

**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES
SYNOD**

**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
Marquette, Michigan**

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E-Notes for May 16, 2013

~ THE EASTER SEASON ~

E-Notes is a twice monthly electronic
newsletter

from the Northern Great Lakes
Synod of the
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America

~QUOTE OF THE DAY~

**“Christian soul, brought to life again
out of the heaviness of death,
redeemed and set free from
wretched servitude by the blood of
God,
rouse yourself and remember that
you are risen,
realize that you have been
redeemed and set free.”**

~Anselm, 1033-1109AD



WHO IS COMING TO THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY?

**About 300 lay and clergy voting members and
visitors
will descend upon Marquette Michigan on
Thursday May 16-18. At the Assembly we will
have:**

- +ELCA Vice-President Carlos Pena**
- +Dr. Stan Olson, President of Wartburg Seminary**
- +Jay Beech, Church Musician**
- +Azania Front Lutheran Church Choir, Dar es Salaam**

- +A fun banquet
- +Powerful worship
- +Interesting workshops
- +Fascinating reports and exciting business
- +Joy in Christ's presence

**And FREE WIFI will be
available at NMU!**
**CLERGY ARE INVITED TO
VEST FOR THURSDAY'S
OPENING WORSHIP.**
**The color of the day is
WHITE.**



It's not too late...
To Sign up for Camp

at

**Fortune Lake
Lutheran Camp!**

Go to

www.fortunelake.org

for more info.

**Coming to a
Church near
you....**

**“Breaking the
Mold”**

A series of training events to equip
adults

to share the Gospel with Young
Adults, Youth, and the Unchurched.

All trainings are from 9am – 3pm
local time.

All are free,

but registration is required
(call the Synod Office at 228-

2300).

For Pastors, Youth workers, Sunday
school teachers, and adults.
Lunch is included!

Choose from the dates and places
below:

~Saturday September 7—

**Christ the King, Escanaba
906-786-7400**

~Saturday September 28—

**Zion, St. Ignace
906-643-7870**

This event is in partnership with
the North/West Lower Michigan
synod

~Saturday October 5—

**Holy Cross, Baraga
906-353-6541**

~Saturday October 12—

**Pioneer Lake, Conover
715-479-4966**

~Saturday November 23—

**Messiah, Marquette
906-225-1119**

**Moved by
the Spirit
~September 20-22,
2013~**

**All the Women of the
ELCA
in the Northern Great**

Lakes Synod are invited to a weekend of Spiritual Renewal at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Lodging

Cost depends upon lodging preference. Price includes meals.

Please choose from one of the following:

~**Duplex**—\$100: Houses up to 8 people. Bunk beds with full baths and a lounge area. Bring your own bedding, linens, and toiletries.

~**Emmanuel Lodge**—\$125: Quad occupancy in two queen beds. Full bath. Bedding and linen provided.

~**Grace Place Retreat Lodge**—\$125: Double occupancy, twin beds. In room sink and shared bath with adjoining room. Bedding and linen provided.

Sorry, no single rooms available and no pets permitted. Motels are available in the area.

If you have any dietary restrictions, please bring what you will need.

The Synodical Women's Organization Convention is on September 20, 2013, before the retreat.

Please contact Fran Voyce at francesvoyce@yahoo.com with any questions.

FALL 2013
CLERGY AND SPOUSE
LEADERSHIP RETREAT

at

Mission Point Resort on
Mackinac Island, Michigan

Sunday September 29 –
Tuesday October 1, 2013
Check out the registration

form and more info
at www.nglsynod.org

WANT TO BE IN A MOVIE?

The 2013 Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh this August is “Always being made new,” which follows our church’s 25th anniversary year focus: We are a church that is deeply rooted and always being made new. For this assembly, the ELCA Marketing Communications team invites congregations to submit short videos that will allow us to showcase their ministries in living out that theme.

From among the submitted videos, we will be selecting approximately 24 to show in the plenary hall during transition times. Our church values all video submissions and those that are not selected for showing during the Assembly will be posted on the ELCA YouTube channel. Some may be featured on LivingLutheran.com as well.

These videos are intended to be 60-90 seconds long. In them we would like congregations to share what the theme “Deeply rooted in faith, and always being made new” means to them and how they live that statement in their continuing work. The congregations may also wish to consider and address these related questions:

- In a rapidly changing culture, where is God leading and calling us as the ELCA?
- Where are we “showing up” as a church in your community?

We would like to have all videos completed and available for posting to YouTube by June 30.

If you are interested, please email the synod office and let us know by May 7. Churchwide folks will communicate with you with the specifications!

Many thanks for assistance with this project. It will help to bring alive the theme of the Assembly and put a spotlight on the wonderful work of our congregations.

**CLERGY-WHAT AN
OPPORTUNITY!
“FAMILY SYSTEMS”
WORK IN OUR
SYNOD
2013-2014**

Dr. Doug Hester was in our synod last fall doing introductory workshops for clergy and lay leaders on Family Systems Theory. Dr. Hester is a recognized leader and teacher of this movement that helps the church see itself more clearly. He has offered to spend some time in our synod in the next year to do some in depth work with our clergy and with clergy from other

religious communities.

Your Synod Leadership Support Committee is enthusiastic about bringing Doug here to spend some time working with our pastoral leaders. The plan is to have three two day sessions (about 36 contact hours) in a group of at least 15 participants. The sessions would be all day Monday and all day Tuesday. Three weeks have been selected in this coming fall, winter and in the spring of 2014. The group would meet at Fortune Lake Camp October 7-8; Feb 24-25 and May 19-20. All sessions are from 9:00 am CT- 4:00 p.m. CT.

We seldom have the opportunity to have this significant continuing education opportunity in our synod. Usually we need to drive to Minneapolis or to Chicago for such a program. It will be a great opportunity to have it within reasonable driving distance.

The anticipated cost for the total event (6 days) will be \$750. The synod will reimburse ELCA clergy \$200 of that cost, leaving the pastor or the congregation responsible for \$550 plus housing and meals. Flexible payment plans can be arranged.

I need to know if this is of interest to you! Could you respond to this email soon and let us know if you would

like to continue the conversation about this possibility. Many pastors have already indicated their interest! I recommend this work to you. **The event is for clergy only!**

For more information about Dr. Hester please see his website: <http://ministryleadershipconcepts.com>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PICTURES!

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ELCA and the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

the Synod Assembly Planning Committee thanks you for the photographs sent to the synod office of your ministries in the past twenty-five years. We have plenty! We appreciate your willingness to share.

WE DID IT AGAIN!----THANK YOU----HEALTH ASSESSMENT!

You did it! We are over our 65% numbers! --- and the cash benefits (2%) savings will be available to all our congregations!

Good job!

You can still take the survey. Please go to the ELCA Portico website <http://www.porticobenefits.org/>

Thank you!

May 17-19, 2013

Youth Quake for Grades 6-12 at Finlandia University

PLAN ON IT!

**This is a great opportunity for every church
in the Northern Great Lakes Synod to bring
their youth.**

Never before has a Youth Encounter
Event been so close to us!

Mark your calendar and plan on being
there!!

**Go to youthencounter.org for
registration information**

check out the info at:

[http://www.youthencounter.org/Default.aspx?
tabid=980](http://www.youthencounter.org/Default.aspx?tabid=980)

<http://nglsynod.org/pdfs/marked2013.pdf>

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TRANSITIONS:

+We rejoice with Pastor Jeremy Winter (Zion, St. Ignace) and his betrothed, Elizabeth Jo Bolkema, who will celebrate their wedding on Sat. September 28.

May God bless their future together.

+We celebrate with Pastor Kris Ertl and the people of Faith, Rock and First, Trenary as she is installed as their pastor on Sunday, June 2.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+ All those preparing to attend and lead the Quake/Zone at Finlandia University.

+ All the participants, voting members,

**visitors and leaders who will be gathering
at the 26th Synod Assembly of the NGLS.
+ All the congregations who are in the
midst of plans for Vacation Bible School
this summer.**

+Reverend Katherine Finegan,
Assistant to the Bishop
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