



Northern Great Lakes Synod

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E-Notes for July 28, 2022

The Season of Pentecost

Thought of the Day

“There is the ultimate spiritual concept, which is: unless you are focusing on the spiritual side of you, there is just no way you can promote it in others.”

~Rabbi Ed Friedman

News & Information



Give to ELCA World Hunger

ELCA World Hunger is matching \$75,000 in donations until December 31, 2022. World Hunger is this church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. Please give now and you can be part of the response as we work creatively and courageously toward a just world where all are fed. Visit the ELCA website to give to the challenge: [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#).



Lutheran Men in Mission Ambassador-Gram

Check out the latest edition of [Ambassador-Gram](#) for upcoming events, news and more!



Confirmation Robes

United Lutheran Church of Crystal Falls has an abundance of confirmation robes. Twelve (12) well kept, hooded, red robes ranging in size from 14 through 20 are free for the taking. If interested call United's office at (906) 875-6591 or email United at unitedluth@gmail.com.



Weekly Prayers for Churchwide Assembly

You are invited to include the Churchwide Assembly in your personal prayers and congregational worship. The Prayers for Assembly can be downloaded [here](#).



Mission Interpreters Needed

This fall we will be sending out dozens of people from our synod to visit congregations and thank them for their mission support to God's work. Mission Interpreters will be trained to give a 5 to 7-minute Temple Talk and a full script will be provided to you to speak from. For more information on how to become a Mission Interpreter, please visit our [website](#).



Mkuza Girls School Fire Donations needed by August 31

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



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Indian Boarding Schools: Truth-Seeking & Truth-Telling in the ELCA

The ELCA is beginning a coordinated effort to research Lutheran involvement in Indian boarding and day schools dating back to the 1820's. We are seeking both clergy and lay people who want to be part of this initiative. All are welcome, with a particular need for people with skills in research, data collection, organizing, and education. The goal is for our church members to know the history of church-sponsored Indian boarding schools and their devastating impacts on Native communities, and to participate in an ongoing truth and healing process. To learn more and to join the work of this initiative, visit the [ELCA website](#).



Lay School Options

Have you been pondering a deeper connection to your faith or have you been called to help lead a congregation through a season of transition? See if Lay School might be a good fit to equip you for Christ's ministry. The Northern Great Lakes Synod has discontinued its Lay School in favor of lifting up the education programs offered by our neighboring synods. Both the East Central Synod of Wisconsin and the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin offer opportunities for deeper engagement. Scholarships are available from the NGLS to support your participation.

Check out registration details and deadlines, the list of core classes, continuing ed offerings, and list of faculty for the coming year of Lay School of Ministry at <https://ecswlayschool.org/> and <http://nswi.org/lay-school-of-ministry>.



Grant Opportunity for Michigan Congregations

The Climate Witness Project of World Renew and the Christian Reformed Church has launched a project called the Sacred Spaces Clean Energy Grant that enables low-income congregations of all faiths in Michigan to become energy efficient and to acquire solar energy. The project will make grants of \$100,000 for energy efficiency to ten low-income congregations and arrange for them to access solar energy.

You can learn more by visiting the [Climate Witness Project website](#) or by downloading the [grant flyer](#). The press release from the Department of the Environment, Great Lakes and Energy of the Michigan government can be found [here](#). Rev. Richard Killmer's op-ed in the *Holland Sentinel*, describing the project, is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events



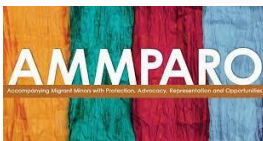
U.P. Wild Events

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



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!** Tickets for the show are still available on the [Fortune Lake website](#).



Asylum-Seeker Sponsorship Training

With the increased numbers of migrant families coming to our southern border from all over the world, it has become crucial once again for AMMPARO to offer congregational asylum-seeker sponsorship training to help interested congregations prepare to welcome families into their communities. This virtual three-hour long training will be held on **Saturday, August 27** and is open to any congregation inside or outside of the ELCA with an interest in participating! [More information on how to register can be found here](#).



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!](#)

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 at nclsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation.



Conference-Wide Youth Events Coming in September

The Synod Youth Ministry Team is putting together some Conference-Wide Youth Events for young people between 7th and 12th grades. We recognize that many congregations only have a handful of youth and that by combining efforts, we can give young people an opportunity to grow in their faith AND meet others in their communities. Would you like to be part of the planning process? With such a geographically large synod, we are looking for adult leaders to help plan and execute these gatherings. Please email youthcoordinator@nclsynod.org with questions or for more details. And stay tuned for upcoming events starting in September!

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



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Keeping in Prayer

August Prayfaithfully Calendar



Prayfaithfully Devotions

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

July 24-30 by Hayley Smith

July 31-August 6 by Pastor Tom Otis





August 7-13 by Pastor Tommy Richter

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

Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For the family and friends of former Synod Vice President **Pamela Long** who passed into life eternal on Saturday, July 2. Celebration of life services will be held at **10:30 am on July 30, 2022, at Grace Lutheran Church in South Range** with Rev. Micah Cavaleri to officiate. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, donations can be made to Grace Lutheran Church in South Range.
- For those traveling to and attending the ELCA Churchwide Assembly August 8-12 in Columbus, OH.
- For victims of warfare and violence.
- For parched lands longing for rain.
- For those who care for the ill.

Quick Links

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



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