



Northern Great Lakes Synod

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E-Notes for November 15, 2022



The Season of Pentecost

Thought of the Day

“Jesus said that what I do with my treasure will cause my heart to follow along.
Where I put my treasure will cause my heart to go there as well.”

~Charles “Chick” Lane reflecting on Luke 12:34 in *Embracing Stewardship*

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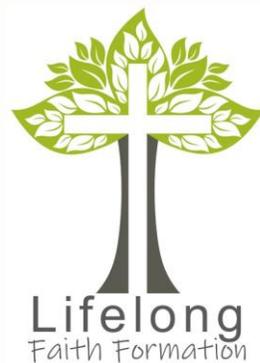
Great News from Fortune Lake!

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!



New Semester of Lifelong Faith Formation Coming Soon!

Beginning in January 2023, the Northern Great Lakes Synod will offer more opportunities than ever for fellowship and learning through Lifelong Faith Formation. In its third year, the online learning program will open for registration in early December on the synod website for classes this winter and spring. The new class schedule includes the following classes:

- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
- Year-Round Stewardship on a Congregational Level
- A Spirituality of Death and Dying
- *Rediscovering God and Changing the World: A Book Study of the Life of Martin Luther* by Eric Metaxas
- Beyond Policy: Empowering the Faith Community to Recognize and Respond to Child Abuse and Sexual Assault
- Meeting Christ in Prayer

- Introduction to Family Systems Thinking & Book Study of Friedman's Fables: *Metaphors for Family Systems Thinking*

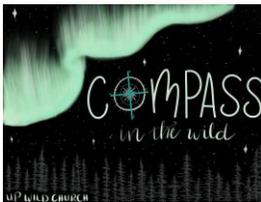
For more information, please [download the latest flyer](#).



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

Check out upcoming U.P. Wild events like Nature Prayer Services and a Conifer Tree Wild Walk by visiting their [website](#).



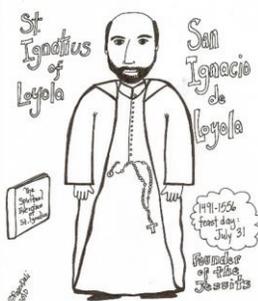
Advent Bible Study

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.

[Cohort registration is now available on the synod website.](#)

Visit the [Yearning for Awakening website](#) for complete details.



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.



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 registration and details. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, January 4, 2023.**



Faithful Innovations Cohort #5

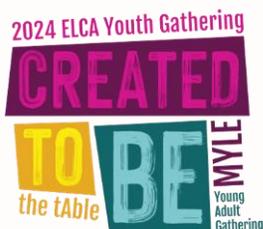
Gain training in listening skills and discerning God's movement in your congregation and neighborhood. There are 17 congregations that have participated in the first 4 cohort groups. The next cohort is Zoom only starting in January 2023 and going through May 2023. [Visit our website for more details.](#)

NGLS Youth Ministry Updates



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@nclsynod.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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November Prayfaithfully Calendar

Prayfaithfully Devotions

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

November 13-19 by JoAnne Barrix

November 20-26 by Pastor Jack Busche

November 27-December 3 by Pastor Terry Frankenstein

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 those experiencing draught and hunger in Africa.
- For newly elected leaders to embrace their offices with wisdom, integrity and courage.
- For those who have lost hope.
- For those trying to recover from addiction.

Quick Links

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





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