



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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E-Notes for August 31, 2018

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The church always faces the task of living
and becoming embodied within a particular context; and, as such,
it faces the challenge of stewarding its identity
so that it can maintain the strengths of a tradition,
while also trying to respond to new cultural realities that are emerging.



Is Your Constitution Up-to-Date?

The polity and structure of our congregations rests upon how well our Constitutions articulate our purposes. While we may not refer to our constitutions very often, when we do, it is because some important reason has prompted us and that's when we want our constitution to be up to date and helpful. It is important, and legally required, that the actions of each congregation abide by its constitution.

To that end, if you are planning to update your constitution and wish to bring it to a congregational vote for approval in January 2019, you must submit a draft to the Constitution Committee in time for its review and approval by Monday, October 29, 2018.

If you have questions, please contact:

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The Bishop Has Returned from Tanzania!

Bishop Katherine Finegan's visit included both a review of the ministries in the Eastern and Coastal Diocese and a Bishops' Summit which convened all the Dioceses and Synods that are in a Companion Relationship. The week was filled with wonderful worship and meaningful conversation.

Mkuza Girl's School sends their heartfelt thanks for our support. They now have water!! Girls can study instead of spending a few hours a day hauling water.

If you are interested in beginning or strengthening a Companion Congregation relationship, please contact Pastor Jim Duehring at jduehring@nglsynod.org. Plans are in the works for a Tanzania 2019 visit, and you are invited to go with Pastor Jim and visit your sister congregation! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

You Are Invited!

Sunday, September 9th at 3:00 p.m. ET:

Pastor Stacy Pethke will be installed as Pastor at the congregations of Faith and Trinity, Ishpeming. Please join the celebration at Trinity Lutheran Church, [414 East Ridge Street](#) in Ishpeming, MI. Clergy are invited to vest - color of the day is **RED**.

Sunday, September 16th at 3:00 p.m. ET:

Pastor Jared Howard will be installed at Faith Lutheran Church, Calumet. Please join the celebration at [26016 Depot Street](#) in Calumet, MI. Clergy are invited to vest - color of the day is **RED**.

Professional Leaders Event

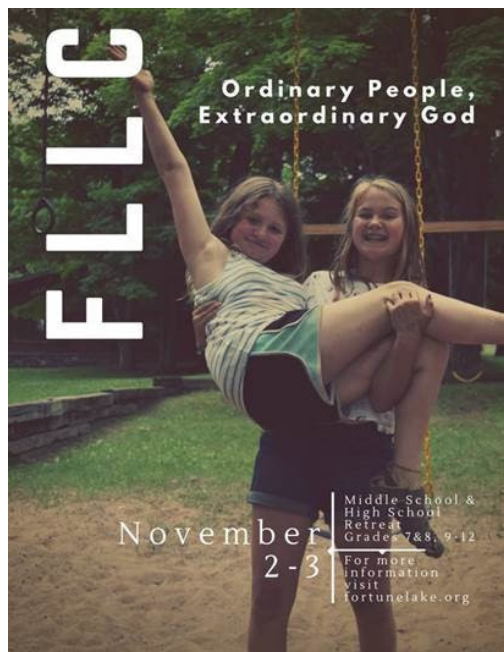
February 10-11, 2019 ~ Sunday Evening - Monday Afternoon

All rostered leaders and licensed lay ministers of NGLS are invited to attend this Continuing Education event.

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.

More information coming soon!



Middle School and High School Overnight Retreat

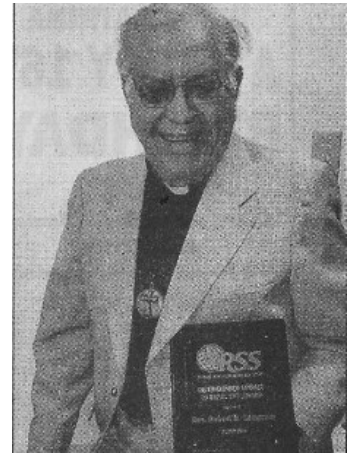
We encourage all Middle School and High School youth to attend the November 2-3 Middle/High School overnight retreat at Fortune Lake. See www.fortunelake.org for details.

As of this writing, there is the possibility of that retreat being extended through Sunday for High School Youth as an opportunity for those who went to Houston to gather for a "**Houston Reunion**". Stay tuned for more details of that possibility as plans are still being worked out!

Pastor Robert Langseth Receives National Lifetime Award!

Congratulations to Pastor Robert Langseth, who received the "Distinguished Service to Rural Life Award" from the Rural Sociological Society (RSS) during its recent national meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Pastor Langseth was recognized for his work in rural communities here in America and in Tanzania, E. Africa, to promote inclusive community well-being and progressive social change. The award recognizes a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the enhancement of rural life, rural people, or rural policy.



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 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, thank-you 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 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. As 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!



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!

THANK YOU!

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!



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Update

It has been a great summer at Fortune Lake. 516 campers registered for on-site camp 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.

TRANSITIONS

- **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.

We thank God for the ministry of these two 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.



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**



1. **Upcoming Live Webinars:**

- **2019 ELCA Medicare-Primary Changes** - September 10th from 2-3pm
- **Turning 65 in 2019** - September 25th from 2-3pm
- **Pre-retirement webinar 1: "Can I Afford to Retire?"** - October 4th from 2-3pm
- **Pre-retirement webinar 2: "Can I Create a Sustainable Income in Retirement?"** - October 11th from 2-3pm
- **Ready to Retire** - November 6th from 1-2:30pm

Register online: <https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/myPortico/NewsEvents/Events.aspx>



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.

Come and see what it's all about!

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 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.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For the new members of the Synod Council, and for a productive and meaningful meeting at All Saints, Wakefield on September 7-8, 2018.
- For the final planning details and all those invested in planning and leading the Women's Retreat at Fortune Lake on September 14-16th.
- For the search for a new Fortune Lake Camp Director.
- For those suffering from the impact of natural disasters: Floods in Wisconsin and the Keweenaw. Fires in California.
- For our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of Tanzania and all of our congregations in a companion relationship.

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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