



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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E-Notes for February 28, 2018

The Season of Lent

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We no longer have idols or worship kings, but we still have other gods. We still tend to exalt things, people and goals to a position equal to or above the true God."

Al Rogness in Living in the Kingdom: Reflection on Luther's

Catechism, Augsburg Fortress, 2005, p. 18

**Attention
Council Presidents &
Pastors!!**

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

Report to Bishop Forms

If you did not make the February 28 deadline,

**please submit your report now.
The bishop thanks you for your efforts.**

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.

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:**

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Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Retired:

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_ga=2.200940526.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](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:

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

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

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Report for Minister of Word and Service Retired:

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Report for Minister of Word and Service Not Under Call:

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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.](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!

Be a **GOOD STEWARD**
over God's Creation.

THEN THE LORD
GOD TOOK THE MAN
AND PUT HIM IN THE
GARDEN OF EDEN TO
TEND AND KEEP IT.

GENESIS 2:15

Stewardship Verse



MARKED! EVENTS 2018

Thank you!

Thanks to Gloria Dei, Hancock and First, Gladstone for hosting our synod youth events ("Marked").

Over 100 kids and youth leaders had fun together learning from the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and how God can use small things to bring great blessings. Each congregation was asked to come up with a project to promote

some kind of outreach effort in their own congregation. Some will make videos to share with their congregations promoting a ministry outreach. Some will place little cardboard barns and collect money for ELCA World Hunger. There were lots of creative ideas. A lot of food was collected to be utilized in various “School Backpack” programs throughout our synod. We have been called to bless others in our generosity. Here are a few pics from those events. More pictures are available on the synod Facebook page.





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.

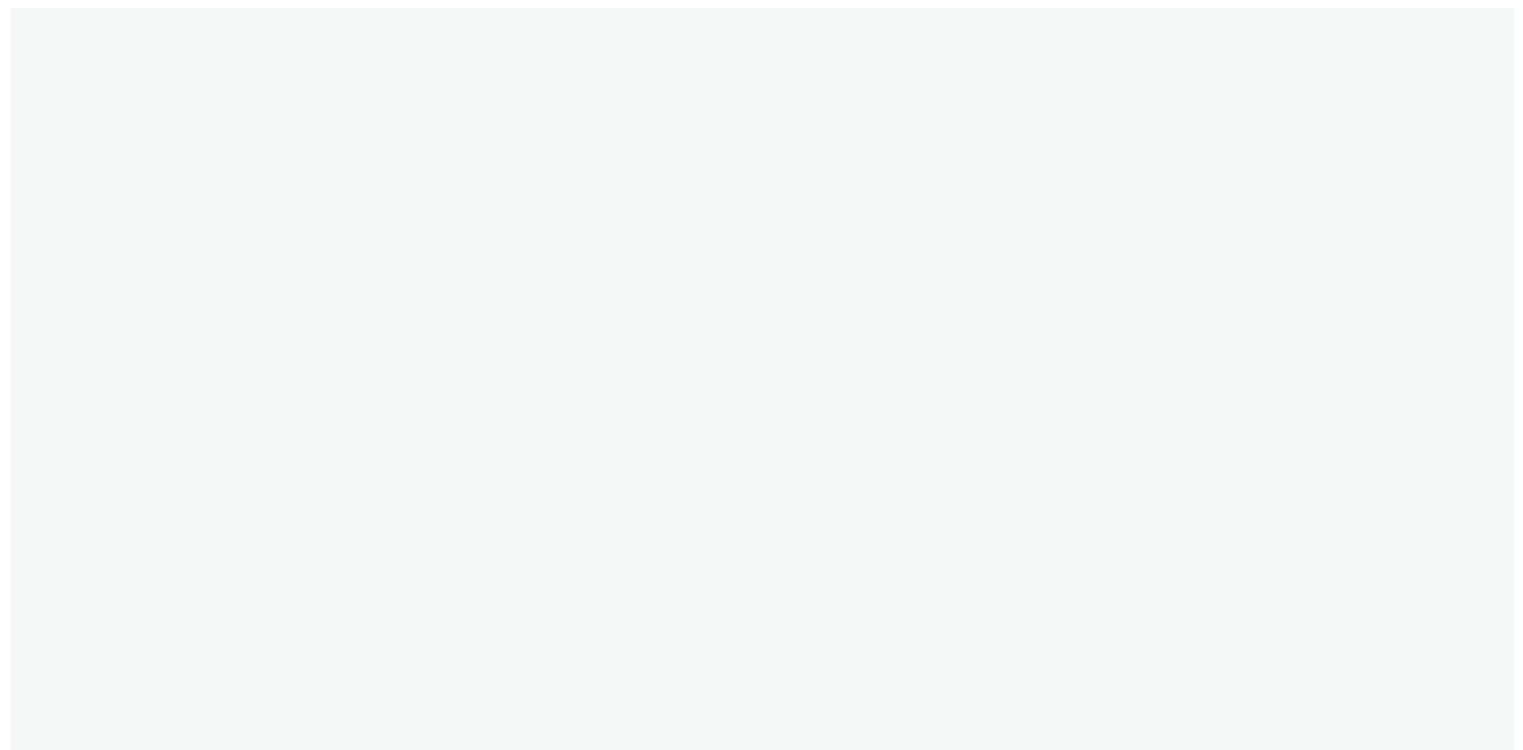
You may also use Attn: Rev. James Holmberg

New Office Location:

6737 W. Washington St.

Suite #2275

West Allis, WI 53214

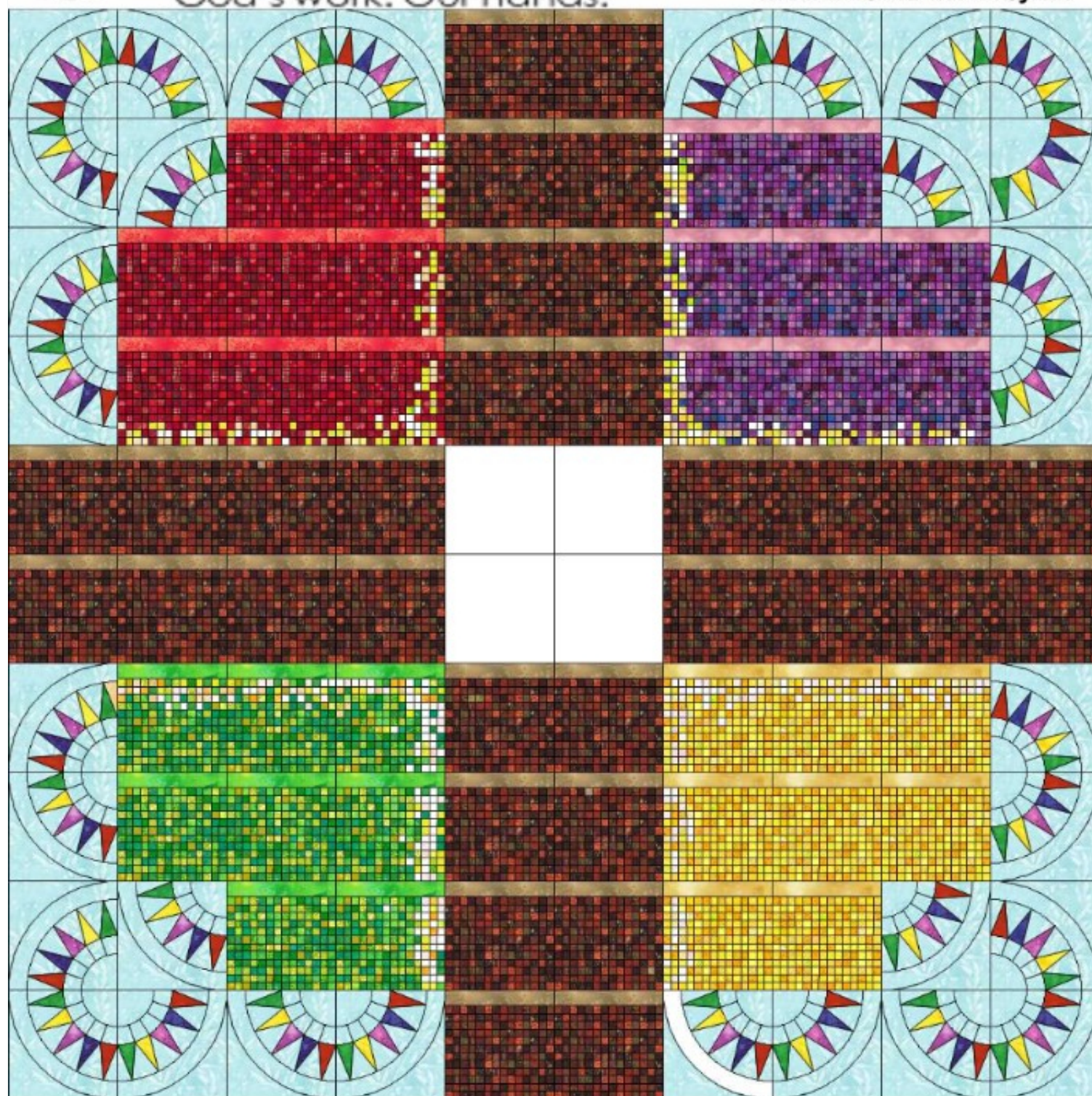




Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Northern Great Lakes Synod



NGLS 2018 World Hunger Fund Raising Campaign

Quilt Squares for World Hunger - The Synod World Hunger Committee has a creative idea for raising awareness and money for world hunger needs. Each congregation was sent a packet of fabric tiles with instructions about creating a "Hunger Quilt" that will be displayed at Synod Assembly in May. If you have any questions or need more fabric tiles for your congregation, please contact Jackie Lehto at 906/779-5852 or jslethois@gmail.com. Have fun with this creative and worthy project!

Go to the Facebook link to learn more:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthernGreatLakesSynod/photos/gm.532885703760688/1754400427930488/?type=3>

Here are additional and important instructional notes about the quilt-making project:

- **Additional fabric mosaic tiles are available by contacting Jackie. Each congregation is color coded so please do not use another congregation's tiles to finish yours!**
- Please use **ALEENE's TACKY GLUE** to glue the mosaics to the base rather than a glue stick, unless the glue stick is particularly designed for adhering fabric to fabric. The pieces should be securely glued, especially the edges so that they don't come up during the sewing and quilting process. Some types of glue sticks may not work well on fabric and the fabric comes unglued quickly - this would be very bad. While the quilt will be heavily quilted once it is sewn together, the mosaics need to stay in place during the entire sewing process. Aleen's Tacky Glue is available at Walmart and most craft stores. The square should be covered completely with neat rows of fabric tiles, except for the area with the name of the church and city/state.





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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**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/LiveWellBiometricScreening>

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Needs a Nurse!

A nurse is needed for Victory Camp at Fortune Lake from June 11-15 and August 5-9, 2018.

The nursing duties include assisting with adults with disabilities for this time period (20-25 people max.); there will be one counselor per three residents; performing intake on the campers; and dispensing medications.

A cabin will be provided for the nurse.

If interested or have more questions, please contact
Fortune Lake Camp at 906/214-2267.

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.



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:



*"As iron sharpens iron, so one
man sharpens another."*

Proverbs 27:17

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

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

Cost: Before February 18th - \$190
 After February 18th - \$205
 Men ages 21-29 or men in seminary:
 Before 2/18 \$110 After 2/18 \$125

Register online by March 2, 2018 at
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.*



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

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

- +Pastor Don Ludemann as he begins his work as interim pastor at Messiah, Marquette.
- + The congregations of our synod anticipating the calling of a new pastor
- +Parents who have concern for the safety of their children
- +Students who are trying to learn in a safe environment
- +Renewal of faith for those who have neglected the faith
- +The power of Christ's forgiveness to heal old wounds

A prayer offered by Bishop Pedro Suárez, Florida-Bahamas Synod following the school shooting in Florida:

Dear loving God,
There are so many things we don't understand about our world.
We might not know how the families and friends of the victims of

today's shooting are feeling. But we do care. May they feel your presence in spirit through those that are accompanying them right now. Help us to be mindful of the pain around us and to do something about it. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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



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