



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

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E-Notes for March 29, 2019

The Season of Lent

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Corporate confession refocuses us on God’s will. We are given grace to mend divisions and seek reconciliation in our community and in the world. Joined together as Christ’s body, we become bearers of great love and forgiveness, revealing God’s power and grace for the sake of the world.”

~*Gather* magazine, September 2018 issue, p. 19

A Frequently Asked Question About Synod Assembly

If I’m not a Synod Assembly Voting Member,
can I still participate in some

Synod Assembly events?

YES!!!

All are welcome to:

~Saturday Afternoon Workshops May 18

at Bay College, Escanaba

Register and pay \$5.00 at

<https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/workshops/orderform/>

~Opening Worship: Bethany, Escanaba

on Thursday, May 16

at 7:00pm

~The Banquet: Terrace Bay Inn

on Friday, May 17

at 6:00pm

Register and pay at

<https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/workshops/orderform/>

~ Holden Evening Prayer at First, Gladstone

on Friday May 17,

at 8:30pm following the banquet.

No registration necessary.

Nominations

for

Synod Secretary and Synod Vice-President

are now being received.

Please review the descriptions below of these volunteer positions and if you or any one you know in the Northern

Great Lakes Synod comes to mind, click this link: <https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/nomination-form-for-synod-position/>, complete a Nomination Form and click "**Send Nomination**" button!

Synod Secretary

†**S8.31.** The secretary shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The secretary shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The secretary may be either a lay person or a minister of Word and Sacrament.

†**S8.32.** The secretary shall:

a. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Synod Assembly, be responsible for the printing and distribution of such minutes, and perform such other duties as this synod may from time to time direct.

b. Be authorized and empowered, in the name of this synod, to attest all instruments which require the same, and which are signed and sealed by the bishop.

c. In consultation with the bishop, classify and arrange all important papers and documents and deposit them in the archives of this synod.

d. Submit to the secretary of this church at least nine months before each regular Churchwide Assembly a certified list of the voting members elected by the Synod Assembly.

Synod Vice-President

†**S8.21.** The vice president shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The vice president shall be a layperson. The vice

president shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The vice president shall not receive a salary for the performance of the duties of the office..

S8.22. The vice president shall chair the Synod Council.

S8.23. In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of the bishop, the vice president, after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the conduct of the duties of the bishop until a new bishop shall be elected or, in the case of temporary disability, until the bishop resumes full performance of the duties of the office.

Is your Constitution up to date?

Avoid the rush before January congregational meetings. Begin the process now! With the Churchwide Assembly in August, new required updates are on the horizon. Form a team now to begin a review of your constitution. If it's been a few years, begin with the current model constitution found at http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Model_Constitution_for_Congregations_2016.doc?_ga=2.23401470.535700308.1553779167-988264540.1542743346

**Contact Pastor Jim Duehring or
Synod Secretary Doug Johnson with any questions.**



Are you a pastor with musical gifts? Do you sing or play an instrument? We want you to join us in the NGLS Pastors Band for synod Assembly. Contact Lucas Wickstrom at 906/204-6800 or lucas@lucas.net.

TRANSITIONS

~We celebrate with the congregations of Bethany, Negaunee and Emanuel, Skandia at the Installation of their new **Licensed Lay Minister, Michael Holman**. LLM Michael was installed by Bishop Finegan during the Sunday morning worship on March 17, 2019. May God bless their new partnership!

~ **Pastor Andrew Plocher** begins his ministry as Sr. Pastor at Messiah, Marquette (305 W. Magnetic Street) on March 18. His installation is April 14 at 3 p.m. ET. You are invited to attend! Clergy and LLM's are invited to vest and the color of the day is red.



Synod Assembly, ELCA

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.

Early voter registration deadline is April 5th! Any registration received in the Synod Office after 5 p.m. ET on that date will be charged the Late Fee of \$145.

~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. **Spaces are being reserved quickly so don't wait too long!**

~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

Northern Great Lakes Synod Fall 2019 Theological Conference and Retreat

Mark your calendars now!

Who: **All Clergy and Licenced Lay Ministers**
(Spouses and families are also invited)

Where: **Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island**

When: **Sunday, October 6 - Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

With: **North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA**
Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA

Presenter: **Rev. Matthew L. Becker, Ph.D.**,
Professor of Theology, Valparaiso University

***For more information and to download a registration form,
click this link:***

<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/pdf2019/Fall%202019%20Theological%20Conference%20Brochure.pdf>

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2019



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 31 at Faith, Calumet 4-7pm ET

Sunday – April 7 at Ascension, Minocqua 4-7pm CT

**PLEASE CALL IN YOUR PROJECTED NUMBERS
ON THE MONDAY BEFORE THE EVENT!!!**

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.



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.



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.

Is Your Church Interested in a Baby Grand Piano?

The baby grand piano is a 5 foot, 1912 Kimball. The current owner intends the piano to go to a church, not for private use. If a congregation is interested in the baby grand piano, please contact the Synod Office, 906-228-2300.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- Farmers and ranchers and all who are suffering from the destructive power of floods.
- The people of Idai in Mozambique who are devastated by a recent cyclone.
- For the Church Council of the ELCA who is meeting. May God guide their discussion and decisions.
- For all those weighed down by grief, pain, despair, and health challenges. We pray for relief, for hope, for renewal in body and spirit.

For all those fleeing violence and unrest. May they find welcome, new possibilities, and a compassionate response.

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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