



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for August 16, 2018

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We eat the bread of teaching, drink wine of wisdom, are given here a taste of the Kingdom. Together joined, the greatest and the least, we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast."

ELW #518, "We Eat the Bread of Teaching", text by Omer Westendorf

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Looking for a Good Devotional Resource?

Check out our synod website and the "Prayfaithfully Resource".

People from our synod write weekly devotionals.

Click this link: <https://www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully/> to explore this resource.

Make daily devotions a part of your routine. You'll be blessed by this inspiring discipline. Maybe God is inspiring you to write for this synod devotional resource. If interested, contact Betsy Koski in the Synod Office, 906-228-2300 or bakoski@nglsynod.org.



Doing God's work in the world calls for leaders who bring a variety of training, skills, interests and life experiences to the work they do in congregations, communities and partner organizations. Whether serving as a pastor or deacon, rostered ministers carry out the work and mission of this church, sharing God's love with the world through the good news of Jesus Christ.

This fall, join us for [Rostered Ministers Appreciation](#) to thank our congregations' leaders for all they do! This is a great opportunity to show your pastor or deacon your

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congregation's appreciation – all while supporting the next generation of leaders through ELCA Fund for Leaders and Youth and Young Adults.



Earlier this summer, you received a packet to help you get started, including a booklet featuring ideas for hosting a Rostered Ministers Appreciation event, as well as a poster, bulletin insert and thank-you notecards. You can also [view these resources online](#).

Looking for a fun and simple way to host your appreciation fundraiser in support of Fund for Leaders or Youth and Young Adults? The ELCA's online, peer-to-peer fundraising platform is a great way to engage your congregation in your efforts! [Create your page](#) today.

Through *The Campaign for the ELCA's Leadership* priority we are heightening our efforts to accompany youth and young adults in their faith journeys and support talented, gifted students as they prepare to begin a life of ministry – the future leaders of this church. By hosting a Rostered Ministers Appreciation event, you will ensure future leaders can respond to the call to serve, just like your congregation's leaders. Thank you for your support!

Houston Reunion Event Update: "This Still Changes Everything!"

Plans are underway to have at least one - if not more - reunion type events for those who had the privilege to attend the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Feel free to contact Pastor Jim Duehring in the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 with any questions or suggestions as to a date that would work for your youth group.

There is a great resource for youth groups to use as a follow-up to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Go to: www.elca.org/YouthGathering and click on the "Bringing the Gathering Home" picture.

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Flood Recovery Goes On in the Keweenaw Community!

Here is the current status:

The United Methodist Church will be hiring one or two case managers that will be funded through that denomination, and will be able to access information from local sources. Clergy meetings to help with this effort continue to happen on a regular basis.

Monies donated to Lutheran Disaster Response/Lutheran Social Services will be distributed in conjunction with the long-term relief effort to identify needs that have not been met.

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>).

The LSS Foundation is matching contributions up to \$10,000 for the Copper Country flood relief! Contributions can be sent to the Synod Office for the LSS matching funds and we will send it on to LSS or you may send the funds directly to LSS.

Your help is greatly appreciated, and still needed!

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Mark Your Calendars Now! **Rostered Leaders in First 3 Years of Call:**

The 2018 First Call Theological Event Fall Conference will be held **November 11-14, 2018** at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin. The cost will remain the same - \$300 - which includes all meals and lodging. Please reserve these dates now, and watch for more detailed information to arrive during the latter part of September!

Professional Leaders Event

All rostered leaders and licensed lay ministers of NGLS are invited to attend the Professional Leaders Event on February 10-11, 2019.

Rev. Dr. Craig L. Nesson will be the speaker.

He is the Academic Dean and Professor of Contextual Theology and Ethics at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He teaches courses in the areas of contextual theology, pastoral theology, and theological ethics. He has oversight of the seminary's internship program.

Cost and location have not been decided yet.



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Update

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It has been a great summer at Fortune Lake. Our campers registered for on-site programs of which 172 registered for Family programs. There were 11 Day Camps (off-site VBS programs staffed by Fortune Lake at a local church). Interim Director Sara Jonassen has done a wonderful job assembling a great camp staff and guiding us through this summer of transition. Thanks also to: facility manager, Chris Nocerini; intern, Zachary Erickson; office manager Mary Ryan; and office assistant, Cindy Attkisson. Fortune Lake will continue to serve people by being a place of grace for any years to come. **Thanks for your support!**

The FLLC Board is Looking for a new Camp Director!

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (FLLC) is seeking a full-time Camp Director with a passion for Christ who will inspire youth, model servant leadership, and show God's love to all. FLLC's ministries transform lives through God's grace amidst God's creation. Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is an outdoor ministry in the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA, located in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Call Committee will be **accepting applications through September 30, 2018**, with interviews to begin in early October. All correspondence should be directed to the Call Committee at: flccallcommittee@gmail.com.

Non-rostered applicants should complete a cover letter and resume detailing work experience, qualifications, a brief faith story, and reason for interest in this position. Include contact information for four professional references. Submit documents by 9/30/18 to the FLLC Call Committee via email.

Rostered applicants should complete a Rostered Ministry Profile and submit a cover letter by 9/30/18 to the FLLC Call Committee.

A job description, qualifications, and a site profile are available online at www.fortunelake.org. Keep praying for the person God is preparing to lead camp in the coming years.

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We celebrate with **Pastor Linda Forray** who has accepted a part-time, term call to St. James in Marinette, Wisconsin, and was installed on Sunday, August 12, 2018. Pastor Forray will continue to serve half-time at Peace united Church of Christ in Marinette. We thank God for Pastor Forray's ministry among God's people.

TRANSITIONS

- **Pastor Stacy Pethke** was ordained on June 16th and will be installed on September 9th. She serves Faith and Trinity, Ishpeming. All are welcome to attend. Pastors are asked to vest - color of the day is **RED**.
- **Pastor Jared Howard** was ordained on July 7th and will be installed on September 16th. He will be serving at Faith, Calumet. All are welcome to attend. Pastors are asked to vest - color of the day is **RED**.
- **Pastor Dennis Meyette** has been appointed as full-time interim pastor at Immanuel, Escanaba. Pastor Meyette's first Sunday will be September 9th.
- **Pastor Chris Johnson**, Christ the King in Escanaba, has accepted a new call as Associate Pastor at Zion Lutheran, Wausau, Wisconsin. Pastor Johnson's farewell Sunday at Christ the King is September 2nd.

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We thank God for the ministry of these four pastors among God's people and ask for his blessing on these leaders and congregations during their times of transition.



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

Check out the August/September issue
of Notes & Quotes by clicking on the link below:

<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/NotesQuotes/2018-0809.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 Bishop Emeritus Skogman in the
October/November issue of Notes and Quotes.**

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Musicians Gathering

Saturday, October 20, 2018

9:30 a.m. ET

**Calvary Lutheran Church
10439 Wisconsin Street
Rapid River, Michigan**

All Musicians (organists, pianists, instrumentalists, choir members and directors) in the Synod are invited to attend this gathering for prayer, worship and discussion.

The day will begin with morning prayer at 9:30 a.m. and then coffee, goodies and conversation at 10 a.m. This is an opportunity to get to know one another and become a connected community to share ideas, tips, and resources.

For Questions or to Register
contact **Lucas Wickstrom**
at **lucas@lucas.net** or **906-204-6800**

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- pound weight loss thus far. If you or your adult family members are at risk for type 2 diabetes or heart disease and are covered by ELCA-Primary health benefits, Portico offers the Omada program at no cost to you. Go to omadahealth.com/portico and take a 1-minute health test to see if you're eligible.



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 – Noon
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 – 2pm
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.

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



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!!

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



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draft at www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/current-social-writing-projects/women-and-justice/draft



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.

The ELCA Foundation is searching for a Director of Gift Planning

A copy of the **Position Profile** is attached.

There are two key responsibilities for this **leadership position**:

- Through the **direct supervision of a national staff of about 20 regional gift planners (coaching and managing)**, lead and manage a robust fund-raising program to identify, cultivate, solicit and steward prospective donors of current and planned gifts;
- **Manage the business relationships with ministry partner organizations** through on-site visits.

This position is **located in Chicago** and **reports to the Executive Vice President of the Foundation**. It requires **about 30% travel**, visiting regional gift planners, donors, and ministry partnerships.

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Application, resume and cover letter should be submitted through the ELCA job board. **Inquiries about the position** may be directed, in confidence, to Gaye Lindfors of Significant Solutions, Inc., the consultant assisting with this search.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For the leaders of the nations that they might serve their people by promoting justice and righteousness
- For pastoral candidates to rise up and serve God's people in our synod
- For God to raise up a new camp director for Fortune Lake
- For the unemployed and underemployed
- For victims of racial injustice
- For new pastors in our synod and the congregations welcoming new leadership
- For children and teachers preparing to return to school
- For those dealing with wildfires
- For good crops to feed the people of the world
- For pastors and congregations making plans for fall programming

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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