

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

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

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E-Notes for May 13, 2015

EASTER SEASON

“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

“O Lord, you are rightfully angry with us on account of our sins, you have never deserted the human race. You have always preserved a church for

yourself among those who have looked to you for all blessings and comforts. You have been their dwelling and their refuge. Dear God, keep us and your little flock, that we may escape the bitter wrath. May you find us among those who honor and serve Christ, gladly waiting for the judgment with the blessed at his right hand! Amen.”

--Martin Luther (Prayer 115: “Luther’s Prayers”
Edited by Herbert Brokering)

IMPORTANT

SYNOD ASSEMBLY:

NOTES

We meet in Hancock, Michigan on Friday evening to Sunday.

[if !supportLists]• [endif]The Houghton-Hancock Lift Bridge is under construction. Be aware of the possibility of 20 minute closures for bridge repairs in the evenings this weekend.

[if !supportLists]• [endif]Clergy are invited to vest for the Friday evening Eucharist. The color of the day is **“RED.”**

[if !supportLists]• [endif]Finlandia University has “Wi-Fi” available on Campus Saturday and Sunday!

[if !supportLists]• [endif]Offerings will be received at Friday and Sunday’s worship this year at Assembly to benefit the **“Lay School for Mission”** and **“Youth Ministries of the Synod.”**

Please encourage your **congregations** to be generous as they support these ministries as well as the Hunger “Quarter” offerings.

WELL –DONE

THE SYNOD PLAN MEMBERS MADE THE PORTICO HEALTH ASSESMENT NUMBER!

Word from Minneapolis is that the Northern Great Lakes Synod had 90% of its plan members take the Health Assessment. Your congregation and synod will each receive a 2% rebate for your willingness to complete the survey. Our synod had the second highest percentage of members who took the Assessment out of all 65 synods.
CONGRATULATIONS! GOOD WORK!

Have you read your Assembly

Reports:

The Pre-Assembly Report

(5 parts, 156 pages total)

is now online at

www.nglsynod.org/assembly

Part 1 has been mailed out to all clergy

and synod assembly voters currently registered.

ALL NGLS
CONGREGATIONS ARE
INVITED
TO BEGIN COLLECTING
**DISPOSABLE DIAPERS
FOR DETROIT!**

This is an “in kind” offering
for the

RISE-UP Detroit Youth
Gathering. Please bring
the diapers to any of the

following churches by July 10.

St. Paul's, Ironwood Ignace	Bethany, Republic Good Shepherd, Houghton	Zion, St.
Pioneer Lake, Conover Shepherd, Peshtigo	Bethany, Ishpeming Zion, Manistique	Good
Zion, Marinette Minocqua	Zion, Allenville Christ the King, Escanaba	Ascension,
Holy Cross, Baraga Marinette	Bethany, Escanaba Immanuel, Escanaba	Our Savior's,
Bethel, Ishpeming Rhineland	First, Gladstone Bethel, Cedarville	Trinity,
Messiah, Marquette United, Pelkie	Our Redeemer, Newberry Bethel, Menominee	Mission

SAVE THE DATE!

**Up and coming opportunities for Organists,
Choir Directors, Choirs, Musicians and Music**

lovers

~Heritage Hymn Festival: 7pm on July 25 at the Keweenaw Heritage Center, Calumet. Cost - \$10. Includes lunch.

Featuring international choir director and organist Michael Burkhart. For more info, call Kathleen at 906-337-2567. Register by emailing swell2pedal@yahoo.com.

~Organist Workshop and Hymnfest/Concert: At Messiah Lutheran, Marquette.

Featuring Daniel Schwandt, Organist and Cantor for the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Friday, October 2 at 7pm, Cost is \$5.00 (Choirs invited to rehearse Thursday evening)

On Saturday, October 3 8:30am
registration - 2:30pm: Workshop, beginner to
advanced. Lun
ch included.

Cost: \$30.00 (complimentary ticket to Friday
Concert with pre-registration). Register by
going to www.nglsynod.org.

Festival 2015

The Festival of Congregational
Renewal is
coming October 23-24, 2015
at Ascension Lutheran, Minocqua, WI.

**Plan on meaningful worship,
interesting workshops,
riveting discussion,
and a boatload of ideas to bring
back to your congregations.
Mark your calendars now to avoid
future conflicts.**

**If you would like to present at a workshop
or host a display,
call the Synod Office at 228-2300 or email
Pastor Katherine Finegan at
kfinegan@nglsynod.org.**

**This event is in partnership with the East Central
Synod of Wisconsin.**

Come learn with our neighbors in Christ.

WITNESS, WORSHIP, WELCOME

The WWW task force is writing a series of newsletter articles

that you are free to reprint for church newsletters.

These articles are available at the Synod Website,

www.nglsynod.org.

Click on “Resources”.

More will be added soon.

Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran

Camp

June 5-7: All Staff Alumni Reunion

June 7: 85th Anniversary Celebration featuring Fortune Lake 500 parade, worship with dedication of new pavilion; picnic dinner tickets available \$12 adults; kids 5-12 years \$5.

To register, visit fortunelake.org or phone 906-875-3697

Synod Women's Organization

Upcoming events

~Friday, September 18: Convention

At Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

Come to learn what the Women of the ELCA in the NGLS are doing to partner in ministry.

Board elections will also be held, and we will hear from our Churchwide representative.

• Come for the Convention – Stay for the RETREAT!

~Friday, September 18 – Sunday,

September 20, 2015

The theme verse this year is I Corinthians 3:16: Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

It is being planned by the "Bethany Babes" of Norway, Michigan and they are very excited to offer participants a program that is filled with meaning, worship, fun, and more.

Accommodations are assigned first come, first served, so register early.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org for weekly "Breath Prayer" and Daily Devotions.

The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

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

TRANSITIONS

+A baby girl born to Katie and Pastor David Johnson (Faith, Ishpeming.) She joins her four brothers and sisters in a very busy parsonage family. Congratulations and God's blessings.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- +For the Synod Staff and Voting members who are preparing for the Synod Assembly in May.
- +For those who work in the fields and feed us all. God bless the American farmer.
- +For all those preparing for the Youth Gathering in Detroit and any other summer youth trips and service events.

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