net)  
Grants funded by the Siebert Foundation

## **Always Being Made New Campaign**

Thank you to all the congregations and individuals who contributed to the Always Being Made New Campaign for 2015! We now have almost \$5000 that is available for grants to our Northern Great Lakes Synod congregations for Barrier Free Projects. For more information on details and how to apply, go to [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org).

**Application deadline is September 1, 2016.**

## **DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANTS AVAILABLE**

Congregations interested in applying for ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants should note the following deadlines:

**July 10 - Deadline for completed application**

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Grants awarded on a two year cycle - current funding will be for 2016-2017.

**FAIR TRADE USERS:** To celebrate 20 years of making a difference through Fair Trade, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is offering a coupon for 20% off your next order.

The coupon can be found in the latest issue of "Living Lutheran." This might be a good time to get your congregation to start using these products. Go to: [www.lwrcoffee.com](http://www.lwrcoffee.com) and use the different code, Lutheran20, when you place your order.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

## An Adventure for Youth to Travel to Tanzania.

+ A youth trip (16+ years 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!

+Interested youth and their families are welcome to a meeting to talk about this trip - Sunday, June 5 at 3:00 p.m. CT at Fortune Lake



about this trip Sunday, June 3 at 9.00 p.m. 01 at Fortune Lake Camp.

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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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**Help Fortune Lake**  
**Continue Driving Faith**  
**Forward! Join the**  
**Tenacious 200 Team!**

A year ago, congregations of  
the NGLS were raising funds to  
sponsor vehicles to celebrate

**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](http://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***

FLLC's 85th anniversary's theme

"Driving Faith Forward."

The goal was \$85,000 to fund the construction of our tree houses to replace the tattered tents in the Vagabond program. And with God-inspired giving, the goal was surpassed! The tree houses are nearing completion and will be ready to welcome campers in early July.

The mission of "Driving Faith Forward" continues. We are thankful to those who keep a foot on the gas by giving periodically to the annual fund or by making special gifts in memory of loved ones.

Now you can help drive faith forward by putting your giving to FLLC on cruise control! With a team of about 200 sustaining donors, giving monthly at different levels, FLLC can maintain a balanced budget and drive programs forward for years to come!

Please consider joining the Tenacious 200 Team! You don't have to give a lot to have a big impact. Your gift, when combined with gifts of many others, will keep FLLC "Driving Faith Forward." To learn more and to sign up, visit [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org) and click on "Make an Impact," or phone 906.214.2667 and Mary will send you the form. It's giving made easy for busy but tenacious givers!

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