



**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**  
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**E-Notes for February 15, 2019**

# **The Season of Epiphany**

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“For four hundred years, Western culture ...has been the comfortable home for the dominant expressions of Christianity in the world.

Now all that is changing.

Christianity has become predominantly a non-Western religion”

*~Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, p. 2.*

## **Pastors - Report to the Bishop**

**Thank you to those pastors who have already sent their reports to the Bishop!**

Below are the links for filling out your Report to the Bishop online. Please save the report to your computer first, then fill it out and save it again before you either print it out or attach it to an email back to the

## Synod Office.

You will receive a paper copy in the postal mail along with your new Clergy ID card. The reports can be filled out by hand and mailed to the Synod Office if you prefer to do that.

**Please note: deadline for getting your report into the Bishop is March 1, 2019!**

### **Report for Minister of Word and Service – Retired:**

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report\\_For\\_Minister\\_of\\_Word\\_and\\_Service\\_Retired.pdf?  
\\_ga=2.194350957.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Retired.pdf?_ga=2.194350957.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565)

### **Report for Minister of Word and Service Under Call From a Congregation:**

**Licensed Lay Ministers can use this form!**

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report\\_For\\_Minister\\_of\\_Word\\_and\\_Service\\_Under\\_Call\\_From\\_A\\_Congregation.pdf?  
\\_ga=2.18731001.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?_ga=2.18731001.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565)

### **Report for Minister of Word and Service Under Call from Synod Council:**

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report\\_For\\_Minister\\_of\\_Word\\_and\\_Service\\_Under\\_Call\\_From\\_A\\_Synod.pdf?  
\\_ga=2.257403595.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Under_Call_From_A_Synod.pdf?_ga=2.257403595.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565)

### **Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament under Call from Synod Council:**

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report\\_For\\_Minister\\_of\\_Word\\_and\\_Sacrament\\_From\\_Synod\\_Council\\_Church\\_Council\\_Under\\_Call.p  
df?\\_ga=2.223193691.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_From_Synod_Council_Church_Council_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.223193691.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565)

### **Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Not Under Call:**

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report\\_For\\_Minister\\_of\\_Word\\_and\\_Sacrament\\_Not\\_Under\\_Call.pdf?  
\\_ga=2.247827399.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Not_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.247827399.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565)

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## **Synod Assembly Update!!!**

### **~REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE!**

To register online for Synod Assembly **and/or** for the Banquet **and/or** for the Workshops, click this link:  
<https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/>.

If you prefer to mail a registration form with a check to the Synod Office, you may click the above link to download a registration form which can be found on the right side of the assembly homepage. You will need to download both pages to register for assembly and/or the workshops but you only need the first page to register for just the banquet.

### **~PLENTY OF SPACE FOR DISPLAYS!**

If you are on a Synod Committee or are a Partner in Ministry with the Synod, you may also click the above link to request a table for display.

### **~EVERYONE CAN COME TO THE WORKSHOPS!!**

All are welcome to attend Synod Assembly workshops on Saturday afternoon, May 18. **Registration for the workshops is required** and is now available on the Synod website, but you need not be a registered voter or visitor for Synod Assembly business. You can simply register for only Saturday's workshops. To register online or download a paper form to be mailed into the Synod Office with a check for all applicable fees, click the link in the above section.

### **~YOU TOO CAN COME TO THE BANQUET!!**

All are welcome to the banquet. You need not be registered for Synod Assembly business. Simply click the link in the first section of this box.

### **~DO YOU SING OR PLAY BELLS?**

The Synod Assembly Choir is looking for singers and bell ringers. Again, you need not be registered for Synod Assembly business in order to attend the opening worship on Thursday, Holden Evening Prayer on Friday evening, sing in the choir, or play in the bell choir.

**Vocal Choir Rehearsals:** Sat., May 4, 10 a.m. ET at Bethany, Ishpeming  
Sat., May 11, 10 a.m. ET at Bethany, Escanaba

**Bell Choir Rehearsals:** Sat., May 11, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bethany, Escanaba



## **Big Bear Award and Bread Basket Award**

The World Hunger committee presents the Big Bear Award to a Northern Great Lakes Synod **congregation** that has made an exemplary effort in the area of hunger ministry.

The committee also presents the Bread Basket Award to an individual of a Northern Great lakes Synod congregation that has made an exemplary effort in the area of hunger ministry.

Nomination forms for these awards can be found by clicking this link: <https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/pdf2019/2019BigBearBreadBowlAwardForms.pdf>.



## LUTHERAN OFFICE FOR PUBLIC POLICY *in Wisconsin*

Are you a member of one of our Northern Great Lakes Synod Congregations in Wisconsin? Are you interested in the kind of ministry impact that can be made by advocating for change in laws and public policy? The Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW) is looking for a new board member from our Synod. Call the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 if you would like to learn more.

### **Congregational A & C Reports**

**Thank you to those congregations who have already filed their A&C Reports!**

Congregations should have received their A&C Reports from ELCA in the mail!

Your ELCA Church ID# and this year's password are printed on the report in the upper right section of the "A" side of the report. You will need these numbers if you want to fill out the forms online. Here is the link to access the A & C forms: [https://webapps.elca.org/FormAAndC?\\_ga=2.93107613.1058696793.1547824765-1291334846.1490982565](https://webapps.elca.org/FormAAndC?_ga=2.93107613.1058696793.1547824765-1291334846.1490982565)

If you cannot find your paper copy of the report, please contact Louise or Betsy at the Synod Office (906-228-2300) for the ID# and password for your congregation.

## **Installation of Pastor Kellan Weyer**

at

Mission United Lutheran Church, Pelkie, Michigan

Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 3 p.m. ET

You are invited to attend!

Clergy are asked to vest in red.



## Mission Interpreters from the Northern Great Lakes Synod

Pastor Jim Duehring is looking for people who are interested in being a Mission Interpreter!

### **What do Mission Interpreters Do?**

Mission interpreters, volunteers from congregations in each synod of the ELCA, tell the story of how our offerings and the gifts are transformed into effective ministries. They remind us of how we make a difference in Christ's mission and the work of the church, and they thank our people for their faithful giving.

### **Can You Be a Mission Interpreter?**

Yes!

### **Is Training Offered?**

Yes! There are two training opportunities for people interested in learning more information about being a "Mission Interpreter."

**Saturday, February 16, 2019**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ET  
at Zion, Manistique

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. CT  
at Bethany, Norway

For more information about the Mission Interpreter Training, contact Pastor Jim Duehring at [jduehring@nglsynod.org](mailto:jduehring@nglsynod.org) or call the Synod Office at 906/228-2300.



## stewardCast 2019 Invitation

As communities of Jesus that nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world, we live with a daring confidence about what we are called to do as steward leaders. This confidence reflects the vitality we find in Jesus Christ, our own spiritual life and our desire to participate in what God is doing today. This online event provides an opportunity to hear stories and learn how leaders across the church are enhancing congregational vitality in and through their ministry. You are invited to join us on

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**  
**10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon CST/  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET**

Featured presentations include:

~**Stewardship for Small Congregations** by Rev. Larry Strenge  
DEM SWMN

~**Missional Hope for a New Generation** by Ms. Haley Caulfield  
Concordia College Moorhead, MN

~**Engaging Disciples and Stewards with an APP** by Rev. Jon Wolf  
Holy Cross Lutheran Overland Park, KS

~**Teaching Generosity in the Home** by Ms Aly Kohlmeyer  
Atonement Lutheran Boulder, CO

~**Resourceful Servants** by Steve Oelschlager

Holy Cross Lutheran Libertyville, IL

**~Generosity 365: A New Resource for Congregations**

by Rev. Erika Uthe DEM Southeastern IA

We welcome

Rostered and Lay Leaders in congregations

Current and future seminary students

Finance, Generosity, Resource & Stewardship Committees/Teams

Synod Mission Support and Stewardship Tables

Participation in this event requires no registration. On the morning of March 9, simply go to:

**<http://www.elca.org/stewardship>**

and click on the widget titled stewardCast2019. You will be connected immediately. Each participant will be given an opportunity to submit questions through the chat feature and to receive resources after the event.

If you have any questions, please contact:

[Keith.Mundy@elca.org](mailto:Keith.Mundy@elca.org) or [Neil.Bullock@elca.org](mailto:Neil.Bullock@elca.org).



Journey with Lutheran World Relief this Lent and proclaim to the world that the hope of Christ makes a new season possible: **A Season of Hope**. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. Visit <https://lwr.org/lent> for resources to invigorate congregations for global good!





# FORTUNE LAKE

*A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI*

## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 5th beginning at 3 p.m. Central Time (camp time)  
with Worship Service and Installation of Amanda Rasner  
as the new Camp Director

Business Meeting and Meal to follow

Questions? Contact Fortune Lake at

[campdirector@fortunelake.org](mailto:campdirector@fortunelake.org) or call 1-906-214-2267

### Synod Assembly World Hunger Offering Project:

#### Until **ALL** Have a Piece of the Pie



Here are some ideas to raise World Hunger Dollars for Synod Assembly Offering in your congregation:

- ~Have a Pie Social
- ~Sell Pizza Pie
- ~Encourage folks to "Buy a Piece of Pie"
- ~Have a Pie Eating Contest
- ~Sponsor a Pie Auction/Bake Sale for World Hunger
- ~Have a Bake-Off, Best Pie Wins
- ~Sponsor a Pie-Filling Drive
- ~Challenge everyone to donate at least \$3.14
- ~Use Pie Tins for a Noisy Offering during Lent
- ~If challenges are met, give your pastor a Pie in the Face

Together, let's **TAKE A BIT OUT OF HUNGER** and make a real impact with our World Hunger Offerings!!



# "Faithful Innovations" Update

for

**Lay Leaders, Pastors & Licensed Lay Ministers**

## **COMING IN 2019 TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU!**

The Northern Great Lakes Synod invites congregational lay leaders, pastors, and licensed lay ministers to take a journey with us as we re-imagine church in light of today's changing culture. This is a Spirit-led journey in which we are invited to engage the spiritual practices of listening, discerning, experimenting and reflecting.

+ A congregation commits 5-7 lay people to attend training sessions and become part of that congregation's "Guiding Team"

+ 3 Training Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp with monthly ongoing coaching for laity and pastors

**Saturday - June 29, 2019**

**Saturday - September 7, 2019**

**Saturday - November 9, 2019**

### **Key Features of "Faithful Innovations":**

- + Dwelling in the Word
- + Tracing God's Movement in our Lives and Neighborhoods
- + Action Learning Experiments
- + Intentional Reflection

Registration details will be made available as soon as possible.

## **TRANSITIONS**

~ We welcome Mr. Michael Holman to partner with Bethany, Negaunee and Emanuel, Skandia as a Licensed Lay Minister. Michael will be installed by Bishop Katherine Finegan on March 17, 2019 during the regular Sunday morning worship services. May God bless their new partnership.

~ Pastor Andrew Plocher has resigned his call at Grace, Gwinn and accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor at Messiah, Marquette, Pastor Plocher's last Sunday at Grace will be March 10, 2019. We hold both congregations in prayer during this time of transition.



## Prosopon School of Iconology Workshop

**CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:**

### **Prosopon School of Iconology Workshop** **June 2-8, 2019**

For many years the Prosopon School of Iconology (out of New York City) has conducted iconology workshops in Sault Ste. Marie. This year the site is being moved to **Marygrove Retreat Center** in Garden, MI, June 2-8.

During the week each participant is guided through the process of “writing” an icon. It is much more than an art class though! Each day includes prayer and discussion of the theology of the icon and the theology of each of the steps of the process. It provides a glimpse into the rich theology and spirituality of the Eastern Church and winds up being a week of quiet and retreat.

Artistic ability is not a prerequisite! Regardless of ability, you will go home with a beautiful icon!

**The cost is \$850 which includes tuition, room and meals.**

If you are interested please contact Pastor Warren Geier as soon as possible ([pastor@bethanyishpeming.org](mailto:pastor@bethanyishpeming.org); 906-486-4351). He would be happy to answer any questions you might have and provide you with registration materials.

If you appreciate the beauty of icons and want to learn more, this is a great opportunity! Note that this is not just for clergy but is open to everyone.



## 2019 Marked! Events

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

**Attend any event: IT'S FREE!!**

- **Sunday – March 10** at Our Savior's, Marinette 4-7pm CT
- **Sunday – March 17** at Our Redeemer, Newberry 4-7pm ET
- **Sunday – March 31** at Faith, Calumet 4-7pm ET
- **Sunday – April 7** at Ascension, Minocqua 4-7pm CT

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

1. **Collect financial donations for Lutheran Disaster Response.** Join a friendly competition to see which church can raise the most financial donations (prorated by average worship attendance).
2. **Collect items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Bring donated items along to your MARKED! Event and we'll assemble the kits together.**

**Each kit needs:**

- **1 light-weight bath-size towel** (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- **2 or 3 Bath-size bars of soap** equaling 8 to 9 oz., **any brand**, in original wrapper (please, **NO mini soap bars from hotels**)
- **1 Adult-size toothbrush** in its original packaging

- 1 Sturdy comb
- 1 Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**

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**You are invited to the Installation of Michael Holman  
as Licensed Lay Minister  
at Bethany, Negaunee and Emanuel, Skandia  
On Sunday March 17, 2019.**

**The rite will take place during the regular Sunday morning  
worship  
Emanuel, Skandia at 9:00am  
Bethany, Negaunee at 11:00am**

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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.

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).



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

**What is your congregation doing to share  
God's love in your community?**

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!

**We are in need of more Synod Snapshot articles!**



**Northern Great Lakes  
Synod Assembly, ELCA**

**2019  
Announcement!**

**Synod Assembly 2019** will be at **Bay College** and  
the **ELCA Lutheran Churches** in

# **Escanaba/Gladstone Michigan**

**on May 16, 17, 18**

**Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon**

**More Display Space and Time to Visit Displays!**

**Meet ELCA Representative, Victoria Flood**

**Attend Two Workshops Saturday Afternoon!**

**Enjoy More Fellowship Time!**

**Meet Keynote Speaker, Dwight Zscheile**

**Join us at the Banquet at Terrace Bay Inn Celebrating  
Clergy with Ordination Anniversaries or Retirement and  
Lay School Graduates!**

**Experience a Synod Assembly Worship Service!**

**Come Ready to be Equipped for Ministry!**

***Mark Your Calendars Now!!***

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## **LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER**

- For those who struggle to pay their heating bill during these winter months
- For those who are caregivers
- For congregations who are in pastoral transition

- For all people of faith, as we seek to deepen our understanding and offer authentic witness

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)

**Bishop's Articles for Congregational Newsletters:**  
<https://www.nglsynod.org/newsletter-articles/>



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**Bishop Katherine Finegan**

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