



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

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**E-Notes for September 30, 2018**

# **The Season of Pentecost**

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Lutherans don't withdraw from public life. In fact our constitution pledges us to 'work with civil authorities in areas of mutual endeavor, maintaining institutional separation of church and state in a relation of functional interaction.' Lutherans fulfill our baptismal vocation when we show up."

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, p. 50, [Living Lutheran](#), July 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](http://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](mailto:bakoski@nglsynod.org).

## TRANSITIONS



Pastor Jared Howard was installed on September 16, 2018 at Faith Lutheran Church in Calumet, Michigan. God bless Pastor Howard and the people of Faith as they partner in ministry together.

(Pastor Howard is in the front row, 2nd from the right.)



# **CALLED TOGETHER BY FAITH:**

## **JUSTICE FOR CREATION**

JOIN US FOR THIS INTERFAITH EVENT, AS WE EXPLORE OUR CONNECTION AND KINSHIP TO CREATION & THE ENVIRONMENT. ORGANIZING AROUND ISSUES OF CLIMATE, JUSTICE & POVERTY, WATER, AND JOBS.



**OCTOBER 6**

**10 am - 3 pm**

**Presque Isle Pavilion**

**Marquette, Michigan**

This event is brought to you by The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, Michigan Interfaith Power & Light, Cedar Tree Institute, Northern Great Lakes Synod—ELCA, Great Lakes Peace Center, Temple Beth Shalom, Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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## **Professional Leaders Event**

**February 10-11, 2019 ~ Sunday Evening - Monday Afternoon**  
**at the Ramada Inn in Marquette, Michigan**

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!!**



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

A team from the Houghton area has completed the interview process and is ready to hire two Case Managers to assist in the long-term recovery from the Father's Day Flood. They will soon begin training through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) that is responsible for the generous grant to pay two individuals for up to 12 months. Part of their job will be to help us appropriately spend the donations that have been coming in from people all around the country, people like yourselves, who have donated through the Northern Great Lakes Synod to Lutheran Social Services and Lutheran Disaster Response. Their training is scheduled to begin the week of October 1.

Again, thank you to all who have given so generously. Rest assured the money you donated will soon be directly spent on the needs of those who have had their lives turned up-side-down. It is our hope to get as many people back to "normal" or to a "new normal" by the time winter arrives.

Pastor Bucky Beach



**This 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](http://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](http://fortunelake.org)



## Upper Elementary Fall Retreat

October 12-13, 2018

For grades 4 – 6



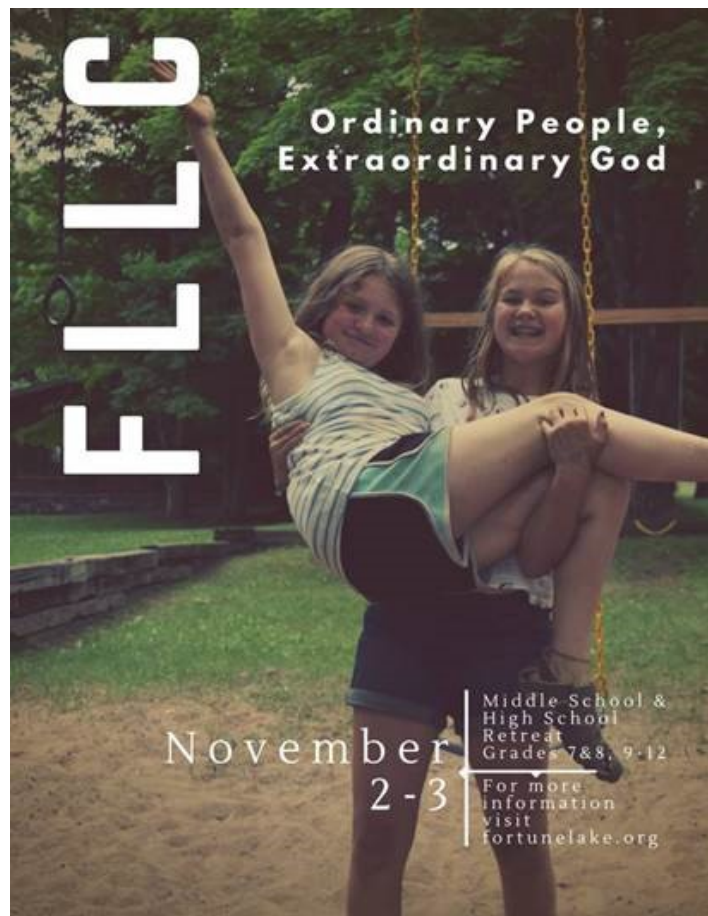
A perfect chance to come to camp for the first time or come back to camp for more fun. Games, singing, campfires, and new friends make a great combination for faith and fun! For more information and to register, click this

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](http://www.nglsynod.org/stewardship)

[www.elca.org/stewardship](http://www.elca.org/stewardship)

[www.ebracingstewardship.com](http://www.ebracingstewardship.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

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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!



## **Submit Your 'Synod Snapshot'**

(congregational stories of ministries)

**Check out the October/November 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 Immanuel, Rhineland in the December/January 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**



## Upcoming Live Webinars:

- **Pre-retirement webinar 1: “Can I Afford to Retire?”** - October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm
- **Pre-retirement webinar 2: “Can I Create a Sustainable Income in Retirement?”** - October 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm
- **Ready to Retire** - November 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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!!***



## **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 Call Committee of Fortune Lake as they interview candidates for Camp Director in October
- For fairness and equity in our justice system
- For a passion to share by word and deed the love of God in Christ our Lord
- For wisdom to all who make difficult decisions
- For congregational leaders
- For victims of abuse
- For those facing death
- For pastors and lay leaders preparing to preach God's Word
- For those recovering from the effects of hurricanes
- For companion relationships with our friends in Tanzania

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)



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**Pastor Jim Duehring**  
Assistant to the Bishop

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