



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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E-Notes for September 14, 2018

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am Lutheran because my parents raised me this way. With my gifts of curiosity and asking questions, I must always ask the quintessential Lutheran question: 'What does this mean?'"

Jacob Gapko, [Living Lutheran](#), August 2018



Looking for a Good Devotional Resource?

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

People from our synod write weekly devotionals.

Go to 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.

TRANSITIONS



We celebrated the installation of Pastor Stacy Pethke on September 9, 2018. She serves Faith and trinity, Ishpeming. We thank God for Pastor Pethke's ministry among God's people.

You Are Invited!

Pastor Jared Howard was ordained on July 7, 2018 and will be installed on Sunday, **September 16th at 3 p.m. ET** at Faith Lutheran Church, Calumet. Please join the celebration at 26016 Depot Street in Calumet, MI. All are welcome to attend. Clergy are invited to vest - color of the day is **RED**. We thank God for Pastor Howard's ministry among God's people.

Pastor Dennis Meyette has been appointed as full-time interim pastor at Immanuel, Escanaba. Pastor Meyette's first Sunday was September 9th. We thank God for Pastor Meyette's ministry among



God's people.

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!

2019 Marked! Events

Confirmation Students & Leaders
celebrate your identity as baptized children of
God in our Lutheran expression!

Attend any event:



- **Sunday – March 10, 2019**

hosted by Our Savior's, Marinette
4-7 pm CT

- **Sunday – March 17, 2019**

hosted by Our Redeemer, Newberry
4-7pm ET

- **Sunday – March 31, 2019**

hosted by Faith, Calumet
4-7pm ET

- **Sunday – April 7, 2019**

hosted by Ascension, Minocqua
4-7pm CT

**These events include music, service
projects, worship, learning, food and fun.**

IT'S FREE!!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW!!**





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.



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

FALL FEST

QUILT AUCTION AND FINE ARTS
AUCTION

SAT. OCTOBER 6, 9AM

fortunelake.org



Upper Elementary Fall Retreat

October 12-13, 2018

For grades 4 – 6

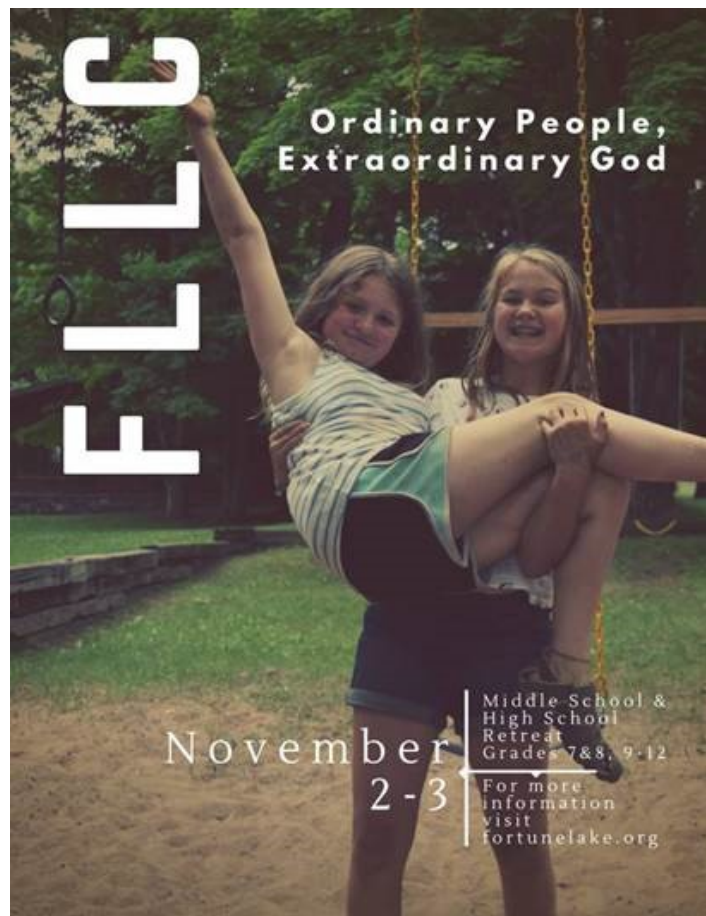
A perfect chance to come to camp for the first time or come back to camp for more fun. Games, singing, campfires, and new friends make a great combination for faith and fun! For more information and to register, click this

link: <http://fortunelake.org/event/upper-elementary-fall-retreat/>

Ordinary People, Extraordinary God!

God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. During this retreat we'll take a look at a few of those people and see how God did great things through them. As disciples of Christ, we are still called to share the story of God's love with others.

Through Christ we can do extraordinary things!



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.

For more information and to register click this link:

<http://fortunelake.org/event/jr-sr-high-fall-retreats/>.

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!

Stewardship—it's not just about giving money.
It's about giving **everything**.

And serve each other according to the gift
each person has received, as good managers
of God's diverse gifts. —1 Peter 4:10, CEB



Pastor Jim Duehring will be glad to talk with any congregation about Stewardship.

Contact him at the Synod Office (906/228-2300).

Here are some possible resources:

www.nglsynod.org/stewardship

www.elca.org/stewardship

www.ebracingstewardsip.com

Embracing Stewardship

by Charles R. Lane and Grace Duddy Pomroy

Ask, Thank, Tell

by Charles R. Lane

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

by Adam Hamilton

**Flood Recovery Goes On in the
Keweenaw Community!**

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!



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.



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**

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Upcoming Live Webinars:

- **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 7	Sun.	Sept. 23	St. James, Rudyard	4 – 6pm
Conference 6	Thur.	Oct. 11	Immanuel, Escanaba	5:30 – 8pm
Conference 5	Thur.	Oct. 18	Good Shepherd, Peshtigo	6 – 8pm

Conference 3	Sat.	Oct. 27	Ascension, Minocqua	9 – 11am
Conference 8	Sat.	Nov. 3	Immanuel, Negaunee	9 – 11:30am
Conference 2	Sun.	Nov. 4	Mission United, Pelkie	3 - 5:30 pm
Conference 4	Sat.	Nov. 10	Bethlehem, Florence	10am – 2pm

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 people facing hurricanes
- For those seeking meaningful employment
- For those who have been hurt by the church
- For humility and courage for all leaders

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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Pastor Jim Duehring
Assistant to the Bishop

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