



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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E-Notes for June 15, 2016

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In different ways, testimony happens in every vital Christian community. It also happens...in the midst of daily life and in the life of society. In testimony, people speak truthfully about what they have experienced and seen, offering it to the community for the edification of all. The practice of testimony is one that people sorely need, particularly in a society where many voices sound yet where public speech that is honest and empowering is rare."

Practicing our Faith, Chapter 7: Testimony

by Thomas Hoyt, Jr.

Is your CONFERENCE MEETING schedule yet?

This year's Synod Assembly included a wonderful time of conversation and idea sharing by each conference. Continue the conversation by attending your Conference Meeting!

The Synod Office knows of three Conference meetings that have been scheduled so far:

Conference 8 - Saturday, Sept. 17, 10:00 a.m. at
Messiah Lutheran, Marquette

Conference 3 - Sunday, October 9, Time TBA at
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran, Sayner

Conference 1 - Sunday, October 16, Time TBA at
Sharon Lutheran, Bessemer

Please call the Synod Office and let us know your
Conference meeting date, time and location.

And let's continue the conversation!

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**THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION**

"FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION"

Journeying Toward Shared Faith and Life

This event will facilitate discussion,
prompt reflection, and urge collective action
that builds mutual understanding
and strengthens ties among diverse expressions of
faith.

Finlandia University and the Northern Great Lakes
Synod

**September 25-27
at Finlandia University
Hancock, Michigan**

This conference is for clergy and interested lay people and will feature presentations by **Bishop Alex Malasusa** of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota Historian Professor **Dr. Mark Granquist**.

Worship

Panel Discussions

Key Notes

Workshops

Banquet

Register online at www.nglsynod.org/reformation

Ad Campaign Update!

Please send us a digital copy of the outside of your church

building for the Ad Campaign. A "landing page" is being developed and we want people to see your church! Check out your congregation's information at www.churchisgood.org.

Thank you to all those congregations who have been able to give to support this effort. We have received donations from Endowment Funds, General Funds, Memorial Funds, and individuals. As of today, we have received almost \$15,000 with promises of more to come. If your congregation has not yet made a donation, please consider what you can give. We have covered the cost of production, and now need to buy air time. You are invited to be a part of this exciting new way to **WITNESS!!!**

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For doctors, nurses, first responders, EMT's and firefighters, especially those who arrive first on scene.
God give them peace and courage as they provide

God give them peace and courage as they provide medical care and comfort under difficult circumstances.

+For all the families and loved ones of those murdered at a nightclub in Orlando, FL. May we hold the grieving families in prayer, and surround all those in our communities who are afraid for their safety.

+For our nation, as we discern for whom we will cast our votes. May our faith in Christ unite us in mission, even as political ideologies may conflict.

TRANSITIONS

+ Congratulations to **Pastor Bre Johnson** who has accepted the call to Faith, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. She will be installed on Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m. Color of the day is red.

Mark Your Calendars!!

**The Festival is Coming! The Festival is
Coming!**

**Friday - Saturday, October 28-29
at First, Gladstone**

Come for opening Festival Worship done up
righteous!

Stay for a cornucopia of ideas and information.

The following workshops have been confirmed:

Faith Out Loud

Practicing Discipleship

World Hunger

What Can Thrivent Do for You?

Funding Your Efforts through Endowment

Stewardship Today

Constitutional Review - the Latest Amendments

Lutheran Social Services

Effective Use of Social Media in the Parish

What is a Reconciled in Christ Congregation?

Human Trafficking and What Can We Do About It?

Ideas to Mark the 500th Anniversary of the

Reformation

Women of the Reformation

A Sneaky Visitor Tells All

We will have displays, door prizes, new ideas, and more. Past Festival participants remarked on the positive energy, the joy of being together, and the great sparks of creativity that they brought back to

their own congregations.

Don't Miss it!!

Pastors! Looking for a great Continuing Education opportunity?

Go to www.leadingwell.net
Grants funded by the Siebert Foundation

Always Being Made New Campaign

Thank you to all the congregations and individuals who contributed to the Always Being Made New Campaign for 2015! We now have almost \$5000 that is available for grants to our Northern Great Lakes Synod congregations for Barrier Free Projects. For more information on details and how to apply, go to www.nglsynod.org.

Application deadline is September 1, 2016.

DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANTS AVAILABLE

Congregations interested in applying for ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants should note the following deadlines:

July 10 - Deadline for completed application

Grants awarded on a two year cycle - current funding will be for 2016-2017.

FAIR TRADE USERS: To celebrate 20 years of making a difference through Fair Trade, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is offering a coupon for 20% off your next order. The coupon can be found in the latest issue of "Living Lutheran." This might be a good time to get your congregation to start using these products. Go to: www.lwrcoffee.com and use the different code, Lutheran20, when you place your order.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

An Adventure for Youth to Travel to Tanzania.

+ A youth trip (16+ years old) is being planned to visit Tanzania in the summer of 2017. See the Synod's website for more information. This could be a very exciting experience!

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



Help Fortune Lake
Continue Driving Faith
Forward! Join the
Tenacious 200 Team!

A year ago, congregations of the NGLS were raising funds to sponsor vehicles to celebrate FLLC's 85th anniversary's theme "Driving Faith Forward."
The goal was \$85,000 to fund the construction of our tree houses to replace the tattered tents in the Yearbook program. And with

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 any NGLS 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.

vagabond program. And with God-inspired giving, the goal was surpassed! The tree houses are nearing completion and will be ready to welcome campers in early July.

The mission of "Driving Faith Forward" continues. We are thankful to those who keep a foot on the gas by giving periodically to the annual fund or by making special gifts in memory of loved ones.

Now you can help drive faith forward by putting your giving to FLLC on cruise control! With a team of about 200 sustaining donors, giving monthly at different levels, FLLC can maintain a balanced budget and drive programs forward for years to come!

Please consider joining the Tenacious 200 Team! You don't have to give a lot to have a big impact. Your gift, when combined with gifts of many others, will keep FLLC "Driving Faith Forward." To learn more and to sign up, visit www.fortunelake.org and click on "Make an Impact," or phone 906.214.2667 and Mary will send you the form. It's giving made easy for busy but tenacious givers!

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- Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop

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