



**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**  
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**E-Notes for June 30, 2017**

## The Season of Pentecost

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The role of a Lutheran bishop is to be the link, to provide the direction, to hand on the tradition, to listen, to make sure that the word and sacraments come to the people in partnership, as a co-worker, with collegial discipline and the energy of team work."

~Dr. Maria Erling, page 122, "The Role of the Bishop"

### **Bishop and Luanne Skrenes Lead Dental Medical Group to Tanzania in July**

We leave July 6<sup>th</sup> and return about two weeks later from our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. On this trip, ten of us will be a part of a Dental Medical Mission. In this our synod's third dental mission, Dr. Brian Anderson and his spouse Dr. Danielle Anderson, Dr. Bruce Anderson and dental assistants Kayla Kurzawe and Stephanie Smith will be working at the clinic along with nursing professor Michelle Johnson. Luanne's sister Diana Herington and our friend Ardith Moore will also participate in our mission. Dr. Danielle, Ardith and Michelle will be working to sterilize equipment, take blood pressures, check blood glucose and conduct vision checks for the distribution of reader glasses that have been donated. There will be time for a safari and visits to several congregations and educational institutions of

a safari and visits to several congregations and educational institutions of the diocese including the Mkuza Girls School and the Kisarawe School.

While the clinic is in operation, I will be visiting various places with Bishop Alex Malasusa. This will be our last trip to Tanzania as Bishop and bishop's spouse of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Since our first trip to Tanzania in the summer of 2001, we have been to Tanzania six times. We have watched the church in Tanzania more than double in size during this time and we have seen our bilateral relationship flourish. As retired bishop and spouse, we may make the trip to Tanzania again. Who knows what adventures the Lord will provide?

Please pray for us that we might have a safe and powerful Christ centered experience as we serve God's people.

## Bishop's Transition Team News



***You are Invited***  
*to the Installation Service of  
Bishop-Elect Pastor Katherine Finegan  
on Saturday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m.  
at St. Peter Cathedral  
Marquette, Michigan  
With Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Reception to follow at the Holiday Inn,  
Marquette, Michigan 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. ET*

*Marquette from 5:00 - 5:50 p.m. E1*



**FORTUNE LAKE**  
*A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI*

## **Women's Fall Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp September 15-17, 2017**

### **Theme "A Godly Touch"**

**"I want men/women everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer,  
without anger or disputing." 1 Timothy 2:8**

Engaging Workshops

Singing

Praise & Worship

Great Fellowship

Food & Fun

Crafts

15 minute Massage (cost \$10)

**Duplex housing** \$125.00

**Lodge housing** \$140.00

**Cost includes:** Meals, Saturday  
night ice cream social,  
workshop materials,  
and Coffee Café.

~**To register**, please call Pam at 906-428-2442 or 906-280-2918. Forms are  
available on the following website: <https://www.nglsnod.org/welca/>

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARKED!**

**Sunday, February 19, from 4-7pm at Gloria Dei**

**Sunday, February 16, from 4-7pm at Gloria Dei,  
Hancock**

**Sunday, February 25, from 4-7pm at First, Gladstone**

**This is a wonderful event for your Confirmation Youth. This year, congregations are invited to collect items for Backpack Programs throughout our Synod that help to feed hungry students over the weekends.**

Check out more info at [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)



## **ALTAR GUILD WORKSHOP**

Saturday, September 30

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Bethany Lutheran, Ishpeming**  
**Featuring Rev. Melinda Quivik**

Cost: \$20 which includes program, lunch and snacks

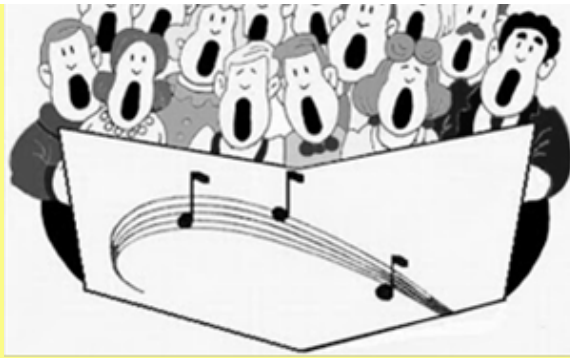
Register by Monday, September 25  
More information at [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)

Sponsored by the Synod Worship Committee

Don't miss it!!  
Bring your whole Altar Guild!!  
Ecumenical!!

Learn the finer details and best practices!!





## Installation Choir

You are invited to sing with an adhoc choir that will enrich the Installation Worship Service of Bishop-elect Pastor Katherine Finegan on October 21 at 1:30 p.m. More information and details coming soon.

## *Retired Clergy and Spouse Luncheon*

**Tuesday, August 1 at 11:00 a.m. (CT)  
St. Stephen's Lutheran, Stephenson, MI**

**Come for a time of fellowship and good food!**

**Please RSVP to the Synod Office  
by Wednesday, July 26  
by calling 906-228-2300 or e-  
mailing [louise@nglsynod.org](mailto:louise@nglsynod.org).**



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## 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.

Check out the information and links available at [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering)

Or go to Facebook and check out the group:  
ELCA Gathering 2018 - HOUSTON!! (NGLS)



***all anew***

WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
TENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 13 -16, 2017

For more information visit:  
<http://www.welcatg.org/>

or call 1-800-638-3522 ext. 2730  
also on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/WomenoftheELCA/>

**Always**  
being made

# New.

*The Campaign for the ELCA.*

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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE 2017  
CAMPAIGN TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY 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 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.

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### **LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER**

+We pray for Bishop Thomas and Luanne Skrenes and members of the Medical-Dental group in Tanzania visiting our companion synod from July 6-22, 2017.

+We pray for Bishop-elect Katherine Finegan as plans are made for her installation as bishop.

+We pray for those who serve us as emergency-fire-police officers, those who seek peace and justice, and those who serve the poor.

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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