



Northern Great Lakes Synod

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E-Notes for June 16, 2022

The Season of Pentecost

Word of the Day

"God of our life,

There are days when the burdens we carry
Chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
When the road seems dreary and endless,
The skies gray and threatening;
When our lives have no music in them,
And our hearts are lonely,
And our souls have lost their courage.

Flood the path with light, we beseech Thee;
Turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;
Tune our hearts to brave music;
Give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age;
And so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage
The souls of all who journey with us on the road to life,
To Thy honor and glory."

~A prayer of St. Augustine, North Africa (354 – 430 AD)

News & Information



Mkuza Girls School Fire

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,
A fire did serious damage at one of the dormitories at Mkuza Girls School in our companion synod in the Eastern and Coastal Diocese in Tanzania. While local congregations are attending to the immediate needs of the students who have been impacted, the work of repairs and preventing future fires (from faulty wiring) in other campus buildings is just beginning.

I invite your financial support and your prayers to help the school recover and rebuild. [Please see this letter for more info.](#)

Rev. Katherine Finegan
Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod

We give you thanks, Holy God, for the faithful life and witness of Clementa, Cynthia, Daniel, DePayne, Ethel, Myra, Sharonda, Susie and Tywanza, *the Emanuel Nine.*

May their faith and witness to your forgiving love in Jesus Christ inspire all people to pursue paths of justice, courage and self-giving love. Amen.



Emanuel Nine Nationwide Bible Study

On **Friday, June 17, 2022**, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will participate in the Emanuel Nine Nationwide Bible Study. The event will launch a year-long Bible study commemorating the nine African Americans who were fatally shot while they attended Bible

study at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC on June 17, 2015. Learn more about the event at: <https://emanuelnine.org/2022-commemoration/>.



Faithful Innovations New Cohort Begins this Fall

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!](#)

Upcoming Events



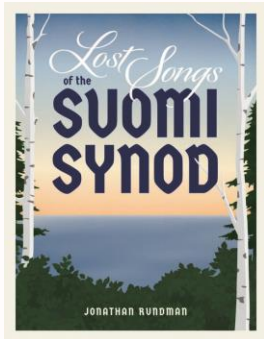
Pastor's Kayak Paddle Retreat

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 several concerts across our Synod this summer in support of his new book *Lost Songs of the Suomi Synod*. For more information, visit [Jonathan Rundman's website](#) and [Facebook page](#).



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Water Walk & Powwow

The water walk begins with ceremony at **6 am ET Wednesday, July 20** at First Sand Beach in Pequaming (directions can be found [here](#)). The 17-mile walk continues around the Bay to Sand Point in Baraga. All ages, genders, and ethnicities are welcome to walk for the water with KBIC. You are not required to walk the entire 17 miles. Vehicles will accompany walkers for reprieve.

The Powwow takes place **July 22-24** at the Ojibwa Campground about a mile and a half from the main blinker light in Baraga on Hwy 41 heading north. It is advised to bring your own chair as bleacher seats are limited. Vendors are available for food, drink and Native American arts and crafts. Pastor Julie Belew recommends attending the Grand Entries. The most popular are Friday or Saturday evenings at 7 pm ET.

For more details on both events, please check out the information on our [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 Powwow is this Weekend!

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 Friday, 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](#).



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Keeping in Prayer

[June Prayfaithfully Calendar](#)



Prayfaithfully Devotions

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

June 12-18 by Pastor Kelly Ylitalo

June 19-25 by Roland Jacobson

June 26-July 2 by Pastor Doug Schoen

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 celebrate with **Bethlehem Lutheran and First Presbyterian, Florence** at the installation of their new pastor, **Rev. Cathy Morris** on June 5, 2022. May God bless their new partnership.
- **Rev. Christina Forsythe** has announced her resignation from **Beaver American, Pound and Porterfield, Porterfield**. Her last day will be July 1. We wish Pastor Christina and her husband **Colin Walker** the very best.
- We give thanks for the partnership between **Rev. John Ansell** and **United, L'Anse**. Pastor Ansell has accepted a new call in Minnesota and his last Sunday will be July 17. God bless their endings and beginnings.
- We give thanks for the efforts of **Rev. Steve Solberg** who served **Immanuel, Negaunee** and retired from ministry as of June 13, 2022.

Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For all of our congregations in pastoral transition. God be with leaders as they keep ministry in motion.
- As we remember the Emanuel 9, may their faith and witness to their forgiving love in Jesus Christ inspire all people to pursue paths of justice, courage, and self-giving love.
- As we mark the end of slavery in this country on June 19, we pray for an end to slavery everywhere, human trafficking, and all forms of oppression.

Quick Links

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

 [UP Wild Events](#)



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