

E-Notes for March 31, 2014

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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”

‘Resource Depleting Theory’ of church

This way of being church includes four behaviors:

1. Churches do “programs/provide services” in hopes of
2. attracting “new people” who
3. will give money to
4. “support the church”, so the church can “provide more programs and services, to attract more people who give more money to support the church”. This pattern tends to be repeated.

Using this model means that a congregation is “betting its future on people they don’t know and have never met.”

Perhaps we need to consider a

different path; one of asking “what does God want?” while being reminded that when God asks, God also provides the resources needed. ~Dave Daubert (via Paul Hayes).

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WE ARE NOT AT OUR GOAL YET? 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 65% of our portico health plan members take the survey!

Members will also benefit.

As of March 1, we stand at **35%** of our plan members who have taken the survey.

We need to be at **65%** for our congregations to benefit.

Only 22 more of our plan members in this need to take it!

The deadline is April 30!!

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

Marked!

We are the CHURCH together!

A huge thank you to all the churches who collected items for Love Bundles and Health Kits, especially those churches who made the extra effort to collect but couldn't come with youth.

We had three WONDERFUL events.

Special thanks to our hosts; First in Gladstone, Our Redeemer in Newberry, and United in L'Anse. Hosts provided welcoming space, the movement of tables, the clean up of little bits of sticky fun foam and sparkles, and a hearty meal. And thanks to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp musicians who provided leadership both

in worship and throughout the event.

Our totals are as follows:

335 Love Bundles

309 Health Kits

Leftover items of toothpaste, shampoo, and miscellaneous were brought to local pantries as well. Leftover Health Kit items were contributed to United, L'Anse and their efforts to assemble more Health Kits to be shipped in the fall. Both bundles and kits were divided among attending churches to be shipped with their quilts and delivered to local food shelf efforts in their communities or congregations.

As the Northern Great Lakes Synod, we make a difference in the world together.

Thank You for being a part of this effort.

Pictures available on our Facebook page

(Northern Great Lakes Synod)
or on the website at www.nglsynod.org

**Synod Assembly will be May 18-
19, 2014**

(Sunday afternoon – Monday)

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

**Registration is now available online at
www.nglsynod.org/assembly**

**Any Synod Committee wanting to have a display table
can fill out the request form online just below the registration
links!**

There are 3 tables left.

DO YOU SING BASS? TENOR? ALTO? SOPRANO?

A Synod Assembly Choir is forming.
Rehearsals will be at Messiah, Marquette.

The Choir will rehearse Setting 7 ELW, a choir anthem, and prepare to lead the hymn singing at Synod Assembly. Choir singers should plan to attend at least one or more of the following rehearsals:

~Tuesday April 29 at 6:30pm

~Thursday May 8 at 6:30pm

~Saturday May 17 at 6:30pm

And warm-up before worship on **Monday May 19 at 7:45am.**

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

Lutheran Men in Mission is committed to making men bold, daring followers of Jesus Christ. Inside of the framework of what appears to be a traditional national men’s gathering, men of all ages will encounter a passion for discipleship, a hunger for the Word, and opportunities to be taught and equipped by men who have a desire to see the men of our congregations transformed through drawing closer to Jesus.

**To Register or find more information on Guys,
Guts, & Glory, go to
www.lutheranmeninmission.org**

**Come to Nashville, Tennessee July 18-20,
2014**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR BIBLE CAMP

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

Register now for Summer Camp Weeks!

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
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Up Coming Synod Meetings and Events for
April:

Synod Youth

Meeting
Synod Office

Thursday April 3 at 10ET at the

Fortune Lake Annual

Meeting
Lutheran Camp

Sunday April 6 at 3pmCT at Fortune Lake

Finlandia Baccalaureate and

Graduation Sunday April 27
Conference 6

Meeting
Trinity, Stonington

Sunday April 27 at 4pm ET at

Synod Stewardship

Meeting
Office

Tuesday April 29 at 11amET at the Synod

TRANSITIONS

+ We celebrate with Pastor Ken Ranos as he is installed at Faith, Three Lakes on April 27 at 3pmCT. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is **red**.

+ We celebrate with Soren Schmidt and his wife Becky as they welcome their second child, Jude

Allen, who was born March 28 at 8lbs 3oz, and 20 inches. Jude joins big sister Olive. God bless their growing family.

+ We pray God's blessings upon Pastor Kate Schruba as she leaves Bethany, Norway and Calvary, Quinnesec to accept a call to Grace Lutheran Church in Maura, Minnesota. Her last Sunday will be April 27th.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+ The Youth of our Synod and the evolving plans for the 2015 National Gathering of Youth in Detroit

+ Our new seminary graduates as they interview and discern God's call for their placement.

+ For all of us as we await the new life of Spring and anticipate the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

+ For the church; effective leadership, deepened

discipleship, meaningful worship, and generous spirits.

+Rev. Katherine Finegan

Assistant to the Bishop