



Northern Great Lakes Synod

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E-Notes for August 15, 2022

The Season of Pentecost

Word of the Day

"Live Your Creed" by Langston Hughes

"I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day.
I'd rather one walk with me than just to show the way.
The eye is a better pupil and more willing than the ear.
Advice may be misleading but examples are always clear.
And the very best of teachers are the ones who live their creed,
For to see good put into action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn to do it if you let me see it done.
I can watch your hand in motion but your tongue too fast may run
And the lectures you deliver may be very fine and true
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you and the fine advice you give
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live."

News & Information



We are Church Together Sign Up Now to Share Faith and Fellowship with Fun and Interesting Conversations

This fall, our synod's Lifelong Faith Formation program will focus on Bible studies, Lutheran traditions, youth ministry, and more. A theme running through the new schedule is our life together in the church: our congregations, the Northern Great Lakes Synod, the ELCA, and worldwide. Beginning in September and October, the upcoming classes are:

- **The Big Picture Bible Study**
- **Growing Younger: Sharing ideas to engage young people in our congregations**
- **Introduction to Biblical Hebrew**
- **Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function**
- **Romans: The Gospel According To Lutherans**
- **Taco, Cat, Goat, Bible, Pizza – Interpreting the Word as a Lutheran Today**
- **Why Do We Do That? A Background on Liturgical Practices of Feast Days and Seasons.**

Registration is quick and easy! [Click here for more information on each class and materials needed.](#) All of the courses will be presented online via Zoom, with an added in-person option for “Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function.” The registration deadline is September 12. Contact Deacon Lori Ward at lori.ward@nglsynod.org or 615-519-1969 if you have questions or concerns.



Registration is Open for the 2022 Bishop's Convocation for Clergy, Retired Clergy, Deacons & Licensed Lay Ministers

We will gather for the Bishop's Convocation **October 9-10, 2022** at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, MI. We will welcome new pastors to the Synod and Bishop Finegan will present the latest Synod news and a 2022 Churchwide Assembly report. For all the details and to register, please [visit our website!](#)



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.



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.](#)

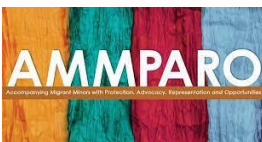
Rev. Katherine Finegan
Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod

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](#).



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.](#)



Resources for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

On **Sunday, September 11**, congregations will join together for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. This annual day of service is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. To help you plan, you are invited to view this [promo video](#) and visit ELCA.org/DayofService for resources.



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!](#)



Disability Learning Day

The North/West Lower Michigan Synod's Disability Ministry Task Force is hosting a Disability Learning Day this fall. The event will be held on **Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9:30 am-3:30 pm ET** at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Portage, MI. It will feature a keynote address from Victoria White, Church Services Director of All Belong, and an opportunity for participants to engage in workshops. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch and a book. The event information, registration form, and pdf flyer are available on the [North/West Lower Michigan Synod's website.](#)



Lutheran World Relief Fall Ingathering

Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI will have a semi-truck in the parking lot on Monday, **October 24 from 9 am-1 pm ET** for loading boxes. This truck will then transport all boxes (quilts/kits) to the LWR distribution center in St. Paul. Please see the [LWR website](#) for more information or email office@messiahlutheranmqt.org if you have questions regarding this local Ingathering.



Winter Theological Conference

for Clergy, Retired Clergy, Deacons & Licensed Lay Ministers

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for the Winter Theological Conference **February 5-6, 2023** in Escanaba, MI. More information will be released this fall, so stay tuned!

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, is now available at nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation.



Conference-Wide Youth Events Starting 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@nglsynod.org with questions or for more details.

Upcoming Conference-Wide Youth Events

All events below are free and open to 7th–12th graders, youth leaders, and pastors. Pre-registration is encouraged by contacting the event leaders below to help ensure enough supplies.

Be sure to stay tuned as we continue to add future events and locations.

Saturday, September 24 – Copper Country Conference

Youth event with games, worship, service, food, fellowship and time to brainstorm future events.

- Location: Finlandia University, 601 Quincy St. Hancock, MI
- Time: 2-6 pm ET
- Contact: David Nelson (dannelso@mtu.edu)

Sunday, September 25 – Menominee Valley Conference

Campfire and Ultimate S'Mores with games, devotions, and time to brainstorm future events.

- Location: Zion Lutheran Church, 2714 James St. Marinette, WI
- Time: 6-7:30 pm CT
- Contact: Stefanie Ehle (youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org)

Sunday, November 13 – Superior Central Conference

Youth event with games, worship, service, food, fellowship, and time to brainstorm future events.

- Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran, 555 Riverside Rd. Harvey, MI
- Time: 4-7 pm ET
- Contact: Assistant to the Bishop, Jim Duehring (jduering@nglsynod.org)

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



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[Website](#)

Keeping in Prayer

[August Prayfaithfully Calendar](#)



Prayfaithfully Devotions

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

August 14-20 by Sarah Sleeter

August 21-27 by Fortune Lake Camp Staff

August 28-September 3 by Bishop Emeritus Thomas Skrenes

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 give thanks for the partnership between **Rev. Rich Likeness** and **Ascension, Minocqua**. Pastor Likeness has accepted a new call in Illinois and his last Sunday will be August 21. **Rev. Philip Johnson** will begin serving as Interim Pastor at **Ascension, Minocqua** on September 1. May God bless their endings and beginnings.
- We pray God's blessing upon **Rev. Tera Kossow** as she is installed as the new pastor of **Eden, Munising** on Sunday, September 18 at 3 pm ET. 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

- We pray for our congregations as fall plans and programs begin and begin again.
- We pray that we offer wide welcome, in and out of our churches.
- We pray for productive change and meaningful stability as the ELCA seeks to "embody the Word."
- We give thanks for the glory of summer days, abundant harvest, refreshment and renewal.
- We pray that the gospel of Jesus is always the center focus of our mission and ministry.

Quick Links

 [Check out resources on the NGLS website](#)

 [COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Tool](#)

 [Stewardship Toolkit](#)

 [UP Wild Events](#)



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