

**NORTHERN GREAT
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Evangelical Lutheran Church
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E-Notes for July 15, 2014

PENTECOST SEASON

“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

The church of late has mostly forgotten how remarkable and upsetting is the self-giving of Jesus.

The church has gotten into the fear, scarcity, and survival business, precisely a denial of its Lord and its text, busy supervising a moral of scarcity,

trying to keep the old world of anxiety in place. The text, of course, is otherwise.

The giving of God that populates our past and the reliability of God that marks our future

make life in the present different. It is our capacity to be amazed that equips us

to enact the present tense outside normal boundaries and procedures.

It is the chance of the preacher, out of this text, to amaze.

~ The Word That Redescribes the World by Walter Brueggemann, p.18

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BISHOP AND LUANNE SKRENES IN NORWAY AND FINLAND

From July 14 to July 30, the bishop and Luanne are traveling in the land of their grandparents. Bishop Skrenes will preach at his grandfather's home

church in Balestrand on the Sognefjord on July 20th. The Skrenes' will visit relatives in Norway and then travel to Finland where Luanne's family originated. Her father's family will host them in Porvoo and in Kuusamo. Joining the Skrenes' on this family adventure are the bishop's sister Arlene and Luanne's sister Diana.

Retired Clergy & Spouses Summer Gathering

On **Tuesday, August 5th**, all retired clergy, their spouses and spouses of deceased clergy are invited to gather at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Skandia from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET for food and fellowship.

Pastor Katherine will share her story of her trip to Tanzania for our program.

If you have not already RSVP'd, please do so as soon as possible because we need to let our caterer,

Tutti Carlson from Rock, know how many will be attending. She will be serving a ham dinner!

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 TWO
ORDINATIONS:

“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”

You are also invited to the ordination
and installation
of

Diane Srutowski

at First Lutheran, Gladstone
Sunday, August 17, at 3pm. ET

Clergy are invited to vest.
The color of the day is red.

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.

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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| Review | ~Constitutional |
| | ~Banner Making |
| | ~Detroit Youth |
| Gathering | ~Mercy Ministries |
| | ~Practice |
| Discipleship | ~Better Bulletins |
| | ~Welcoming |
| Worship | ~Endowment Planning |
| | ~Using a Screen in |
| Worship | ~Afterschool Programs |

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	Saturday October 11, 2014	
& Registration	8:30am	Coffee
hops	9:00am	Works
	12 noon	Lunch
hops	1:00pm	Works
g prayer	3:00pm	Closin

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

If you are a World Hunger congregational representative,
please register through the Synod Office.

**If you are interested in hosting a workshop or a
display table, please call the Synod Office.**

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!

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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. 😊**

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.

+We give thanks for the life of a former pastor in this synod. **PASTOR KENNETH SCHLUETER**, who served as Chaplain at Northland Lutheran Retirement Community in Marinette died unexpectedly on July 2, 2014. His funeral at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay was on July 8th. He is survived by his wife, Sharleen, as well as three children and seven grandchildren. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

+We also give thanks for the life of **PASTOR HARLAN H. HAACK**, who died on June 14, 2014 at his home surrounded by family and friends. Pastor Haack served two congregations in our synod: Our Redeemer in Champion from 1965-1969 and First Lutheran in Iron River until his retirement in 1989. His funeral was on Friday, July 11th, at St. John Lutheran Church in Lakeville, Minnesota. He is survived by two daughters and their spouses and three grandchildren. Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness!

+We celebrate with Bethany, Norway and Calvary, Quinnesec as Linda Forray is installed as their Licensed Lay Minister. God bless their new partnership in ministry.

LIFTING UP TO GOD I N PRAYER

*Eric Grayvold and Diane Srutowski as they are ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

*Linda Forray as she is installed as Licensed Lay Minister.

*All those seeking refreshment and renewal, and sunshine during these summer days.

*For farmers and gardeners, that their harvest will be plentiful and the hungry will be fed.

+Rev. Katherine Finegan

Assistant to the Bishop