



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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E-Notes for July 13, 2018

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"For by grace you have been saved; this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God."

(Ephesians 2:8 - the theme for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston which was attended by almost 31, 000 youth and adult leaders.)

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"There's grace for that!"

(Words of Will Starkweather's pastor to Will after the young adult informed his pastor of his addiction to cutting himself!" Will Starkweather is now an ELCA pastor. Pastor Starkweather spoke powerfully of God's grace at the Houston



2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston

220+ youth and adult leaders from the Northern Great Lakes Synod joined almost 31,000 others from across the ELCA in Houston, Texas from June 27-July 1. They experienced amazing speakers, rocking music, a wide variety of youth-friendly activities, service project opportunities, and all kinds of ways to grow in their faith.

Each day had a theme: Day 1-“God’s call changes everything.”

Day 2-“God’s grace changes everything.”

Day 3-“God’s hope changes everything.”

While there were many opportunities to meet new people, each evening was an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to be with their own church youth group to debrief the day’s experience. One morning was set aside for service projects in the greater Houston area. Some picked up garbage in neighborhoods still recovering from last year’s massive flooding. Some learned about the reality of human trafficking. Hard realities indeed, but these teenagers dug in with their eyes wide open.

One afternoon was set aside as a “Synod Day”. This allowed each synod to gather in a hotel convention room for community building, playing games, music, reflection, and worship. Youth led much of the music, ushering, technical assistance, and speaking. Thanks to Pastor Erik Heskin who coordinated the Synod Day with assistance from Lisa Bouche. Thanks to all the adult volunteers who chaperoned youth from their church. Thanks to everyone who supported this amazing youth gathering through their prayers and financial support. God bless you all!

Plans are in the works to have some “reunion” type events within our synod to carry on the spirit and energy of our time together in Houston. Read the next item for upcoming details! **Any adult leaders or youth who want to help with, or have suggestions about, such “reunion” events should contact Pastor Jim Duehring in the synod office at jduehring@nglsynod.org or 906-228-2300.**

For pictures and videos of the youth gathering go to Facebook and search:
ELCA Gathering 2018 - HOUSTON!! (NGLS)



Houston Youth Gathering REUNION EVENT at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Hello 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering People!

As promised, the Northern Great Lakes Synod is trying to put together a "Houston Reunion" to build on the powerful momentum of our experiences in Houston. We have a tentative "Reunion Event" scheduled at:

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
Saturday, August 11, 2018
10am to 3pm Central Time
Lunch will be provided
Cost: \$10/person

There will be games, singing, worship, and a chance to continue to build our faith together. **I'm asking for at least 30 people to make a commitment to attend in order for us to have this reunion.** I'm looking for several Adult and

Youth Leaders to help in planning the details.

You will need to pre-register for this gathering by July 31. An adult leader will need to accompany any youth group. **High Schoolers who didn't go to Houston are also welcome to join in this event.**

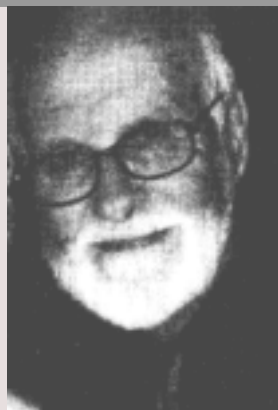
Please contact me, Pastor Jim Duehring, in the synod office if you are willing to help plan and/or you have questions or comments about this "Reunion".

**My email is jduehring@nglsynod.org
or call my office number at 906-228-2300.**

You can also post on the Facebook page.

Other "Reunion" type events will hopefully happen several times throughout the Northern Great Lakes Synod in the coming school year.

Remember...God's call, God's grace, and God's hope changes everything. Be blessed and let's gather August 11th at Fortune Lake!!



DEATH OF PASTOR NORMAN E. LUND

Dear Friends in Christ,

We give thanks to God and celebrate the life and ministry of Pastor Norman Lund who died Tuesday evening, June 26, 2018, at the Omega House in Houghton following a lengthy illness.

Pastor Norman E. Lund was born on March 22, 1925 in Houghton, Michigan. He wrote in his 65th ordination anniversary write-up in 2016, "March 22, 1925 was the first day that radio was broadcast in Japan. This was quite fitting as my life in Japan had many associations with radio broadcasting."

He was discharged from the Navy and enrolled in Suomi Theological Seminary where he earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1951. He was ordained and commissioned that same year.

In 1956, Pastor Norm married Wenona Strandlie and together they raised four boys and served many years as missionaries in Japan. He was asked to co-host a daily "call-in" show in 1975 with a talented and gifted Yoko Okuaki. Pastor Lund wrote, "My role as a pastor was clear and my opinions of Japan and my home country were skillfully explored by my co-host. The notoriety and interest led to cultural and student exchange programs and my contributions (to the prefecture) were recognized with the 'Beneficial Person Award'. I am only the third foreigner to receive this honor."

Pastor Lund retired in 1990 and he and his family moved back to the United States and settled in Gladstone for twenty years. From there, he and Wenona moved to the Bluff Senior Living Community in Houghton.

A memorial celebration of Pastor Lund's life took place at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Hancock on Sunday, July 8th. Expressions of sympathy and support can be sent to Wenona Lund, 1000 Bluff Drive, #313, Houghton, MI 49931.

Peace be to his memory and comfort to all who mourn.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

Flood Recovery Goes On in the Keweenaw Community!

Flood recovery goes on! But so does the flooding...

On July 11, various places that were in the recovery stage had from 3-7 inches of rain. Sadly, some of the work that had been done was un-done.

A Long Term Recovery Committee has been formed that will be the mechanism to make sure people's needs are met. The Committee will be dealing with building (from destruction and cleanup to construction) issues, volunteer coordination, mental and spiritual health, and identifying unmet needs

Because of staffing issues, the Volunteer Resource Center may be able to stay open during the week, and it may not. That will soon be determined depending on numbers of volunteer organizations that are available. But it will be open on weekends. There is still some manual labor [mucking out] to be done. There likely will be more now after the recent rain.

When the Volunteer Resource Center is phased out in the coming weeks, all food will go to local food banks and be accessible to people. Water supplies will go to local Fire Departments and be available for those in need.

Dial Help will continue to take calls through the week and coordinate work projects for weekends. Volunteers are still needed for those projects!

For all needs, whether you have a need or something to offer, **call the volunteer help line at 906-233-6621**. Information is continually updated on the Copper Country Strong website <http://coppercountrystrong.com/>

Financial donations can be made through Keweenaw Community Foundation (906-482-9673), Portage Health Foundation (906-523-5920), Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan / Lutheran Disaster Response (<https://www.lsswis.org/Keweenaw>) or any other organization that you may be aware of.

Your help is greatly appreciated, and still needed! There are many people whose lives have drastically changed and the recovery is very slow. For example, some people have not been able to live in their homes since the flood, and those kinds of basic needs can be addressed by organizations like churches, and not necessarily foundations. There is a long list of items or issues that “fall between the cracks” of government or foundation monies, though they are doing a great deal to help. It’s just not possible for some of that money to cover the unmet needs that may include utilities assistance, furnishings and clothing, the cost to businesses that have been affected, well restoration, driveways, vehicle damage, and food.

THANK YOU for all your help!

Pastor Bucky Beach

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church / Lutheran Campus Ministry, Houghton



UPDATE: From the Northern Great Lakes Synod Hunger Committee

(Sources - Politico's Morning Agricultural Report & ELCA Advocacy)

Dear Co-workers in Christ,

Right now, the Farm bill conference negotiations are upon us as members of congress have returned from the holiday. A committee will be formed to try to come up with a bill that will satisfy both houses. This may be a challenge working with two bills that are very different.

Chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas and ranking member Senator Debbie Stabenow (Democrat) of Michigan combined their efforts to defeat an amendment that would have tightened SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) work restrictions; this was the type of bipartisan work we hoped for and offers a sign of hope that the senate may hold strong in not meddling with the SNAP portion of the Farm bill, but who knows?

Next step is to see who will be on the committee to help iron out the differences between the two bills. If someone from Wisconsin or Michigan is on, we'll want to really put effort into influencing him or her. If no one from Wisconsin or Michigan is on, we'll want to continue to encourage our senators and individual congresspeople to support a bill that does not cut SNAP in any way and does not tighten SNAP work restrictions. Of course we'll want to do the latter regardless.

Thank you!

Blessings,

Pastor Cindy Crane

Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin



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!!!



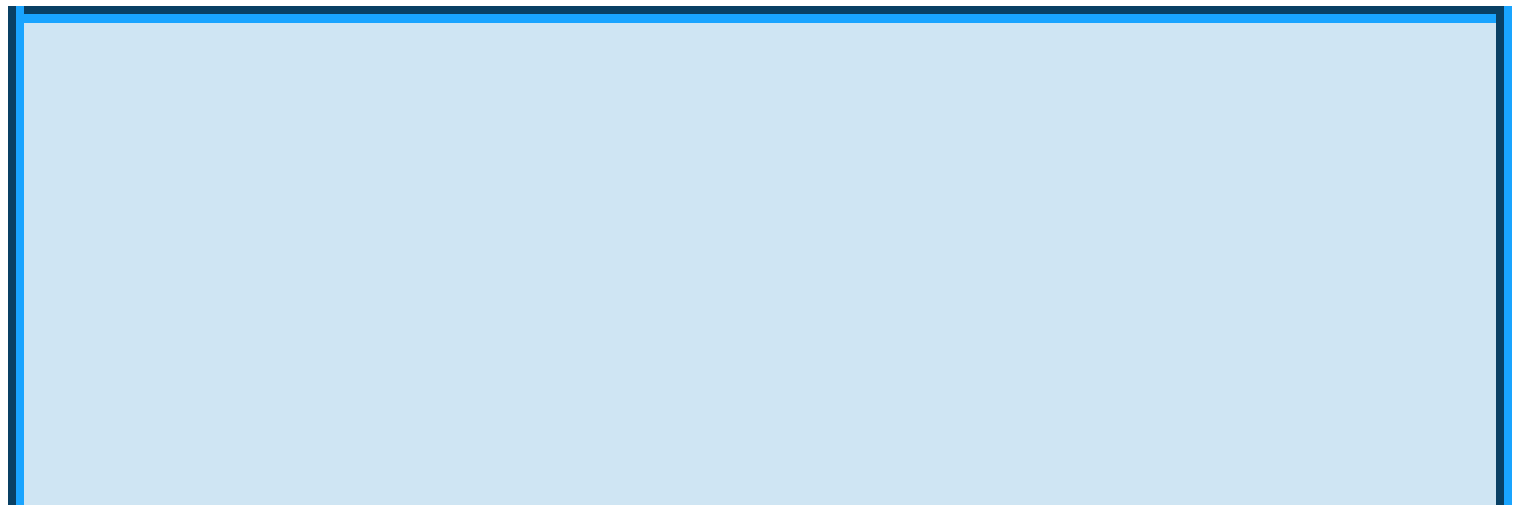
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2019 Announcement!

**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!!





Help Men Build Brothers

"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother..." Proverbs 18:24b (NIV)

"I suffered from bouts of loneliness.... I suffered from depression... now I have brothers." The man who recently said that speaks for a great majority of men who struggle in our culture.

But thanks to Lutheran Men in Mission, many men like him are finding deep friendship and support in becoming bold and daring followers of Jesus Christ.

23 members of team LMM (Lutheran Men in Mission) will be peddling nearly 500 miles across Iowa July 22-28. Four generous donors have committed \$60,000 in support, challenging you and me to match that by the time our riders dip their tires in the Mississippi at the end of the ride July 28.

Your gift empowers us to:

- Give a Master Builders Bible for Men to every first-time participant of our One Year to Live retreats. There will be 15 retreats this year. A gift of \$250 enables us to give Bibles to ten men.
- Reach over 5,000 men with a daily inspirational scripture/prayer message during Advent, just as we did during Lent.
- Continue the groundbreaking work we are doing with over 25 of the most creative, dynamic leaders in men's ministry from all Lutheran backgrounds and five denominations to develop a futuristic men's ministry reaching all men.
- Produce our second Bold Gathering 2018 October 27. You can

register and enjoy our spring broadcast. You can personally join us for this one-day event in Fargo, host a group in your community or enjoy it on your personal device.

- Develop intentional networks of disciplined leaders throughout the country that reproduce and grow more leaders.

You can help us meet this great challenge today by clicking the **SUPPORT US** link below.

[SUPPORT US](#)

Thank you!

Doug Haugen
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TRANSITIONS

- We celebrate with First and Trinity, Iron River, who have called **Pastor-elect Avery Carr**. He has accepted the call and will be ordained and installed by Bishop Finegan at First, Iron River on July 29, 2018. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.
- We celebrate with **Pastor Jared Howard** who was ordained in Ohio on July 7, 2018. Pastor Howard has been called to Faith, Calumet and will be installed at a later date.
- We celebrate with **Pastor Linda Forray** who has accepted a part-time call to St. James in Marinette, Wisconsin. She started on July 1st and will be installed on August 12th at 3 p.m. CT. Pastor Forray will continue to serve part-time at Peace United Church of Christ in Marinette.

God bless these leaders and congregations during their times of transition.

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-social-writing-projects/women-and-justice/draft



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

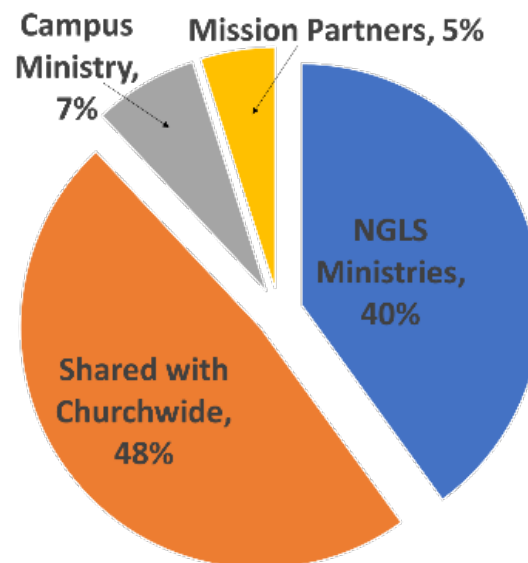
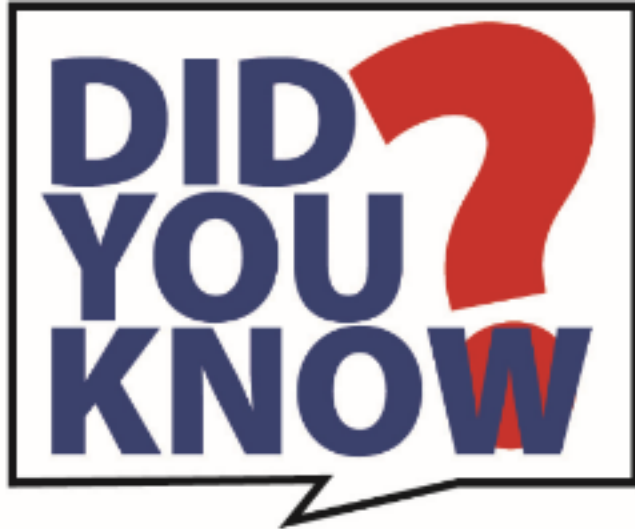
Click this link to find out what's happening at FLLC: <http://fortunelake.org/>

The summer camping schedule is posted and registration is open. Sign up now!!

There are still some openings!

"Stewardship "No-so-trivial Trivia"

What does our budgetary pie look like?



The Northern Great Lakes Synod budget for fiscal year 2018 has 48% of mission support from congregations being passed onto the Churchwide organization to support domestic and global ministries on behalf of the whole ELCA. 40% of congregational mission support received at the synod level stays within our synod to support ministry within our synod - staff, office, and program expenses. 7% of congregational mission support funds campus ministry efforts. 5% of congregational mission support funds seminaries and other ministry partners like Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Wisconsin Council of Churches, and others. No synod mission support money goes to pay for trips to our companion synod in Tanzania. Support for those trips comes from travelers' own monies, individual congregational designated support, designated synod funds, or approved endowment distributions.



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!

There will be a new article from
Pastor Diane Srutowski in the
August/September issue of Notes
and Quotes.



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.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For youth and adults returning from the Youth Gathering in Houston that they may be open to sharing their faith-building experiences with others.
- For our nation's leaders who have power to create and enforce laws and policies.
- For Bishop Finegan as she travels to Tanzania to discuss with church leaders the future of our companion synod relationships.
- For every mother and father throughout this world that wants a better future for their children.
- For those who have lost hope for the future.
- For those who truly have never heard of the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- For new pastors in our synod and the congregations welcoming new leadership.
- For us to work for peace with justice in a complex world.

CHECK OUT www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "Breath Prayer"
and Daily Devotions

The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

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



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