



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

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**E-Notes for October 2, 2019**

# **The Season of Pentecost**

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"The church it is the people, living out their lives;  
Called, enlightened, sanctified, for the work of  
Jesus Christ."

*The Church Song, Jay Beech, 1988, used by permission*



**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 your pastor or interim pastor how to sign up!**

**Pastors, please contact your Conference President and the Synod Office one week prior to your event with how many from your congregation will be attending. Numbers are needed for handouts and meal planning.**

***Updated*  
Fall 2019 Schedule**

**Conference 1 at All Saints, Wakefield**

Sunday - October 20

2:00-5:30 pm Meal-5:30 pm

**Conference 3 at Prince of Peace, Eagle River**

Saturday - October 26

9:00-11:30 am Snacks

**Conference 4 at Bethany, Norway**

Saturday - October 19

9:00-11:30 am Meal-11:30 am

**Conference 5 at Gethsemane, Wallace**

Thursday - October 17

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

**Conference 6 at Immanuel, Escanaba**

Thursday - October 24

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

**Conference 7 at Zion, St. Ignace**

Saturday - October 5


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

**Conference 8 at Bethany, Ishpeming**

Thursday - November 7

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

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



# **CROP Hunger Walk** *and* **The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*Walking together to end hunger!*

**Join a team and walk  
[crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org)**



## **CROP Hunger Walks Stepping Up to End Hunger Since 1969**

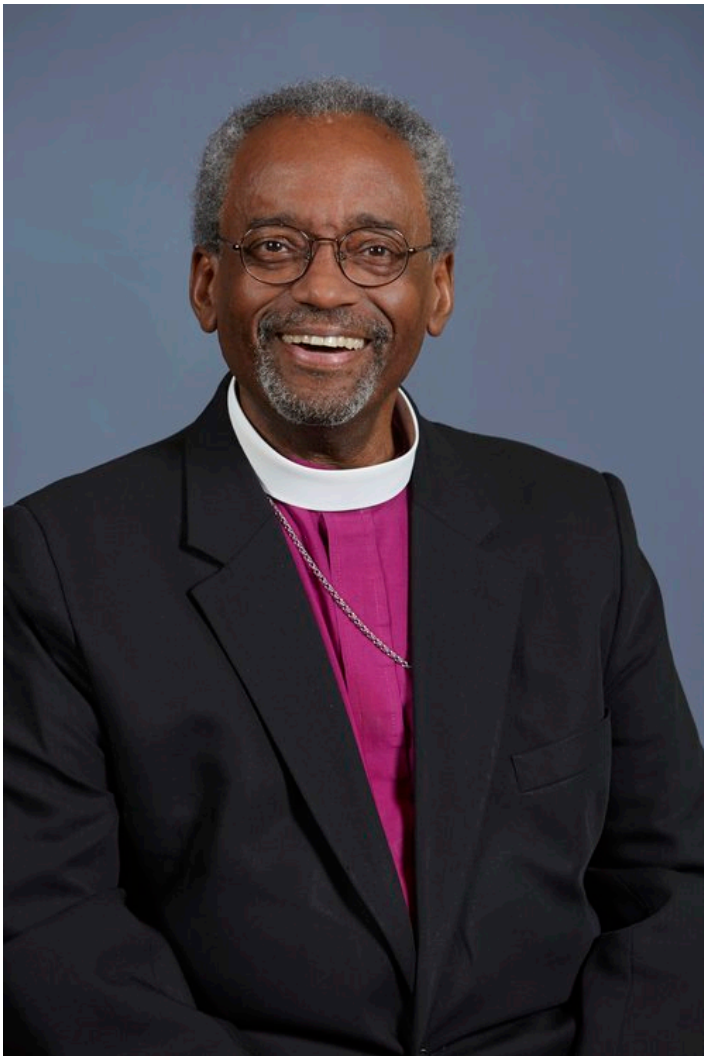
Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the national CROP Hunger Walk movement, CROP Hunger Walks continue to raise millions of dollars each year to help end hunger and poverty through long-term sustainable approaches to significantly reduce or eliminate hunger. In each CROP Hunger Walk community, 25% of money raised comes back to local agencies. Across the country, over 1600 local agencies



receive funds from CROP Hunger Walks

This year some 800 communities nationwide are joining together in interfaith CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "Stepping up to End Hunger Since 1969." The CROP Hunger Walk was started in 1969 by a group of energized young people in Bismarck, North Dakota who wanted to mobilize their community to fight global hunger. Today, the CROP Hunger Walk is a national movement raising funds for the global hunger-fighting work of Church World Service and local hunger-fighting agencies. Last year, over 800 events raised over \$8 million dollars.

Click here for more information or to find a local Walk near you: [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org).



## **A Royal Preacher is Coming to NMU!**

**The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2019**  
**Free tickets: [lam.ec/UPrevival](http://lam.ec/UPrevival)**

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, is traveling around the United States and beyond, offering a series of revivals.

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, partnering with the Northern Great Lakes Synod ELCA will host Revival UP North on Sunday, October 13 in the ballrooms of the Don H. Bottum University

Center (1401 Presque Isle Ave.,  
Marquette, MI 49855) on the campus  
of Northern Michigan University.  
**Doors will open at 4:00 pm with  
the event beginning at 5:00 pm.**



Portico's Board of Trustees has approved health plan and benefit changes for 2020, featuring new ways for ELCA-Primary members to save on out-of-pocket costs and strengthen their emotional well-being. You can read more at [PorticoBenefits.org/2020rates](https://PorticoBenefits.org/2020rates).

Custom Comparison Reports will be available by the end of August to congregations who will make their selections in October. Members will complete benefits enrollment in November.

**Attention all Council Presidents:** A letter from Portico explaining the new health plan and benefit changes will be included in the next congregational mailing.



## 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).

## 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 September/October, "Sanctuary...What Does This Mean?" 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



## TRANSITIONS

~ **Pastor Molly Eversoll** will be installed as the Associate Pastor at Messiah Lutheran, Marquette, Michigan at 4pm Eastern Time on Sunday, October 27. Clergy are encouraged to vest with the color of the day being red.

~ **Pastor Brenda Greenwald** will be installed as Pastor of St. Stephen of Stephenson, Michigan and Gethsemane, Wallace, Michigan at 3pm Central Time on Sunday, November 17. Clergy are encouraged to vest with the color of the day being red.

~ We welcome to our synod **Pastor Brahm Semmler Smith** and **Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith**. **Pastor Brahm** started serving as pastor at Gloria Dei, Hancock, Michigan on September 23 with his installation date set for Sunday, November 10.

~**Pastor Sarah Semler Smith** was installed as Finlandia's Campus Pastor as part of Finlandia's "[By Faith](#)" festivities during the community worship honoring the Suomi Seminary on Sunday, September 22 at the Chapel of St. Matthew.



# 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 (CT) - 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)

## **Youth Retreat for Grades 3-6**

**October 11-12, 2019**

This fast-paced overnight will cram in games, Bible studies, new and old friends, and loads of general silliness! It's perfect for first-timers or returners who can't wait 'til next summer.

Bring a group from your church!

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

# Adoptive & Foster Families Retreat

November 1-3, 2019

After a hiatus, this meaningful weekend returns with opportunities for adoptive and foster families to connect, discuss unique situations their families face, and enjoy all the fun and relaxation camp has to offer.

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



Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service

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

## LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For leaders during times of turmoil
- For those looking for meaningful work
- For those struggling with chronic illness
- For congregations awaiting a new pastor
- For the congregations of our synod involved in the Faithful

Innovations cohort

- For those harvesting

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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