

**NORTHERN GREAT
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E-Notes for October 15, 2014

PENTECOST SEASON

“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

“Our primary attitudes are gratitude and humility, gratitude to God for all gifts and humility in the face of God’s abundance. Our reliance for all we need is on God alone. We trust in God’s abundance.”

--Marty Stevens, "The Lutheran, September 2014" p.
15.

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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

GOD DOES GREAT THINGS!

Our Northern Great Lakes Synod continues to be a gift to the whole Church of Jesus and to the world which God has created. The prayers, the energy and the financial support of the ministries of the synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are an example of how God can work in us. We have turned a corner, there is a new wind blowing and it is now time to recommit ourselves to the work we do together in the name of the Crucified one.

It is important and exciting to know that: +The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America sends **missionaries** with the Gospel of Christ throughout the whole world.

We are serving God's people around the globe and they are helping us see

the face of Jesus in very different ways!

+Seminaries are training the **next generation of pastors!** Church Colleges, campus ministries at our state universities and bible camps are building lives for Jesus.

+Forty **new congregations** will be organized in the next year throughout the United States with your financial and prayer support.

+Our **Synod Office supports your work** with youth, stewardship and outreach programs as well as clergy searches, and administrative assistance.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND YOU!

Every instance of violence is different, yet every act of gender-based violence hurts a beloved creature of God. Read anonymous personal stories in the "Draft of a Social Message on Gender-based Violence" that is being prepared at the direction of the ELCA Church Council. These stories

start to unveil the reality of what gender-based violence does and is, and you are invited to review the draft and reflect on these realities from a standpoint of faith. In October and November, you also are invited to share your comments and suggestions about the text. Visit www.elca.org/socialmessages and click on the Gender-based Violence graphic to download the draft and to participate in the public comment period.

BOUNDARIES WORKSHOP FOR ROSTERED LEADERS

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. local time

Call the Synod Office to register today
for one of two events:

Monday, October 27 at Fortune Lake

Lutheran Camp
Wednesday, October 29 at Our
Redeemer, Newberry

**!!! COLLECT YOUR
QUARTERS !!!**

**Did you know that every year a Quarter
Offering is taken**

at Synod Assembly for World Hunger?

YES IT'S TRUE!!!!

This year our goal is 100% participation.

Even with not every church giving, we raise upwards of \$10,000 every year. Imagine what we could do if every congregation of the NGLS participates! Start collecting loose change NOW. Put a jar out, a basket, a piggy bank, and let the coins pile up. Let's make an intentional effort to let our loose change make a difference. Synod Assembly will be at Finlandia University in Hancock May 15-17, 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Coming February 8-9, 2015 at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
The Theological Conference for Rostered Leaders:

**Featuring our Keynote Speaker, Bishop
Craig Satterlee,
former professor at Lutheran School of
Theology, Chicago and
current bishop of the Northwest Lower
Michigan Synod.**

*All Northern Great Lakes
Synod Women are invited to
attend the Gathering in their
Conference!*

In case you didn't know, every church is in a conference, and every conference is encouraged by the Synod Women's Organization to sponsor a "Cluster Meeting", either once or twice a year. These

Cluster Meetings or Gatherings are for church women, the young and young at heart, to gather in fellowship with each other. The sponsoring congregation plans the program and hosts a light luncheon. A brief worship or Bible Study and an offering are also usually a part of the afternoon. Come and partner in ministry with your sisters in Christ, not only in your own congregation, but with your neighboring churches.

We can do so much more together than we can on our own...and it's just more fun!

Also, a big Thank You for all the offerings already collected that will benefit the Mkuza Girls' School. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated as funds raised will go to outfit their science laboratory, and hopefully we will raise enough to purchase book shelves for the library. If your conference has yet to take an offering for the Mkuza Girls' School, please consider doing so. For more info, contact Pastor Katherine Finegan at the Synod Office.

Synod Conference Meetings in Late October

The Northern Great Lakes Synod is divided into 8 Conferences. Every autumn, pastors and congregational representatives meet to have necessary elections, discuss joint ministry efforts, and address concerns unique to their geographic area.

A representative from the Synod also attends to keep each conference aware of Synod concerns, updates, and Synod-wide ministry efforts. Each congregation makes arrangements to send their pastor and at least two congregation members. Please review the following Conference Meetings. If you are interested in attending, let your pastor know.

Conference 1 – IGO	October
19 3:00pm CT at St. Paul, Ironwood	
Conference 3 – Headwaters	October
26 2:00pm CT at Pioneer Lake, Conover	
Conference 5 – Menominee Valley	October
23 5:00pm CT at Northland Village	
Conference 8 – Superior Central	October
19 3:00pm ET at Immanuel, Negaunee	

Every pastor is expected to attend, along with at least two congregation members.

**Mark your calendars for
2015**

MARKED!

4:00 – 7:00pm local time.

Sunday March

1: Prince of Peace,
Harvey

Sunday March

8: Zion, Ironwood
Sunday March

15: Northland Village, Marinette

MARKED! is a Synod sponsored event for all NGLS Confirmation Students. Every congregation is asked to attend a MARKED! event at least once every two years, every year if distance allows. Pastors and leaders bring their Confirmation youth for an afternoon of service, learning, music, and fun. Supper is included in this FREE event.

Like last year, every NGLS congregation will be asked to participate by collecting items. This year it will be all about BABIES! Baby kits for LWR and Baby Bundles for shelters and food shelves will be assembled. Your congregation will receive a letter soon detailing how many of each item we need from your church. Any

questions, 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:

TODAY: 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!

Start saving for your congregation's trip to the 2015 Youth Gathering

Have you started saving for your congregation's youth to attend the ELCA's Youth Gathering next summer in Detroit? Consider registration fees, transportation, lodging and meals.

The Mission Investment Fund, the financial ministry of the ELCA, offers a special **Demand Investment Youth Ministry account**. With this account, you earn interest on your fundraising dollars—and have the flexibility and convenience of writing checks as expenses occur. Your congregation can open an MIF Demand Investment Youth Ministry account for as little as \$100, and your funds will be available to you when you need them.

The Mission Investment Fund will also host an onsite Service Center at the Gathering, July 15-19, 2015. Authorized account holders will be able to conveniently cash checks on their MIF Demand accounts at this Service Center at the youth event.

July 2015 is closer than you think. Visit <http://www.mif.elca.org/youthministry> for more information and to download a Demand Investment Youth Ministry account application. For information on MIF investments and ministry loans, contact MIF Customer Service at 877-886-3522 or your MIF Regional Manager LuAnn

Ferguson, at (651-900-3575), luann.ferguson@elca.org.

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**Mark your calendars
for Youth Ministry Events at
Fortune Lake!**

October 17-

19

Junior High

Retreat

October 31 - November

2 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!!!

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

Rostered Leaders in first Three 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

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Synod” page**

and “like” us. 😊

TRANSITIONS

+Congratulations to **Pastor Kristin Rice** who has accepted a call to serve Cross Lutheran Church in Burlington, Wisconsin. She will become the Pastor of Spiritual Formation and begins her ministry there in mid-November.

+God bless **Pastor Kristine Ertl** and her family on the death of her mother Helen Nyquist Cook. Mrs. Cook was buried from Bethany in Escanaba on Saturday October 11th. “Christ is Risen, we too shall rise.”

LIFTING UP TO GOD I

N PRAYER

*God bless Elaine Johnson wife of Pastor Doug Johnson (Bethlehem, Florence) who is recovering from knee surgery. She is healing at home.

*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.

*For our congregations who are planning on an emphasis on life-giving Stewardship this fall. May we be blessed by generous giving.

+THOMAS A. SKRENES

BISHOP