

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

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~ THE PENTECOST SEASON ~

E-Notes is a twice monthly electronic newsletter from the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

~Timing is Everything ~

“How do leaders know when God’s timing has come? We look for the energy and language of discipleship within our churches, and then we watch for a missional opportunity that only God could create.

Then, leaders lead – into God’s future.

Too often, however, our congregations function from a vision

that is limited to the past or to what we think can happen.

The first sign that a church has outlived its vision for ministry

is when there is little passion left for mission.

Tragically, the only passion that seems to come is most often centered in conflict or resistance to change.”

~From *Members to Disciples*, p. 15

Transformational Ministry:

Now is the time to sign up if you are interested.

Any congregation, no matter if its thriving or not, can benefit from this year long process of renewal and focus.

Call the Synod Office with any
questions,
or go to www.nglsynod.org for more
info.

Did you know there is a ton of
FREE resources for World Hunger
at

www.elca.org/hunger.

There are small collection boxes,
skits, information, posters,
catalogs and more.

This year, for Christmas,

encourage folks to give out of the
"Good Gifts" Catalog!
Free copies are available at the
above website.

Coming at Fortune Lake Lutheran
Camp!!!!

Dec. 6-7: Advent Adventure Retreat for
kids in grades 3 - 6.

This is a great opportunity for young
campers to get a
taste of the FLC experience
while learning that Advent
isn't just about deciding what you want for
Christmas!

Encourage kids in your congregation to attend.

Registration forms are on the website at <http://fortunelake.org>. (Cost is \$45)

March 7 - 8: Church Council Retreat.

Designed to help church councils evaluate current ministries and shape plans for the future.

Dawn Rundman will lead the sessions and Jonathan Rundman will make music!

Dawn, currently an editor at Augsburg-Fortress Press,

has a doctorate in psychology and Jonathan is a nationally recognized

church musician.

Both have deep roots in our synod and are certain to both inspire and motivate your council.

(Cost is \$45-\$50 depending on lodging choice;

receive \$5 discount per person for a group of 5 or more from one congregation).

The new Stewardship Link on our website is up and running. Check it out at www.nglsynod.org for resources and ideas.

**Coming January 31 – February 2,
2014**

The Clergy Spouse Retreat!

**Go to www.nglsynod.org for
registration info.**

**PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON
TO SPEAK AT WINTER THEOLOGICAL
CONFERENCE**

The Winter Theological Conference for Professional Leaders
will feature ELCA Churchwide Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
Mark your calendar! Bishop Eaton will be a guest of our synod
at Fortune Lake Camp
on Sunday, February 16-17. Mark your calendar!

More information will be sent to pastors and licensed lay ministers soon.

Marked!

Marked! is an afternoon of service, learning, food and fun for Confirmation Youth.

Watch your mail for the details of a **New Plan**.

You are encouraged to bring your Confirmation Youth to one of the following **Marked! Events**:

March 16, 2014 at **First,**
Gladstone From **4:00 –**
7:00pm

March 23, 2014 at **Our**
Redeemer, Newberry From **4:00**
– 7:00pm

March 30, 2014 at **United,**
L'Anse From **4:00 –**
7:00pm

Lutheran Campus Ministry Welcomes a New Campus Minister at Northern Michigan University

Lisa Johnson has training and experience in Youth and Family Ministry, Campus Ministry and Outdoor Ministry. She will move from Ashland, Nebraska and begin her work here November 1. Her efforts will include Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern Michigan University as well as Youth Ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette.

Welcome Lisa to the Northern Great Lakes Synod!

Last Call - Dental Mission to Tanzania

Luanne Skrenes is coordinating another dental mission trip to Tanzania next summer (2014). The trip will be approximately two weeks in length and will include time spent with

companion congregations, Kisarawe Lutheran Junior Seminary,
and a safari.

The cost will be approximately \$4000.00.

Any interested dentists, dental assistants,
and dental hygienists should **contact Luanne at**
lmskrenes@aol.com or 906-485-5121 immediately.

Karibu Tanzania! (Welcome to Tanzania!)

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org for weekly “Breath
Prayer” and Daily Devotions.

You are invited to the final.... “Breaking the Mold”

A training event to equip adults to share the Gospel with
Young Adults, Youth, and the Unchurched.

The training is from 9am – 3pm local time.

Training is free but registration is required
(call the Synod Office at 228-2300 even if you have
responded on Facebook).

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

~Saturday, November 23—

Messiah, Marquette

906-225-1119

What people are saying about Breaking the Mold:

"Good ideas! Interesting! Awesome practice done
together, beneficial to network,
Great discussions, Excellent presentation!

The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

Go to "The Northern Great Lakes Synod" page
And "like" us. 😊

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+Pastor Matt Lamb and the Congregation of St. James, Rudyard as together they celebrate Pastor Lamb's Installation. Clergy are invited to vest in RED.

+All Congregations as they seek to work for God's Mission through the efforts of Christ's Church

+The Safety of Hunters as they seek to gather in the harvest.

Pastor Katherine Finegan

Assistant to the Bishop