



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

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E-Notes for November 1, 2018

All Saints Day

QUOTE OF THE DAY

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

~ELW, #422, verse 1

**Houston Youth Gathering Reunion
and Synod Youth Brainstorming
at Fortune Lake**

Saturday, November 3rd, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Fortune Lake Jr./Sr. High Overnight Retreat starts 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2nd and concludes at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. For those interested, we will stick around for another two hours to talk about the Houston Youth Gathering, sing some songs and brainstorm

about other Synod Youth Events!

**Some of the youth from the awesome Synod Day Band
will be playing!**

There is no additional cost for this "extra 2 hours".
Everyone attending the Fortune Lake Retreat is welcome!

Fortune Lake is planning the Jr./Sr. High overnight retreat,
and we encourage you to sign up with Fortune Lake for that.

Go to: www.fortunelake.org

**If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jim Duehring at
jduehring@nglsynod.org.**

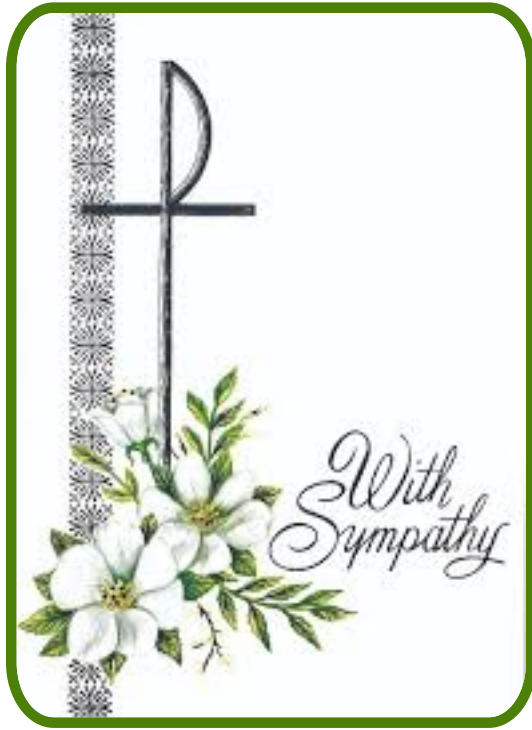


**2018
ELCA
YOUTH
GATHERING**



We celebrate with **Holy Trinity, Chassell** at the installation of their new

pastor, **Rev. Soren Schmidt**, on Sunday, October 28th, 2018 by Pastor Jim Duehring. May God bless their new partnership!



Our Sympathy and Prayers

go out to Pastor Tammy Barthels and her family at the death of her mother, Janette Denfeld. May God comfort all who mourn.

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!





Update on Office of the Campus Pastor

Dear Friends of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Greetings from Finlandia!

As many may know, Pr. Soren Schmidt has taken a call at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chassell. We are grateful for the time and efforts Pr. Soren has given to Finlandia and wish him the very best as he begins a new partnership in ministry.

Finlandia now enters a time of transition and discernment. To help facilitate this, we have invited Father Corbin Eddy to serve as Finlandia's visiting campus pastor for this academic year. Father Eddy is a gifted listener and has a caring openness to spiritual traditions other than his own. As the ELCA is committed to working closely with other denominations, Father Eddy will provide a valuable service of intentionally listening and receiving valuable insights gained from a position outside our own Lutheran tradition.

Finlandia is grateful for your continued good will, prayer, and support as we reflect carefully about Finlandia's Lutheran identity and future pastoral leadership.

Sincerely,
Rev. Philip Johnson
President of Finlandia University

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!!**





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 8 Sat. - Nov. 3 Immanuel, Negaunee

Register 8:30 am Meeting with snack 9 – 11:30 am

Conference 2 Sun.- Nov. 4 Mission United, Pelkie

Register 2:30 pm Meeting 3 - 5:00 pm Meal at 5:00 p.m.

Conference 4 Sat. - Nov. 10 Bethlehem, Florence

Register/Coffee 9:30 am Meeting 10 am – 12:30

Meal 12:30 pm Conference elections following meal

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!!!
**Please send your sign-up sheet to the Synod Office the week
before your conference event. Thank you!**

Copper Country Flood Relief Update

Disaster Case Managers Helping Flood Victims

If you still need help recovering from the June flood, assistance is available.

Two local disaster case managers hired in October will assist Copper Country residents facing long term effects from June 2018 flooding, also locally known as the Father's Day Flood.

Marci Vivian and Dennis Leopold are assessing needs and stand ready, reaching out to help those affected by the Father's Day Flood. They are also looking into enhancing counseling options specific to flooding. "This is a commitment to holistically getting their lives back to a place of normalcy," said the Rev. Paul Perez, of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. "The work of disaster case management is not only material but it's psychological, physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being."

Marci and Dennis work with the Copper Country Team Disaster Recovery Group – comprised of local church and community leaders, and nonprofit and government agencies. They also work in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is the humanitarian disaster recovery arm of the Michigan Conference United Methodist Church. Their work "officially" got up and running Oct. 5th – four months after the June 17 flood. There are still a lot of questions Vivian and Leopold are assessing in terms of the community's needs. They plan on reaching out, at least initially, to as many people as they can.

One thing they know for sure? Lots of people still need help.

Based on their first 150 calls, and how many people registered for aid, they estimate they'll be overseeing about 80 households for disaster case management. "We are finding that there are people out there still not recovered," Vivian said. "For a lot of people in the Copper Country, not everybody has the resources." The case managers have compiled a list of flood impacted residents from a variety of sources, but fear there are more residents out there who are still in need of help. After initial contact is made and a need is expressed, a home visit is scheduled to further assess needs.

From there, the plan is for the case managers to connect the residents-in-need to appropriate organizations and nonprofits and walk them through their full recovery process. "The need from household to household can vary greatly, and funds will be distributed accordingly," Leopold said. "Because it's getting colder, we're looking for people without furnaces, hot water heaters, as well as homes that

have not been cleaned and sanitized yet,” Vivian said. “A lot of appliances were submerged, so those have been big needs at this time.”

The disaster case manager service does not cost residents anything, they simply have to reach out to Vivian and Leopold indicating they need help to start the process or opt in when they receive a call from the case managers.

“Our case managers assist from the beginning of their client’s case to the close of it to aid and empower that person to work toward their long-term recovery,” Perez said. “A lot of times we don’t realize the length of time it takes for a community to recover from a natural disaster,” Vivian concluded.

Leopold and Vivian are based out of the old D&N Bank building in Hancock, Suite 402, and can be reached by phone: (906) 231-6856. They are looking for volunteers to accompany them on home visits and skilled laborers to help with flood damage assessments and home repair.

Funds for flood recovery are being collected through the Keweenaw Community Foundation located in Hancock as well as Lutheran Social Services – Lutheran Disaster Response c/o Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Houghton.

Clergy Spouse Conference

February 1-3, 2019

Country Inn and Suites in Iron Mountain, Michigan

All clergy spouses are welcome and invited to join ELCA clergy spouses from Wisconsin and Upper Michigan for a weekend at the Country Inn and Suites in Iron Mountain, MI.

The weekend will be an informal, fun time with valuable workshops, good food, lots of laughter, and fellowship.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. on Friday and dinner will be at 6 p.m. The conference concludes late Sunday morning after worship service.

Presenter will be Barbara Solsaa, owner and director of Clergy Life Coaching, LLC.

Registration Deadline is January 14, 2019.

For more information and a registration form, go to
www.nglsynod.org under Upcoming Events.

2019

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

Oct. 31 – Nov. 14

2019 Annual Enrollment:

Between Oct 31 and Nov 14, visit the newly redesigned myPortico, review your benefits, consider what's changed in your life (think health changes, prescription drugs, salary changes, tuition, retirement, weddings, babies, divorce), and make your 2019 selections. Our website, myPortico.PorticoBenefits.org, is where you'll find a personalized view of your benefit options. Or call the Customer Care Center, 800.352.2876, for assistance.



As part of our involvement in the ministry efforts of the greater church, we have representation on various boards and committees. Two positions that are currently open are on the **Lutheran Office for Public Policy of Wisconsin (LOPPW)** and **Lutheran Social Services**.

If you have any interest in being a part of this larger ministry effort, or would like more information, please call the Synod Office. You can also go to their websites:
<https://www.lopepw.org/> and
<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS.htm> .



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.

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.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

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, Rhinelander in the December/January issue of Notes and Quotes.



**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!**
- ~ **Keynote Speaker, Dwight Zscheile**
- ~ **Enjoy the Banquet at Terrace Bay Inn!**
- ~ **Experience a Synod Assembly Worship Service!**
- ~ **Come Ready to be Equipped for Ministry!**



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 elections this week as ballots are cast and political leaders are chosen
- For the Call Committee of Fortune Lake as they interview candidates for Camp Director
- For all those who stand against hate and actions of violence. May God give us courage to live our faith.
- For our congregations and pastors who are in transition
- For the Synod Staff as they travel to our Walking Together Events

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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