



**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**Marquette, Michigan**

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**E-Notes for June 15, 2018**

# **The Season of Pentecost**

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.  
The promised day of justice comes.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread  
and children's dreams are fed.  
The promised feast of plenty comes.

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures once forlorn,  
find wilderness reborn.  
The promised green of Eden comes.

*~from #726 ELW*



# Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly, ELCA

## 2019 Announcement!

Synod Assembly 2019  
will be at **Bay College** and  
**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
in Escanaba, Michigan  
on **May 16, 17, 18,**  
Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon.

- **More Display Space and Time to Visit Displays!**
- **Attend Multiple Workshops!**
- **More Fellowship Time!**
- **Enjoy the Banquet at Terrace Bay Inn!**
- **Experience a Synod Assembly Worship Service!**
- **Come Ready to be Equipped for Ministry!**

*Mark Your Calendars Now!!*

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## Coming the Fall of 2018!!!

You are invited to a mini-Festival of Congregational Renewal.

This event in each conference will include leadership training, address current concerns, equip you for the future, and

offer the blessing of being church with other congregations in your area.

Conference 1	Sat.	Sept. 22	St. Paul's, Ironwood	9am – 12noon
Conference 2	Sun.	Nov. 4	Mission United, Pelkie	3 - 5:30 pm
Conference 3	Sat.	Oct. 27	Ascension, Minocqua	9 – 11am
Conference 4	Sat.	Nov. 10	Bethlehem, Florence	10am – 12noon
Conference 5	Thur.	Oct. 18	Good Shepherd, Peshtigo	6 – 8pm
Conference 6	Thur.	Oct. 11	Immanuel, Escanaba	5:30 – 8pm
Conference 7	Sun.	Sept. 23	St. James, Rudyard	4 – 6pm
Conference 8	Sat.	Nov. 3	Immanuel, Negaunee	9 – 11:30am

### **DON'T MISS IT!!**

The Synod Staff and Conference leadership are planning a positive and energizing event.

**Come and see what it's all about!**

A sign-up sheet should be posted in your church soon. Sign Up!!!



## **From the Northern Great Lakes Synod Hunger Committee**

In response to the resolution passed at our most recent Synod Assembly, the Synod World Hunger Committee would like to encourage congregations to advocate for a strong and robust Farm Bill that is making its way through congress this summer. In the past, the Farm bill has been a bipartisan effort to see that millions of children, veterans, disabled, and unemployed receive nutrition through the SNAP program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Advocacy for policies like the Farm Bill provides a means to express the love for our neighbor that is at the core of our Christian identity by shaping policy that will contribute to the well-being of God's people and creation.

More information can be found online at [www.elca.org/advocacy](http://www.elca.org/advocacy) or [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger). If you would like to offer your support, you are encouraged to contact your legislators:

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
700 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Johnson  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gary Peters  
724 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
731 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Together, we urge Congress to take the opportunity this year to reduce hunger and poverty in the U. S. and around the world. We seek to protect the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) and strengthen programs that reduce hunger.



Next week, the Senate will review a proposed budget that will influence the U.S. government's treatment of immigrants in the U.S. and how the government addresses the root causes of migration.

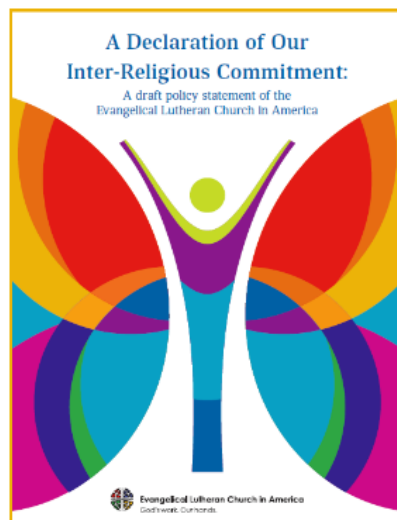
Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and seek the good of our neighbors. [Contact your Senators today to urge them to make budget decisions that protect children and keep families together!](#)

Senators will be making important decisions about how money is allocated for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of State (DOS) for Fiscal Year 2019. Allocations for both agencies in the current fiscal year are concerning: DHS is [receiving more funds](#) to add hundreds of detention beds to imprison over 40,000 immigrants. In addition, DOS received funding to address the root causes of migration, which alarmingly also includes money for military training of forces known to have committed [human rights violations](#).

The Senate has the opportunity next week to make changes and create a system that better respects the God-given dignity of all

people. As the past few weeks have shown, the actions of DHS and DOS have directly impacted the lives of children and families who escape conflict in their own countries and make their way to the U.S. Budgets are moral documents that reflect the values of a country. [Urge your Senators to make budget decisions](#) that stand for the safety and protection of the most vulnerable among us.

**Individuals and groups across the ELCA are invited to share comments about the following two draft ELCA policy statements:**



### **A Declaration of Our Inter-Religious Commitment:**

This draft policy statement was developed by an inter-religious task force appointed by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in 2016. The draft presents a common, theological basis and practical framework for this church's inter-religious relations, taking into consideration the church's varied ministry contexts, challenges and opportunities. The six-month comment period ends Saturday, June 30, 2018.

Download the draft at [www.elca.org/faith/ecumenical-and-inter-religious-relations/inter-religious-relations/draft-policy-statement](http://www.elca.org/faith/ecumenical-and-inter-religious-relations/inter-religious-relations/draft-policy-statement).

### **Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice:**

This timely draft addresses issues of sexism, many which have recently dominated the headlines. Some of the issues the draft explores include: how Lutherans understand scripture, restricted access to health care and economic resources, objectifying portrayals of women and girls in the media, gender based violence. The comment period for this draft is open through September 30, 2018. Download the draft at [www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/current-](http://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/current-)





# Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Needs:

**Two 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.**



### **New LWR Shipping Coordinator for the North Central U. P. Area**

Patricia Vacilek, a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, has agreed to coordinate

local arrangements for the train loading in Ishpeming, MI for LWR Quilts and Kits. She is replacing the previous coordinator, Pastor Kenneth Lahners.

Her contact info is: 906/273-1454

email: ewep1919@charter.net

**Thank you, Patricia, for taking on this responsibility!**

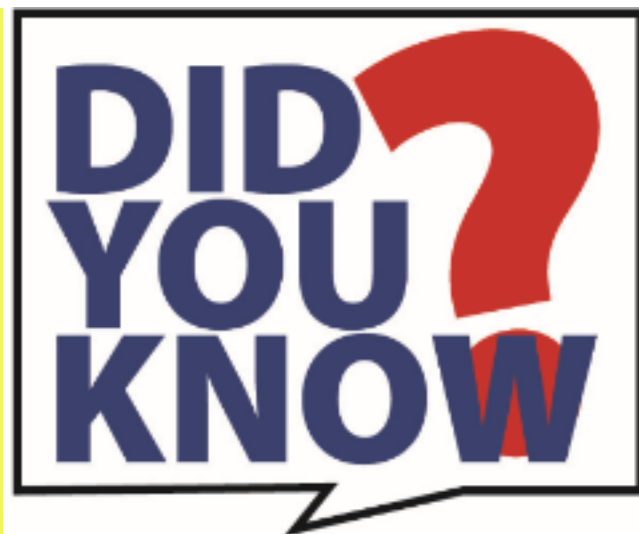


## **National Youth Gathering – Houston**

June 27 – July 1, 2018

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)



**Stewardship "Not-so-trivial Trivia"**



"Fair-Share Giving": The mistaken idea that one should give because he/she is obliged to support a ministry or organization by giving his or her "fair share". Giving is more appropriately framed as an opportunity for gratitude, celebrating God's generosity by giving according to one's ability.

~*Giving Magazine*, volume 13, p. 12



## **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.

All Congregations received 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.



**Submit Your**  
**'Synod Snapshot'**  
(congregational stories of ministries)

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

<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/NotesQuotes/2018-0405.pdf>

# What has your congregation done that has made you proud to be a member?

Write a one-page story about the event with a couple of pictures and email it to the Synod Office so it can be featured in a future issue of Notes and Quotes!

## LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

~For immigrant families and all who have been separated from loved ones. we pray for imminent reunion and wise policy that offers a way forward.

~For youth and adults making plans to attend the Youth Gathering in Houston. We pray for safety and a meaningful experience.

~For congregations who are anxious. We pray for peace and hope.

~For those in need of renewal. We pray that the summer months bring time for refreshment of the spirit and revitalizing the soul.

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)

**Bishop's Articles for Congregational Newsletters:** <https://www.nglsynod.org/newsletter-articles/>



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Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod

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