



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

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E-Notes for April 13, 2017

The Season of Lent

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, your road pursue, with palms and scattered garments strewed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your power and reign!"

- ELW 346

It is in this week that we witness the power and weakness of our faith. Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!

May you enter into the story convicted of your sin and yet convinced of the love of Jesus.





You are Invited to a Banquet
Honoring Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes
Upon His Retirement.

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Eucharist Worship: 4 p.m. ET
at Messiah Lutheran Church
305 W. Magnetic Street, Marquette

Banquet: 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. ET
in the Great Lakes Rooms
Northern Michigan University Center
Marquette, Michigan

\$25 per dinner.

Call the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 to let us know how many tickets you want and which menu options you would like, then send a check earmarked "banquet tickets" for the total amount to the Northern Great Lakes Synod Office, 1029 N. Third Street, Marquette, MI 49855

Menu Options: Lake Superior Whitefish
Bistro Steak
Mediterranean Stack (Vegetarian)

*In lieu of personal retirement gifts, a
"Bishop Thomas A. and Luanne M. Skrenes Fund for Ministry"
has been established.*

Bishop's Transition Team News

The results of the Synod self Study are posted and available on the Synod website.

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Go to www.nglsynod.org to complete and submit a form that names an ordained minister of the ELCA as one that you would like to be considered as a possibility to serve as Bishop. Any member of our Northern Great Lakes Synod congregations may submit a name.

The individual identified will be contacted by a member of the Transition Team to make sure they want to proceed and be pre-identified. If the individual agrees to proceed, they will be provided with the Job Description for Synod bishop, the Biographical Information Form, and the link to provide a background check.

Timeline:

April 1-15 - Identification of individuals for participation in the Pre-ID Process.

April 25 - Deadline for returning to the Synod Office all Biographical Information and Background Check forms from identified individuals.

May 1 - A picture and all biographical information for all pre-identified individuals will be posted on the website.

May 21-23 - Synod Assembly and the bishop's election.

Please continue to pray about who our next Synod bishop will be. We encourage all of you to use this Pre-Identification Process to lift up individuals who may serve us well as our next bishop.

Big Bear Award and Bread Basket Award

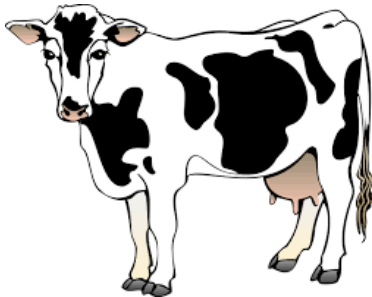
Do you know a congregation that has excelled in their efforts to raise funds for World Hunger? Please nominate an individual for the Bread Basket Award, or



a Congregation for the Big Bear Award.



Nominations need to be received in the Synod Office by Monday, April 24. Forms available at <https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly>.



Holy Cow!

Remember to bring your decorated cow to join the Hunger Herd at Synod Assembly! While coin offerings will still be accepted, we appreciate and encourage the lighter, easier to carry and count paper currency. Thank you for your generous – and creative ☺ participation!!! We want to stamp out hunger as the cows come home! It will be udderly amazing! We're going to milk this for all it's worth!!

Pastors, please be vested by 3:45 p.m. ET on Sunday, May 21 at Messiah in preparation for the Festival Opening Worship of Synod Assembly. The color of the day is red.



Synod Assembly Choir

You are invited to sing with an adhoc choir that will

enrich the opening worship of Synod Assembly
on May 21 at 4:00pm.
Dave Dagenais will direct.

Please come to one or both of the following Saturday
rehearsals.

May 13 10am Bethany, Ishpeming
May 20 10am Messiah, Marquette

Final run through will be
Sunday, May 21 at 3pm at Messiah,
before worship begins.

*Please include the following prayer, or something similar, in your
congregational prayer petitions during worship for April and May:*

“Come Holy Spirit! Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, call one to
be the bishop of this Northern Great Lakes Synod. Send your Spirit upon
the Assembly that gathers in Marquette, Michigan May 21 to 23.
Encourage candidates to be open for service in this ministry. Clothe them
with holiness of life and truth of doctrine that they may faithfully serve
before you, the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy
Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in Your Mercy: **Hear Our Prayer.**



National Youth Gathering – Houston: June 27 – July 1, 2018

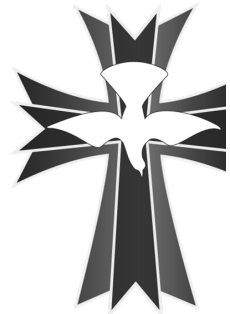
Make plans to attend with your youth,
or contact Lisa Bouche at lisabouche92@gmail.com

if you have one or two youth who need a church to go with.

We had hoped to charter a plane for those attending from the Northern Great Lakes Synod, however, the cost was prohibitive. Please feel free to make travel arrangements that work best for you.

Check out the information and links available at www.elca.org/gathering.

ORDINATION INVITATION



Pastor - Elect Terry Frankenstein will be ordained on Sunday, April 23, 3 p.m. ET at First Lutheran Church in Gladstone, MI. Pastors and Deacons are invited to vest, the color of the day will be **red**. Pastor-elect Terry has been called to serve Zion Lutheran Church in Manistique, MI. Her installation will be held on May 7, 2017 at Zion, Manistique.

Portico Links to Informational Pre-Retirement Seminars

<https://www.porticobenefits.org/NewsEvents/Events/Pre-RetirementSeminars.aspx?ctrl=tabs-preretirementseminars&focus=preretirementseminarsregister>

Please send a hard copy of your Congregation's Annual Report to:

**Northern Great Lakes Synod
1029 North Third St, Suite A
Marquette, MI. 49855**

Coming to Festive Lake Lutheran Camp

Coming to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp...

April 28-30: Adoptive Family Retreat

For more information about this great opportunity,
go to www.fortunelake.org



The Always Being Made New Campaign in the Northern Great Lakes Synod

Applications are now being accepted for Synod Hunger Grants!

The deadline for the application for Hunger Grants from the Always Being Made New Campaign has been moved up to May 31, 2017.

NEXT – YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE 2017 CAMPAIGN TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN:

1. Grants given to congregations to begin or nurture a companion congregation relationship with another congregation from our Lutheran Companion Synod in the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of Tanzania.

2. The money will be divided equally. The Churchwide portion will go to equip missionaries from Tanzania to Tanzania and beyond; and the Synod portion will go to nurture or begin companion congregation relationships.

portion will go to nurture or begin companion congregation relationships between NGLS congregations and ELCT congregations.

Let us join together to do God's work on a scale and scope that we could never do within our individual congregations.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

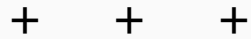
+For all those discerning a call to serve as bishop of this synod. May the Holy Spirit direct our actions at Synod Assembly when this church gathers in May.

+For those in war torn areas. For the peace of Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

+For the rain to come to areas of drought and famine, especially in South Sudan, Tanzania, Kenya and other parts of Africa.

+For those from our universities and colleges who will soon graduate. May they listen to the call of the Holy Spirit and pursue Godly vocations.

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



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Thomas A. Skrenes
Bishop

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