

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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* THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD*

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from the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the
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“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

Suddenly they saw him
the way he was,
the way he really was
all the time,
although they had never
seen it before,
the glory which blinds the everyday eye
and so becomes invisible.
This is how
he was, radiant, brilliant, carrying joy

like a flaming sun
in his hands.
This is the way he was-is-
from the beginning,
and we cannot bear it,
so he manned himself,
came manifest to us;
and there on the mountain
they saw him, really saw him,
Saw his light.
We all know that if we really
see him we die.
But isn't that what is
required of us?
Then, perhaps, we will see
each other, too.
~Madeleine L'Engle

For Your Information:

Peace Conference: Finding Our Voice

April 26, 2014 at First Lutheran, Onalaska, WI, 10am - 4pm

Featuring Former Presiding Bishop, Mark Hanson,

Cantor Michael Davis, Lakeside Congregation for Reform
Judaism, and

Warren Clark, Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace.

Click on the following link for more info:

<http://www.lacrosseareasyod.org/wp-content/uploads/Finding-Our-Voice-savethedate.pdf>

An opportunity which continues the Earth Keeper Initiative -

"A Planet in Crisis: Religion, Ethics, and the Environment"

with Larry Rasmussen, Professor Emeritus,
Union Theological Seminary.

Three opportunities to listen, learn, and discuss:

- **Monday evening, March 10** at 7:00pm at NMU (University Center, Brule Room).
- **Tuesday morning, March 11**, 9:30am to 1:00pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Marquette.

§ Registration, 9:30, presentation 10:00 to noon, soup and bread lunch, noon to 1:00--free will donations welcome.

§ "Challenges for Clergy & Leaders of Faith Communities: The New Environmental Consciousness"

To register and/or get more information, contact Jon Magnuson by March 7 ...
jonwmagnuson@gmail.com /906-228-5494.

- **Tuesday evening, March 11, 7:00pm** at Bethany Lutheran Church, 715 Mather St., Ishpeming.
§ "Faith, Ethics, and the Environment: A Personal Journey," reflections by Larry Rasmussen.

HAVE YOU DONE THE HEALTH ASSESSMENT?

Rostered persons who are a part of the Portico Health Care program need to take the Health Risk Assessment as soon as possible.

This year again, our congregations will benefit from the 2% refund program if 60% of our portico health plan members take the survey!

Members will also benefit.

This is a big deal. We made it last year—let's do it again this year!

CHOIR ROBES AVAILABLE

Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming has used choir robes if anyone is interested in them.

Please contact Bethel, Ishpeming at 906/485-5533 for more information.

ANOTHER ANNUAL MEETING IS HISTORY!

All good news we hear! We all survived another Annual Meeting!

In fact, one pastor even said, "It was great!"

Please send a congregational annual report to the synod office.

Please send us a paper copy!

**To Equip the Church Council:
Check out the following link**

for 10 - 10minute webinars meant to teach Church Councils how to lead.

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

Marked!

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

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

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

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

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

YOUR CONGREGATION SHOULD BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Large bars of bath soap**
- Fingernail clippers**
- Bath sized and hand sized towels**
- Combs**
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste**
- Deodorant and shampoo**

**You may bring the items when you come,
but please call the Synod Office and let us know how many you have.**

Thank you for your participation!

Synod Assembly will be May 18-19, 2014

(Sunday afternoon – Monday)

at Northern Michigan University and Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI.

More details about the Assembly will be available online soon.

Once again, a **Synod Assembly Choir** will be forming.

Rehearsal times and days will be announced soon.

The choir will sing at the Opening Worship of the Assembly,

on Monday, May 19 at 8:30am.

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

The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

Pre-Assembly Reports are Due Now!!

If you are a chairperson of an NGLS Committee, please email your report to ngls@nglsynod.org as soon as possible.

Guidelines are: 1. Submit a typed report no longer than 2 pages

- Use double or 1.5 spacing (Do not single space.)
- Use a .5 inch margin on top and bottom.
- Use a 1 inch left and right margins

2. Mention committee's accomplishments during the past year

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interesting.

to ngls@nglsynod.org

3. Include committee's goals for

4. Keep your report lively and

5. Your report must be emailed

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR BIBLE CAMP

March 7-8: Church Council Retreat led by Dawn and Jonathan Rundman.

Council members are welcome to come for entire event or just Sat. (9:00-2:00 CT)

March 28-30: "Living Water" Adult Lenten Retreat led by Pr. Lee Goodwin.

The Annual Meeting of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

will be Sunday April 6.

Please email the names and email addresses of delegates to

officemanager@fortunelake.org as soon as
they are selected.

May 2-4: Adoptive Family Retreat
May 12-13: Senior Adults Go to Camp

Visit fortunelake.org or phone 875-3697 for details.

Rostered Leaders Reports and
Congregational Parochial Reports (Forms A
& C)

are available at www.elca.org.

If you need help finding them, please contact the
Synod Office for directions!

Send in the Rostered Leader reports to the bishop too
please!

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

Up Coming Synod Meetings and Events for March:

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| 6 | World Hunger Committee -
at 11:00am at the Synod Office | Thursday March |
| 7 | Mission Outreach-
at 1:00pm at Eden, Munising | Friday March |
| Mar. 8 | Synod Council -
at 4:00pm at Eden, Munising | Fri Mar 7 - Sat. |
| 11 | Synod Assembly Planning-
at 10:30am at the Synod Office | Tuesday March |
| 12 | Synod Worship Committee-
at 10:30am at the Synod Office | Wednesday March |
| 13 | WWW Task Force-
at 3:45pm at the Synod Office | Thursday March |
| 27 | Constitution Meeting -
at 11:00am at the Synod Office | Thursday March |
| 29 | Transformation Ministry -
at Immanuel, Escanaba | Saturday March |
| Mar. 2 | Breaking the Mold Retreat -
at FLLC | Fri. Feb. 28 - Sun. |
| | Marked Events - | Sunday March |

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4:00 - 7:00pm at First, Gladstone

Sunday March

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4:00 -

7:00pm at Our

Redeemer, Newberry

Sunday March

30

4:00 - 7:00pm

at United, L'Anse

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+ Pastor Kenneth Lahners as he has become engaged to Naomi Richards. God bless their future plans!

+ All those attending, leading, and learning at the Breaking the Mold retreat at FLLC.

+Pastor Erik Heskin as he continues to recover from surgery.

+The congregations of Faith, Rock and First, Trenary, and Pastor Kris Ertl as she resigns from her call.

May God guide them all through this time of transition.

+All those seeking and needing Transformation.

+Rev. Katherine Finegan+

Assistant to the Bishop