

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

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E-Notes for April 17, 2018

The Season of Easter

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Three Questions You Must Answer:

- 1. Why do people need Christ?
- 2. Why do people need the church?
- 3. Why do they need this particular church?

Without an answer a church will founder. Without deep conviction about the responses to these questions a pastor will never lead a congregation to change the world. But when a pastor, a church leader, or a congregation is clear about the answers, and able to inspire others about the answers to these questions, the power of the church begins to be unleashed."

~Leading Beyond the Walls, by Adam Hamilton Abingdon Press, 2002, p. 21

A and C Congregational Reports are now OVERDUE!!!

Please contact the Synod Office if you have questions of how to submit this report.

PASTORS AND LLMS, REPORTS TO THE BISHOP ARE DUE!
Contact the Synod Office if you have questions.



Synod Assembly Registration and Workshops

Register for Synod Assembly! You can pay and register online or you can print out a registration form, fill it out and send it along with a check to the Synod Office. The link to the assembly page is below.

Workshops for Synod Assembly Participants!

Workshops along with a description of each are now listed on the Synod Assembly page on the website. If you plan to attend a workshop, you must register for it by May 1st. Space is limited so there will be no signing-up for workshops at assembly. The link to the assembly page is below. We need to know numbers for each workshop so the appropriate room size can be determined. We need to have an email address or phone number so we can contact you if there is a change in the workshop you selected.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019

Churchwide Assembly voting members. The nomination form is available on the assembly page of the synod website. Please click the link below to access the website.

Click this link to access the Synod Assembly website page: https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly



All Singers are invited to sing in the Synod Assembly Choir!

Directed by Dave Dagenais, the Synod Assembly choir may include anyone from anywhere in the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Rehearsals will be:

Saturday, May 5th at Bethany, Ishpeming at 10:00 a.m. ET Saturday, May 12th at Messiah, Marquette at 10:00 a.m. ET and Thursday, May 17th at Messiah at 5:45 p.m. ET.

You need not be a registered voting member to sing in the choir.

The choir will sing one anthem and lead worship singing for the Synod Assembly Opening Worship on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30pm.



Attention Pastors and Licensed Lay Ministers!!!

A Pastor Band is once again forming to lead the closing Synod Assembly worship on Saturday, May 19th at 8:30 a.m. ET. Dust off your guitar, warm up your vocals, soak that clarinet reed and consider joining this small group of fearless musicians and singers. Please send an email to lcwickst@gmail.com if you're interested.

Colors of the Day for Synod Assembly

Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers are invited to vest (in room 202 at Messiah, Marquette) and process at the Opening Worship of Synod Assembly.

The color of the day is white.

ALL are invited to wear something red to the closing worship of Synod Assembly on May 19th at NMU as Pastor Jim Duehring is officially installed as the Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Attention Council Presidents & Pastors!!

Make a plan to attend one of the evening events with your Council!

Healthy Congregations Workshops for Congregational Leaders & 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

Download a registration form from <u>www.nglsynod.org</u> under Upcoming Events.

Nominations for Churchwide Voters Needed



Would you like an all expenses paid trip toMilwaukee?!? The Churchwide Assembly will convene in Milwaukee in August of 2019 and we are privileged to send 7 voting members to participate with others from all over the country.

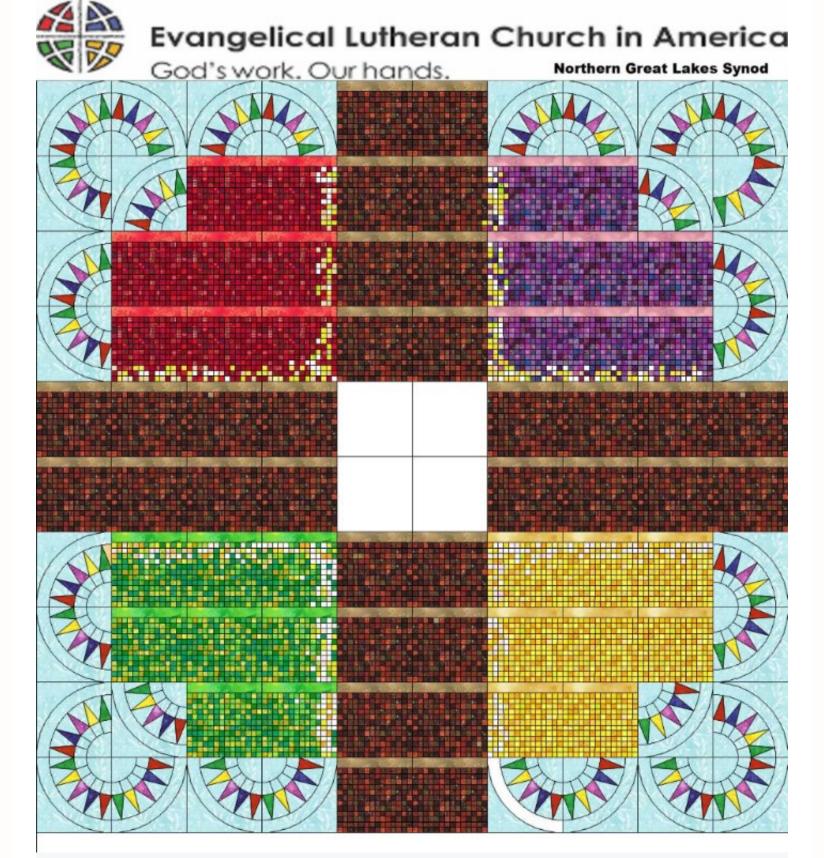
If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for this honor, please go to https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/ and fill out the nomination form. We will vote on our attendees at this year's Synod Assembly May 17-19, 2018 at Messiah and Northern Michigan University.





Big Bear Award and Bread Basket Award Nominations Form

Click this link to get the Nomination Form for the Big Bear Award and the Bread Basket Award: https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/



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 andworthy project!

Go to the Facebook link to learn more:

https://www.facebook.com/NorthernGreatLakesSynod/photos/gm.53288570376 0688/1754400427930488/?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 sores. 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.



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Needs:

A Nurse is needed for Victory Camp at Fortune Lake from June 11-15 and from 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.

A Health Officer is responsible for the general health and welfare of our campers and staff.

The health officer will: screen all camp participants; maintain all camp health records; provide prescribed first aid; and assist in emergency situations.

This paid position is an excellent summer experience for those studying the health sciences! Room/Board included.

Male Camp Counselors are needed! Gain valuable experience and skills in leadership, teamwork, risk management, and communication!

Counselors are responsible for the care, supervision, and leadership of their cabin group. Counselors may also be assigned to 1-2 weeks of Day Camp or Kitchen/Maintenance.

Applicants must be 18+ years old; Room/Board included; First Aid/CPR/AED Training provided.

If interested in any of these opportunities or have more questions, please contact Fortune Lake Camp at 906/214-2267.



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)



Fortune Lake Annual Meeting Rescheduled to Saturday, May 5th

3:00 p.m. CT

Registration is from 2 to 2:55 p.m. Central Time at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, just west of Crystal Falls.

www.fortunelake.org

"FLAME" meeting starts around 2:15 p.m. along with optional camp tours. "FLAMES" are representatives from each congregation who support and promote all things Fortune Lake. Contact the camp for further information on becoming a FLAME.

Business meeting starts at 3:00 p.m. Central Time. A delicious potluck for all follows the business meeting.

You will also have a chance to meet our new interim camp director, Sara Jonasen, and get updates on what's going on at your camp.



Stewardship Verse



The Campaign for the ELCA.

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

2018 "Always Being Made New" Campaign: The focus will be on ELCA's **"Fund for Leaders" & Youth & Young Adults** and Northern Great Lakes Synod's **"Synod Campus Ministry"** efforts. Congregations will receive envelopes and bulletin inserts at the Synod Assembly. Plan on dedicating a worship weekend to receive your Always Being Made New offering for this final year of the Campaign.

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



'Synod Snapshot'

Check out the April/May issue of Notes & Quotes by clicking on the link below:

https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngl s/NotesQuotes/2018-0405.pdf

More stories will be featured in future issues of Notes and Quotes!

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

~Pastor-elect Stacy Pethke and her husband, Tom, as they arrange to move to the Ishpeming area to begin her call at Faith, Ishpeming and Trinity, Ishpeming. May God bless their transition!

~The congregations of our synod who are considering new possibilities in this Easter season of new life.

~For those who teach Sunday school, that they may see who among their students has gifts for ministry leadership, and share that insight with them.

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





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Bishop Katherine Finegan

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