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From the Bishop

LONG WINTER

Nights are long

Quiet and cold

In the center of the sky
on cloudless evenings

The North Star looks over all of us.

Are we so busy with our internet,
our television, our endless conversation
that we forget to live in the winter night?

Look! Northern Lights tonight.

Do we care?

Do we so yearn for summer that we forget
the power of God's gift to us of winter?

The land sleeps. The people slumber.

Yet God is awake!

Wake up and feel the winter night



Northern Lights over the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Oct. 2013

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A TIME OF GENEROSITY!

It has been an old fashioned, frost bitten, snow shoveling, car will not start, high utility bills, snow on the roof, big time winter! Most of us are leaving for the south, trudging through the snow to work or just staying put in our safe heated homes. And yet there are others in our midst who struggle.

We have a situation that needs our attention! It is a matter of justice and care for the sister and brother in need. I have been informed by our friends at Lutheran Social Services that a very important ministry here in the synod is in special need during these winter months. For the past twenty years, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Voices for Youth (VFY) Program has been providing comprehensive support services to at-risk, runaway, and homeless youth, ages 10-21, and their families. Presently, VFY delivers services to communities in Marquette, Alger, Delta, Dickinson, and Iron Counties in Michigan. VFY services have helped improve the lives of over 300 Upper Peninsula youth annually by assisting, teaching, and guiding them in making positive life choices leading to family reunification.



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BISHOP THOMAS A. SKRENES (CONTINUED)

cation and maintaining constructive relationships, and helping them navigate the road to independence and self-sufficiency. The services at Voices for Youth are free of charge and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Services can be accessed either by walk-in or calling to the 24 hour toll free hotline 1-877-641-5437 or (906) 225-KIDS.

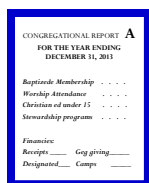


And now the problem! The UP Voices for Youth program has been severely affected by the federal government sequester. Effectively this means that several months will go by before the government again renews their grant to the program. LSS is working to bridge the shortfall in support with donations and grants. To make this work for our ministry together, we need to provide about \$23,000 from local sources. Can the Lutheran community make a difference? Can we rise up and support this social ministry, this ministry of mercy and hope? Over \$2000 has already been collected from individuals and congregations of our churches. It is a start!

I fully realize that there are so many needs out there in our communities and in our churches. But we are a blessed people who can make a difference. I encourage the pastors and lay leaders of our congregations to write a check themselves to the synod for this work and then encourage others in your church to do the same. It is a cold winter! There are homeless young people who need Voices for Youth and we need to support it! Send your offering and gifts to the synod. Make the check out to the Northern Great Lakes Synod and designate it "Voices for Youth."

We worship a Lord Jesus who was once homeless himself. Please be generous.

REPORTING TIME OF YEAR



Congregations have only a very few required reports due to the synod. The main one is the annual "Parochial Report." On this report pastors and congregational leaders in a statistical format highlight the changes in the year just past and the state of the congregation. This "A and C Parochial Report" is now available online by going to www.elca.org, then click on "About" which is located on the left side just under the ELCA website picture. Scroll down and click on Congregations. A and C reports will be found on the right side of the page. You will need your ELCA congregational ID number and password. If you do not have yours available, contact the Synod Office. Your congregation office should have received a paper copy of the report in the mail. The paper copy has the ID number and password in the upper right hand corner of the first page. Please don't hesitate to contact Louise in the synod office if you need help in getting your report completed. Again last year, every congregation in this synod completed the report! Our synod is exemplary in getting this work done in a timely manner.

Every ordained person and every Licensed Lay Minister is required also to complete a "Report to the Bishop." This two page report is helpful in understanding the work that is done by our ministers. The link for the Rostered Leader's Report to the Bishop, available on the Synod's website is: <http://www.nglsynod.org/elca.html> Click the link on the website and it will give you your choice of which report you need to fill out and send in to the Bishop.

PLEASE NOTE! Both reports need to be in the Synod Office by February 20th!

Please contact the Synod Office if you have any questions or need help with the reports on the ELCA or synod websites.

TRANSITIONS



+A new baby in the **Fortune Lake Bible Camp** parsonage! Congratulations to **Pastor Tracy Polzin** and husband Mike on the birth of second daughter Annika Noelle born on Epiphany, January 6th. Annika has a big sister Lillianna. All are doing fine. Praise the Lord!

+**Pastor Barb Girod** and her family have moved from the Three Lakes Wisconsin area. Pastor Barb has taken the call to serve Mt. Morris Holden Lutheran Church and West Holden Lutheran Churches in the Wautoma, Wisconsin area. Thank you for your work in our synod, Pastor Girod, and God bless your future.



+**Pastor Kevin Kaiser (Bethany, Republic)** is engaged. He will be joining Steffany Martti of Republic in marriage. May God bless this couple as they begin their lives together.



+**Pastor-elect Ken Ranos** will be ordained on Sunday February 9th at Lebanon Lutheran Church in Chicago. He has begun his pastoral ministry at **Faith Lutheran, Three Lakes**. Welcome to the ordained ministry and to our synod.



+**Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop**
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The Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly is May 18-19, 2014

at Northern Michigan University
and

Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI

Theme: "Welcome" (Welcome, Witness, Worship 3-year theme)

Points of Interests: Various Pre-Assembly Workshops, Banquet honoring Clergy celebrating Ordination Anniversaries or Retirement and Lay School Graduates, Opening Worship on Monday at Messiah, ELCA Rep and Keynote Speaker: Michael Stadie - Program Director, Lutheran Disaster Response/Domestic Disaster Response, Display tables, World Hunger Quarter collection, and more!

Start checking the website at ngls@nglsynod.org for information about Synod Assembly!

OPPORTUNITIES

Breaking the Mold High School Gathering and Youth Ministry Training Retreat

Feb. 28 - March 2, 2014

For 9th - 12th graders and the adults/pastors/
volunteers who work with them.

At Fortune Lake, registration at 6:00pm CT Fri-
day Feb. 28. Eat supper before coming.

Cost: Only \$75 for adult/youth participant,
\$25 of which will be covered by a generous
grant from the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Includes snacks, meals, programming, fun, games,
worship, music, talent show

Register online at fortunelake.org by Feb. 25.

Questions? Call Fortune Lake or the Synod Of-
fice at 906-228-2300

Bring outdoor shoes/boots and indoor shoes/
slippers ☺

To Equip Church Councils:

Check out the following link
for 10 - 10 minute webinars meant to teach
Church Councils how to lead.

<http://waytolead.org/resource/lead-10-minute-toolbox/>

Job Opportunity

Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Sun Prairie, WI.
(www.oslc-elca.org) has an opportunity for a college-age
student to participate in a paid summer internship (in Youth
and Family ministry). For job description and application,
contact kfinegan@nglsynod.org. Application must be received
by February 28, 2014.

You are invited to bring your Confirmation classes
to one of three events.

~March 16, 2014

4-7pm at

First Lutheran, Gladstone

~March 23, 2014

4-7pm at

Our Redeemer, Newberry



~March 30, 2014

4-7pm at

United Lutheran, L'Anse

Some important things to remember:

Items need to be dropped off at the indicated
collection site by March 1, 2014, or take an
inventory, let the synod office know what you
have, and bring them when you come.

You can attend any MARKED! event location that
you want. But your collected items need to go
where the grid says they need to go.

EVERY NGLS congregation is asked to
participate, whether your congregation plans to
attend a MARKED! event or not. We need your
items. That every church is involved is a wonder-
ful, tangible expression of who we are as "Synod"
walking together, making a difference, even if not
bodily present. If the three sites are too far away,
look forward to 2015 when one will be closer to
you. But we still need your items for this March!
Call the Synod Office if you cannot get the items
where they need to be.

The number listed next to your church name is
the minimum amount of each item that we need.
You are welcome to collect *more* .☺

+ From the Assistant to the Bishop +

Pastor Katherine Finegan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Mining is a big part of many the communities of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Many folks have relatives or ancestors who worked the mines, or are currently employed in the mining industry. But even if you don't have

any direct personal association with mining, you no doubt have seen the hard hats with a light on them.

The really old hats have a place for a candle stub, and of course in later years, miners' hats changed to an electrical light, so they could see in the dark underground places and other people could see them. Perhaps you have your grandpa or uncle's old hard hat. Or maybe you've seen one at some community historical museum, or watched some show on television. One way or another, you've seen underground miner hats.

The hats are hard of course, to protect the workers from falling rocks and stones, or just to keep from hurting their heads against a low jagged ceiling of rock. And each hat has a place in front for light, to see and be seen.

A mine is not the only place where we need protection and light, where we need to see and be seen. Our daily lives can be just as uncertain and dark. We never know when the ceiling's going to cave in, or a stray rock is going to come crashing down, or we're going to hit up against something sharp and unyielding. Life gets interrupted by the unexpected.

God knows the darkness and uncertainty of this life. So God sends Jesus to be our light. And it is faith in him that affords us protection against the interruptions of life. The rocks still come, the ceiling still falls, we still come up against barriers, life still gets interrupted, but in Christ, we know that God is with us, working to create new life in situations that feel very dark.

This Epiphany season, we celebrate the light that has come into the world. For seven weeks, the light will get brighter and brighter. This light, that was born in a stable, pierces the darkness of this world. And as the readings of weekly worship proclaim, the light of Christ grows in brilliance. From the Christ-child to Jesus the man, to his ministry and teaching, the light will become stronger, more brilliant until it flashes on the top of the mountain of Transfiguration and we see the truth of who Jesus is, the Son of God, Light from light.

Not so long ago, during worship on Christmas Eve, we shared the light of Christ with our candles. Epiphany is that season of the church where we take that light, and bring it out into the world. It's as if we fix that candle stub, that light of Christ, firmly in our hard hat of faith, and we go out into the world with courage. With the light of Christ shining from us, we see, and we can be seen, and we become the light in the darkness to others. People can see Christ in what we do and say. And we can see, because the light of Christ guides our way and illuminates our path.

During this Epiphany season, may we walk in the light of Christ. May that light shine through us to

ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP, PASTOR KATHERIN FINEGAN (CONTINUED)

lead others to the truth that Christ makes clear.
We are forgiven sinners, beloved of God, and
called to bring the light of Christ to those who sit
in darkness. This Epiphany season, celebrate the
light of Christ. Watch that light grow from the
manger to the mountaintop of Transfiguration,
when Jesus shines in all his brilliant glory.

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and
show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

~ELW #815

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Katherine Finegan



GRANT \$ AVAILABLE

Did you know that the ELCA has
grants available? Did you know
that your church could qualify and
the Synod would shepherd you
through the application process?



Consider what your church would
do with \$10,000 or more!

The possibilities are endless!!!

And to help people consider the creative possibilities,
the knee jerk response to this offer is off the table i.e.
these funds are not available for paying off the
mortgage, meeting your bills, paying for fuel or any
other financial obligation that a congregation takes on
as a matter of course.

Rather grants are available to create *new possibilities*
like...

~Adding to church staff: a parish nurse, music
minister, youth director, associate pastor, day
care director, technical minister etc.

~Adding a ministry: Adult day care, children's day
care, food shelf, Youth Center, etc.

~Growing an existing ministry

~Entering into an intentional Transformational
Ministry process.

Declining and one time grants are available.

Dare to dream about what can be.

Write a brief proposal and send it to
kfinegan@nglsynod.org.

Together we will explore what can happen, what
needs to happen, and how to take the next step
forward in the process.

Pastoral Vacancies and Interims

Full-time

Holy Trinity, Chassell - Pastor D. J. Rasner
 Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner - Pastor Norman Peterson
 Sharon, Bessemer - Pastor Fran Strong
 First, Gladstone - Pastor Peggy Rose
 Ascension, Minocqua - Associate Pastor
 Prince of Peace, Eagle River - Pastor William Nordmark
 Emmanuel, Menominee - Pastor Lee Goodwin
 Immanuel, Rhinelander - Pastor Maxine Gray
 Grace, Pembine - Pastor Doug Johnson
 First, Ewen; Our Saviour, Paynesville; Trinity, Trout Creek - Pastor Bill Jacobson

Part-time

St. Mark's, Marquette - Pastor Bill Payne
 Bethany, Perkins - Pastor Steve Gauger



"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

God has called us to be salt and light to the world and has promised all we will need to be so. God's gifts are abundant! Thank you for sharing those gifts with the Synod, the ELCA and those around the world. By doing so you are salt and light in the world.

We end 2013 with mission support gifts just slightly below 2012 receipts. We celebrate that 62 congregations met their pledge, with 16 of those exceeding their commitment. Eight additional congregations gave over 90% of their pledge. Congregational designated gifts were \$15,714 higher in 2013 due primarily to gifts for Mbagala Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

We are blessed to be a part of the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and are privileged to be in a partnership where all we do is to the glory of God.

- Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper

As of 12/31	2012	2013	\$ Change	% Change
Pledged Amount	822,074	824,736	+2,662	+ .3%
Amount Received	832,686	830,934	-1,752	- .2%
Designated Gifts	240,012	255,726	+15,714	+6.5%



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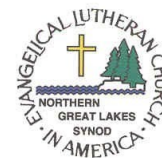
will be in the

Northern Great Lakes Synod

February 16-17, 2014

Schedule

Sunday, February 16th



For Everyone:

Bethany, Escanaba - 9:45 a.m. ET Coffee & 10:45 a.m. ET Worship

Bishop Eaton will preach at the worship service.

United, Crystal Falls - 1:30 p.m. CT A forum and reception will be held to meet her.

For Pastors and Licensed Lay Ministers:

Bishop Eaton will be our guest during the Theological Conference, February 16-17, 2014, starting with dinner at 5:00 p.m. CT (6:00 p.m. ET) on Sunday, February 16th at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 1-2: **Clergy Spouse Retreat**
- 6: **NGLS Evangelism Committee** meeting,
9:00 a.m. ET at Bethany, Republic
Parsonage
- 7: **Synodical Women's Organization** meeting,
10:00 a.m. CT at FLLC
NGLS Finance Committee meeting,
2:30-4 p.m. ET at Synod Office
- 9: **Ordination for Kenneth Ranos** (pastor-elect
for Faith, Three Lakes) in Chicago, IL
- 14: **NGLS Executive Committee** meeting,
10:00 a.m. CT, Rev. Johnson's Home in
Florence, WI
- 15: **NGLS Endowment Committee** meeting,
11:00 a.m. ET at Bethel, Ishpeming
- 16-17: **Professional Leaders Event with Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton**, Presiding ELCA Bishop
- 20: **NGLS Youth Committee**, 9:00 a.m. ET at
Synod Office
- 26- Mar. 4: **Conference of Bishops in Chicago/Rural
Ministry** in Dubuque
- 28- Mar. 2: **Breaking the Mold Retreat at FLLC**

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- 1-4: **Conference of Bishops/Rural Ministry** in
Dubuque
- 6: **NGLS World Hunger Committee**,
11:00 a.m. ET at Synod Office
- 7: **NGLS Mission Outreach Committee**,
1:00 p.m. ET at Eden, Munising
- 7-8: **Synod Council Meeting** at Eden, Munising
- 10-11: **Interfaith Clergy Workshop** with Larry
Rasmussen (11th at Bethany, Ish.)
- 11: **Synod Assembly Planning Committee**,
10:30 a.m. ET at Synod Office
- 12: **NGLS Worship Committee**, 10:30 a.m. ET
at Synod Office
- 16: **Conference 8 Spring meeting**, 2:00 p.m. ET
at Bethany, Negaunee
MARKED! Event, 4-7 p.m. ET at First,
Gladstone
- 17-19: **Directors for Evangelical Mission (DEM)**
Meeting in Chicago (Pastor Finegan)
- 23: **MARKED! Event**, 4-7 p.m. ET at Our
Redeemer, Newberry
- 27: **NGLS Constitution Committee** meeting,
11:00 a.m. ET, at Synod Office
- 28-30: **Lutheran Men in Mission Meeting** in
Chicago (Bishop Skrenes)
- 30: **MARKED! Event**, 4-7 p.m. ET at United,
L'Anse



LOVE

February; the month of love. This is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day; the day where men treat their women to dinner, buy them flowers, give them chocolates, and fulfill our yearly obligation to watch a "chick flick," all because of love. This is the day where the word love is thrown around left and right and when we are shown how to love by watching television. I have learned that to be in love means giving and receiving. It means giving of flowers and chocolates to the woman I love, and in return I receive the list of chores to do around the house so the woman I love can take it easy and relax. Love means treating my wife out to a special dinner and receiving the bill to pay for it. Love is taking long evening strolls in the park while I receive frostbite because this is winter in the Upper Peninsula and not somewhere warm like the commercials show. Love is buying my wife something with gold and silver in it; preferably with diamonds, and what I will receive is the frequent pleas for help to find this piece of jewelry that will go missing every now and again.



Sometimes I wonder if we really know what love is. Television tells us that it's all about the stuff we give; not our hearts...stuff; more and more stuff. Movies tell me that love is about all these sappy emotions that I need to feel and express, willing to run through wind, sleet, snow, hail, and even get hit by a cab in order to tell that one, special woman you love her. Society tells me that love isn't all that important because I can love anything! I can love my job, my car, pizzas, sandwiches, video games, rock climbing, biking, swimming, and my wife; that all of this is love! Love, in a lot of ways, has been reduced to everything that it isn't. Love is something that is much stronger, more powerful, and longer lasting than the kind of love that has been cheapened and lessened by television, movies, and culture.

Love is something that can overthrow oppressive kingdoms, love is something that can end oppression, love is something that someone will give up everything for (even one's own life), and love is the only thing that can bring true and lasting peace to this world. However, we won't know how to truly love with a love that has this much power unless we experience love from the one that is love; God. God is love and everything that it entails, and God shows his love for us in this, that while we were yet sinners, God died for us. While we wanted nothing to do with God and wanted to be left alone, God saw the death and destruction that our sin brings, entered into our world, bore that sin, death, and destruction on the cross, and sacrificed everything to give you and me the life that we walked away from all because of love.

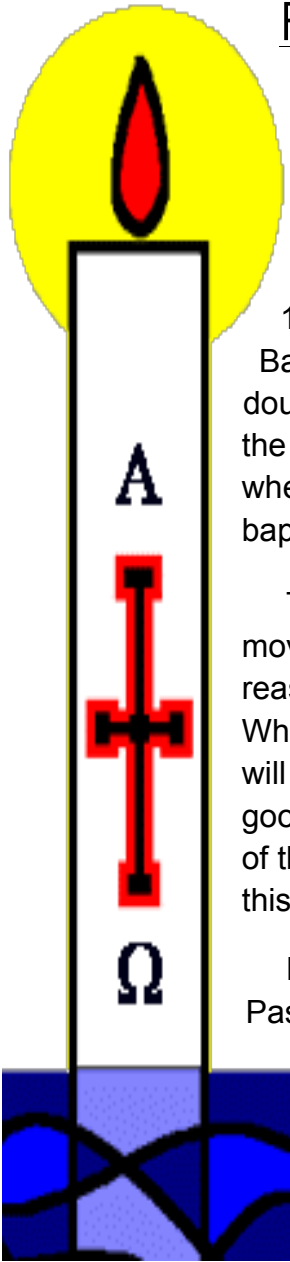
In the cross and the sacrifice that Jesus makes on it, we see how far God is willing to go for all of us all because of love. In this sacrifice we see what it's like to love and the power that it holds. This love that God has shown on the cross has freed political prisoners, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, gave shelter to the homeless. This kind of love brought comfort to the sick, hope to the dying, and healing to those who suffered. This kind of love has overthrown oppressive kingdoms, torn down barriers, and has built bridges between peoples that would never have been built otherwise.



So for those of us who have experienced what love is really like, let us this February share that kind of love around. A kind of love that is more than words that roll off of our tongue; a love that is shown in actions and in truth. A kind of love that means more than just stuff or feelings, but a love that invades every part of who you are to where you are changed for the better; a kind of love that comes from experiencing the love of the one who sacrificed everything for you.

Pastor Dave Johnson
Faith Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, MI

The Use of the Paschal Candle



Perhaps you've noticed it in church, this large pillar of a candle that doesn't sit still during the church year but moves around. On January 12, we celebrated the Baptism of our Lord, and no doubt the candle was placed by the baptismal font and lit, whether or not there was a baptism that day.

There are reasons for the movement and there are reasons to light and not to light. While a good "Altar Guild" book will tell you when and why, it's good for all of us to be reminded of the whys and when and what this important symbol means.

Historically, the use of the Paschal Candle as part of the Easter Vigil celebration was well established by the end of the fourth century. This service finds its beginning even farther back with the observance

of the service of light, and further back still to our Jewish roots and the lighting of candles to observe the beginning of the Sabbath at evenfall.

At the Easter Vigil, just as the children of Israel were led through the wilderness by a "pillar of light", so is the Paschal candle carried into the darkened sanctuary. And we are reminded of the darkness of the tomb in which Jesus was laid and the light that no darkness

can overcome. At the beginning of this service, the Paschal candle is lit, the year traced upon it, the Alpha and Omega traced as Christ is the beginning and ending of all things, and five incense wax nails placed in it to remember the five wounds of crucifixion of Jesus.

From Easter to Pentecost, the Paschal candle takes a more prominent position in the sanctuary, and is placed near the altar as a sign of the presence of the risen Christ. It is lit along with the altar candles for every service.

After Pentecost, the Paschal candle is placed near the baptismal font to witness to the connection between Jesus' death and resurrection and our baptismal death and resurrection. It is lit whenever there is a baptism, and at the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord, especially if there is a "Thanksgiving for Baptism" as a part of the liturgy. When a candle is presented to the newly baptized, it is lit from the Paschal candle.

At funerals, the Paschal candle is placed at the head of the casket or urn, and lit, as a reminder of God's baptismal promise to us, just as a candle was lit when we were baptized. A white pall may be placed over the casket to remind the grieving that we are all of us "covered in Christ" as we are welcomed into the heavenly kingdom.

There is much more that could be said of the Paschal Candle and the rich symbolism it offers to those who gather for worship, at the Easter Vigil, at funerals, and for baptisms. Know that this candle represents the presence of Christ among us.

*"Let your light so shine before others,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven."*



Thank You for Your Gifts!

ELCA Disaster Funds

Sharon, Bessemer
Pioneer Lake, Conover
Salem, Ironwood
Bethlehem, Florence
All Saints, Wakefield
Holy Trinity, Chassell
Good Shepherd, Houghton
United, L'Anse
Bethany, Mohawk
Siloa, Ontonagon
Mission United, Pelkie
Grace, South Range
Ascension, Minocqua
Trinity, Rhinelander
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Bethany, Amasa
United, Crystal Falls
Trinity, Stambaugh
Zion, Marinette
Bethel, Menominee
St. Stephen's, Stephenson
First, Gladstone
Calvary, Rapid River
Bethel, Cedarville
Bethany, Ishpeming
Messiah, Marquette

Endowment /Answer the Call

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Rev. Doug and Elaine Johnson
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Rev. Tom and Kay Lee
Rev. Amanda Kossov
Robert & Jean Sovey

ELCA Malaria Initiative

Florence Parish Sunday School
All Saints, Wakefield
Mission United, Pelkie
Calvary Ev., Minocqua
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo

General NGLS Ministries

Revs. Steve & Marcia Solberg

Kemppainen Scholarship Fund

Anne Todia

Lutheran Campus Ministry

United, Crystal Falls
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo
Calvary, Rapid River
Grace, Gwinn (in memory of
Rev. Peter Andersen)
Immanuel, Negaunee

Lutheran Social Services

Bethany, Amasa
Immanuel, Negaunee

Lutheran World Relief

Salem, Ironwood
Faith, Calumet
Holy Trinity, Chassell
First, Iron River
Zion, Marinette
Christ the King, Escanaba
Calvary, Rapid River
Zion, Manistique

Maternity/Malaria Project

St. Paul, Mass City
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Mission Outreach

Zion, Ironwood
Immanuel, Escanaba
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Seminarian Support

Calvary Ev., Minocqua
Emmanuel, Menominee
St. James, Rudyard
Eden, Munising

Skogman Scholarship Fund

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Joe and Pam Durbin, (In memory
Ben & Ruth, of Rev. Peter
Dan & Kathleen Andersen)
Rev. James & Laura Wendt

Tanzanian Projects

Holy Trinity, Chassell
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Christ the King, Escanaba
First, Gladstone
Larry Pagel
Trinity WELCA, Rhinelander
Karl Langseth

Voices for Youth Appeal

Christ Lutheran Parish, Ironwood
Immanuel, Escanaba
Bishop and Mrs. Skrenes
Ann Christiansen

World Missionary Support

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Trinity, Rhinelander
Grace, Gwinn





A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar – February 2014

1	Pray for all those women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence and abuse . May they seek help to <i>leave their abusive relationships and break the pattern of violence</i> .
2	Pray for all of our pastors , active and retired who are celebrating birthdays in February : <i>Bob Langseth 2/03, Doug Norquist 2/10, Tom Lee 2/12, Craig Mansur 2/12, and Doug Schoen 2/14</i> .
3	Pray for all of our African American brothers and sisters as they celebrate their heritage during African American History Month
4	For those traveling to and attending the Worship, Witness, Welcome meeting at Synod Office today.
5	Pray for those in prisons . Keep them from harm. These are God's children, too.
6	For those traveling to and attending the Evangelism Committee meeting at <i>Bethany, Republic Parsonage</i> .
7	Pray for all those traveling to and attending the Synodical Women's Organization meeting (2/7), the U.F.O. Crafting Weekend (Feb 7-9) and Second Sunday Folk Concert/Dance (Feb 9) at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.
8	Pray for the spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Lenita Scholer and Pearl Schnorr</i> .
9	For the ordination for Kenneth Ranos (pastor-elect for <i>Faith, Three Lakes</i>) in Chicago and for all those Seminary Students from our synod. This month we pray for Linda Forray .
10	Pray for the congregational members in our partner synod at St. Mark, Hagerstown MD (<i>Rev Stanley Steele</i>), and Trinity, Hagerstown MD (<i>Rev David Oravec</i> .)
11	Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Rev. Wally and Alice Leno and Rev. Chrys and Lawrence Levesque</i>
12	Pray for our pastors who are celebrating ordination anniversaries this month : <i>Steven Solberg, Chrys Hendrick, and Christopher Johnson</i> .
13	Pray for the members of Mbagala Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS Companion Congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rhinelander (<i>Rev Maxine Gray, Interim.</i>)
13	Pray for our Sunday schools and Christian Education programs throughout the church that our young people may grow in their faith and know Jesus.
14	Pray for all those in our synod who are living with heart disease. February is Heart Health Month when money and awareness are raised to combat this #1 killer.
15	For those at the Endowment Committee meeting at Bethel, Ishpeming
16	For those attending worship with Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton at <i>Bethany in Escanaba</i> , the reception for her at <i>United in Crystal Falls</i> and the Theological Conference for Leaders at <i>Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp</i> .

17	Pray for President Obama and for all past and future presidents on this Presidents' Day .
18	Pray for all of our pastors , active and retired who are celebrating birthdays in February : <i>Jim Wendt 2/15, Judy Kincaid 2/17, Les Niemi 2/25, Tom Lindblad 2/25, and Wally Leno 2/27.</i>
19	Pray for all of the people in this country and around the world who are not being treated with justice, respect, and dignity on this World Day for Social Justice . Pray that each of us will speak up for those who seem invisible and without voices.
20	For those attending the Youth Committee at Synod Office this morning.
21	Pray for those attending the Family Weekend at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
22	Pray for all Associates in Ministry and Licensed Lay Ministers in our synod.
23	Pray for all those addicted to drugs and/or alcohol that they will seek help and keep trying to stay substance-free even when they make mistakes.
24	Pray for the congregational members in our partner synod members at St Peter, Hagerstown MD (<i>Rev Thomas McCleaf</i>), and Mt. Zion Boonsboro MD (<i>Rev Blaine Feightner</i> .)
25	Pray for the members Prince of Peace, Eagle River and their interim pastor, Rev. William Nordmark as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy .
26	Pray for winter activities and the fellowship created in our congregations.
27	For those busy pastors who nevertheless expend their time and efforts to teach Lay School classes and for all those students who benefit from their hard work.
28	For those attending the Breaking the Mold High School Gathering and Youth Ministry Training February 28 - March 2 at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp .


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Prayer Calendar – March 2014

1	Pray for our <i>Bishop, Thomas Skrenes</i> and all of the ELCA Bishops as they attend the Conference of Bishops in Chicago/Rural Ministry in Dubuque Feb 26-Mar 4.
2	Pray for the congregational members in our partner synod members at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church and at St. Paul Lutheran Church both in Smithsburg MD (<i>Rev G. Bingham</i>); and Trinity, Smithsburg, MD (<i>Rev Virgil Cain.</i>)
3	Pray for all of our pastors , active and retired who are celebrating birthdays in March : <i>Ralph Backman 3/09, Kurt Kovanen 3/15, and Jeremy Winter 3/15.</i>
4	For those brave men and women in the armed forces who are away from home defending our country and pray <i>for the families they have left behind.</i>
5	 Pray for all the faithful in our Synod as we begin our pilgrimage to the cross with all Christians who make this Lenten journey we may be filled with the gifts of life and the love of God.
6	For the World Hunger Committee meeting at the Synod Office today.
7	Pray the Mission Outreach Committee meeting at <i>Eden in Munising today</i> and for our Synod Council as they meet at <i>Eden Lutheran Church in Munising</i> today and tomorrow.
8	For those attending the Church Council Retreat at <i>Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp</i> March 7 & 8.
9	Pray for <i>Pastors Chad Anderson and Pastor Jeremy Winter</i> who are celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month.
10	Pray for all of the Christian men and women across this synod who <i>give their time, energy, and resources</i> to their congregations, the NGLS, and charitable organizations everywhere. God Bless these volunteers.
11	For those attending the Synod Assembly Planning Committee meeting today and the Worship Committee meeting tomorrow at Synod Office.
12	Pray for the members of Matumbi Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS Companion Congregation, Trinity, Ishpeming (<i>Rev Kenneth Lahners.</i>)
13	Pray for the spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Velma Schmidt and Margaret Roth.</i>
14	Pray for the healing for victims of bullying and violence , whether physical, emotional, or verbal. Pray for enlightenment of the bullies that they may truly see and understand the harm they are inflicting.
15	Pray for seminarians who await assignments to synods and calls to congregations.

16	For those youth attending the <i>Marked! Event</i> at First in Gladstone and those attending the Conference 8 Spring meeting at Bethany, Negaunee.
17	Pray and give thanks for police officers and fire fighters who risk their lives to keep us safe.
18	For Pastor Finegan and others attending the <i>Directors for Evangelical Mission (DEM) Meeting in Chicago</i> March 17-19.
19	Pray for all of our pastors , active and retired who are celebrating birthdays in March : <i>Norman Lund 3/22, Doug Buck 3/24 and Scott Ehle 3/25.</i>
20	For those struggling with gender orientation and identity issues. May they find confidence and peace in their lives.
21	Pray for our retired clergy and their spouses : <i>Rev Ingmar Levin and Rev Thomas and Oradell Lindblad.</i>
22	Pray for <i>sustainable sources of clean drinking water</i> for all on this World Water Day . Pray also for our Northern Great Lakes that our elected officials will guard their purity and allow access to their beauty and power of restoration and recreation.
23	For those youth attending the <i>Marked! Event</i> at Our Redeemer in Newberry.
24	Pray for all church musicians who always practice and perform above and beyond our expectations.
25	Pray for prayer ministries – those who write devotions and those whose lives are touched by them.
26	Pray for the congregational members in our partner synod members at Zion, Williamsport MD (<i>Rev Warren Martin</i>); Christ, Lavale MD (<i>Rev Charles Erzkus</i>); and Bethany, Brunswick, MD (<i>Rev Kathy Heinsohn.</i>)
27	Pray for those attending the Constitution Committee meeting at the Synod Office today.
28	For those attending the Living Water: Adult Retreat March 28 – 30 at <i>Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.</i>
29	For Bishop Skrenes and others attending the Lutheran Men in Mission Meeting in Chicago March 28-30.
30	For those youth attending the <i>Marked! Event</i> at United in L'Anse.
31	Pray for the members of Grace in Pembine and their interim Pastor Doug Johnson as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy .

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