

# **NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America  
Marquette, Michigan**

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**E-Notes for June 13, 2014**

## **PENTECOST SEASON**

### **“QUOTE OF THE DAY”**

“Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
The world’s foundation first were laid,  
Come, visit every pious mind;  
Come, pour thy joys on human kind;  
From sin and sorrow set us free,  
And make thy temples worthy thee.”

-John Dryden (SBH Hymn 124)

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*E-Notes* is a twice monthly electronic newsletter  
from the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## **PASTOR KATHERINE FINEGAN ARRIVES IN TANZANIA!**

We have received word that Pastor Katherine Finegan, Assistant to the Bishop, her husband David and her brother Dr. Stephen Volz have arrived safely in Tanzania. They are spending two weeks visiting our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese in Dar es Salaam. This “safari” to East Africa is the latest in a more than twenty year connection between the people of the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. While in Tanzania, Pastor Finegan and her group are visiting our Lutheran institutions including the Kisarawe School which

our synod has been instrumental in establishing. Also, Pastor Finegan is leading a retreat for women clergy. Please pray that this visit will be an important growing experience for our church to church relationship as well as a safe and healthy trip.

**WRITE THIS DOWN!!**

**Festival of Congregational Renewal  
Coming October 10 – 11, 2014  
at Messiah, Marquette**

Only \$10 a person or \$50 per congregation.  
Bring a team of folks and attend as many workshops as possible.

Workshops in the works:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| ~Constitutional Review   | ~Banner Making      |
| ~Detroit Youth Gathering | ~Mercy Ministries   |
| ~Practice Discipleship   | ~Better Bulletins   |
| ~Welcoming Worship       | ~Endowment Planning |

~Using a Screen in Worship

~Afterschool Programs

Friday October 10

6:30pm

Registration

7:00pm

Opening Worship

8:00pm

Keynote

8:30pm

Reception

Saturday October 11, 2014

8:30am

Coffee &

Registration

9:00am

Workshops

12 noon

Lunch

1:00pm

Workshops

3:00pm

Closing prayer

Register between **August 1st - October 3rd**

at [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org) and be prepared to use paypal.

Hotel accommodations on your own.

**GREETINGS FROM: BISHOP HARRY  
& DOROTHY**

# ANDERSON



Last Saturday Luanne and I visited Bishop-Emeritus Harry and Dorothy Andersen at their home in northern Wisconsin. I spent over an hour with them talking about “old times” when we both served together as officers in the synod. Bishop Andersen was elected the first bishop of the synod in 1987, at the same Assembly that I was elected synod secretary. Pastor Dean Marin (Retired) was with us. Bishop Andersen will be 92 years old this July. The Andersens live at: 12875 Rocky Point Lane Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.

## Rise Up Together:

# Detroit 2015

Plans are well underway for the Youth Gathering in Detroit  
July 15-19, 2015.

Your church should have received a poster and a DVD. Please use these materials to generate enthusiasm and commitment among your leaders and young people.

Some dates to remember:

**September 15:** Registration soft opening. Leaders may enter data.

**October 15:** Website goes live. Primary leaders can submit registrations.

**January 15, 2015:** Registration fee increases \$50, from \$325 to \$375.

Places to find more information:

[www.gatheringleaks.com](http://www.gatheringleaks.com)

[www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering)

**Facebook page ELCA Youth Gathering**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=285650866539>.

If your church is interested in riding a Synod Bus to the Gathering (leave on Tuesday July 14, return Sunday July 19, 2015) please call the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 or email Rev. Katherine Finegan at [kfinegan@nglsynod.org](mailto:kfinegan@nglsynod.org). She is the NGLS Gathering Synod Coordinator and Synod Day Director. If she doesn't know the answer to your question, she'll direct you to someone who will. The cost of the bus will be split between those who ride it. The Synod will provide T-shirts for all NGLS participants for our Synod Day. It's all very exciting!!! Don't miss this incredible opportunity for a

faith-deepening, group building, justice proclaiming, fellowship gushing and love overflowing event!

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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)

## Rostered Leaders in first 3 years of call:

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**The 2014 FCTE (First Call Theological Education) Fall Event will be held November 9-12 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon Wisconsin.**

Please reserve these dates now, and watch for detailed information to arrive during the early part of September.

First Call Theological Education cares about your transition to rostered leadership. The ELCA is committed to providing a three-year structured program of theological education and involvement in colleague groups, all designed to assist you as newly rostered leaders in the transition to public (rostered) ministry. As a whole church we want to surround you with resources, while still giving you the freedom to determine your unique



situation.

This year part of the time spent together will be adding your personal input to be used by the ELCA's Theological Education Advisory Council. This council plans to address in a holistic way issues on theological education, leadership development, candidacy, call, and rostered leaders.

Please note: if you would like to assist with any of our worship opportunities, please contact Linda Rozumalski at 715-472-4895 or [rozumalskili@gmail.com](mailto:rozumalskili@gmail.com)

See you in November!

Sheri Jackson, First Call Planning Committee

**Attention former staff members of  
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, families  
and friends of FLLC staff alums!**

**It's time for a Gazebo-nanza!**

FLLC will celebrate its 85th anniversary on June 7, 2015. Part of the celebration will include the dedication of a new, larger gazebo

that is more functional than the present aging one. Since the gazebo has been the setting for most staff meetings for many years, it seems fitting to involve current and former FLLC staff members in funding this project. Gifts by FLLC staff alumni (or given in honor or memory of staffers) are encouraged during this summer's camping season to help pay for the new gazebo. In exchange for a donation of \$85, the name and year(s) the staffer worked at camp will be inscribed inside the new gazebo. Gifts can be donated either online or sent directly to 138 Fortune Lake Camp Rd., Crystal Falls, MI 49920.

For more details about **Gazebo-nanza**, please visit <http://www.gofundme.com/fortunelake>.

## **“LORD , TEACH US TO PRAY...”**

**Evangelism Retreat, Prayer Workshop**

**Friday August 22 – Saturday August 23, 2014**

**Bethel Lutheran Church**

**Cedarville, Michigan**

**See the synod website for the brochure!**

**[www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)**

Go to "The Northern Great Lakes Synod" page  
and "like" us. 😊

## **TRANSITIONS**

+Congratulations to Pastor-Elect Andrea Fluegel who was called to serve as pastor at Prince of Peace in Eagle River. She comes to us from Luther Seminary. She will be ordained on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Roseville Lutheran in Minneapolis. We welcome Pastor-Elect Fluegel and her family to our synod.

+Bethany in Perkins and Trinity in Stonington are the latest two congregations to agree to work together by adopting a Shared Ministry Agreement. They will share a pastor when one is called to the congregations.

+On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Richard Likeness (Ascension, Minocqua) was installed as Team Pastor. We welcome Pastor Likeness, his wife, Dawn, and their family to our synod. God bless their ministry in our midst.

+We give thanks to God for the life of Pastor Louis Almen. He recently died at his home in Florida. Pastor Almen served as former president of Thiel College in Greenville, Pa. He was a friend and frequent visitor to our synod. He is survived by his wife, Ardis and three children including his daughter, Ruth Almen from Messiah Church in Marquette.

+Congratulations to our neighbors in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin (Appleton) on the election of a bishop. Pastor Gerald Mansholt, who

has been serving as Interim Bishop there, was elected to a six year term in May. Congratulations to Bishop Mansholt and the East Central Synod.

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

\*For Pastor Katherine and David Finegan, and Katherine's brother, Dr. Stephen Volz, who are representing us as they travel throughout the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

\*For those who travel and spend vacation days in the North woods of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

\*For the people of Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq who struggle with civil war and terrorism.

\*For our retired pastors who continue to proclaim Christ in

our congregations by their lives of faithfulness.

\*For the new bishops elected this spring throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**+Thomas A. Skrenes**

**Bishop**