

**NORTHERN GREAT
LAKES SYNOD
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America
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E-Notes for July 31, 2014

PENTECOST SEASON

“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

The church year is a wonderful way in which we recall and celebrate the mighty acts of God in our own lives and times. It is a reminder of God’s constant activity – not only God’s interventions into human history, but also God’s grace-filled activity among us now. Through the liturgical year we realize more and more deeply that we are a part of God’s ongoing saving and loving activity....During these

[after Pentecost] weeks, the church concentrates on Christ's public ministry – his sermon, parables, and miracles. It is a time of growth in faith, hope, and love – and thus green paraments are used as a symbol of this growth.

~Altar Guild and Sacristy Handbook, p.81-82

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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

Mark your calendars for Youth Ministry Events at Fortune Lake!

October 17-

19

Junior High

Retreat

October 31 - November

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Senior High Gathering

Go to www.fortunelake.org for more info
and registration.

The easiest Youth Ministry event you'll
never have to plan.

Just come!....and bring your youth!!!

**Registration has been extended to Monday
August 4!**

**“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

An Inspiration for Fitness!

The Canal Run was held Saturday, July 19, in Hancock, with good participation by Copper Country clergy and spouses from above the bridge (the Portage Lift Bridge, that is).

In the half-marathon, Amanda Rasner finished ahead of her husband, Pr. D.J. Rasner (Gloria Dei, Hancock). Amanda was third in her age group (35-39). D.J. was slower than usual due to an injury, but still finished well with a good time. (The winner of the half-marathon was Andrew Lund, a member of Good Shepherd, Houghton, south of the bridge.)

In the five mile run, Liz Siivola finished ahead of her husband, Pr. Peter Vorhes (Faith, Calumet). Each finished first in their age group (60 and over). Also in the five mile run, René Johnson finished ahead of her husband, Pr. Phil Johnson (President, Finlandia University), and ahead of Pr. Vorhes. And still in the five mile run, Sara Johnston, wife of Pr. Tim Johnston (Bethany, Mohawk), finished between Liz Siivola and René Johnson, ahead of both of the pastors in the five mile run.

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!

You are 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.

Confirmed Workshops to be offered so far:

~**Release Time:** Come hear how these youth programs are working in Republic and Crystal Falls.

~**Mid-Week Sunday School:** Different than Release Time,

some churches have chosen to move their Sunday school to a mid-week time. Come learn what this change means for programming possibilities and community outreach.

- ~**CORE:** This organization seeks to be a positive reforming influence in the ELCA. Come hear about their efforts.
- ~**World Hunger:** For Congregational Hunger Representatives and all those interested in beginning or building their church's World Hunger involvement.
- ~**Prison Ministries:** Come learn what the possibilities are for ministry in our prisons.
- ~**Banner Making:** Learn one process for the visioning and creating of banners that enrich your worship space.
- ~**Bible Study:** We will soon begin the Year of Mark. Come get an overview of this unique and fascinating gospel.
- ~**Practice Discipleship:** Whether or not you are bringing youth to the Gathering, this material is meaningful for youth and adults alike to deepen your discipleship.
- ~**Constitutional Review:** How out of date is your Constitution? What is the process for amending it? Where is a church to begin? Come have all your constitution questions answered, and learn why this document is so important.
- ~**The Great Commission Agenda for Councils:** The Church Council has an important role for leadership in the church, and congregational renewal is a part of

that. Come hear one method for equipping and training councils to effectively lead their congregations with purpose.

- ~**Advocacy:** Public policy can have a profound impact on people struggling with poverty and housing insecurity. Learn what it means to be an advocate and what are the hunger issues facing people in the U.P. and Northern Wisconsin.
- ~**Poverty Simulation:** What does chronic poverty and hunger feel like? How would you cope with powerlessness? What if you had been born in a system that works against your efforts to improve? Come get a small taste of what so many people experience every day.
- ~**Rise Up Detroit:** Explore the possibilities, Learn about the event, Partner with other churches.

The above list is just the beginning. More workshops are being added as the event draws nearer.

Start recruiting your congregational team now!

	Friday October 10	
	6:30pm	Registr
ation	7:00pm	Festiva

I Opening Worship	8:00pm	Welco
me	8:30pm	Recept
ion		
	Saturday October 11, 2014	
	8:30am	Coffee
& Registration		
	9:00am	Works
hops		
	12 noon	Lunch
	1:00pm	Works
hops		
	3:00pm	Closin
g prayer		

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>.

Go to “The Northern Great Lakes

**Synod” page
and “like” us. 😊**

TRANSITIONS

✚ Congratulations to **Pastor Greg Mileski** and his wife Jenny at the birth of their daughter. Lena Ruth entered the world at 2:11pm on July 30 weighing 7lbs 13 oz and stretched to 21 and ½ inches long. She joins 16 month old big brother Leo Robert. Praise to the Lord!

✚ 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. A worship service of ordination and installation will be August 17 at First in Gladstone at 3pm.

✚ We celebrate with Bethany, Norway and Calvary, Quinnesec as **Linda Forray** is installed as their Licensed Lay Minister on August 3 at 3pm at Bethany, Norway. God bless their new partnership in ministry.

✚ Congratulations to **Pastor-Elect Andrea Fluegal**, ordained at

Roseville Lutheran Church, Minnesota on July 13, and called to serve Prince of Peace, Eagle River. Pastor Fluegal will be installed Sunday September 7 at 3pm CT. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.

LIFTING UP TO GOD I N PRAYER

*Pastor-Elect **Joe Iverson** as he is ordained on August 23. He has been called to serve Holy Trinity, Chassell. May God bless their new partnership!

*All those planning Hunger Walks in their communities.

*All those congregations who will participate in the “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday on September 7. May God bless your efforts to make a difference!

*We lift up the Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, Syria, and all places of violence and warfare. God give us

wisdom, humility, and hope.

*We hold in prayer all the unaccompanied minors. May their needs be met, and the complicated politics untangled so that a life-giving way forward may be found and God's will is done.

*All those suffering from the Ebola virus and all those struggling to tend to the needs of the sick. We pray for effective treatment and a stem to the spread of the illness.

+Rev. Katherine Finegan

Assistant to the Bishop