



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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E-Notes for May 1, 2017

The Season of Easter

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

Catherine of Siena was a member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and among Roman Catholics she was the first woman to receive the title Doctor of the Church. She was a contemplative and is known for her mystical visions of Jesus. This gift of mysticism apparently extended back into her childhood, much to the dismay of her parents, who wanted her to be like other children. Catherine was a humanitarian who worked to alleviate the suffering of the poor and imprisoned. She was also a renewer of church and society and advised both popes.

~Sundays and Seasons, Year A 2017, p. 174

CLERGY SHIRTS for Tanzania

Do you have a clergy shirt that you're willing to part with?

Please get your shirt to the Synod Office and a traveling group will deliver it for you to one of our clergy brothers or sisters in Tanzania. Please include the collar tab as well.

Thank you!



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

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The results of the Synod self study are posted and available on the Synod website (www.nglsynod.org).

Information about those who have been pre-identified as possible candidates for Bishop will be posted May 1st.

These people, and any others to be considered, will still need to be nominated on the first ballot in order to be in the election process.

Timeline:

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.



Did you know...

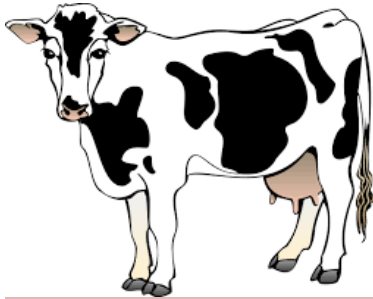
that a group of Young Adults is preparing to go to Tanzania? Pastor D.J. Rasner and his wife, Amanda, are leading ten young men and women to visit our Companion Synod, and will bring the gift of music. These last weeks will be spent in rehearsal and making final arrangements. Many will hear this group sing for their debut performance at the retirement Banquet on May 21st. Please keep the following in your prayers for a safe and meaningful journey:

Pastor DJ and Amanda
Tyler Burgoyne
Julianne Jarvi

Renee Anderton
Jamie Dodge
Jacob Jarvis

Pat Kempf
Havala Snyder
Jackie Wodrich

Will Poquette
Logan Stachnik



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 4:00 p.m.
Dave Daagenais 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 or contact Lisa if you are interested in getting a bus together.

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

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**



**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.

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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 between NGLS congregations and ELCT congregations.**
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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 the renewal of the Earth, the planting of fields, and the feeding of the hungry.

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "Prayer Prayers"

For weekly **Breath Prayer**
and **Daily Devotions.**
The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

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