



**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**  
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**E-Notes for May 15, 2017**

## The Season of Easter

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The bishop's role is shaping a consensus of the faithful that draws on the deep and broad learning of our Lutheran traditions."

- Bishop Dennis Anderson

### "LIVE STREAMING" THE ASSEMBLY

The Synod website and our Synod's facebook page will link your computer to the live streaming of the Sunday evening banquet on May 21st and the May 22-23 plenary sessions. Here are the links:

Primary - Zoom

<http://bit.ly/2qeGWSY>

Secondary- NMUAV YouTube page:

<http://bit.ly/2r1S86A>



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

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*In lieu of personal retirement gifts, a gift can be made to the  
"Bishop Thomas A. and Luanne M. Skrenes Fund for Ministry."*

**Bishop's Transition Team News**

**The results of the Synod self Study are posted and available on the Synod website ([www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)).**

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

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

*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 Mercv: **Hear Our Prayer.**



## Did you know...

that a group of Young Adults is preparing to go to Tanzania? Pastor DJ. 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 Rasner

Renee Anderton

Tyler Burgoyne

Jamie Dodge

Julianne Jarvi

Jacob Jarvis

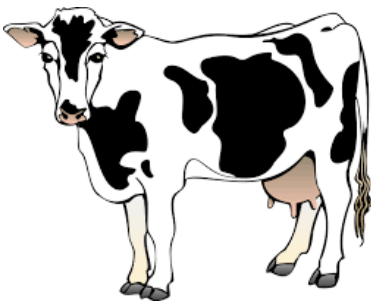
Pat Kempf

Will Poquette

Havala Snyder

Logan Stachnik

Jackie Wodrich



## 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. Another very good idea would be checks made out to the Northern Great Lakes Synod. 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 Dagenais will direct.

Please come to the following Saturday rehearsal:  
**May 20      10am    Messiah, Marquette**

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





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

Make plans to attend with your youth,  
or contact Lisa Bouche at [lisabouche92@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.elca.org/gathering).



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

Applications are now being accepted for Synod Hunger Grants!

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**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 RE SPI IT BETWFEN-**

## **2011 GRANTS FROM THE DECEASED ESTATE**

- 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 peace in Southern Sudan and in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

+For those struggling with disease. Come Great Physician and heal.

+For the Church of Jesus in every land.

Check out [www.prayfaithfully.org](http://www.prayfaithfully.org)  
for weekly **"Breath Prayer"**  
and **Daily Devotions**.  
The synod website is [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)

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