



# Northern Great Lakes Synod

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## E-Notes for August 31, 2022

### The Season of Pentecost

#### Word of the Day

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."  
Albert Einstein

### News & Information



#### Mission Interpreters Needed for Fall Visits!

This fall, mission interpreters will visit our synod's congregations to thank people for their support of God's work in our synod and beyond. If you are excited about God's mission and feel comfortable speaking in front of a group, we need you! Mission Interpreters will be trained to give a temple talk and distribute information in our congregations. Please contact

Pastor Jim Duehring at (906) 228-2300 to learn more about this ministry of generosity!

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## Fall Conference Meetings

When is your fall Conference meeting? If you know the date, time and place, please contact us so we can line up a Council or Staff member to attend the meeting. Email Heather at [hoysti@nglsynod.org](mailto:hoysti@nglsynod.org) or call (906) 228-2300.

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## Sign Up Now for a Variety of Class Offerings

**September 12, 2022** is the registration deadline for the synod's new schedule of Lifelong Faith Formation classes. Enjoy spirited discussions as you explore the Bible, Lutheran traditions, youth ministry, and more aspects of congregational life. Visit our website for more information and to sign up for one or more of the classes, which begin online in September and October: [www.nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation](http://www.nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation).

While the classes are free of charge, advance reading or purchase of materials may be recommended. **Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function**, one of seven courses on the schedule, includes the option to take part online or in-person at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Negaunee.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Deacon Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org).

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## Register 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!](#)

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# Upcoming Events



## U.P. Wild

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



## Last Call for Faithful Innovations Registration

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 and the **registration deadline is September 6**. [Learn more here!](#)



## Virtual Discernment Event

Are you or someone you know discerning a call to Seminary? The seven ELCA Seminaries are partnering together to offer a virtual discernment event on **Saturday, September 10 from 11 am-3 pm ET / 10 am-2 pm CT**. The registration deadline is September 6! Please direct registrations to <https://elcaseminaries.org/are-you-ready-for-seminary/>.



## 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](http://ELCA.org/DayofService) for resources.

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## 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](#).

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## 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](mailto:office@messiahlutheranmqt.org) if you have questions regarding this local Ingathering.

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## Men's Retreat Coming this Fall

Mark your calendars and save the date for the Men's Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp **Friday, October 28-Saturday, October 29**. More details to come, but please save the dates!

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## 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!

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# NGLS Youth Ministry Updates



## Mark Your Calendars!

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

Starting Tuesday, September 13, 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 on Tuesday evenings beginning September 13.

Registration for this class, and all of the fall Lifelong Faith Formation classes, is now available at [nqlsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation](https://nqlsynod.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@nqlsynod.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@nqlsynod.org) with questions or for more details.

## Upcoming Conference-Wide Youth Events

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All events below are free and open to 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jduering@nglsynod.org))
- The November 13 Youth Event at Prince of Peace in Harvey will involve the assembling of Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Those churches, youth and adults planning to attend should start collecting the necessary items to bring along to be assembled that day. Details on items needing to be collected found at: School Kit Assembly Instructions.pdf

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



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Website

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## Keeping in Prayer

September Prayfaithfully Calendar



### **Prayfaithfully Devotions**

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

**August 28-September 3 by Bishop Emeritus Thomas Skrenes**

**September 4-10 by Vicar Melissa Salminen**

**September 11-17 by members of the Synodical Women's Organization**

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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## **Transitions**





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- 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

- For teachers and staff gearing up for a new school year.
- For students beginning a new school year.
- For those who have lost hope.
- For those who teach Sunday school and confirmation classes.
- For the Synod Council meeting September 9-10.

## Quick Links

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





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