



Northern Great Lakes Synod

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E-Notes for October 28, 2022



The Season of Pentecost

Thought of the Day

“God’s Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.”

~Martin Luther’s hymn, “A Mighty Fortress”

News & Information



Great News from Fortune Lake!

Fortune Lake has been selected as the recipient for the 2022 CoVantage Cares Foundation Inc. Giving Tuesday Campaign! CoVantage will match a portion of the funds raised from Giving Tuesday, **November 29 through December 13**. The more we raise, the more potential for matching funds! The money will be

used to update our highest use buildings (duplexes, Emanuel Lodge, and the Dining Hall) making them more energy efficient and accessible and ensuring they'll be usable for many years into the future.

Gifts will be fully tax deductible and must be given in the following ways:

- Make a check payable to "CoVantage Cares Foundation" with Fortune Lake in the memo and mail to: Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, 138 Fortune Lake Camp Rd., Crystal Falls, MI 49920
- Visit fortunelake.org - CoVantage Cares Giving Tuesday tab - for more information on electronic giving through PayPal
- Drop off your donation at a REGIONAL EVENT in your area. [Find full details here!](#)

Watch fortunelake.org and our social media for updates on this exciting opportunity as more information becomes available! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. Thank you in advance for your generous, ongoing support of Fortune Lake and for your partnership in ministry!



ELCA Social Message Comment Opportunity— Provide Your Input!

Acting upon requests from multiple sources, the ELCA Church Council authorized the development of an ELCA social message on climate care (social messages are ELCA teaching documents that address a focused social topic). A "Draft of a Social Message on Earth's Climate Crisis" now is posted for public comment and feedback. [Read the social message draft here](#) and then use [this survey](#) to share your input by Friday, December 2, 2022. Your input helps inform revision of the draft that is sent then for review by the Conference of Bishops and the ELCA Church Council in March. Longer responses can be sent as email to: draftsocialmessage@elca.org.

Upcoming Events



U.P. Wild

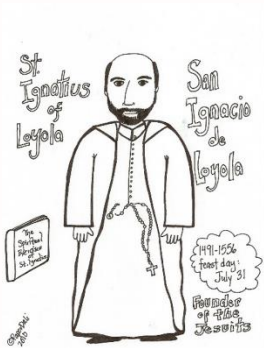
There's lots to take part in this fall! Check out upcoming U.P. Wild events by visiting their [website](#).



Advent Bible Study Coming Soon

Join us **November 27-December 4** for a special Advent study. Activities each day will focus on awakening our mind and souls to the biases developed over our lifetimes. When we acknowledge we hold a bias, we can actively work to change. 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.

Pastoral leaders are invited to offer this study in their congregation and individuals are invited to participate in a weekly cohort with folks from across the Synod. Visit the [Yearning for Awakening website](#) for details. Cohort registration will be on the synod website 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.



Faithful Innovations Cohort #5

Gain training in listening skills and discerning God's movement in your congregation and neighborhood. There are 17 congregations that have participated in the first 4 cohort groups. The next cohort is Zoom only starting in January 2023

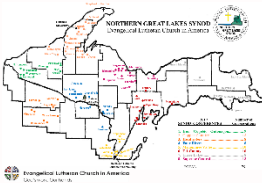
and going through May 2023. [Visit our website for more details.](#)



Winter Theological Conference for Active & Retired Clergy, Deacons & Licensed Lay Ministers

Join us in Escanaba **February 5-6, 2023** to discuss the basics of natural systems theory: how societal, family, and organizational stressors affect our emotional fields, and ways in which the theory's application and influence on ministry provide a new lens for response and relationship. Please [visit our website](#) for details (online registration will be available soon!).

NGLS Youth Ministry Updates



Upcoming Conference-Wide Youth Events

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).



Friday, November 4 – Headwaters Conference

Trinity Rhinelander is hosting a **Friday Night Alive** event for grades 6-12. There will be dinner, new friends, praise, games like dodge ball and Romans & Christians...and a whole lot of fun!! Please RSVP to Pastor Kari at (715) 437-0070.

- **Location:** Trinity Lutheran, 235 N Stevens St, Rhinelander, WI
- **Time:** 5:30–8:30 pm CT
- **Contact:** Pastor Kari (715) 437-0070



Saturday, November 5 – Menominee Valley Conference

Youth are invited to go **Bowling with Bishop!** Join NGLS Bishop Katherine Finegan for an afternoon of bowling, pizza, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org.

- **Location:** Dome Lanes, 801 University Dr. Marinette, WI
- **Time:** 1–3:30 pm CT
- **Contact:** Stefanie Ehle (youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org)



Sunday, November 13 – Superior Central Conference

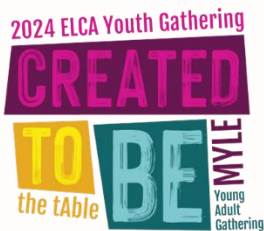
Youth event with games, worship, service, food, fellowship, and time to brainstorm future events. Those attending will be assembling Lutheran World Relief School Kits and are asked to collect items ahead of time and bring them to the event on November 13. [Download the event flyer here.](#) Details on 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)



Save the Date Youth in Advocacy Retreat April 14-16, 2023

High School Youth from across the U.P. and Wisconsin are invited to gather in Madison for a weekend in April to learn what it means to be an advocate and how advocacy relates to our Lutheran faith. Contact Stefanie (youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org) if you would like to be part of the NGLS delegation. Additional information and details about how to register will be coming soon!



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering Theme Announced!

The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering planning team recently announced its theme of "Created to Be" centered on Psalm 139:14: "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." The ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024. If you have high school youth who will be eligible to attend in 2024, now is a great time to plant the seed and invite them to join other ELCA youth from across the country for this faith-forming event. Get a glimpse into what to expect by watching the video below.



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



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Keeping in Prayer

[October Prayfaithfully Calendar](#)

[November Prayfaithfully Calendar](#)

Prayfaithfully Devotions

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

October 23-29 by Pastor Alex Ross

October 30-November 5 by Pastor Catie Ford

November 6-11 by Pastor Molly Eversoll

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 to God for the ministry of **Rev. Mark Laatsch** whose last Sunday serving at **Emmanuel, Menominee** will be November 13. Rev. Laatsch has accepted a call to serve a congregation in Winchester, Wisconsin. Prayers for all during this time of transition.
- 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!

Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For our nation during a time of elections.
- For seminarians preparing for rostered ministry.
- For those who serve behind the scenes without acclaim.
- For the church to be always reforming and better reflecting the way of Christ.

Quick Links

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



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