



# Northern Great Lakes Synod

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## E-Notes for September 30, 2021

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### The Season of Pentecost

#### Thought of the Day

“May God in his mercy lead us through these times, but above all,  
may he lead us to himself.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in July 1944 letter  
(p. 485, *Bonhoeffer* by Eric Metaxas)


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### Quick Links

- [!\[\]\(e40bb48ad1470e3a14017c64c5673877\_img.jpg\) Check out resources on the NGLS website](#)
- [!\[\]\(de28875f44a359ca6d30bbb1d9f6cdbd\_img.jpg\) COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Tool](#)
- [!\[\]\(2d84cfc19096ca16fe323c530253896b\_img.jpg\) Prayfaithfully Daily Devotions](#)
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## Spotlight Event



### Fortune Lake Fall Fest

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp welcomes you to the virtual auction space to browse and bid at your leisure. Bidding will remain open until **Saturday, October 2 at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT**. Winning bidders will be notified electronically, and can choose whether to have their items shipped or picked up at camp. This means everyone can participate from far and wide, so invite your friends! Here's the link to get started: [charityauction.bid/fortunelake](https://charityauction.bid/fortunelake).

In addition to the Virtual Auction, we will also be hosting a LIVE in-person event at Fortune Lake on Saturday, October 2. The event includes a continental breakfast, country store, bake sale, and draffle all beginning at 9:30 am CT. The live auction will begin promptly at 11am CT in the Chapel. Masks will be expected. Draffle winners will be announced at noon. Draffle tickets can also be purchased through the link above, with the deadline of Friday, October 1 at 5pm CT. If you purchase draffle tickets

virtually and have preferences on which items you'd like your tickets to go for, please email [officemanager@fortunelake.org](mailto:officemanager@fortunelake.org).

## News & Information



### **Northern Great Lakes Synod World Hunger Quilt on Display**

The World Hunger quilt created in 2018 for our synod Hunger Drive will be on display in the atrium of the Marquette Medical Center in the month of October. Our theme that year was, "All in for World Hunger," and the quilt represents the work of all 82 congregations in the synod at the time. The design was created by Jackie Lehto, a professional quilter and member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Florence, Wisconsin. The back of each of the pieces tells which congregation contributed that square. It was a lot of work, and one of our most successful synod World Hunger fundraisers.

Stop to see the display anytime in October. The quilt wall is near the Starbucks Coffee

Shop. The Medical Center is located on Fair Avenue, across from Marquette Senior High School.

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Have you ever wanted to dive in deeper to theology, Biblical questions, and scriptural interpretation? You are invited to be a student in Lay School in one of our neighboring synods. This fall, the [East Central Synod of Wisconsin](#) is offering classes for free. Also, the [Northeastern Minnesota Synod](#) offers a Lay School program. The NGLS has scholarships to help defray that cost. If you have any questions, please call the Synod Office at (906) 228-2300.

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## Leadership Coaching in our Synod

Assistant to the Bishop, [Pastor Jim Duehring](#), is an ELCA trained coach through CoachNet and **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. More detailed information is available [here](#).

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# Upcoming Events



## Boundaries & Implicit Bias Training

### for All Rostered Leaders, LLMs and Pulpit Supply Leaders

All NGLS leaders (mentioned above) are expected to complete an online boundaries training module through Safe Gatherings at least once every three years. Also, considering the importance of better self-awareness around issues of bias and prejudice, active rostered leaders and licensed lay ministers are strongly encouraged to take an online implicit bias course. Read the full training details [here on our website](#).

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# Anishinaabe Racial Justice Conference

**\*\*Rescheduled for May 2022\*\***

Unfortunately, due to increasing pandemic numbers in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the 3rd Annual Anishinaabe Racial Justice Conference scheduled for September 30-October 3 is being postponed until May 2022. The decision was made after significant deliberation on the potential health risks, as well as the uncertainty over how the situation will continue to evolve over the next month. In case of any questions or concerns, please contact Holden Day at [holden@nativejustice.org](mailto:holden@nativejustice.org).

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## Upcoming UP Wild Events

### **Fall Colors Hike | Saturday, October 9 at 11 am ET**

We meet on the base of the Huron Mountains, easy to access by car (intermediate ability walking trail to look out spot). Email [lanni@upwild.org](mailto:lanni@upwild.org) for directions. Invite a friend!

### **Kids Park + Play | Saturday, October 16 at 2:30 pm ET**

We will gather at Mattson Lower Park for a playdate. A time for parents to get to know each more, talk about our challenges and successes, even how UP WILD can be space of support throughout the Winter. Date/time currently tentative based on feedback.





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## Holy Communion Post-Pandemic: What, When, Where, Who and Why

with Bishop Katherine Finegan

You can still sign up for Bishop Finegan's Lifelong Faith Formation class! The class takes place **Mondays, October 11 and 18 (2 weeks) from 7-8:30 pm ET / 6-7:30 pm CT** and all the details, plus registration can be found on [our website](#).



## A People of Hope: Until All Are Fed

You're invited to an online benefit for [ELCA World Hunger](#) featuring [Rick Steves](#) and more on **Thursday, October 14 at 8:30 pm ET / 7:30 pm CT**. As a church, we remain focused on supporting our neighbors near and far as the pandemic continues disrupting and impacting lives. No one is better positioned and more experienced than the church in addressing hunger — both immediate needs and root solutions. We are ready, able, effective and efficient. [Register now](#).

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## Congregation Council Presidents

The next quarterly workshop will be on **Thursday, October 21 at 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT** with guest presenter Jennifer Prinz of Portico Benefit Services. If you have not received the invitation with the Zoom link, please email Heather Oysti ([hoysti@nglsynod.org](mailto:hoysti@nglsynod.org)) at the Synod Office.

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## New Faithful Innovations Cohort

These learning communities of Jesus are designed for For Laity, Pastors, Deacons and Licensed Lay Ministers of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. The next cohort begins in January 2022 and your leadership team is invited to join online or in-person. Check out [this flyer](#) for all the details!

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**NGLS Youth Ministry Updates**

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## 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Updates

Synod Youth Ministries Coordinator, Stefanie Ehle, has provided some updates for the 2022 Youth Gathering, which will take place July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. You can read the full details [here on our website](#). Please make a special note of the following:

### Important Dates Regarding the ELCA Youth Gathering:

- September 22, 2021: Early Bird Registration begins
- **October 7, 2021 at 8 pm ET / 7 pm CT: Safety and Security Webinar. Pre-register for the live event [here](#) or watch a recording at your convenience.**
- November 22, 2021: Regular Registration begins
- January 22, 2022: Hotel Assignments
- February 22, 2022: Late Registration begins
- May 22, 2022: Registration closes
- July 24-28, 2022: ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN

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## Stewardship Resources

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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 (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.

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## Keeping in Prayer

October Prayfaithfully Calendar



# 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:

**September 26-October 1 by Pastor Micah Cavaleri**

**October 3-9 by Pastor John Kuziej**

**October 10-16 by Pastor Christina Forsythe**

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).

## Transitions

- **Pastor-Elect Jack Busche** will be ordained and installed as pastor of **Grace, Gwinn** on Saturday, October 9 at 11 am ET. Clergy are invited to vest with color of the day being red.
- **Pastor Lloyd Luedeman** will be installed at **Grace, Pembine** on Sunday, October 10 at 4 pm CT. Clergy are invited to vest with color of the day being RED.
- **Pastor Elisabeth Daniels** began her ministry at **First, Gladstone** on August 30. Her installation will be Sunday, October 17 at 3 pm ET. Clergy are invited to vest with color of the day being red.
- **Pastor-Elect Catie Nelson** (soon-to-be Catie Ford) has been called to serve at **Faith, Three Lakes**. Bishop Finegan will ordain her in Illinois and her ministry in Three Lakes will begin on November 9, 2021. Installation date TBD.

## **Lifting Up to God in Prayer**

- For newly installed bishops of the ELCA.
- For the new president of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Rev. Kristin Johnston Lagen, Ph.D.
- For our political leaders.
- For church council presidents.
- For pastors, deacons, and licensed lay ministers.
- For those who labor in anonymity.



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