



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

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E-Notes for June 17, 2019

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

Viktor Frankl, [Man's Search for Meaning](#)

Rostered Leaders in First 3 Years of Call:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The 2019 FCTE (First Call Theological Education) Fall Conference will be held November 10-13 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.



Retired Clergy, Spouses, and Widows Summer Gathering

You Are Invited!

When: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. CT

**Where: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 900 Central Avenue
in Florence, WI.**

Who's Cooking: Elaine Johnson (Pastor Doug's wife)

Why: Because we enjoy spending time with you!

**Please join Bishop Katherine Finegan, Pastor Jim Duehring,
Louise and Betsy for lunch, a short program and fellowship!**

Please RSVP by Monday, July 1st!

**Call the Synod Office at 906/228-2300
or email Louise at louise@nglsynod.org.**



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 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

Try to send any constitutional updates to the Synod Office for review by October 1 - prior to January 2020 Annual

All Clergy and Seminarians:

**Are you interested in an
Ecumenical Civil Rights Pilgrimage
from Memphis to Montgomery this fall (October 21-24)?**

Wisconsin Council of Churches will be taking one bus of faith leaders (seats 25) on a pilgrimage starting in Memphis, travel through Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery.

Participants will be responsible for getting themselves to the trip origin in Memphis, and home from the finish point in Memphis. Cost is \$495 per person (shared room)/\$695 per person (single room) covers most costs. Seats on the bus are first-come, first-serve. Registration is secured with a \$200 down-payment on the website or by check received in our offices.

For more information on how to register, visit this link:

[online registration link](#)

Please contact Rev. Kerri Parker, Executive Director
Wisconsin Council of Churches



Mission Interpreters Needed

Pastor Jim is still looking for Mission Interpreters. Mission Interpreters visit a congregation and thank people for their mission support and tell the mission story of our synod. God is at work and these stories need

to be told! If you like your church, and don't mind speaking in front of people, perhaps God is calling you to be a Mission Interpreter. Call Pastor Jim Duehring at the Synod Office to learn more: 906-228-2300.

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 16, 2019

Bishop's Newsletter Article

All congregations are encouraged to add the Bishop's newsletter article for July/August in their own newsletters. The article can be found by clicking this link: <https://www.nglsynod.org/newsletter-articles/>.



Congregational leaders are encouraged to check out the wide variety of resources available online. Go to www.elca.org/stewardship or www.nglsynod.org/stewardship. Contact Pastor Jim Duehring in the Synod Office (906-228-2300) if you would like him to visit with your congregation about stewardship.

TRANSITIONS

~ We celebrate with Prince of Peace, Marquette as they install their new pastor, Rev. Don Ludemann. The worship service will take place Sunday, June 23 at 3pm. The color of the day is red. Clergy and LLM's are invited to vest and process.

~We welcome Pastor-Elect Brenda Greenwald who has accepted the call to serve St. Stephen's, Stephenson and Gethsemane, Wallace. Pastor-Elect Brenda preached her first Sunday there on June 9th. She will be ordained at her home congregation in Colorado on July 14th by Bishop Finegan. May God bless their new partnership.

~ We rejoice with Messiah, Marquette as they welcome Pastor-Elect Molly Eversoll who accepted the call to serve as their Associate Pastor. She will begin her ministry the week of July 8th. Pastor-Elect Eversoll will be ordained by Bishop Finegan in Roscoe, Illinois on August 3rd and her installation at Messiah will take place this Fall. God bless new beginnings!

~ We welcome Pastor Renee MacLeod as she begins serving as interim pastor for Zion, Allenville and Bethel, Cedarville!



Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly, ELCA

Another Synod Assembly in the books!

THANK YOU!

~**To the Bell Choir.** For beautiful music for our opening worship and at Holden Evening prayer.

~**To the Vocal Choir.** For Enriching opening worship.

~**To the Youth/Pastor Band.** Great music and leadership for our Closing worship.

~**To all the worship participants, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants, and more.** So many are needed to make things happen.

~**To Delta Conference congregations** for providing so many tasty snacks

~**To Bay College** for hosting us so graciously.

~**To the Terrace Bay Inn for owning that the service and food was sub-par at our banquet. They have refunded almost half of our expense and furnished us with gift certificates that will serve as door prizes for our Walking Together Events in the Fall. Must be present to win!**

~ **To our Rostered Leaders celebrating milestone years of ministry:**

65 years - Rev. Ingmar Levin and Rev. Les Niemi

55 years - Rev. Rell Spickerman

50 years - Rev. Paul Raappana

25 years - Rev. Maxine Gray, and Lenora Tahtinen (Deaconness)

Retirement - Rev. Mike Laakko

~ **To our Lay School Graduates:** Donna Ahlberg & Matt Johnson

~ **And Thank You to all who attended!**

**If you have never been,
please consider coming next year when we meet**



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Summer camping season is in full swing at Fortune Lake!
Go to www.fortunelake.org.



Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

New resources for observing Migrant and Refugee Sunday are now available at www.lirs.org/migrant-refugee-sunday. Consider how you might use some of these resources in the weeks of June:

- On World Refugee Day, June 20, celebrations throughout the United States and the world commemorate the strength, courage and resilience of millions of refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide who have been forced to flee their homes due to war, conflict and persecution.

The all-new resources for Migrant and Refugee Sunday include commentaries written by former refugees for preaching on the lessons for Pentecost, a Pentecost/World Refugee Day Litany, Prayer Petitions for June, and other worship and education materials that will be updated each month. Check out the website www.lirs.org/migrant-refugee-sunday to find images, language, and stories to enrich and support your congregation's call to welcome the stranger and to celebrate our oneness in the body

of Christ.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For all traveling this summer
- For newly elected bishops of the ELCA
- For congregations discerning new pastoral leadership
- For campers going to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp this summer
- For God's people to be reminded during this Pentecost season that God's Spirit is among us
- For congregations hosting VBS programs

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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