



Northern Great Lakes Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for June 29, 2021

The Season of Pentecost

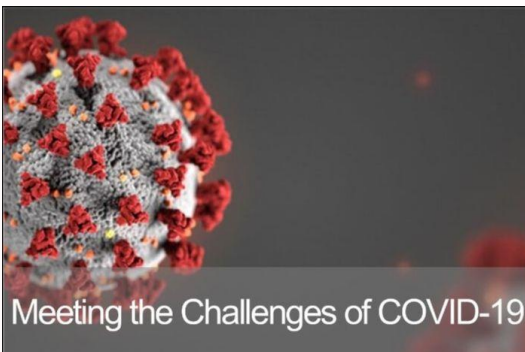
Word of the Day

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams
as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
Your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

~ELW #887, vs 1,3





On the Web & Quick Links



COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Tool

Donate Online to the Northern Great Lakes Synod

[🔗](#) Check out more resources on the NGLS website

-  Like us on Facebook
-  Link to Prayfaithfully Daily Devotions
-  Subscribe to the NGLS YouTube Channel
-  July Prayer Calendar

News & Information

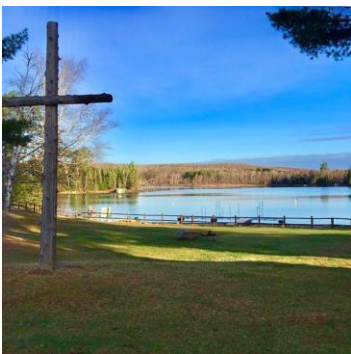


Synod Office Hours

Our office has slightly different hours on Fridays this summer.

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-5 pm ET

Friday: 8 am-4 pm ET



Event for Pastors, Deacons, Licensed Lay Ministers & their Families

The Northern Great Lakes Synod invites you to join us for "Seeking Shalom: Post-Pandemic Wholeness and Health" **August 18-20** at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!

We could all use a time and a place of stillness to listen to the voice of the Spirit within one's heart, nature, the world, and one's faith tradition. In partnership with Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center, the NGLS will offer a program to care for

and strengthen your spirit. Details and event registration available for download [here on our website](#). **The registration deadline is Friday, July 16.**

Seeking Shalom, Seeking Musicians

We are seeking musicians to help out with the healing service at our Seeking Shalom event for Pastors, Deacons and LLMs at Fortune Lake, **Thursday, August 19, 7 pm CT**. If you are a cantor, play the piano, guitar, flute, or other instrument and are available to share your musical talent with us, please email Pastor Grant Van Lishout at gvanlishout@fspa.org.



2022 Youth Gathering Updates

Check out the [latest edition of gNews](#) for information about Getting Ready Materials, volunteer applications and more!

Books Available for Borrowing!

The NGLS Synodical Women's Organization board have accumulated some books that are available to read! SWO Board member Dawn Holmgren would be able to send any of the following titles to anyone



interested. For more information or to request a book, please email Dawn at dmholmgren10@gmail.com.

- *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander
- *And Don't Call Me a Racist!* by Ella Mazel
- *Dismantling Racism: The Continuing Challenge to White America* by Joseph Barndt
- *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* by Beverly Daniel Tatum
- *Battered Women: From a Theology of Suffering to an Ethic of Empowerment* by Joy M.K. Bussert
- *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich
- *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult
- *Walk Tall: Affirmations for People of Color* by Carleen Brice
- *Crying Wind* by Linda Stafford
- *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving



Save the Dates for Walking Together Events this Fall!

You are invited! Our Walking Together events will include idea generating conversation, encourage creative solutions, and offer the blessing of being church together with other congregations in your area. You are welcome to attend an event in a neighboring Conference, and next year, Conferences 1,2,4, and 6 will host. A flyer is available [here](#) on our website.

Conference 8 Superior Central

Thursday, September 16 at 5:30 pm ET

Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI

Conference 3 Headwaters

Sunday, September 19 at 12:30 pm CT

at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rhinelander, WI

Conference 5 Menominee Valley

Saturday, September 18 at 9:30 am CT

Porterfield Lutheran Church in Porterfield, WI

Conference 7 Three Lakes

Sunday, September 26 at 3:30 pm ET

Faith Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie, MI



Leadership Coaching in our Synod

Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Jim Duehring, is an ELCA trained coach through CoachNet. **He is available for free coaching sessions** for interested and motivated individuals within our synod. Whether you are a rostered leader or a lay leader in your congregation, you might benefit from coaching.

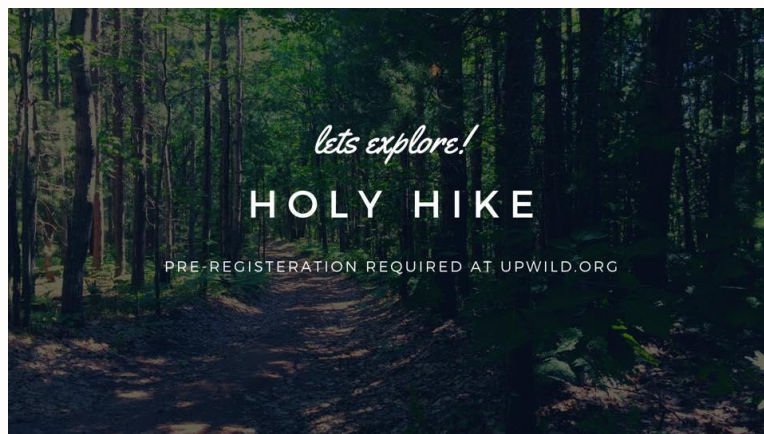
- Coaching is a posture of helping someone achieve a goal.

- Deep listening happens and a supportive relationship is developed.
- ELCA Coaching is an interactive process between three people: the leader, the coach, and the Holy Spirit.
- Coaching trusts the Holy Spirit will guide, enlighten, and empower the process of self-discovery, marshal the needed resources to accomplish what is desired, and empower the change to achieve the desired results.
- Coaching is about growth, change, and results.
- It believes that the answers to what a leader wants to do lie within the leader.
- The task of the coach is to draw those out by creating the opportunity for the “ah-ha” moments of discovery.

It is the hope of our Synod Vitality Team to build up a culture of coaching within our synod to help individuals and congregational systems grow in faith and vitality!

Contact Pastor Jim at (906) 228-2300 with your questions or interest around coaching.

Upcoming Events



Upcoming UP Wild Events

Kids Foraging Adventure | Saturday, July 17 at 10:30 am | In Person at Lakenenland

We will guide our little ones on a mini foraging adventure looking for 3-4 different plants that are native to our area and edible/medicinal. Kids will be given a little adventurer booklet to identify plants and mark which ones they find. We will be guided by a mother of 3 who is excited to share with others her love of and wonder for the plants we often overlook in our own backyard. Donations of \$10 appreciated to cover costs. Email lanni@upwild.org to register.

Prayer Sit In | Thursday, July 22 at 8 pm ET | In Person & Facebook Live

We are organizing groups of people interested in mobile prayer stations that will go out to places in need of prayer or healing. This month's location will be Little Presque Isle and our prayer focus will be protecting the sacredness of water and our Great Lakes Watershed from shoreline industrialization. If you'd like to be included in this monthly group please [contact Lanni](#).

Nature Prayer Service | Sunday, July 25 at 4 pm ET | In Person

Our nature prayer services take place EVERY LAST Sunday of each month beginning in July and are always located at Presque Isle. Easy to access with bathrooms available. We gather for an opening reflection on a revolving topic, a couple poems are read by our members, we offer prayers collectively, allow for solo time to explore nature and end in community discussion/snacks. All are welcome including children.





Council Presidents' Seminar Series

The next Zoom meeting with Chuck Thomas and Ray Miller will be **Thursday, July 22 at 7 pm ET/6 pm CT**. More information is available [here](#) and the Zoom link was emailed out last week. Please contact Heather (hoysti@nglsynod.org) at the Synod Office to be added to the email list.



Upcoming Events Sponsored by Local Indigenous Communities

As part of our synod's resolution to foster relationships between the NGLS and Indigenous communities; and to further understand appreciate the history, heritage, culture and spirituality of our Indigenous neighbors, you are invited to consider these upcoming events:

Water Walk

July 21 in L'Anse, MI

The Walk begins at 7 am at First Sand Beach on Pequaming Road in L'Anse Township. The site is only a few hundred yards past KBIC Natural Resources

Dept., (14359 Pequaming Rd., L'Anse, MI). The walk is 17 miles. There are passenger vehicles that follow along to provide reprieve as needed. Bring a light backpack with a sack lunch, snacks and water. Typically, the KBIC van comes along with extra water and food. In addition, you can leave your backpack with the van if you'd prefer not to carry it. We take our time. People walk at their own pace. It is a time of prayer and offering tobacco to the water whenever individuals are led to do so. Women wear long skirts. More information to come!

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community 43rd Annual Maawanji'iding

July 23-25 in Baraga, MI

More event information can be found [here](#).

3rd Annual Anishinaabe Racial Justice Conference

September 30-October 3 in Baraga, MI

Find more [event information here](#).



Stewardship Workshop with Rev. Richard Wehrs

Join us this fall at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
for a special FREE stewardship event!

On **Saturday, September 11 from 12-3:30 pm CT**, ELCA Regional Manager for Mission Investment Fund Rev. Richard Wehrs will host a workshop focusing on the 12 donor confidence factors which can either bolster or undermine your congregations stewardship efforts. We'll begin with lunch in the dining hall at 12 pm CT and the workshop will take place from 1-3:30 pm CT. Please **RSVP no later than Tuesday, August 31** so we can properly plan for lunch and meeting space. RSVP to Pastor Jim Duehring at jduehring@nqlsynod.org or (906) 228-2300. For all the details, please see the [event flyer](#) on our website.



Event for First Call Leaders

The 2021 First Call Fall Conference will be held **November 7-9 (5 pm CT on Sunday-4 pm CT on Tuesday)** at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin. We hope this will be an in-person event. The registration fee will be announced later. Please mark your calendar and watch for more details in September.

ELCA Resources

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Portico's New Podcast

Being Here is a podcast that explores real world issues and topics important to professionals in the faith community. Hosted by the Rev. Melissa Pohlman, Being Here invites us to learn together,

listen to each other, grow together, and move forward together — stronger, more resilient as a unique community. Check it out [here](#).

NEW Retirement Readiness Series Debuts June 21

Fidelity has partnered with Portico to offer a **virtual** webinar series – exclusively for ELCA Retirement Plan members – that addresses the question “What does it take to be retirement ready?” These workshops, hosted by a Fidelity Virtual Education Consultant, will be attended by a Portico Financial Planner who can answer member questions related to clergy housing allowance exclusion, the ELCA Participating Annuity, and other ELCA Retirement Plan benefit-specific topics. Based on member feedback, these workshops are kept to an hour long and will be available for viewing (or re-viewing) on myPortico following each live virtual event.

Prepare for the Reality of Health Care in Retirement: Learn about health care costs in retirement and how you can prepare for them.	Monday, July 12 th	12-1 pm ET	Register Now
Preserving Your Savings for Future Generations: Learn about the components of an estate plan, including information on wills and probate, powers of attorney, healthcare proxies, and the importance of gifting and insurance replacement strategies.	Monday, July 19 th	12-1 pm ET	Register Now

2022 Annual Enrollment

With summer blooming and the country beginning to open up, we understand that benefits may not be top of mind. To help you and other decision-makers get oriented and then prepare to make your benefit selection this fall, we’re offering a few shareable resources this summer – with a focus on the Silver+ A health benefit option. Reminder: Starting last year, the ELCA recommends both the **Silver+ A** and **Gold+** health benefit options.

Stewardship Resources



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.

Another helpful stewardship resource is the [Stewardship Toolkit](#), written by Rev. Robert Blezard, Assistant to the Bishop of the Lower Susquahanna Synod.

Keeping in Prayer



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:

June 27-July 3 by Deacon Lori Ward

July 4-10 by Conference 7 Text Study Group

July 11-17 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.

Transitions

- We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of **Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman** who died June 16, 2021. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 21 at First, Gladstone. May God's peace and comfort surround the Skogman family and all those who mourn.

- Congratulations to **seminarian Pat Kempf and his wife Sarah** who were married on June 23, 2021. May God bless their new life together.
- Our prayers are with **Pastor Lisa Ubbelohde** (Bethlehem, Florence) as she and her family mourn the loss of her father on June 23 at the age of 95. Funeral services were held Monday, June 28 in Colfax, WI.

Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- We pray for safety for all those traveling to gatherings with family and friends.
- We thank God for the birth of this nation. Heal our divisions. Help us to extend grace, seek justice for all, and defend the most vulnerable.
- We pray for those sensitive to the loudness of fireworks, for veterans wounded in body, mind or spirit, for those traumatized by violence or war.
- That as congregations gather again for worship, we give thanks to you, for the presence of Christ in each other.

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org for a 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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