



**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**  
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**E-Notes for November 16, 2017**

## The Season of Pentecost

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Because the God who is in relationship with us loves us, this God is desirous of close communication with us...God wants people to pray. Indeed, God is delighted when people pray. It is a sign of health in the relationship when such communication lines between God and humankind are open. Prayer is one of the ways in which the relationship can be kept close.”

-Dr. Terrance Fretheim, from his essay,  
*Creating Space in the World for God*  
In *A Primer on Prayer*, p. 54



Pastors, please sign up your council members for E-notes and Notes & Quotes! E-notes is a brief digital newsletter that is emailed twice a month. Notes & Quotes is a paper and digital newsletter that comes out six times a year. Contact Louise by email at [louise@nglsynod.org](mailto:louise@nglsynod.org) or phone 906/228-2300, to add your council members to these communication lists!

## ***You are Invited to a Synod Office Open House!***

During the week of December 11-15, Monday through Friday, YOU are invited to stop by! Come visit with the Synod Staff, nibble on Christmas treats, and take the tour! If you've never been to the Synod Office before, this week is a good week to pop in. See you soon!



## **Theological Conference** February 11-12, 2018 at the Terrace Bay Hotel, Gladstone

**Featured speaker: Rev. Brenda Smith**

All Pastors, Licensed Lay Ministers, and seminarians  
along with spouses and families  
are invited to attend.

Children may use the pool (with supervision) and spouses may  
attend sessions.

Registration details coming soon!!





We are introducing a new feature sharing congregational stories of ministries.

**'Synod Snapshots'**

will debut in the December/January issue of Notes & Quotes.

**Stay tuned!**



Would you like to get involved in some Synod Ministry?  
Do you have a passion for Youth? A flare for creativity? Ideas you'd like to try?

Let the Synod Office know.

Go to [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org) and print off the Time and Talents survey. Complete it and send it in to the Synod Office, either scan it electronically, or print and send hard copy.

We'd love to hear from you!!!

**Feel free to include an article by Bishop Finegan in your December newsletter. You can find it at <https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fnglsynod.us5.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D1660157542ed666bad1aedab2%26id%3Dbf9614de65%26e%3Da3957c72f2&h=ATNmXOPBeSP6h58HfyVM6VVgokWNL7iDi5QcRb70iDEh3Qcst04uH5Eud>**

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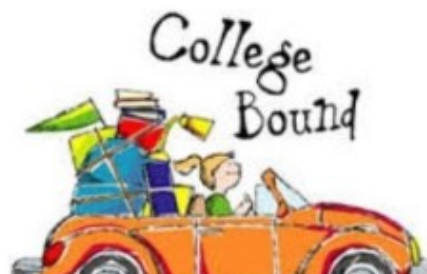
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### **#GIVING TUESDAY - THE MATTHEW 25 PROJECT**

Thrivent Financial is promoting a Living Generously event - #Giving Tuesday which is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This is a reminder that in the midst of Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday promotions, we need to think about sharing with our neighbors in need.

This year, Thrivent has chosen the Assistance Program at Messiah, Marquette to receive funds from this event. To learn more about Messiah's Assistance Program, call the church at 906/225-1119.

Contributions made on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND MIDNIGHT**, will be matched by up to \$10,000 by Thrivent. Go on-line to [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com) to make your contribution. The church will be open at 305 West Magnetic Street in Marquette between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Giving Tuesday with refreshments and activities. Representatives from Thrivent Financial will be at Messiah to help people with online giving.





## 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 Pastor Andrew Plocher, Interim Campus Minister at NMU, at 906.346-3156.

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!



### FREE Organ Lessons

Lucas Wickstrom spent his career as a full-time church musician and concert organist in various cities around the country. He holds a BA in organ performance from Augustana University in Sioux Falls and pursued graduate studies in organ at the University of Washington in Seattle and Duke University in Durham, NC. Lucas is offering FREE organ lessons/coaching to anyone wanting to learn organ, brush up on their organ skills or improve them. Beginners to advance, he can teach or coach you. Contact him at 906/204-6800 or email: [Lucas@Lucas.net](mailto:Lucas@Lucas.net).

## 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](http://www.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](mailto:lisabouche92@gmail.com)  
or contact the Synod Office at 906/228-2300  
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](http://www.elca.org/gathering)

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

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# New.

*The Campaign for the ELCA.*

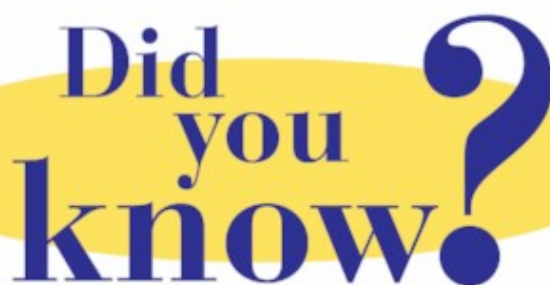
## The Always Being Made New Campaign in the Northern Great Lakes Synod

**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 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.**

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

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Did  
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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](http://www.nglsynod.org) and designate a Sunday to receive an offering for this effort.

## LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For Pastor Joe Iverson of Holy Trinity, Chassell and his wife, Brianna, as they welcome their new daughter, Nora. God bless their growing family!

+For Pastor Ken Ranos of Faith, Three Lakes and his wife, Deb, as their son Jordan Alexander was baptized on November 12. Welcome to the family of God, Jordan!

+For those who are seeking the presence of God in their lives. May they experience a call to faith in Christ and find welcome in our congregations.

+For the lawmakers and leaders of our country, that fair and just solutions for tax reform, healthcare and safety be found.

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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**Bishop Katherine Finegan**

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