



# Northern Great Lakes Synod

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## E-Notes for October 14, 2021

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### The Season of Pentecost

#### Word of the Day

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress  
that it is made by passing through some stages of instability –  
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;  
Your ideas mature gradually – let them grow,  
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.  
Don't try to force them on,  
as though you could be today what time  
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)  
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit  
gradually forming within you will be.  
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing  
that his hand is leading you,  
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself  
in suspense and incomplete.

–Prayer of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. (1881-1955)

## Spotlight Event



### LSS Webinar: The ABC's of Refugee Resettlement

We've all heard a lot in the news about the evacuation of Afghans and many people have questions. Join us via Zoom (details included below) on **Thursday, November 4 at 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT** when staff from Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan presents "The ABC's of Refugee Resettlement." You'll learn how the program works, how you can help, and the latest information about the evolving situation of refugees from Afghanistan.

**Northern Great Lakes Synod is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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## News & Information



### **Tolling of the Funeral Bell**

At this time last year, just over 200,000 people had died of COVID-19 and we rang our church bells to honor their memory. This year, that number is climbing above 700,000 (as per CDC and WHO). Each death represents a grieving family, a loss suffered, the absence of a loved one felt.

Sunday, November 7 is All Saints Day. This is a day that our Church remembers our beloved dead. Again on this day, we will also remember the many who have died during this pandemic. Please include all those who grieve in your prayers during worship and your personal devotions. You are also invited to ring your church funeral bell for **five minutes at 12 noon CT/ 1 pm ET on Sunday, November 7**. Our Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Methodist siblings, in addition to all community churches, are also invited to remember the dead in this way. You can RSVP and share the [event on our Facebook page](#).

“Whether we live, or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” May God comfort all who mourn as we surround the grieving with the warm embrace of communities of faith and the love of God in Christ Jesus.

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## World Hunger Quilt on Display

The 2018 Synod World Hunger quilt is on display in the atrium of the Marquette Medical Center (near Starbucks) for 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.



## Boundaries & Implicit Bias Training

All NGLS rostered leaders, LLMs and pulpit supply leaders are expected to complete an online boundaries training module through Safe Gatherings at least once every three years. Read the full training details [here on our website](#).

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## Upcoming Events



### **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. [Register now](#).

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### **Workshop for Church Musicians Moved to Zoom**

You are invited to an informal roundtable discussion on **Saturday, October 16 from 11 am-1 pm ET via Zoom only!** To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP to Jennifer Dodge at Messiah, Marquette at (906) 225-1119 or email [jen@messiahlutheranmqt.org](mailto:jen@messiahlutheranmqt.org). Please see the [event flyer](#) for complete details.





## 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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U.S. Army North Central Chaplain Recruiting Station is pleased to announce a special virtual event with CH(COL) Michael Shellman, the Military District of Washington Senior Chaplain. He will join us via Zoom on **Tuesday, November 9 at 10:30 am ET / 9:30 am CT** to share his Chaplain Corps story and opportunities to serve God and Country in the US Army. Check out the event on [Facebook](#).

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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. Check out [this flyer](#) for all the details!

## NGLS Youth Ministry Updates



### Our Synod Youth Ministries Coordinator is Here to Help!

If you have questions or would like to be on the email list for Youth Leaders, please contact Stefanie Ehle at [youthcoordinator@nclsynod.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@nclsynod.org).



### 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Update

Plans for the [2022 ELCA Youth Gathering](#) continue to move forward with caution. Congregations should use their best judgement when deciding what will be best for

their youth right now. Depending on where your congregation is at in the process, you may find the following information helpful.

## Deciding Whether or Not to Attend

This is not a typical Youth Gathering planning year and there are many factors to consider as you think about your attendance at this faith-forming event. Many of us have questions about how the Gathering will take place while we live out the realities of COVID-19. Visit this [COVID-19 FAQ](#) page for commonly asked questions and answers.

If you are trying to gather interest among youth, [this promotional video](#) provides a glimpse of the magnitude and impact the ELCA Youth Gathering has on transforming the lives of youth through faith forming activities and opportunities at the gathering.

## Registration

[Registration is open](#) and the early bird fee is available through November 21.

## Planning and Preparation

If you plan to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering, please download the [2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Handbook](#) from the resource page. You can also find additional [Promotional Materials](#), [Getting Ready Materials](#), and [Fundraising Ideas](#) to help you prepare. Consider attending the upcoming webinar "Tips and Tricks: Preparing Your Group" on October 21 at 8 pm ET / 7 pm CT. You can [pre-register for the webinar here](#).

## Important Dates Regarding the ELCA Youth Gathering

- September 22, 2021: Early Bird Registration began
  - **October 21, 2021 at 8 pm ET / 7 pm CT: Tips and Tricks: Preparing Your Group 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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# Keeping in Prayer

## October Prayfaithfully Calendar



## **Prayfaithfully Devotions**

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

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

**October 17-23 by Pastor John Kuziej**

**October 24-30 by Pastor Kari Vadis**

If you are interested in writing a week's worth of devotions, contact Betsy Koski at (906) 228-2300 or [bakoski@nglsynod.org](mailto:bakoski@nglsynod.org).

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## Transitions

- We celebrate with **Grace, Gwinn** at the Ordination and Installation of their new pastor, **Rev. Jack Busche**, on Saturday, October 9. Welcome to Pastor Jack and his wife, Sydney!


- We celebrate with **Grace, Pembine** at the Installation of **Pastor Lloyd Luedeman** on Sunday, October 10. Welcome to Pastor Lloyd and his wife, Amy.
- We welcome **Pastor Elisabeth Daniels** and her family to Gladstone, Michigan. Pastor Daniels will be installed at **First, Gladstone** on Sunday, October 17 at 3 pm ET. Clergy are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is red and masks are expected.
- We pray God's blessings upon **Pastor-elect Catherine Ford** who has been called to serve the work of Christ with the people of **Faith, Three Lakes**. Pastor-elect Ford will be ordained at First Lutheran in Genneseo, Illinois by Bishop Finegan on Saturday, October 23 and she will begin her partnership at Faith in November. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Ford and her husband, Dillon, to the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

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## Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For retired pastor Dennis Meyette and family while they surround his father with comfort as he leaves this life for that which is eternal. God give them peace and hope.
  - For those who feel weary in these pandemic days.
  - For those undergoing treatment for health challenges.
  - For those in discernment about employment, next steps, options, and future decisions.
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# Quick Links

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

 [COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Tool](#)

 [Stewardship Toolkit](#)

 [UP Wild Events](#)



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