



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

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**E-Notes for July 31, 2019**

# **The Season of Pentecost**

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Not everyone may come along on the journey; recall that a generation died in the biblical wilderness. Yet when Innovation is not leader-driven and coercive, when people don't feel like they are being managed into a future they don't understand or is uprooted from the past, and when they are given space to grieve losses and try things on at their own pace, transformation becomes a shared work."

Dwight Zscheile, [The Agile Church](#), p. 128



# 2019 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 5-10, 2019 • MILWAUKEE

Churchwide Assembly is August 5 – August 10 in Milwaukee, WI. under the theme, “We are Church”. The week will be packed with prayerful discernment, inspired worship, productive discussion, and engaging fellowship. The anticipated highlights include:

~The election of a new presiding bishop or the affirmation of the call of the incumbent, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

~The consideration of various memorials and resolutions

~The celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ordination of women in our church body.

~Dinner with our domestic synod companion, the Delaware-Maryland Synod

~The election of a new Churchwide Secretary as Rev. Chris Boerger is retiring

~Review the new Social Statement, “Faith, Sexism, and Justice”

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Faith\\_Sexism\\_Justice\\_User\\_Guide.pdf?](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Faith_Sexism_Justice_User_Guide.pdf?fbclid=IwAR16CtCAiCs0FIQ4epPoV9uxNa5R1top-fl2_0CkZcqeiJk2QRepgFOd89w)

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Please keep those attending from the Northern Great Lakes Synod in your prayers:

Evan Rein of Ascension, Minocqua

Mary Lou Blomquist of Messiah, Marquette

Rink Pink of Zion, Manistique

Chuck Thomas of First, Gladstone

Rev. Terry Frankenstein

Rev. Doug Johnson of Bethlehem, Florence  
and Bishop Katherine Finegan



**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.**

**Ask you pastor or interim pastor how to sign up!**

## **Fall 2019 Schedule**

**Conference 1** Sunday Oct. 20 **All Saints, Wakefield**  
2:00-5:30 pm Meal-5:30 pm

**Conference 2** Sunday Sep. 22 **Holy Trinity, Chassell**  
4:00-7:00 pm Meal-6:00 pm

**Conference 3** Saturday Oct. 26 **Prince of Peace, Eagle River**

9:00-11:30 am Snacks

**Conference 4** Saturday Oct. 19 **Bethany, Norway**

9:00-11:30 am To be determined

**Conference 5** Thursday Oct. 17 **Gethsemane, Wallace**

5:30-8:00 pm To be determined

**Conference 6** Thursday Oct. 24 **Immanuel, Escanaba**

5:30-8:00 am Meal-5:30 pm

**Conference 7** Saturday Oct. 5 **Zion, St. Ignace**

11:15 am-2:30 pm Meal-11:30 am

**Conference 8** Thursday Nov. 7 **Bethany, Ishpeming**

5:30-8:00 pm Meal-5:30 pm

**The Synod Staff and conference leadership are  
planning a positive and energizing event!**

## **Northern Great Lakes Synod 2019 Fall Theological Conference and Retreat**

# **Register 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**



## **Job Position Open for New Office Administrator**

With the upcoming retirement of Louise Ingalls, we are seeking qualified job applicants for the position of “Office Administrator”.

Résumés with a cover letter may be sent via email to [ngls@nglsynod.org](mailto:ngls@nglsynod.org) or mailed via US Postal Service to:

Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA  
c/o Bishop Katherine Finegan  
1029 North Third St., Suite A  
Marquette, MI 49855

Applications will be accepted through August 11. Interviews for the position of Office Administrator will begin in mid-August. The newly hired “Office Administrator” will be trained in by Louise for a two-week period beginning September 23 up until Louise’s retirement.





## 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).

## 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](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 Meetings!**



## Women's Fall Retreat

September 20 - 22, 2019

at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

**Registration Deadline: August 15, 2019**

Click this link to get more information and registration form:

<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls-welca/2019-05.pdf>

### 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

## 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.



### 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.

### 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](http://www.elca.org/stewardship) or





[www.nglsynod.org/stewardship](http://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.

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## TRANSITIONS

~ Pastor-Elect Molly Eversoll will be ordained by Bishop Finegan in Roscoe, Illinois on August 3rd. She has been called to be the Associate Pastor at Messiah, Marquette.

~ Pastor Kellan Weyer has resigned from his call at Mission United, Pelkie. He and his wife, Whitney, will return to Minneapolis where Pastor Weyer will begin a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education. We wish them the very best.

~ Pastor DJ Rasner will begin a new call as Intentional Interim at Mission United, Pelkie during this time of transition. God bless their efforts together.



**FORTUNE LAKE**

*A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI*

**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Fall Fest**  
Saturday, October 5, 2019

# Quilt & Fine Arts Auction

**Previewing** 9:00 - 11:00 am - FLLC Chapel

**Buffet Brunch** (Dining Hall): 9:00 - 10:30 am

**Market** (Dining Hall): homemade breads & pies

**Country Store** (Chapel): small handcrafted  
items and gifts, artwork, etc.

**Auction begins promptly at 11:00 am**

Go to [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org)



**Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service**

For more information on Lutheran Immigration and Refugee  
Services may be found at [www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org).

## LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- The Churchwide Assembly, August 5-10 as we gather to be Church together.
- For all of our congregations in transition
- For all who are discerning a call to ministry
- For congregational leaders and members as we strive to live our faith and participate in God's purposes
- For those who are grieving
- For abundant and growing gardens, that all may be fed.

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**