



Northern Great Lakes Synod

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E-Notes for March 15, 2022

The Season of Lent

Thought of the Day

"Wait for the Lord and be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"
Psalm 27:14

News & Information



Lutheran Disaster Response in Eastern Europe

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an [interfaith call for peace](#) in the region. You can donate online here: [ELCA Eastern Europe Crisis Response](#). This LDR [bulletin insert](#) may also be a helpful resource.

ELCA Missionaries Zach Courter and Rachel Eskesen have shared a brief update on the situation in Central and Eastern Europe. They put together a 2-minute video that [you can watch here](#). There are many strong relationships between the ELCA and Lutheran companions in the region who are acutely impacted by this conflict, here is a [document that summarizes some of the current responses of our partners and ELCA support](#).



ELCA World Hunger Grants

Registration for ELCA World Hunger's 2023 Domestic Hunger Grants opens on March 18! Organizations applying for an ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant for the first time must register by creating an account in ELCA GrantMaker to access the application once the window opens on April 18, 2022. If your organization has already registered in ELCA GrantMaker, now would be a great time to log back in and confirm that your contact information is current.

ELCA World Hunger will host a Zoom webinar **April 6 at 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT** to review granting priorities and cover the basics of applying. To join us for this virtual event, please

[register here for a Zoom link](#). The webinar will be recorded and accessible via the Domestic Hunger Grant [FAQ page](#).

For more information, please visit the ELCA World Hunger website: elca.org/domestichungergrants



Synod Assembly Registration & Payment Available Online

Visitors: No registration needed! All links to workshops, worship and the business meeting will be available on the [Synod Assembly website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Voting Members: Registration and payment for Synod Assembly are now available **online only** on the [Synod Assembly website](#). Here's a [quick guide on how to register](#). **Each voting member must have their own unique email address in order to vote.**

Voters need to be registered before 5 pm ET on April 13 in order to take advantage of the regular voter registration rate of \$60. After 5 pm ET on April 13, the late registration fee is \$70. Registration closes permanently at 5 pm ET on **April 29, 2022** and will not open again due to technology requirements.

[Upcoming Events](#)



Dynamite Hill Farms

Need a walk in the woods? A time to reflect and talk to the trees? Come join Pastor Julie Belew, volunteer for Ojibwe food producers Jerry and Katy, every Friday in L'Anse, MI for the next couple of months...or at your convenience. Help is appreciated anytime and coordinating a time that works for you is not a problem. Call Pastor Julie at (906) 370-5301 or email juliebelew@gmail.com. Find out more information [here on the Synod website](#).



Indian 101 Webinar with Vance Blackfox

The general population knows very little about the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island -- even the most basic topics are often grand mysteries. This, of course, is by design, as the colonial project has prioritized the complete erasure of Native people for centuries. Indian 101 is a time to learn some of these basics and to cultivate a foundation for standing in solidarity with Indian people across the U.S., as we all work together to dismantle longstanding systems of oppression. Zoom information for the March 16 session from 3-5 pm ET / 2-4 pm CT is [available here](#).



UP Wild Full Moon Snow Hike

Celebrating the entrance of Spring we will snowshoe through a local hiking path on **Friday, March 18!** Showshoes may be required depending on trail conditions. This will be an evening event but exact time and location still being determined. If interested, send a message to Ken at kenkelley2463@yahoo.com.



Pastor's Kayak Paddle Retreat

COVID, chaos and complaints have all taken a toll on our lives. Pastors, we would like to invite you on a kayaking retreat **June 25, 2022** at Marywood Spirituality Center in Arbor Vitae, WI. This is more than a time to get away to relax. It is a time to reconnect with self, nature and a time to process things that have been buried beneath the surface of your life. [More event information is available here](#).

NGLS Youth Ministry Updates



The Northern Great Lakes Synod is co-hosting a Youth Advocacy Listening Session for high school students on **Sunday, April 3 at 2 pm ET / 1 pm CT** to share their voice and learn how to respond in faith to injustice in the world. A follow up virtual Advocacy Gathering will take place on May 1. Additional details can be found by viewing this [letter](#) and [invitation](#).



Lenten Socks and Underwear Challenge

It's not too late to join! The NGLS Youth Ministry Team is looking to challenge a minimum of **40 congregations** to collect at least **40 pairs of socks and underwear** this Lenten season. Find out how you can participate [here on our website!](#)



REBOUND

The Tri-Synodical Youth Gathering **July 25-27, 2022** will be a smaller, spin-off of the ELCA Youth Gathering and will allow participants from the Northern Great Lakes Synod, Northwest Synod of WI, and La Crosse Area Synod to connect with each other in Christian community. Visit <http://nswi.org/rebound> and view the [event flyer](#) for additional information.



The **Multicultural Youth Leadership Academy (MYLA)** at Living Water Ministries in New Era, MI is a unique opportunity for campers ages 13-16 to be part of an innovative leadership program that offers culturally immersive experiences for a diverse community of youth. This summer, the MYLA program will take place **July 31 – August 5**. Thanks to a generous grant, *one adult leader and up to four youth from the Northern Great Lakes Synod can attend the MYLA program at no charge!* Please contact Stefanie Ehle (youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org) for an application if you would like to be part of this opportunity. Check out the [MYLA flyer](#) for more details.



Opportunities for Young Adults

ELCA Young Adult Ministry is proud to announce that they are starting quarterly Young Adult Synod Network meetings in May! They group is super excited to gather everyone for updates, feedback, brainstorming, networking, and general fellowship with each other. The first meeting will take place on **May 25 at 2 pm ET / 1 pm CT**. The [Zoom registration link is available here](#).



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Keeping in Prayer

March Prayfaithfully Calendar



Prayfaithfully Devotions

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

March 13-19 by Pastor Julie Belew

March 20-26 by Dave Mason

March 27-April 2 by Christine Ebert

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

Transitions





- **Rev. Alex LaChapelle** will be installed at **Prince of Peace, Marquette** on Sunday, March 20 at 3 pm ET. Clergy are invited to process with the color of the day being red.

Lifting Up to God in Prayer

We hold in prayer...

- **Pastor Lauri Maki** and family at the death of his mother in February and his wife, Lois, on March 6. We pray God's comfort and peace will surround them in the midst of grief.
 - For peace in our world, especially in Ukraine.
 - For renewal of faith among Christians during this season of Lent.
 - For refugees throughout the world displaced by violence and war.
 - For rostered leaders who lead worship during this season of Lent.
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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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