

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

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E-Notes for October 15, 2016

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

My Dear Wormwood,

Be sure that the patient remains completely fixated on politics. Arguments, political gossip, and obsessing on the faults of people they have never met serves as an excellent distraction from advancing in personal virtue, character, and the things the patient can control. Make sure to keep the patient in a constant state of angst, frustration, and general disdain towards the rest of the human race in order to avoid any kind of charity or inner peace from further developing. Ensure the patient continues to believe that the problem is "out there" in the "broken system" rather than recognizing there is a problem with himself.

> Keep up the good work, Uncle Screwtape

From The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis, published in 1942.



Reformation Sunday October 30, 2016

It's a great day to dress liturgical and wear that festive red sweater or dress or shirt or tie to worship. Have some fun!



The Always Being Made New Campaign in the Northern Great Lakes Synod

As we enter the second year of this campaign, we thank you and we thank God for the generous contributions toward the recipients of the 2015 year; New and Renewing congregations, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, and Barrier Free Projects.

In 2016, the Campaign is raising funds to support both ELCA World Hunger, and local efforts to address poverty and hunger. ELCA World Hunger provides a wealth of resources to educate congregations and offer opportunities to give at <u>www.elca.org/hunger</u>. Many Northern Great Lakes congregations house or support local food pantries, clothes closets, week-end backpack meals.

Please be generous! Funds raised in 2016 will be split evenly between ELCA World Hunger and grants made available to support local NGLS efforts to address hunger and poverty.

Let us join together to do God's work on a scale and scope that we could never do within our individual congregations.

Conference Meetings Coming Soon!!

Conference	Meeting Place	Date	Time
1	Sharon, Bessemer	10/16	3:00 p.m.
4	United, Crystal Falls	10/16	2:30 p.m.
5	Northland, Marinette	10/20	5:00 p.m.

Conference meetings are meant to be a time to consider how congregations can partner together in ministry, a time to share ideas, and to elect new leadership. Your attendance is encouraged!!!

St. Paul Catholic Parish in Negaunee has a Baldwin Organ for sale. Give them a call if you are interested. 906-227-9115

TRANSITIONS

 We celebrate with Bethel, Cedarville and Zion, Allenville at the installation of their new pastor, Rev. Joe Daiker, on Sunday, October 23 at Bethel at 3:00 p.m. (ET). Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the

day is red. All are welcome!

 We also celebrate with Bethany, Norway and Calvary, Quinnesec at the installation of their new pastor, Rev. David Johnson, on Sunday, November 6 at 1:30 p.m. (CT) at Bethany. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red, and All are Welcome!!



Calling all Pastor-type Musicians!!!

The Synod Worship Committee is looking for musicians to accompany the closing worship at Synod Assembly 2017.

The closing worship will be Tuesday, May 23, at NMU.

The only requirements:

- That you play an instrument
- That you will be attending Synod Assembly anyway as either a voting member or a visitor

We are looking for bass guitar, tambourine, flute, strings - whatever you've got!!!

Please contact Pastor Katherine at the Synod Office if you're interested!



Faithful Finances Coming Saturday, November 5, 2016 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. ET at Immanuel, Negaunee, following the Sticky Faith Workshop.

For Financial Secretaries, Pastors, Council Members, Bill Payers, and anyone who wants to learn about Financial Best Practices for Congregations.

Led by the Synod Bookkeeper, Betsy Koski

More info at <u>www.nglsynod.org.</u>

MARKED!

Sunday, February 26, 2017 at Eden, Munising Sunday, March 5, 2017 at First, Iron River Please note the date changes!

Make plans now to attend with your Confirmation Youth, and to collect Health Kit and Love Bundle supplies in your congregation.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For our country and it's election process.

+For healing and peace - in Syria, in Israel/Palestine, in our world, in our country, in our neighborhoods, in our homes.

+For those suffering from domestic violence and abuse.

+For all those affirming their baptism on Reformation Sunday, God bless their continued participation in their community of faith.



The Festival is Coming!

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

Register by October 21st for only \$10! After October 21st the fee is \$20 Don't wait until the last minute!!!

Volunteer Choir rehearsal is Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. at First, Gladstone. Come sing along!!

"I came away with a ton of ideas!" "What a great event!!"

Check out the schedule at <u>www.nglsynod.org</u> to plan what workshops to attend.

Don't Miss it!!



ROAD TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS

November 9-11, 2016

The NGLS is sponsoring a bus tour to Minneapolis to see an exhibit of artifacts and Luther-memorabilia sponsored by Thrivent at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Cost will be about \$250 per person based on double occupancy. This includes bus, hotel, most meals, and exhibit with guided tour.

Register by sending \$250 per person to: Northern Great Lakes Synod 1029 N. Third Street, Suite A Marquette, MI 49855 For a tentative schedule of events, check out our website!

The bus holds 56 people. There are still seats available!!

Sign up by October 19, 2016.

If you have sent in a deposit, the balance is due by November 1.

LOOKING AHEAD

Congregational Leaders Intensive

February 24-25, 2017

at Fortune Lake Camp Crystal Falls, MI

Effective leadership is important! Be equipped, learn new skills, deepen your understanding of what effective congregational leadership looks like.

Request a Thrivent Action Grant to help with expenses.

More details coming soon!







To equip adults who work with children and teenagers!

- Deadline for registering November 1st
- Register by calling the Synod Office
- Only \$5.00
- Hosted at Immanuel, Negaunee
- 8:30 11:30 a.m. ET
- Pay at the door

Give a boost to your Sunday School Teachers, Confirmation and Youth leaders, etc.!!!

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



SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2016

HANDBELL CHOIR WORKSHOP

Ear both the beginner and

Handbell Choir Workshop

Bring Your Bells!

Bring Your Favorite Anthem!

Everyone Welcome!

At Bethel Lutheran Church 333 E. Ridge Street Ishpeming, MI advanced bell ringers, seasoned and novice directors. Come learn new techniques, resources, and more!

Featuring Lucas Wickstrom and other local Bell Choir Directors.

Register by going to <u>www.nglsynod.org</u> and print the flyer from the website, cut off and fill out the lower portion and send along with check to 1029 N. 3rd St., Marquette, MI 49855

Make Checks to "Northern Great Lakes Synod."

Lunch Included 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.ET

Cost: \$10 if registered by Oct. 14 **\$20 if received after Oct. 14**

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> www.nglsynod.org 906-228-2300

Direct questions to: ngls@nglsynod.org

News for Pastors and Congregational Leaders

REGISTER TODAY

LSS SUNDAY

March 5, 2017

Register online today at www.lsswis.org/LSS-Sunday-registration.

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.

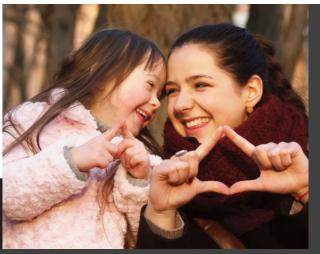
Our work is rewarding and humbling, and in that humility we ask that you:

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.

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







A youth group from Green Bay, Wisconsin is looking for service project opportunities in our Synod. The group will need housing and jobs to do. They anticipate the trip being either the third or fourth week of June 2017 and there will be about twelve of the them. If you are interested in being a work sight and hosting a mission team at either your church, or in people's homes, please contact Katy Tomlanovich.

Here is her contact info: Calvary Lutheran Church 1301 S. Ridge Road Green Bay, WI 54301 920-494-2431, ext. 109 cell: 920-676-3726 calvarygb.com Calvary's Facebook

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