



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

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E-Notes for June 4, 2017

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Excerpt of a Pentecost Proclamation and Opening Dialogue:

Come to us, Holy Spirit
in the quiet times of peace.

Come to us, Holy Spirit
in the anguished eternities of grief.

Come to us, Holy Spirit
in welling fountains of joy.

Come to us, Holy Spirit
in cold spaces of disbelief.

Come to us, Holy Spirit
in burning certainties of faith.

Come to us, Holy Spirit, come!

**Thank You from
Pastor Katherine Finegan
New Bishop-Elect!**

Thank you to the many, many people who made the Synod Assembly all that it was. The list is long, but to name a few:

- Betsy Koski and Louise Ingalls
- The Assembly Planning Team
- The Elections Committee
- Our wonderful Musicians: Front Street Brass, the NGLS Band, Pastor Doug Norquist, and Kathy Strazzinski
- The Synod Worship Committee
- All 45+ Worship Participants and Leaders
- The Synod Assembly Choir and Director Dave Dagenais
- Presenters
- The World Hunger Committee and all who brought cows
- Conference Facilitators
- And so many more who filled the gaps!

Also I wish to thank all those who kept their names in the Election process and also to those who pulled their names out. The work of the Spirit is mysterious, and yet as we pray, and listen, and discern I believe the Spirit moves, and people respond as the Spirit calls, pulls, and whispers. Nominees spoke, people voted, and we all prayed.

I am honored to have been called to serve as the Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. I trust that the Spirit will continue to guide our work together, and I will continue to pray that the Spirit will give us what is needed to meet the challenges ahead. Together as a Synod, together as congregations, together as individuals called to faith, we strive to continue the work that Christ has placed before us, to build up the kingdom of God, to proclaim Christ in word and deed, and to be faithful to the mission.

Bishop's Transition Team News



You are Invited

*YOU are INVITED
to the Installation Service of
Bishop-Elect Pastor Katherine Finegan
on Saturday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m.
at St. Peter's Cathedral
Marquette, Michigan
With Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*



Did you know...

that a group of Young Adults is preparing to go to Tanzania?

June 15-30, 2017

Pastor D.J. Rasner and his wife, Amanda, are leading ten young men and women to visit our Companion Synod, and will bring the gift of music. Please keep the following in your prayers for a safe and meaningful journey:

Pastor DJ and Amanda Rasner

Renee Anderton

Jamie Dodge

Jacob Jarvis

Will Poquette

Logan Stachnik

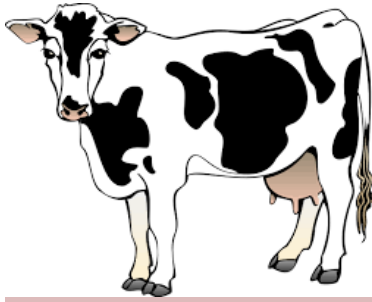
Tyler Burgoyne

Julianne Jarvi

Pat Kempf

Havala Snyder

Jackie Wodrich



**Holy Cow!
WHAT AN OFFERING!!!**

A record setting amount
of \$43,794.67 was collected
at Synod Assembly.
Thank you for your
generosity!!!

Mark your
calendars
for
MARKED!



Sunday February 18 from 4-7pm at
Gloria Dei, Hancock

Sunday February 25 from 4-7pm at
First, Gladstone

This is a wonderful event for your
Confirmation Youth. This year,
congregations are invited to collect items for
Backpack Programs throughout our Synod
that help to feed hungry students over the
weekends.

Check out more info at www.nglsynod.org



ALTAR GUILD



WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 30

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran, Ishpeming
Featuring Rev. Melinda Quivik

Cost: \$20 which includes program, lunch
and snacks

Register by Monday, September 25
More information at www.nglsynod.org

Sponsored by the Synod Worship
Committee

Don't miss it!!
Bring your whole Altar Guild!!
Ecumenical!!

Learn the finer details and best
practices!!



Installation Choir

You are invited to sing with an adhoc choir that will
enrich the Installation Worship Service of
Bishop-elect Pastor Katherine Finegan
on October 21 at 1:30 p.m.
More information and details coming soon.

Retired Clergy and Spouse Luncheon

Tuesday, August 1 at 11:00 a.m.
(CT)
St. Stephen's Lutheran,
Stephenson, MI

Come for a time of fellowship and good food!

Please RSVP to the Synod Office
by Wednesday, July 26 by calling
906-228-2300 or e-mailing
louise@nglsynod.org.



National Youth Gathering – Houston: June 27 – July 1, 2018

Make plans to attend with your youth,
or contact Lisa Bouche at lisabouche92@gmail.com
if you have one or two youth who need a church to go with.

Check out the information and links available at www.elca.org/gathering

Or go to Facebook and check out the group:
ELCA Gathering 2018 - HOUSTON!! (NGLS)

Women of the ELCA

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WOMEN OF THE ELCA
TENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING
Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 13 -16, 2017

For more information visit:
<http://www.welcatg.org/>

or call 1-800-638-3522 ext. 2730
also on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/WomenoftheELCA/>

Always
being made
New.

The Campaign for the ELCA.

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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE 2017
CAMPAIGN TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN:**

1. Grants given to congregations to begin or nurture a companion
congregation relationship with another congregation from our Lutheran

congregation relationship with another congregation from our Eastern
Companion Synod in the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of Tanzania.

2. The Churchwide portion will go to equip missionaries from Tanzania to Tanzania and beyond; and the Synod portion will go to nurture or begin companion congregation relationships between NGLS congregations and ELCT congregations.

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

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+We keep in our prayers the family of John West, former pastor of the Northern Lights Parish. Pastor West died on May 24, 2017.

People will gather for a time of remembrance on June 2, 2017 at the Christopher Ross Funeral Home in Roseville, MI. Peace be to his memory.

+For those retiring from active ministry, or considering retirement. May God bless their new adventure, comfort them in the transitions, and give them good good-byes.

+For those in need of healing. May God grant relief from pain, comfort in the uncertainty, and peace to anxious hearts.

+For all those beginning a new call, whether it be a call to ministry or any new vocation. May God grant joy and blessing.

+For our Synod, that we seek and find the vision that God gives to pull us into the future that God has planned.

IN TRANSITION

+We give thanks for the ministry of Pastor David Jensen who retires from Ascension, Minocqua. A celebration of his efforts there takes place on Sunday, June 4.

+We give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Peter Vorhes, who retires from Faith, Calumet. A celebration of his efforts there will take place Sunday, June 18.

+We pray God's blessings upon Pastors Kurt and Mary Beth Kovanen who will be moving to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. Pastor Kurt has accepted the call to serve at Christ Lutheran Church and Pastor Mary Beth will be serving at Community of Joy Lutheran Church. Their last day in Ironwood is July 16.

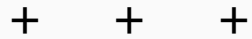
+We pray God's blessings upon Pastor Marcia Solberg as she takes some time away from her efforts at Immanuel, Negaunee and adopts a Disability status.

+We pray for the Synod Staff in the midst of this time of transition.

We thank God for the efforts of these servants in our midst, and pray God's blessings upon their next steps.

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





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Thomas A. Skrenes
Bishop

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