



Northern Great Lakes Synod

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E-Notes for April 12, 2022

The Season of Lent

Word of the Day

“Luther constantly holds Christ’s death and resurrection closely together, just as the Apostle Paul does. Good Friday and Easter belong inseparably together.”

The Theology of Martin Luther, p. 210, Paul Althaus

2022 Synod Assembly



Attend Synod Assembly Workshops Online!

Check out all the [workshop details and descriptions](#)! Zoom links will be posted on the Synod Assembly website prior to each workshop. Advance registration is not required and everyone is welcome!

The following workshop resources are available to download and print:

[2022 Synod Assembly Workshop Descriptions](#)

[2022 Synod Assembly Workshop Grid](#)

[Synod Assembly Workshops](#)

Registration Deadlines are Coming Up!

Voter registration and payment for Synod Assembly are **online only** this year. Hurry and take advantage of the regular voter registration rate, which ends tomorrow!

- Voter Registration is \$60 and due by April 13 at 5 pm ET
- Late Voter Registration is \$70 after 5 pm ET on April 13
- **The final day to register for Synod Assembly is April 29 at 5 pm ET due to technology requirements!**

Registration and payment for Synod Assembly are available on the [Synod Assembly website](#). Here's a [quick guide on how to register](#). Ballots will be emailed to each voter during Synod Assembly, so **each voting member must have their own unique email address in order to vote.**

[Register for Synod Assembly](#)

Pre-Assembly Report Available Now

The Pre-Assembly Report is now available on our website. We will not mail out Part I of the Pre-Assembly Report this year because of related costs and availability of paper. Please [click here](#) to access the report and other material needed for Synod Assembly.

[Pre-Assembly Report](#)

Visitors

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

News & Information

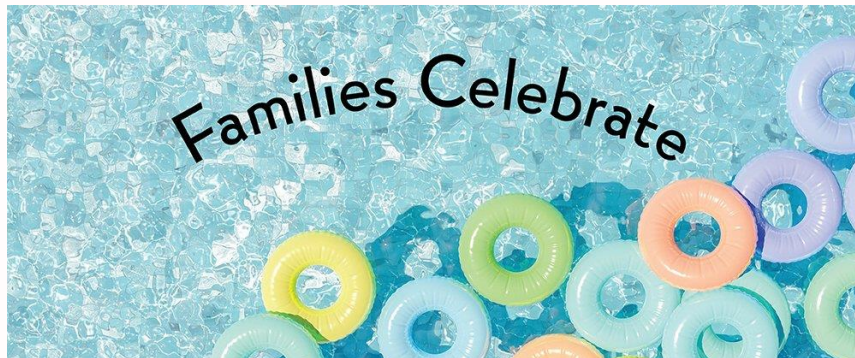
"I Know My Redeemer Lives" An Easter Message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton





Women's Recovery Home

A grand opening and blessing ceremony for the new Women's Recovery Home in Escanaba is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21 at 2 pm ET**. Bishop Katherine Finegan and Bishop John Doerfler will officiate at the service that is celebrating the transition of Bethany, Escanaba's parsonage, to a center that will serve women who are in recovery. The center, under the direction of Catholic Social Services of the U.P., will work with women and their families to set goals, learn new skills, discover strategies for success, and help them realize inherent strengths. The public is invited to attend.



Augsburg Fortress Resource

Augsburg Fortress is the publishing house of the ELCA and has some fun family-oriented resources for summertime activities. [Families Celebrate Summer](#) is a colorful deck of 56 cards full of faith-based activities, rituals, reflections, and other ideas for families to try at home and on the go. Perfect for families with kids ages 3-12. Check out the [Families Celebrate Summer Sample](#) and the Augsburg website www.augsburgfortress.org for a variety of helpful resources.

Upcoming Events



UP Wild Earth Day Service

Will be held on Sunday, April 24 at 4 pm ET at either Presque Isle Bandshell or Marquette Commons. We will have an Earth Day "open mic" platform of sharing a poem, personal reflection, passage from scripture, or other faith and ecology readings. For more information, visit the [UP Wild website](#).



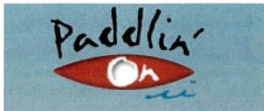
The Blanket Exercise at Finlandia University

Join Vance Blackfox, Director of Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations, ELCA for The Blanket Exercise. This event will take place at the Finnish American Heritage Center in Hancock on **Saturday, April 30, 10 am-12 noon ET**. Registration can be found here: <https://forms.gle/gzuXs6Lz mh4sdsVH8>

The Blanket Exercise is an experiential learning tool that leads a group of participants through 500+ years of Indigenous history, highlighting the relationship between the tribal nations and the European explorers, colonial settlers, and U.S. federal and state governments.

The exercise is interactive and requires participants, as they are able, to stand and move throughout the first hour of the experience. The second hour allows for participants to process the experience and share what they may have learned and what they will take away.

The Blanket Exercise was first created in Canada and has been used to educate general populations there, in the United States, and in many other parts of the world. The exercise does engage participants both intellectually and emotionally and can in some instances affect individuals deeply. Due to the honest nature of the information included in the narration of the exercise, all participants are expected to be 15 years of age or older.



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.](#)



Women's Fall Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Be renewed at the "Celebration of Women" retreat **September 16-18, 2022**. There will be opportunities to have fun, connect with other women and a chance to disconnect from everyday life. Reflect on your faith with Bible studies, nature walks, and spirit-filled worship services. Rejoice with song, laughter and merriment of all kinds! [Check out the flyer for more details!](#)



Stewardship Kaleidoscope

Stewardship Kaleidoscope is an annual conference being held online and in-person **September 26-28, 2022**. The conference will offer excellent plenary speakers, informative workshop leaders, provocative worship experiences, and incredible networking opportunities for all who are passionate about stewardship and generosity. Find out more information here: [Stewardship Kaleidoscope – Real Tools for Real Ministry.](#)

NGLS Youth Ministry Updates



Thank You!

Thank you to the following congregations for participating in the 2022 Lenten Socks and Underwear Challenge. **Be sure to post photos of your success on the [NGLS Youth Information/Events Facebook Page!](#)**

Ascension, Minoqua
Beaver American, Pound
Bethany, Ishpeming
Bethany, Keweenaw
Bethany, Perkins
Bethel, Menominee
Calvary, Rapid River
Emmanuel, Menominee
Emanuel, Skandia
First, Gladstone
First, Iron River
FLLC, Crystal Falls

Gethsemane, Wallace
Gloria Dei, Hancock
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo
Grace, Gwinn
Holy Trinity, Chassell
Immanuel, Rhinelander
Porterfield, Porterfield
St. Paul, Ironwood
St. Stephen's, Stephenson
Trinity, Stonington
United, L'Anse
Zion, Manistique



Attention High School Youth in WI and the U.P.!

On Sunday, May 1 at 2 pm ET/1 pm CT, High School Youth are invited to brainstorm plans for engaging in social justice. Take a survey (if you already haven't) and/or [REGISTER HERE](#). You can also [download a printable flyer](#) to share. This one-hour online event is organized by all six synods with congregations in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin.



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](#). Check out their [website](#) for more information.



REBOUND

The Tri-Synodical Youth Gathering **July 25-27, 2022** at UW-River Falls and is for youth who have completed grades 8-12. Participants from the Northern Great Lakes Synod, Northwest Synod of WI, and La Crosse Area Synod will have the opportunity to connect with each other through worship, workshops, music, service learning, and Christian fellowship.

Visit <http://nswsi.org/rebound> for the most up-to-date information and printable resource materials to share with youth and adult leaders.

Connect with other NGLS Rebound attendees by joining our [NGLS Rebound Participants Facebook page](#).



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@nclsynod.org) for an application if you would like to be part of this opportunity. Additional details can be found in this [flyer](#) and on the [Living Water Ministry website](#).



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Portico Updates



Stock Market Volatility

News headlines have been particularly dire this spring, and the investment markets have responded with nerve-rattling volatility. A newly-updated page on [myPortico](#) will give you context for the short- and long-term effects of market leaps and plunges. And a new [blog post](#) by Portico Chief Investment Officer David Quello address how Portico is responding to Russian aggression in Ukraine.

Free Primary Care is an App Away

Spring allergies? Worn out by Lent? Remember, Portico members with ELCA-Primary health coverage have 24/7 access to text-based primary care from board certified physicians through the [98point6](#) app – at **no out-of-pocket cost**, thanks to recent action by Congress. You read that right, \$0 copay for all ELCA-Primary members, April 1-December 31, 2022. Find out more on [myPortico](#) and please, take care of yourself!

Keeping in Prayer

[April Prayfaithfully Calendar](#)



Prayfaithfully Devotions

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

April 10-16 by Pastor Lee Goodwin

April 17-23 by Pastor John Kuziej

April 24-30 by Grant Soltwisch

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


Transitions

- We welcome **Pastor Cathleen (Cathy) Morris** who has been called to serve **Bethlehem Lutheran and First Presbyterian in Florence**. Pastor Cathy began her ministry on April 10 and an Installation service will be announced soon. May God bless their ministry together!
- **Pastor Keith Kolstad** is retiring from **Zion, Marinette** with his last Sunday being April 24. We thank Pastor Keith for his faithful service. Pastor Doug Schoen will serve as interim pastor.


Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For the power of the resurrection of Christ to inspire faith and hope.
- For faithful stewardship of creation.
- For those burdened by poverty and hunger.
- For peace in our world especially in Ukraine.

Quick Links

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

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

 [Stewardship Toolkit](#)

 [UP Wild Events](#)



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