

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

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

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E-Notes for July 1, 2014

PENTECOST SEASON

“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

“Growing pains and conflict, distractions and difficulties will crop up whenever God entrust us with work that matters. Growing pains will stretch us. Conflict can hook our emotions. Sometimes conflict will enrage or scare us. Distractions can confuse, entice, terrify. Some distractions are tragic, other merely unsettling...We aren't alone. “
--Martha Grace Reese “Unbinding the Gospel” p. 134.

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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

ELCA Missionary to Tanzania, India and Liberia To Visit Messiah, Marquette, On July 13

The Global Mission Committee of Messiah, Marquette is hosting Rev. John Lunn on **Sunday July 13**. Rev. Lunn is the International Coordinator for Global Health Ministries and ELCA staff in Tanzania, stationed in Arusha. He was born in Wakefield where his father was pastor at the time.

Rev. Lunn will preach at both services - **8:45 and 10:30** followed by a lunch and presentation on his work in Tanzania. Everyone is welcome.

JULY 28-30
RETHINKING STEWARDSHIP

EXPLORING YEAR-ROUND STEWARDSHIP

Luther Seminary is the location. The cost will be reduced by a \$200 synod scholarship for clergy. Who is going? See the Luther Seminary, St. Paul website.

INTERESTED? Let the synod office know if you are planning to attend.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ORDINATION:

“God willing
Erik Lee Grayvold
will be ordained
to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
in Christ’s one, holy, catholic, and
apostolic Church
on Sunday, the twenty-seventh of July
in the year of our Lord
two thousand and fourteen

at four o'clock in the afternoon Eastern
Standard Time

at First Lutheran Church

500 Court Street

Ewen, MI

The Reverend William Gafkjen

Bishop of the Indiana Kentucky Mission

Territory

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

presiding

Your prayers and presence are

requested.

All ordained, consecrated, and

commissioned

ministers are invited to process.

The color of the day is red.

There will be a reception following the

service

at the American Legion in Ewen.

Erik has been called to serve as pastor by
the people of God at Bethlehem Lutheran
Church,
Chesterton, Indiana”

Pastor Katherine returns from Tanzania

For 17 days, I visited various schools,
parishes, congregations, and ministry
efforts.

I was blessed to see the Spirit at work, and
also see with new eyes, how the Northern
Great Lakes Synod is making a difference,
across the world, and across the street.
God is at work. I look forward to sharing
pictures and stories with anyone who will
listen. Please call the Synod Office if you
would like to know more about our
companion relationship and all the
possibilities and blessings it holds.

**WHAT IS THIS? WHAT IS
HAPPENING?
HOW CAN WE GROW?**

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:

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

Worship ~Using a Screen in
~Afterschool Programs

Friday October 10

Registration	6:30pm	Re
Evening Worship	7:00pm	Op
Keynote	8:00pm	Ke
Reception	8:30pm	Re

Saturday October 11, 2014

Check-in & Registration	8:30am	Co
Workshops	9:00am	Wo
noon	12	
Lunch		
Workshops	1:00pm	W
Singing prayer	3:00pm	Clo

Register between **August 1st - October 3rd**
at www.nglsynod.org and be prepared to use paypal.
Hotel accommodations on your own. *wn*

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

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. 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!



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

**Go to “The Northern Great Lakes
Synod” page
and “like” us. J**

TRANSITIONS

NEW MINISTRIES—NEW WORK

+Congratulations to **Pastor-Elect Diane Srutowski** called to serve Trinity in Stonington and Bethany in Perkins. She has served in our synod as a Licensed lay Minister and is a member of First in Gladstone.

+Congratulations to **Pastor-Elect Joe Iverson** called to serve Holy Trinity Church in Chassell. He comes to us from Luther Seminary. He will be ordained on August 23rd at Our Saviors Church in Westby, Wisconsin

+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 11th at Roseville Lutheran in Minneapolis.

+**Pastor George Candea-Kromm** has begun an interim ministry in a congregation of the Central States Synod where he and his wife, Shirley, own a home. He remains on our synod roster of ordained ministers.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

*The people of Iraq and Syria in the midst of war and struggle.

- *Our pastors and synod leaders.
- *The unemployed and underemployed in our midst.
- *Our congregations in the midst of change!
- *Those enjoying the splendor of our beautiful natural surroundings.

+Thomas A. Skrenes

Bishop