



Northern Great Lakes Synod

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E-Notes for October 13, 2022

The Season of Pentecost

Word of the Day

"What's the best method for listening? The method you use to listen well is entirely up to you. Some churches in our study utilize the power of detailed surveys. Others rely primarily on one-on-one conversations or focus groups. Another church holds a newcomers' dinner in which the pastor hosts a meal in her home twice per month. Recent visitors are invited alongside long-standing members to share stories and perceptions of the church. Try one of these methods or experiment with your own even better ideas to see what works well for your congregation.

'We don't really focus on innovation or change but simply on listening to our kids through relationship. The rest just follows naturally. -Tony, youth ministry volunteer.'

~excerpt from *Growing Young* (pg. 284-285) by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin

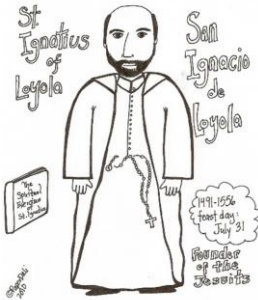
News & Information



Advent Bible Study Coming Soon

"Yearning for Awakening" is a daily Advent study. Activities each day will focus on awakening our mind and souls to the biases which have developed over our lifetimes. When we acknowledge we hold a bias, we can actively work to change them if they harm our neighbors. On December 21, the longest night, we invite you to join in a Blue Christmas service livestreamed from First, Gladstone as we incorporate our learning from the season and await the celebration of our Lord Jesus' birth.

Congregations are invited to participate in the Advent study or individuals are invited to participate with folks from across the Synod in a weekly cohort. More information and cohort registration coming soon!



Meeting Christ in Prayer Clergy Group

In January and February 2023, we will offer an eight-week group prayer experience via Zoom for clergy. **Meeting Christ in Prayer** is modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, with participants guided through daily prayer based on scripture. Full details are available [here](#) on our website.

Meetings will be facilitated by Pastor Terry Frankenstein who has received certification in spiritual direction from Franciscan University. Registration information and questions may be directed to Terry by phone, (906) 241-3311, or email, terry.frankenstein@gmail.com.

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](#).



A Workshop for Church Musicians

Join fellow musicians on **Saturday, October 15, 2022** at Messiah, Marquette for a workshop presented by Dr. Wayne Wold, Professor Emeritus of Music and College Organist at Hood College in Frederick, MD. Topics for the day include:

- Looking at new anthems for 1, 2, 3 and 4 part choirs
- Pastoral care for choirs and directors
- Leading congregational song from the keyboard
- What's new in hymns and songs

The cost (including lunch) is \$25 per person, \$10 for students. Churches sending more than 2 participants can include additional registrations for a discounted rate of \$10 each. Registration is available on Messiah's website: messiahlutheranmgt.org



Lutheran World Relief Fall Ingathering Southern UP and Northern WI

The 2022 LWF Ingathering will occur on **Saturday, October 22, 2022**. You can find the Boxcar at the Escanaba/Lake Superior Railroad - a large, parking lot located at 335 4th Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858, just behind/west of the Menominee Railroad Depot.

Iron Mountain Loading

Saturday, October 22 from 8-9 am at Our Saviour's Lutheran
1210 S. Kimberly Avenue
Contact Terri Showquist at (906) 774-2733 with questions.
(This truck should try to arrive in Menominee by 10:30 am CST.)

Gladstone Loading

Saturday, October 22 from 9-10:30 am at First Lutheran
1212 Minneapolis Avenue
Contact Nora Smith at (906) 786-5321 with questions.
(This truck should try to arrive in Menominee by 11 am CST.)

Regional Loading Times - *Volunteers Needed!*

- 9:00 am - Lutheran Churches from Marinette
- 9:30 am - Lutheran Churches from Menominee
- 10:00 am - ANY Churches/groups from towns near M+M
- 10:30 am - The semi-truck from Iron Mountain arrives
- 11:00 am - The semi-truck from Gladstone arrives

Questions? Contact Pastor Brenda Greenwald at (720) 989.8218 or Pastor@gsslutheran.org



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.

It would be helpful to the Messiah staff and volunteers to know in advance what time you are planning to be at Messiah to load your boxes on the semi-truck. Please email that information to office@messiahlutheranmqt.org if you know in advance. Thank you!

[NGLS Youth Ministry Updates](#)



Conference-Wide Youth Events Continue in October & November

The first two Conference-Wide Youth Events held in September at Finlandia University in Hancock (**Copper Country Conference**) and Zion Lutheran in Marinette (**Menominee Valley Conference**) were a success and we are excited to keep the momentum going! All events 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. If you would like to lead a youth event in your Conference, please email Stefanie Ehle (youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org).

Sunday, October 16 – Tri-County Conference

Join us for an Escape Room experience and evening of fun. At no charge to participants, youth in grades 7-12 are invited to Sherlock and Key Escape Rooms and then to Bethany Lutheran Church for pizza, ice cream, games, and discussion about what could be next. Please RSVP to First Lutheran Church, Gladstone at (906) 428-4565.

- Location: Escanaba, MI (Sherlock and Key Escape Rooms and Bethany Lutheran Church)
- Time: 4-8 pm ET
- Contact: First Lutheran Church (906) 428-4565; Pr. Elisabeth Daniels (773) 419-2892

Saturday, October 22 – Menominee Valley Conference

You are invited to help load quilts onto the boxcar for Lutheran World Relief and then join us for pizza, a corn maze, and fall fun at Hofer's Pumpkin Patch in Wallace.

- Location: Train Depot in Menominee, MI and Hofer's Pumpkin Patch in Wallace
- Time: 10 am 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. Those attending will be assembling Lutheran World Relief School Kits and are asked to collect items ahead of time and bring them to the event on November 13. Details on items to be collected can be found at <https://lwr.org/kits/school-kits/instructions>

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

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



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Keeping in Prayer

October Prayfaithfully Calendar



Prayfaithfully Devotions

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

October 9-15 by Christine Ebert

October 16-22 by Pastor Allan Johnson

October 23-29 by Pastor Alex Ross

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 **Bethany, Escanaba** who has called **Lily Brondyke** to be their pastor. Pastor-elect Brondyke will be ordained by Bishop Finegan at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Dubuque, Iowa on Saturday, October 29

and begin her call at Bethany on November 1. May God bless their new partnership!

- We pray God's blessing upon the installation of **Larry Molloy** as Licensed Lay Minister at **Bethany, Mohawk and Shepherd of the Sea Chapel**. The Installation will take place Sunday, October 23 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 partnership!


Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For those traveling to Milwaukee October 14-15 for an event focused on Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion: Vicar Melissa Salminen, Pastors Andrew Plocher, Tommy Richter, Alex LaChapelle, Bruce Thorsen, FLLC Camp Intern Sam Brink, Sue Shallow, Retired Pastor Gerald Anderson with Susan Anderson, and Bishop Katherine Finegan. We pray for safe travels and a meaningful gathering that will bear fruit in our synod.
- We offer prayers of thanksgiving for 125 years of grace at Trinity, Trout Creek as they celebrate the anniversary of their beginning.
- We thank God for bountiful harvest, colorful autumn splendor, the glorious death of summer that will bring new life next spring.
- We hold in prayer all those in need of healing, recovery from injury and surgery, treatments for illness in body and mind.
- We pray for those fleeing violence and unrest, especially refugees from Venezuela and the Ukraine. May they find welcome and safety.
- For those recovering from natural disaster, especially in Florida and Puerto Rico. May we help provide resources, funding, and support.
- For those who face the changing seasons with dread and sadness. May they find comfort and purpose even in days of increasing dark.

Quick Links

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

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

 Stewardship Toolkit

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