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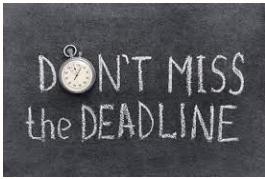
The Season of Easter

Word of the Day

"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it."
~I Corinthians 12:27 NRSV

2022 Synod Assembly





****Final Registration Deadline**** **Friday, April 29 at 5 pm ET**

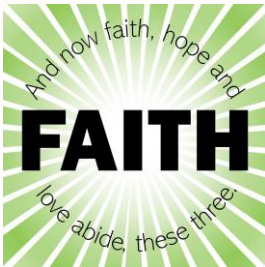
Voter registration and payment for Synod Assembly closes permanently tomorrow, **April 29 at 5 pm ET** and is available here on the [Synod Assembly website](#) (registration will not be available at Conference host sites). Ballots will be emailed to each voter during Synod Assembly, so **each voting member must have their own unique email address in order to vote.**

[Register for Synod Assembly](#)



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](#).



Opening Worship

Join us for the Synod Assembly Opening Worship on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT! Worship will stream on [Synod YouTube Channel](#) and will also be available on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#). Feel free to lift up your prayers and reactions in the chat!



Celebrate Our Ministries with Synod Assembly Workshops

Join people from across the Synod for a fun and interesting series of short programs from Monday, May 9 through Thursday, May 12. You'll enjoy your time together as you explore a wide variety of topics that speak to life in your congregation. Free of charge to anyone who wants to take part, the workshops are 50-minutes each and advance registration is not required. [Click here for more information and Zoom Links for the workshops.](#)

Synod Assembly Workshops



Pre-Assembly Report

The Pre-Assembly Report is 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



Synod Mission Stories & Financial Review and Plan

Want to get a quick glance of the scope and impact of ministry efforts in our Synod? Want to see people's generosity at work? Check out our updated [Mission Stories booklet](#). You will also get a quick overview of financial matters for our synod.

Mission Stories Booklet & Spending Plan

News & Information



ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants

A round of Daily Bread Matching Grants will take place this summer, creating opportunities for congregational feeding ministries to build sustainability through generosity and

resources within their own communities. ELCA congregations with feeding ministries are eligible to participate, regardless of whether or not they have received a Daily Bread Matching Grant in the past. Registration and applications for the 2023 Daily Bread Matching Grant opened on April 25, 2022. Visit [ELCA.org/dailybread](https://www.elca.org/dailybread) to learn more.



Loan Debt Forgiveness

Public Service Loan Forgiveness is a program designed to forgive remaining balance of student debt after 120 payments have been made. Rostered Ministers and employees of non-profits may qualify for this program. However, this is only available through October 31, 2022. [Click here](#) to read more about this federal program.

Through its partnership with Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, Portico is offering Financial Counselors to assist those who qualify. These counselors are familiar with concerns unique to the church and able to help us navigate the process. [Click here](#) to read information from Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota or call 800-528-2926 to schedule an appointment with an LSS of Minnesota representative to help you.



Free Resources from Vanco

Check out some useful resources for church newsletters, stewardship letters and church bulletins here: [Vanco Faith Resources](#).



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



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 and more information can be found here: <https://forms.gle/gzuXs6Lznmh4sdsVH8>



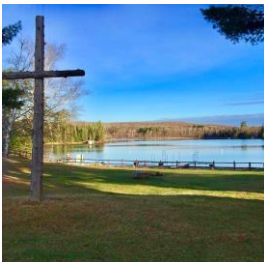
UP Wild Wilderness Walk

We will be meeting at South Beach parking lot and walking the bike path on **Wednesday, May 18 at 6 pm ET**. We encourage those wanting to experience a walk with us to come (easy mobility). Time may change based on feedback. Beautiful view of Lake Superior is a guarantee!



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
Pioneer Lake, Conover
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.!

The online event to brainstorm plans for engaging in social justice, originally scheduled for May 1, has been postponed. High schoolers are still invited to take the [SURVEY](#) to share their thoughts and indicate interest in participating in a future event.



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 will take place **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://nswi.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@nglsynod.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

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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 24-30 by Grant Soltwisch

May 1-7 by Pastor Keith Kolstad





May 8-14 by Synod Assembly Writers

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

Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For the power of the resurrection of Christ to inspire faith and hope
 - For young people struggling with depression and hopelessness
 - For those burdened by poverty and hunger
 - For our upcoming synod assembly in May and all making preparations
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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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