



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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E-Notes for September 15, 2017

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ~Ephesians 4: 11-13

Grace and peace to you!

As this is my first E-Notes as the new Bishop of the NGLS, I wanted to include a greeting to you. As you know, E-Notes is one of the ways that the Synod Office has to inform people as to what is going on in the ELCA churches of Upper Michigan and Northern Wisconsin. In the last few weeks, I have been visiting with as many pastors as possible all of our conferences. I want to share with you what came out of those conversations, and some of what was discussed at Synod Council last weekend.

- There is a desire for increased connectivity to Synod leadership, to the larger church, and to neighboring congregations.

- There is a lack of understanding and some misinformation as to what Mission Support actually supports.
- There is some confusion concerning the role of Lay School, Lay School graduates, and Licensed Lay Ministers.
- There is anxiety about the future of our congregations.
- There is trust and joyful evidence of the presence of the Spirit of Christ working among and through us!

Already, some of the above concerns are being addressed.

- Next year's Conference meetings will be reinvented!
- A Task Force will be generating new material to communicate to each congregation who we are as a Synod together, what we accomplish together, and tell the story of how we are blessed to be in partnership for ministry.
- An article in the upcoming *Notes and Quotes* and posted on the Synod website www.nglsynod.org clarifies the role of LLM, Lay School, and graduates.
- We will continue to work to equip the saints for ministry, clarify the mission of each congregation and how it is distinctive to your community, and prayerfully listen to where the Spirit of Christ leads.
- We rejoice with all the good work that has been supported by the Always Being Made New Campaign. From Fortune Lake Ministry to Barrier Free Grants to Hung Grants and now grants for Companion Congregation relationships – and that's only what's been happening in our Synod. This campaign for ministry has been generously supported and gratefully received. Each congregation has a story to tell of how God is active. I look forward to hearing it!

Thank you for this opportunity to work with you to build up the kingdom of God. I look forward to seeing what God can do with our efforts to serve in Jesus' name.

~Bishop Katherine Finegan

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Jim Duehring has accepted the call to serve as the Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod! Sunday, September 24th marks Pastor Jim's last Sunday at

Prince of Peace, Harvey where he has served for the past nine and a half years. We give thanks to God for his efforts there, and look forward to his leadership throughout the Synod as he begins his efforts among us October 1, 2017.

We keep Pastor Jim, his wife, Gisele, and the people of Prince of Peace in our prayers during this time of transition.

Update on the Task Force for an Inclusive and Welcoming Church

In 2016, this Task Force was formed to meet the request of congregations who were asking for resources to address concerns and possibilities related to the 2009 decisions and the desire to be a more inclusive and welcoming church.

That Task Force has been diligent in developing a process by which congregations can have meaningful conversation concerning issues that for many are inherently uncomfortable and possibly emotionally charged. The Task Force is now ready to be available to congregations who wish to address difficult issues, particularly in regards to the LGBTQ community and congregational policy and leadership.

For example, a congregation may wish to discuss:

- ~whether or not to allow same sex unions in their sanctuary.
- ~whether or not their pastor should conduct, or not conduct, same sex weddings.
- ~becoming a Reconciled in Christ congregation.
- ~how to better welcome and include LGBTQ people who are members of the congregation.

If your congregation wishes to learn more about the work of this Task Force, and possibly avail themselves of the leadership it can provide, please contact Pastor Matt Lamb at matthewlamb77@yahoo.com.





Another Schedule Change for Tuesday!

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 - 11:00 Plenary III

11:00 a.m. Closing Prayer

You will need...

a **credit card** to give to the clerk when you check in for any additional room charges while you stay. Registration fee covers breakfast only. All other meals are your responsibility.

To get the discount rate of \$18 per person round trip with Star Line Ferry at the docks or online -
mention or enter the code "NGLS"!

The last boats leaving for the island on Sunday evening depart at
6:00 p.m. ET from St. Ignace
7:30 p.m. ET from Mackinac City



Congregational Treasurer's Please Note:

1) Please send gifts for Answer the Call or any of the Synod Endowment Funds on a check separate from your benevolence remittance check!

2) All checks sent to the Synod must be made out to the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Do not send checks made out to Disaster Relief, Seminarian Support, etc. Simply include on the memo line or with a note where you would like

the funds credited if you are not sending a
benevolence remittance form.



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 Cathedral
Marquette, Michigan*

*With Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Reception to follow at the Holiday Inn,
Marquette from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. ET
Everyone is invited to the reception!*

***Please Note: Because of repair to the Holiday Inn parking
lot, parking space is limited. Those who are able are
encouraged to park in the Marquette Mall parking lot and
walk to the motel for the reception.***





Installation Choir Rehearsal Times Update

Choir Rehearsals are scheduled for:

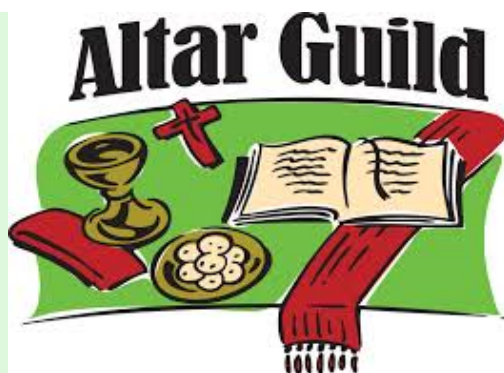
Saturday - October 7, 10 a.m. ET at Bethany, Ishpeming

Saturday - October 14, 10 a.m. at Messiah, Marquette

**Saturday - October 21, 10 a.m. at St. Peter Cathedral,
Marquette**

**Bethany, Ishpeming will be having regular choir
rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Bob
Bucan.**

**Any questions? Call the Synod Office.
Singers welcome!!**



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. Some things you may learn: Where and when to use the Paschal Candle; Why and how gluten free wafers, non-alcoholic wine, real bread vs. wafers; Pouring chalice vs. individual cup vs. intinction vs. common cup; Where should the baptismal font go? Real flowers vs. Fake, is there a rule? (yes) What do the colors of the season mean? Ways to enrich the worship space; How soon before worship can I set up Communion? How long after must I wait to take it down? What to do with the leftovers? Can we store all our banners in the Narthex? Leave them all up all year? Processional order? Advent wreath hung or standing? Real or fake greens? When should the Christmas tree go up? When is it taken down? Ideas for Epiphany, Lent, Pentecost, summer, autumn, other feast days and the three days - Maundy Thursday, stripping the altar, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. What do we need to know?

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!!



Going to NMU or MTU or LSSU this Fall?

Let us know!

If you have a student going to Michigan Technological University this Fall, connect that person to Lutheran Campus Ministry by

calling Pastor Bucky Beach at 906.482.5410.

If one of your students is going to Northern Michigan University, call Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette at 906.225.1119.

If your student is going to Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, call Faith Lutheran Church at 906.632.7246.

Campus Ministry works!



Plan for the Future! Leave a Legacy!

Don't miss this great opportunity to meet with our
Regional Endowment Planner, Tim Knutson.

Come learn something about Estate Planning, getting your financial affairs in order, and creating a legacy that will benefit your family, your church, and the work of Christ long after you are gone.

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017
at Pioneer Lake, Conover**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. CT

Supper included!

Thursday, October 12, 2017

at Calvary, Rapid River

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ET

Supper included!

This event is FREE, however, registration is required.

Please reserve your spot by calling the Synod Office
at 906-228-2300 by the end of the day on
Thursday, October 5th.

**(Pastors/LLM's are invited to join Tim for lunch on :
Tuesday, October 10 at 12 Noon at Tula's in Rhineland
or**

**Thursday, October 12 at 12 Noon at Family Inn in
Escanaba.**

**Please call the Synod Office by October 5
to reserve your lunch.)**

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**MARKED! EVENTS COMING
IN FEBRUARY 2017**

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

Sunday, February 25, 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



For every man to become a bold and daring follower of Jesus Christ

"Changed my life", "So glad I could be here with my son." "I am equipped to disciple other men", "I have a new start in life." These are just some of the comments we heard as men left the Lutheran Men's Bold Conference in Minneapolis this summer.

We finished the summer strong and are looking to impacting many more men's lives in the months ahead by every means possible including:

- 5 new One Year to Live retreats before year-end. Every participant receives a Master Builders Bible for Men. A gift of \$250 enables us to give Bibles to ten men
- Reaching over 5,000 men during Advent with a daily inspirational devotion.
- Planning events around the country for the years ahead that will impact men of all ages.
- Working with over 25 of the most creative, dynamic leaders in men's ministry from all Lutheran backgrounds and five denominations to develop to develop the future of men's ministry. New resources will be available on the projecttwelve.net website throughout the fall.



Speaking of resources, our own Kevin Burke is one of 45 men's ministry leaders from a variety of ministries to author the newly released book, *How to Disciple Men*.

This book is sure to become one of the "must haves" as it includes tips on everything from men's events and small groups to making disciples of men - including Kevin's chapter- *Reaching Men on the Fringe*. The book is available at amazon.com for \$14.99, but I would like to give it to you. As an expression of my appreciation, I will be happy to send a copy to the first 100 donors who share a gift of \$250 or more before October 1.

You can support this ministry by doing to



lutheranmeninmission.org and click "support us"- or by texting 773-917-8167. Yes- you can now text a gift! We are making great progress but we still have a long way to go to reach our \$300,000 goal and or our \$350,000 "dream" annual goal to reach men in your family, congregation and community. Any gift you share will be appreciated and help us to fulfill the vision of every man having a bold and daring relationship with Jesus Christ.

Boldly in Christ,

Doug Haugen
Executive Director
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Pre-Retirement Seminar **Are you 50 years old or over?**

While many adults over the age of 50 are thinking about retirement, everyone approaches this important stage in life differently. Some spend a lot of time in the planning stage, while others start planning with just months to spare. No matter where you are in the process, Portico's day long **Pre-Retirement Seminar** can help. The good news is we're coming soon to your area!

Together with our partner, Ernst & Young, we cover all phases of retirement planning in simple, understandable terms - from **establishing a retirement budget**, to **discussing investment strategies**, to **reviewing health care options**. We leave plenty of time to address your retirement questions. This small investment in time and money may be beneficial, not just for pre-retirement planning, but for peace of mind. You'll breathe easier knowing what you need to do now to help ensure a confident retirement when the time is right for you. Take advantage of this opportunity and join us! We look forward to seeing you there.

DATE: Friday, November 10, 2017

LOCATION: Saint Andrew Lutheran Church
3200 N. Mountain Road, Wausau, WI 54401

TIME: Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. seminar runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Register today and to see other seminar locations and dates, go to

the following website:

<https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/NewsEvents/Events/Pre-RetirementSeminars>



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)

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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 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.



Did
you
know?

Did you know...

- That many of our congregations are in a life giving relationship with Lutheran congregations in Tanzania?
- That some congregations there would really like to be partnered with congregations here?
- That the Companion Synod Committee would be willing to come to your church to give a presentation on the blessings of such a relationship?
- That currently the Always Being Made New Campaign is raising funds to support these wonderful relationships?
- AND that in 2018, YOUR CHURCH can apply for these funds to begin or support your Companion Congregation relationship?!!!

Be sure to check out the application materials for the current cycle of Always Being Made

New at www.nglsynod.org and designate a Sunday to receive an offering for this effort.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For all the people affected by the hurricanes Harvey and Irma.
Use us Lord to ease their suffering.

+For those making plans for the Youth Gathering in Houston.
Gracious God be with them in the details.

+For those impacted by violence in Myanmar and threatened by
violence throughout the world. Lord make us instruments of your
peace.

+For Pastor Kenneth Lahners and the members Trinity, Ishpeming
as Pastor Lahners accepts a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in
Glidden, Wisconsin; and for Pastor Tamra Harder and the members
of Bethany, Negaunee and Emanuel Skandia, as she accepts a call
to Faith Lutheran Church in Cameron, Wisconsin. May God bless
them in their new calls, and may the congregations that they leave
know Christ's presence as they continue in mission.

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

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