



# Northern Great Lakes Synod

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## E-Notes for June 30, 2022

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### The Season of Pentecost

#### Thought of the Day

Tammy Barthels, recently retired pastor from Immanuel, Rhinelander participated in a Pastor's Kayak Retreat at Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center on June 25. She penned this poem while spending two hours in silence in a kayak on beautiful Trout Lake in Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin.

#### The Green Kayak

The green kayak cradles me in her womb.  
She invites me to release all those burdens which are not necessary to carry.  
The sun appears through a cloudy sky reminding me that I am not alone.  
The Light is always with me, whether seen or not.  
The green kayak carries me on to new waters, not yet discovered,  
to a new cove with inspiring possibilities.

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## 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



## 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!](#)



## Change in IRS Mileage Rate

A new IRS standard mileage rate for business travel will go into effect July 1, 2022. The new rate will be 62.5 cents per mile.

# Upcoming Events



## U.P. Wild Events

There's lots to take part in this summer! Check out upcoming U.P. Wild events by visiting their [website](#).



## 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



### Mark Your Calendars!

**Tuesdays from 7-8 pm ET / 6-7 pm CT beginning September 13 through November 1**

This fall, members of the Synod Youth Ministry Team will lead a Lifelong Faith Formation class on the book, *Growing Young* by Powell, Mulder and Griffin. We will explore what it means to Grow Younger and why it matters. Based on research conducted at over 250 thriving congregations, *Growing Young* provides ideas and strategies any church can use to involve and retain young people (specifically those who are 30 years or younger). Please mark your calendars, invite a friend, and plan to join us via Zoom starting September 13.

Registration for this class, and all of the fall Lifelong Faith Formation classes, will be available soon.

**Be sure to connect with NGLS Youth Ministry online to receive the latest updates!**



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## Keeping in Prayer

### July Prayfaithfully Calendar



### **Prayfaithfully Devotions**

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

**June 26-July 2 by Pastor Doug Schoen**

**July 3-9 by Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn**

**July 10-16 by Karen Carter**

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

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## Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For those fleeing violence and oppression.
- For justice, equity, and compassion for all people.
- For those struggling with addiction.
- For those persecuted for any reason.

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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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