



Northern Great Lakes Synod

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E-Notes for May 31, 2022

The Season of Easter

Word of the Day

“Everyone of us is in a multigenerational process, and the way we shape the next generation has something to do with the extent to which we let the previous generation shape us.”

~Rabbi Ed Friedman, *Generation to Generation*

News & Information

FINLANDIA
UNIVERSITY

Rev. Dr. Philip Johnson will complete fifteen years of service at Finlandia University as president on June 30, 2022. Rev. Johnson came to Finlandia in January 2006 serving in multiple roles before being elected the University's 16th president in fall 2007. President Johnson fostered a welcoming atmosphere for students, encouraging them to learn and grow both academically and spiritually, and to always act with others in mind.

Finlandia's Board of Trustees elected Timothy Pinnow as its 17th president. Pinnow and his wife Amber will make their home in Hancock. Pinnow previously worked at Colorado

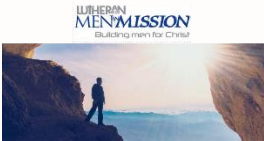
Mesa University. He will assume his presidency on July 1, 2022.

Learn more in the Finlandia [PRESS RELEASE](#).



Faithful Innovations—Holy Experiments

We invite you to dig even deeper and consider how an intentional adaptive communal learning process could help your congregation. Gather a team of 4 to 7 lay people to join your rostered leader or licensed lay minister and experience the process of Faithful Innovations. The cost is only \$50 per congregation thanks to a generous grant from the ELCA. [Learn more here!](#)



Lutheran Men in Mission

The latest edition of the LMM Ambassador-Gram is now available. [Click here to read and enjoy!](#)



ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants

A round of Daily Bread Matching Grants will take place this summer and 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 are now open. Visit [ELCA.org/dailybread](https://www.elca.org/dailybread) to learn more.

Upcoming Events



Quarterly Workshop for Congregation Leaders

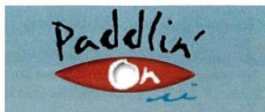
Quarterly leadership workshops are being offered to all elected leaders of the 79 congregations of the NGLS. The next workshop is set for **Thursday, June 9 at 7 pm ET / 6 pm**

CT. The topic is "Why Have Congregation Policies." An invitation and Zoom link has been sent to each congregation and pastor. If you do not receive the forwarded email, please contact Heather at the Synod Office hoysti@nglsynod.org.



U.P. Wild Thrift Store Tour & Hike

On Saturday, **June 11 at 10:30 am ET**, U.P. Wild is collaborating with Silver Creek Church & Thrift Store to see how people's donations of unwanted items become another person's treasures! We will get a tour of the backroom and also see how clothes & items are sorted while learning how to REUSE as a part of our faith life. We will meet at 219 Silver Creek Rd. in Marquette.



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.](#)



Nature Prayer Service with U.P. Wild

The next Nature Prayer service will be on **June 26 at 4 pm ET** at the Presque Isle Gazebo in Marquette. Some of what to expect: welcome to our bioregion, wilderness reflection, shared instrument song, and more! Full details are available on the [U.P. Wild website](#).



Jonathan Rundman in Concert

Jonathan Rundman (and the Rundman family band!) will perform at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming on **Saturday, July 30 at 7 pm ET**. This hometown concert is in support of his new book *Lost Songs of the Suomi Synod*. A freewill donation will be taken and all ages are welcome. For more information, visit the [Facebook event](#) and [Jonathan Rundman's website](#).



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Musical Coming this Summer!

The original musical, "One Wonderful Day" is finally happening at the historic Crystal Theatre in downtown Crystal Falls on **Saturday, August 6 at 3 pm CT!** A meal will follow beginning at 5:30 pm CT at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Tickets are now available on the [Fortune Lake website](#). Please share [this flyer](#) with your congregation and get ready for this exciting event!



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

On **Sunday, September 11**, congregations of the ELCA will join together for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, our annual day of service.

We are a church energized by lively engagement in faith and life. As we continue our tradition of service to our neighbor, we remember the words of Martin Luther: "Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing." With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ. As you explore opportunities to participate in your community, [ELCA.org/DayofService](https://www.elca.org/DayofService) has everything you need to plan and promote your day.



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!](#)

[NGLS Youth Ministry Updates](#)



Remembering Our Children Pow Wow

Assinins is located 2.5 miles north of Baraga. It was the site of the Old St. Joseph Orphanage and School, one of the earliest Catholic missions in the Upper Peninsula. The Walking with our Indigenous Neighbors Task Force of the NGLS is seeking volunteers to help prepare for this event through June 18. Pastor Julie Belew of Holy Cross, Baraga is coordinating service work groups for this cultural experience. A variety of projects are available. All age levels and skill sets are welcome! If members of your congregation, youth groups, or college students are interested please contact Pastor Julie at (906) 370-5301 or juliebelew@gmail.com.



REBOUND Registration Deadline is June 17!

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](#).



Multicultural Youth Leadership Academy

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**. Pastor Jared Howard will be leading a group of youth from our synod and there is still room for more. Thanks to a generous grant and the gift of camp, there is no charge to attend this program! Please contact Stefanie Ehle at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org 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](#).



Opportunities for Young Adults

Attention ELCA Young Adults! Did you know there is a ministry just for you? Check out the [ELCA Young Adult website](#) for ways to get involved. Upcoming opportunities include:

- Young Adult Backpacking Trips
- Young Adult Community Resource Grants
- Lutheran Volunteer Corps
- ELCA Coaching Young Adult Cohorts
- And more!



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Portico Updates

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Becoming Healthy in an Unhealthy World

A new course on Being for the ELCA-Primary members. From eating to exercise and mental health, being healthy is easier said than done. In this course, Pilar Gerasimo helps us learn how to create healthier habits in a society full of unhealthy choices. Log into your myPortico account and go to [Being](#).



Physician Primary Care with 98point6 is Free

Congress voted to extend the waived telehealth copay opportunity through the end of the year. Therefore, all health plans in the ELCA-Primary plans including Silver+ and Bronze+ can use 98point6 for free through the end of the year.



Humana Pharmacy will now CenterWell

ELCA Medicare-Primary members note this change beginning 6/10/2022. You will not have a have a different experience utilizing mail-order services or Specialty Pharmacy. You'll now have:

- simplified ordering experience with online help when needed
 - Live chat with pharmacists or technicians throughout their 15-hour business day
 - 24/7 access to pharmacists for urgent questions about medications
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Portico Questions?

Reach out to the Customer Care Center at 800-352-2876 or your Portico Regional Representative, Jennifer Prinz, at jprinz@porticobenefit.org or 563-650-4122.

Keeping in Prayer

May Prayfaithfully Calendar



Prayfaithfully Devotions

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

May 29-June 4 by Jill Flickinger

June 5-11 by Deacon Lori Ward

June 12-18 by Pastor Kelly Ylitalo

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 pray God's blessings upon **Rev. Cathleen Morris** as she is installed as the new pastor of **Bethlehem Lutheran and First Presbyterian in Florence, WI** on June 5 at 3 pm CT. Clergy, deacons and licensed lay ministers are invited to process and the color of the day is red. May God bless their new partnership!

Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For all in our country affected by violence, especially the people of Uvalde, Texas.
- For those affected by the fire at the Mkuza Girls School in Tanzania.
- For those burdened by depression and despair.
- For congregations and rostered leaders in transition.
- For recent seminary, college, and high school graduates.

Quick Links

-  [Check out resources on the NGLS website](#)
-  [COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Tool](#)
-  [Stewardship Toolkit](#)
-  [UP Wild Events](#)



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