



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for February 16, 2018

The Season of Lent

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

~Sundays and Seasons, Preaching, Year B 2018, p. 83

Attention Council

Presidents!!

Scroll down to the Healthy Congregations Info and make a plan to attend one of the evening events with your Council!



Thank you to **Pam Long** for her work to put together the Prayer Calendar for several years. She has now passed the baton to **Pastor Kay Richter** of the New Evangelical Parish. Thank you to Pastor Kay for making this important Prayer Ministry a part of your ministry for our Synod.



LSS Milwaukee Offices on the Move

LSS and the LSS Foundation are moving to the Summit Place office park in West Allis, WI in March 2018. A smaller footprint outside of the downtown area allows for some operational cost savings while still keeping us near many of the clients and partners we serve. We are excited to join many other Wisconsin-based organizations

including some great nonprofit organizations in this new location.

Our phone numbers will remain the same.

Congregation Newsletter Editors

Thank you to all congregations who send us your newsletters. Please change the address since we will be moving at the end of February.

You may also use Attn: Rev. James Holmberg

New Office Location:

6737 W. Washington St.

Suite #2275

West Allis, WI 53214



Stewardship Resources: Go to

www.elca.org/stewardship for an abundance of

resources. If pastors or congregations have

questions about how to do stewardship in your

congregation, contact Assistant to the

Bishop, Pastor Jim Duehring, at 906-228-2300,

jduehring@nglsynod.org. Pastor Jim would be glad to

offer assistance.

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Benefit Services

A Ministry of the ELCA

IT'S TIME TO START YOUR 2018 LIVE WELL CHALLENGE!

If you have ELCA-Primary health coverage through Portico, this year's Live Well Challenge invites you to a deeper understanding of your own physical and financial health. In 2018, you (and your spouse, if you both have ELCA-Primary health benefits) can gain personalized insights to inspire the next steps that are right for you - and earn up to \$400 wellness dollars - as you:

- Assess your health in a new way through personalized biometric screening
- Strengthen your financial confidence by conducting an annual review of your retirement plan and building other healthy habits around money

Want to learn more about biometric screening, visit myPortico to discover how this useful tool can inform the next steps of your wellness journey.

Live Well Challenge page:

<https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/Campaign/LiveWell>

FAQs about biometric screening:

<https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/Campaign/LiveWellBiometrics>

Parochial Reports (Forms A and C) are Due!

If you cannot find the report which was mailed to your congregation by ELCA, click this link to access it:

https://webapps.elca.org/FormAAndC?_ga=2.257497859.963632048.1517425083-1291334846.1490982565.

Contact Louise or Betsy at the Synod Office for your ELCA congregation ID# and password.

All reports should be submitted by March 31, 2018.

Thank you to those congregations that have submitted their reports!

Always
being made
New.

The Campaign for the ELCA.

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

Monetary donations for this 2017 campaign will be accepted through
February 28, 2018.

**Thanks to all who donated in 2017 toward this
campaign.**

\$5959.65 will go to support Tanzanian Missionaries
and

\$5959.65 will go to support Companion work in our Synod

2018 "Always Being Made New" Campaign: The focus will be on the
ELCA "Fund for Leaders" and Northern Great Lakes "Synod Campus Ministry"
efforts. Stay tuned for more information on this next phase of the campaign which
begins March 1, 2018.



**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.

If your congregation has been collecting items for MARKED! and local backpack programs, you have two choices:

1. Bring the items to any local backpack feeding program.
2. Bring them to MARKED! and we will redistribute them among participating churches who will bring them to local programs.

Check out more info at www.nglsynod.org

Report to Bishop Forms

This is to let you know that the annual report to the bishop forms are now up on the Office of the Secretary page on www.elca.org. Please download the form, save it, then complete it and send it to the Synod Office. If you do not save it first, there will be problems sending it later.

**The *deadline* for getting your report in is
February 28, 2018.**

Here are the links:

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Under Call from a Congregation:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?

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Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Under Call from Synod Council:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_From_Synod_Council_Church_Council_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.225055322.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Retired:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Retired.pdf?_ga=2.200940526.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Not Under Call:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Not_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.190984938.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565

Report for Minister of Word and Service Under Call from a Congregation:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?_ga=2.157974266.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565

Report for Minister of Word and Service Under Call from Synod Council:

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Report for Minister of Word and Service Retired:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Retired.pdf?_ga=2.196761324.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565

Report for Minister of Word and Service Not Under Call:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Not_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.162149116.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565



Crossways Camping
Ministries Presents:

"One Year to Live" Men's Retreat

March 16-18, 2018 at
Pine Lake Camp

Men yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ. This experience is designed for men ages 21+. Join us and be:

- Adventurous and courageous
- Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to:

- Banding together and being challenged
- Examining your life and making decisions

Cost: Before February
18th - \$190
After February 18th - \$205
Men ages 21-29 or men in
seminary:
Before 2/18 \$110 After

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17*

*Arrive Friday by 6:00 p.m. and
depart Sunday at 3:00 p.m.*

2/18 \$125

Register online by March
2, 2018 at
www.crosswayscamps.org
[/adult-retreats](http://www.crosswayscamps.org/adult-retreats)

Clergy Spouse Conference - April 13-15, 2018

**All clergy spouses are welcome and invited to join
ELCA Clergy Spouses from Wisconsin and Upper
Michigan for a weekend at the Country Inn & Suites
in Iron Mountain, Michigan!**

**The registration form is on the Synod's website
(www.nglsynod.org).**

**Mail the registration form and check payable to NGLS to:
Stefanie Ehle, 1710 24th Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858.
Deadline is March 23, 2018!**

**Program leaders will be:
Jennifer Prinz from Portico Benefits Services
and
Bishop Katherine Finegan of the Northern Great Lakes
Synod**

**For more information, go to the Synod Website and download the
registration form.**

***Healthy Congregations Workshops
for Congregational Leaders***

and

Boundaries Training for Clergy & LLM's

Presented by Rev. Ramie Bakken

Workshops Schedule

April 22 (Sun) Healthy Congregations Workshop

All Saints, Wakefield 6:30 –
8:30 p.m.

**April 23 (Mon) Healthy Congregations
Workshop**

Bethany, Ishpeming 6:30 –
8:30 p.m.

**April 24 (Tues) Boundaries Workshop for Clergy
and LLMs**

Prince of Peace, Harvey 9:00 a.m. - 2:30
p.m.

**April 25 (Wed) Healthy Congregations
Workshop**

Immanuel, Escanaba 6:30 –
8:30 p.m.

**April 26 (Thur) Boundaries Workshop for Clergy
and LLMs**

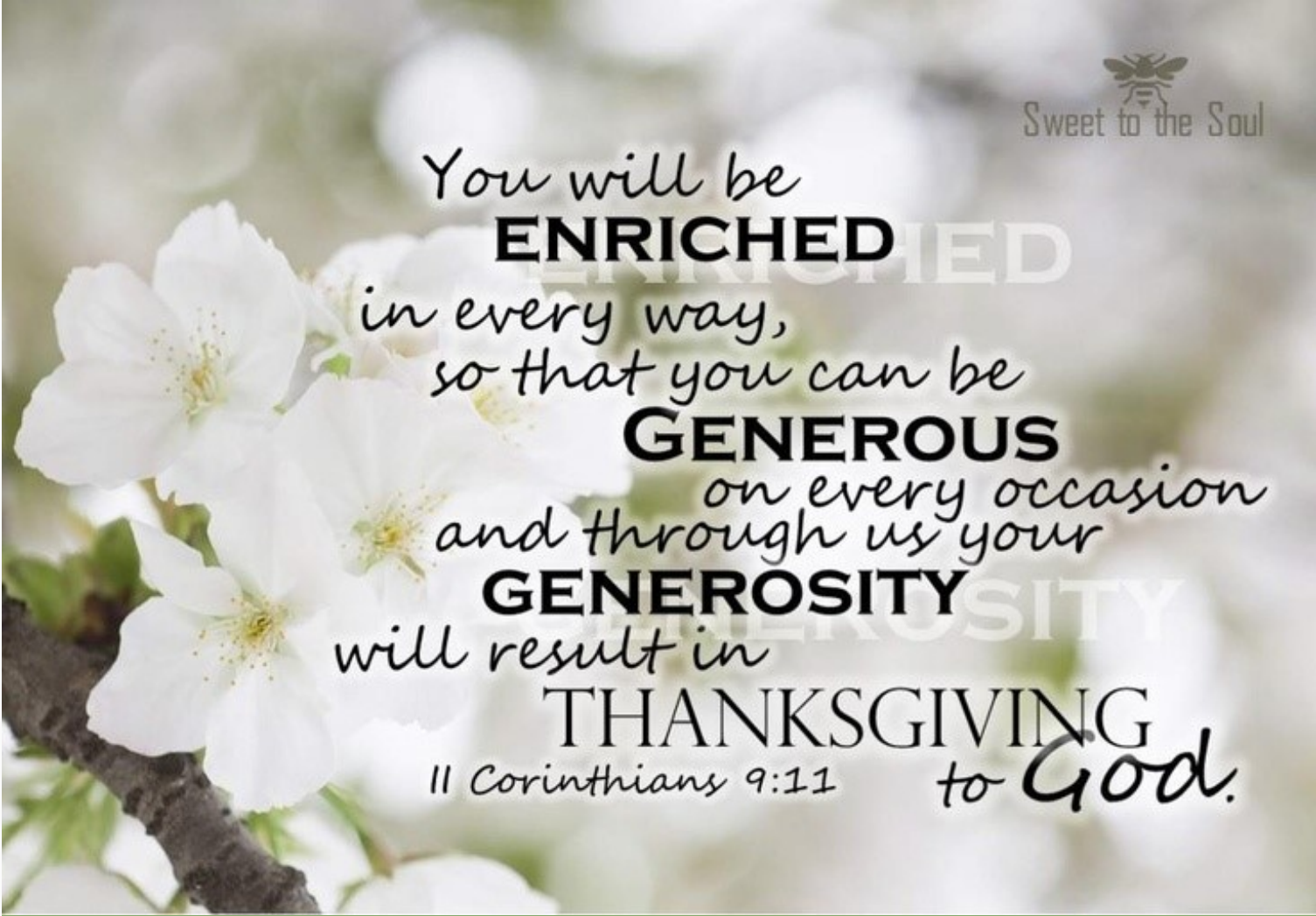
Porterfield, Porterfield 9:00 a.m. - 2:30
p.m.

Healthy Congregations Workshops are free!

Boundaries Workshops for Clergy & LLM's include lunch.

Lunch Fee is \$5.00

*Watch for a registration form in Notes and Quotes or
download a registration form from www.nglsynod.org
under Upcoming Events.*



You will be
ENRICHED
in every way,
so that you can be
GENEROUS
on every occasion
and through us your
GENEROSITY
will result in
THANKSGIVING
II Corinthians 9:11 to *God.*

Stewardship Verse



We are introducing a new feature sharing congregational stories of ministries.
'Synod Snapshots'
Check out
the February/March issue
of Notes & Quotes on the Synod's website for the first 'Synod Snapshot'.
More stories will be featured in future issues of Notes and Quotes!



National Youth Gathering – Houston

June 27 – July 1, 2018

Make plans to attend with your youth,
or contact Lisa Bouche at 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

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

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+All who are embarking on a Lenten Journey. May they find meaning and renewal as they practice the discipline of Lent.

+ Pastor Barb Girod at the death of her husband, Paul. Pastor Barb previously served Faith, Three Lakes. May God comfort her and her family in this time of grief. Words of sympathy and support may be sent to the family at N3388 State Road 152, Wautoma, WI 54982-7952.

+All congregations who are making plans for Houston. May God bless you as youth and adults prepare to journey

south for this excellent opportunity.

+For all those who grieve the loss of a loved one in the Parkland, Florida school shooting. We pray for an end to senseless violence, and that through our prayers we will be emboldened to enact lasting change.

CHECK OUT www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "Breath Prayer"
and Daily Devotions.
The synod website is www.nglsynod.org



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Bishop Katherine Finegan

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