



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for November 15, 2015

Christ the King Sunday - November 22, 2015

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Christ the King Sunday is a relatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in the face of rising secularism and in opposition to growing fascism that was gaining a foothold in Europe. The Pope's intent was to assert the reign of Christ, over and above worldly authorities and dictatorships, that threatened to eclipse Christ in the hearts and minds of Christians worldwide. Since the 1970's, Christ the King Sunday has been celebrated on the very last day of the church calendar year, before the first Sunday of Advent.

**Prayer Book
for the Armed Services**



Where is it?

PRAYER BOOK FOR THE ARMED SERVICES

At the synod assembly last May, each congregation was given a "Prayer Book for the Armed Services." This edition is the first one published by the Lutheran Church since World War II. What has happened to the book given to your congregation? The hope is that it was or will be distributed to an active duty service person. Full of prayers, scripture texts and reflections, this Prayer Book is another indication of the support our church provides all our members—even when they are serving our nation thousands of miles away from our Northern Wisconsin-Upper Peninsula of Michigan area.

Maybe you distributed to a soldier when he or she was home this summer. Maybe you bought a few more from Augsburg and gave them to all service people connected to your congregation.

It is still not too late to present it to those who will be in your congregation during the Christmas season. Let me know what you did with the prayer book.

TANZANIA PRESENTATION FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Luanne Skrenes is willing to visit your congregation or conference/cluster area in 2016 to do 45-90 minute programs on the Companion Synod work of our synod in Tanzania. Her presentation can be tailored to your specific needs. She is available to speak on the Dental Clinic, Mkuza Girls School, Kisarawe School and the whole companion relationship that has enriched our synod work for nearly the past 25 years. Our congregations need to hear of the good ministries that are being done by the people of our congregations and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The only honorarium needed is an offering for our work together in Tanzania and some mileage.

Please contact Luanne at **906.485.5121** or **906.869.6796**.



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

To register, visit fortunelake.org or phone 906-875-3697

Dec. 4-5 – Grief Retreat: "A Long December"

Would you like to be in a commercial?

The Worship, Witness, Welcome Task Force is in the process of developing an advertising campaign that celebrates the blessings of the community of faith, and more specifically, ELCA Lutheran congregations. We are looking for "actors" of every age group who are willing to speak to a camera and say one line (that is scripted J).



Nurturing Faith that Sticks

Two are scheduled so far:

**~Saturday, January 16
at Bethany, Escanaba**

8:30 a.m. - Noon

**~Saturday, February 13
at Bethel, Ishpeming**

8:30 a.m. - Noon

- A workshop event to equip Adult Volunteers and Staff who work with Youth, Parents, Pastors, Grandparents, Sunday School Teachers, Confirmation, Small Group Leaders, and more.

- We all want to see on the

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Katherine Finegan at kfinegan@nglsynod.org.

Also, if you would like to financially support this new and ground breaking effort, your gifts would be appreciated. So far Immanuel, Negaunee and First, Gladstone have dedicated a portion of their 2016 Endowment disbursements to this effort. Gifts from congregations and individuals are welcome!

- we all want to pass on the faith to the next generation.
- Come learn some skills, attitudes, and practices to help that happen more effectively.

Please register by sending \$5.00 along with your name, church, email and phone to the Synod Office.

If you would like this event to come to your conference, please contact Pastor Katherine Finegan at kfinegan@nglsynod.org.

Sponsored by the Synod Youth Task Force



Luther Land Tour **Coming September 19-28, 2016!!!**

Pastor Katherine Finegan and her husband, Dave, will be leading a Ten Day Fall Tour in the steps of Martin Luther.

Sponsored through “Faith Journeys”, hotel, breakfasts and dinners, program and guide, bus and airfare will all be included in the cost.

Save the dates in your calendar today!
The itinerary and more details are available
online at www.nglsynod.org. Your congregation
also received material in the last Synod mailing.
Contact Rev. Katherine Finegan at kfinegan@nglsynod.org with
any questions.

Join the Tour! Walk in the steps of Martin Luther.

You save \$100 if you register by **October 31, 2015.**
Registrations received until May of 2016.

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "**Breath Prayer**"
and **Daily Devotions**.
The synod website is www.nglsynod.org



Thinking ahead to

MARKED!

4:00 – 7:00pm local time.
Includes worship, learning, fun and food!!

Feb. 28: Holy Trinity, Chassel

March 6: Prince of Peace, Eagle River

March 13: Immanuel, Escanaba

Marked! is a Synod sponsored event to gather in NGLS Confirmation students. This year, we are collecting school supplies for LWR School Kits and local schools. Many of the below items are on sale NOW. If your congregation is collecting for the fall, please keep MARKED in mind, and buy extra.

Items needed for LWR School Kits:

70-sheet notebooks of wide or College ruled X 4

30 centimeter ruler X 1

Pencil sharpener X 1

Blunt scissor X 1

#2 unsharpened pencils X 5

Black/blue ball point pens (no gel pens) X 5

Box of 16 or 24 crayons X 1

2 inch Pencil eraser X 1

Drawstring school bag. Pattern available
at www.lwr.org/schoolkits

Items suggested for local schools:

Hand sanitizer

Boxes of tissues

Clorox wipes

Folders

Pens/pencils

Erasers

Stickers

Granola bars

Your congregation received a letter with all the details. If you cannot find that letter, call the Synod Office and we'll send you another one, or find it on our website at www.nglsynod.org.

Thank you for your support of this embodiment of walking

Sneaky Visitor Initiative

Similar to a Mystery Shopper or an Undercover Boss, you are invited to visit another congregation, preferably where no one knows you (*including the distant cousin and the aunt four times removed*), and evaluate that congregation on their welcome, their worship, their witness, and their building.

Evaluation forms are available at www.nglsynod.org. Simply go to anyNGLS congregation, and **after your visit (*please do not fill out the form during the visit*), send the completed forms in to the Synod Office (*either electronically or through the mail*).**

The form with your feedback will be sent on to the congregation, and the fact that you sent it (that is, your identity) will remain in confidence at the Synod Office.

Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee



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+We celebrate with Grace, Gwinn as Pastor Andrew Plocher is installed on Sunday November 22 at 4:30pm. All are welcome. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.

+We celebrate with First, Trenary and Faith, Rock as they welcome Rev. Rell Spickerman to serve as their pastor. May God bless their partnership!

+We celebrate with First and Trinity, Iron River as they have called Rev. Lavonne Stephenson to serve as their pastor. May God bless their partnership!

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+Israel and Palestine, Syria, Columbia, and places of tension, conflict and violence in the United States. May we find a way to peace!

+As we finish one church year and begin another, may the Spirit fill us, equip us, comfort us, afflict us, and send us to build up the Kingdom of God.

+As world leaders and principalities seek power and authority, as candidates jockey for prominence, as political extremes collide, may we proclaim that Christ is Lord and King, and under His reign, we find our purpose and serve Him.

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