



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

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E-Notes for March 1, 2019

The Season of Epiphany

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The questions we are asking have to do about us: 'What can we do?' It's as if the church's one foundation rests on us and our efforts. I think we need to ask: 'What is God up to?' This takes attention and devotion. Worship, prayer, Scripture study, generosity and service - not in order to save the church, but in response to the new life God has given us in Christ.”

~Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Living Lutheran, February 2019, p. 50

**Pastors & LLM's - Report to the Bishop
Due Today**

**Rostered Leaders and Licensed Lay Ministers:
If you haven't yet submitted your required
annual report to the bishop, please attend to**

this immediately!!
The link for your report is below.

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

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!

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

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_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:

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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:

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_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)

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

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Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Retired:

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Congregational A & C Reports Update

With ELCA having to prepare for the Churchwide Assembly this year, ELCA will be closing the portal for submitting A&C Reports earlier!

Please submit your A&C reports by April 1st!

Here is the link to access the A & C forms: 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.

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



**Northern Great Lakes
Synod Assembly, ELCA**

Update!

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**

Meet ELCA Representative, Victoria Flood

Enjoy More Fellowship Time!
Meet Keynote Speaker, Dwight Zscheile

~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. Right now we are limiting displays to one table per display until we find out how many displays there will be and how many tables we will have available to use.

~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 where Clergy with Ordination Anniversaries or Retirement and Lay School Graduates will be recognized. 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>.



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 is one training opportunity for people interested in learning more information about being a "Mission Interpreter."

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 or call the Synod Office at 906/228-2300.



PROJECT UPDATE - February 2019

Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) is partnering with Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) to help hurricane victims recover in St. Croix, US Virgin Islands. The St. Croix Long-Term Disaster Recovery Mission Frequently Asked Questions document can be found at [St. Croix Mission FAQ- Jan 2019](#). As of the January, 28 homes have been completed. There are 50 more in the queue, and 20 more under consideration. A team of 4 LMM volunteers from 3 states traveled to St. Croix, US Virgin Islands at the end of January to join the effort. They had a very rewarding experience.

You can be part of this effort by volunteering or supporting the projects with your contributions. The work will primarily be related to rafters and roofing, including demolition and re-construction. There are 3 types of volunteers needed, with a real need for experienced carpenters.

They are:

A: Skilled tradesman, no supervision needed.

B: Skilled in tool use, working knowledge of trade, needs limited supervision.

C: General labor.

Both men and women are welcome to volunteer. Participants will only perform tasks within their ability and comfort level. The team will be staying at a former Christian elementary school. Ground transportation, food, and lodging are provided. Volunteers staying 15 days or more, and work on homes 40 hours each of the 2 weeks, will have their airfare, room and board paid for by the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Registration and travel arrangements are coordinated with UMVIM and FEMA. Saturdays are the expected Arrival and Departure days.

To volunteer or contribute, please go to the [LMM Disaster Relief Effort Page](#).

Donations from individuals or congregations are welcome to help support this effort. Funds will be used in a variety of ways, including building materials, tools, LDR staffing and vehicle expenses. For additional details regarding available 2019 dates, volunteering, registering and travel, please contact Lon Buss at lon.buss@lutheranmeninmission.org

Thank you for considering to help with this vital ministry.



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.



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 or 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 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!!



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!!



"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 4-7 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

~ Pastor Terry Frankenstein concluded her ministry with the people of God at Zion, Manistique on February 28. We thank God for her ministry and pray for the people of Zion and Administrative Interim Pastor Steve Gauger during these upcoming months of transition.

~ Pastor Andrew Plocher begins his ministry as Sr. Pastor at Messiah, Marquette on March 18. His installation is April 14 at 3 p.m. ET You are invited to attend! All clergy are invited to vest and color of the day is red.



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; 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.

**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**





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.



**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!

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For all who work outside during the cold winter
- For those who have been worn down by the long winter
- For the March 15/16 Vitality Retreat in the Copper Country
- For newly assigned seminary graduates
- For congregations interviewing potential pastoral leaders
- For those struggling with chronic illness
- For humility and integrity to infiltrate the many divisive national debates
- For our companion synod in Tanzania - the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania
- For our domestic companion synod - the Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA

**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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Rev. Jim Duehring
Assistant to the Bishop/DEM

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