



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for November 15, 2019

The Season of Pentecost

Quote of the Day

"We are smarter than I."

~unknown



The Conference 8 meeting was rescheduled due to inclement weather. So, if you missed your Walking Together event, you are invited to join us for the very last one:

Conference 8--location to be determined, stay tuned!

**Thursday, December 12
5:30-8 pm Meal-5:30 pm**



Autumn in the Superior Central Conference

Seasons of the Synod Photo Contest

In an effort to make our Synod office more representative of the people and areas we serve, we would like to feature seasonal nature photographs from each of our 8 conferences on our office walls. If you have a nature photo for consideration, please send it our way!

In your submission message please include your first and last name, conference, and a short description of the area in which your picture was taken.

Photos should be in JPG format, landscape orientation and high resolution for enlargement purposes. Submissions will be accepted through November 30, 2019.

[Submit Your Photograph Here](#)



Wednesday Noon Live

Join the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin the first Wednesday of each month at noon for updates on legislation and an interview with a guest via [Facebook Live](#)! The next Wednesday Noon Live will take place December 4, 2019.



LOPPW on Facebook



Renaming Notes & Quotes Contest

Our Synod newsletter, Notes & Quotes, is getting a new name,
and we need your help!

Please click the button below to submit your idea(s). Submissions will be accepted through December 31, 2019 and a prize will be awarded to the person with the winning idea.

[**Submit Your Newsletter Idea Here**](#)



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake

Visit www.fortunelake.org for more details and to register!

Winter Wonderland Retreat

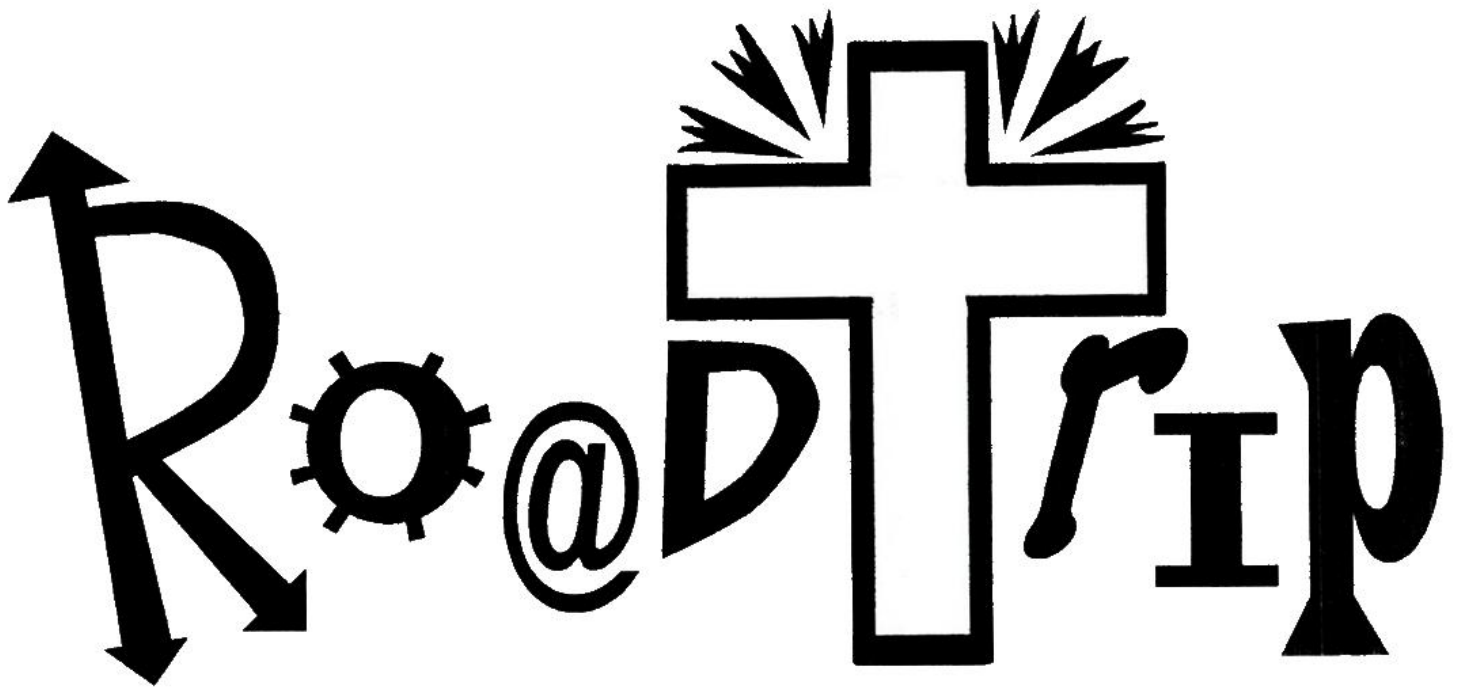
January 17-19, 2020

This snowy getaway will include sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and possibly even ice skating. Downhill packages for Ski Brule can be purchased for an additional fee. Prefer indoor activities? The sauna will be lit, the hot drinks will abound with board games aplenty!

Jr. High & High School Youth Retreat

February 7-8, 2020

Come to camp in the winter to reconnect with God, reunite with other campers and former staff, and rejuvenate your faith. There will be camp-style worship, sauna, authentic conversation and (maybe?) sleep.



Synod Youth Gathering in Delaware-Maryland Synod

Our domestic companion synod is the Delaware-Maryland Synod. They have graciously invited our high school youth to attend their High School Youth Gathering, "RoadTrip," January 24-26, 2020 in Ocean City, Maryland. This gracious invite includes their covering the cost of registration (\$250). They will also provide transportation from the nearby airport. If a high school youth from the Northern Great Lakes Synod is interested in this event, please contact Pastor Stacy Pethke at (906) 202-4415 or pastor.stacyp@gmail.com. There is the possibility of some financial support from the Northern Great Lakes Synod for the flight to Maryland. For more information and event details, visit the Delaware-Maryland Synod [website](#).

Clergy Spouse Conference
January 31 - February 2, 2020

Join ELCA Clergy Spouses from Wisconsin and Upper Michigan for a weekend at the Country Inn & Suites in Iron Mountain, MI. The weekend will be an informal, fun time with valuable workshops, good food, lots of laughter and fellowship.

Barbara Solsaa, owner and director of Clergy Life Coaching will be joining us again this year as our program leader. There will also be time throughout the weekend to visit the alpacas at Rainbow's End Alpacas in Norway, participate in a service project, go shopping and explore the Iron Mountain area, swim in the hotel pool or enjoy time on your own.

Click [here](#) for complete event details and to register.

The registration deadline is January 14, 2020.



Clergy Life Coaching

Northern Great Lakes Synod
presents

Professional Leader's Retreat

February 9-10, 2020

Ramada Inn
Marquette, MI



Dr. Lois Malcom
Luther Seminary

Life in the Spirit

As churches become more anxious about the future, more intentional reliance upon the Holy Spirit is being encouraged. But what does that mean, exactly? What does that look like? Come and consider together the work of the Holy Spirit in pastoral and congregational leadership and the power of spiritual discernment to inspire mission and ministry.

Clergy, spouses and families are all welcome at this event! Click [here](#) for complete event details and to register. The deadline to register is January 10, 2020.

Marked Events

Once again, the Synod Youth Committee is encouraging confirmation age youth to attend one of these Marked Events offered in our

Synod. It's a chance to meet new friends, participate in a service project, sing, play games, worship and eat. Mark your calendars and encourage your confirmation age youth and leaders to join us...



Sunday, March 22 at Messiah Lutheran, Marquette, 4-7 pm ET

Sunday, April 19 at Our Redeemer, Newberry, 4-7 pm ET

Sunday, April 26 at First Lutheran, Iron River, 4-7 pm CT



How is Your Spirit?

Pastors are constantly sharing the love of Christ through word, sacrament, and caring. In order to keep their ministry at a high level for years to follow, pastors also need time to receive and rejuvenate. There are options available for retreat, sabbath, and spiritual direction. Maybe you have taken advantage of these options and maybe not. We would like to help you out. Please take two minutes, click this [link](#), and take the survey, so we can find the best way to help you out.



daily devotions

Prayfaithfully Devotions

Check out [Prayfaithfully](#) on our Synod website!

People from the Northern Great Lakes Synod write weekly devotionals.

Make daily devotions a part of your routine, you'll be blessed by this inspiring discipline. Check out our upcoming devotions:

November 17-23 by Donna Ahlberg

November 24-30 by Pastor Maxine Gray

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.



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.**



Congregational leaders are encouraged to check out the wide variety of resources available online at the [ELCA](#) and [NGLS](#). If you would like Pastor Jim

Duehring to visit with your congregation about stewardship, please contact him at the Synod Office (906) 228-2300.



Tithe.ly

Tithe.ly Giving Option Webinar

As many of you are aware, Tithe.ly is one of the Preferred Vendors for ELCA congregations. While their initial services emphasized online giving, this partner is growing rapidly and is announcing new digital tools to help congregations grow, especially small congregations. This would include Church Management Software and Web Design Services. Pricing will start as low as \$9 per month.

Tithe.ly now has more than 500 congregations using their online giving. We already have more than 160 congregations signed up for this webinar announcement.

Through Tithe.ly, donation forms are integrated into the congregation's website and a mobile app instead of sending donors to third-party sites. Donors have the option to make one-time or recurring gifts to provide more consistent giving. Tithe.ly can work with every ELCA congregation.

Learn more at: <https://get.tithe.ly/elca>



Another Electronic Giving Option

Vanco makes handling donations easy for church administrative staff and offers churches new ways to increase donations by making it convenient for members to donate. GivePlus also integrates with the most popular names in church management software to reduce the amount of time spent on reconciling offerings. Along with Tithe.ly, Vanco is one of the preferred giving options for ELCA congregations.

To learn more about GivePlus and the benefits of this preferred vendor agreement, go to www.giveplus.com/elca.

Transitions

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.

Pastor Doug Norquist resigns his call at Community Lutheran of Palmer and Suomi to accept a call at St. Paul's Ironwood. Pastor Doug's last

Sunday at Community Lutheran will be November 24. Pastor Doug begins his ministry at St. Paul on December 15. Installation date to be determined.

Virginia Paulson has been appointed as Administrative Interim Lay Minister for Community Lutheran of Palmer and Suomi. She begins her interim ministry on December 1.

Pastor Don Ludemann began his duties as Administrative Interim Pastor at Bethany, Republic on November 1.



Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Visit the LIRS [website](#) to learn how you can offer hope to migrant families and children who find themselves separated from loved ones this holiday season.

Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For Pastor Steve Gauger and family at the death of his father
- For our nation in the midst of political turmoil
- For pastoral candidates interviewing for a call
- For UP Wild, an ecumenical effort of our synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan and Mission Developer, Lanni Lantto
- For vulnerable children
- For congregations to have courage to trust God and experiment

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org for weekly
Breath Prayer and Daily Devotions

Visit the Northern Great Lakes Synod
website: www.nglsynod.org

**Link to the Bishop's Articles for
Congregational Newsletters:**
<https://www.nglsynod.org/newsletter-articles/>



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