

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

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

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E-Notes for September 1, 2015

SEASON after PENTECOST

QUOTE OF THE DAY

We discover the will of God for our
lives by living.

By that I mean to suggest that few of us simply
“land” in our life’s purpose once and for all.
I have had many Christians ask how they could
know the will of God for their lives.

My experience and reading of the Bible suggests that God's will calls us into life and invites continuous discovery.

The metaphor for this is a river.

At the source it appears to be more like a rivulet; but, as it winds its way under the force of gravity,

it will join with other bodies of water and perhaps even go underground at times.

But it eventually ends up in the sea. Our lives wind around events and activities.

We will join with the lives of others for a season and, at times, even go underground when we feel lost or move into a private time.

But for the Christian there is the confidence that we will finally enter into the complete will of God forever.

We discover the will of God for our lives as we walk with God in faith daily.

~from "From Members To Disciples: Leadership

Lessons from the Book of Acts”
by Michael W. Foss, p. 87

**COMING SOON TO A
CHURCH NEAR YOU...**

***Nurturing Faith that
Sticks.***

A workshop event to equip Adult Volunteers
and Staff who work with youth,
Parents, Pastors, Grandparents, Sunday
School Teachers, Confirmation,
Small Group Leaders, and more.
We all want to pass on the faith to the next
generation.

Come learn some skills, attitudes, and practices to help that happen more effectively.

Sponsored by the Synod Youth Task Force
More information coming soon!

Thinking ahead to MARKED!

4:00 – 7:00pm local time.

**Includes worship, learning, fun and
food!!**

[if !supportLists]▪ [endif] **Feb. 28: Holy Trinity,
Chassell**

[if !supportLists]▪ [endif] **March 6: Prince of
Peace, Eagle River**

[if !supportLists]▪ [endif] **March 13: Immanuel,
Escanaba**

Marked! is a Synod sponsored event to gather in NGLS Confirmation students. This year, we are collecting school supplies for LWR School Kits and local schools. Many of the below items are on sale NOW. If your congregation is collecting for the fall, please keep MARKED in mind, and buy extra. 😊

Items needed for LWR School

Kits:

schools:

~70-sheet notebooks of wide or College ruled X

4 ~Hand sanitizer

~30 centimeter ruler X

1

~Boxes of tissues

~Pencil sharpener X

1

~Clorox

wipes

~blunt scissor X

1

~Notebo

oks

~#2 unsharpened pencils X

5

~Folders

~black/blue ball point pens (no gel pens) X

5

~Pens/pencils

~box of 16 or 24 crayons X

1

~erasers

~2 inch Pencil eraser X

1

~stickers

~Drawstring school bag. Pattern available
at ~Granola bars

www.lwr.org/schoolkits

Your congregation received a letter with all the details. If you cannot find that letter, call the Synod Office and we'll send you another one, or find it on our website at www.nglsynod.org.

Thank you for your support of this embodiment of walking together as a Synod!

Faithful Finances

A Workshop for All Those Entrusted
With Congregational Finances

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Ascension Lutheran Church
Minocqua, WI.

Topics covered will include:

[if !supportLists]✓ [endif] **Best Practices for Handling Cash
Funds**

[if !supportLists]✓ [endif] **Required Synod and IRS Forms**

[if !supportLists]✓ [endif] **Records Retention**

[if !supportLists]✓ [endif] **And more!**

Presented by Synod Bookkeeper: Betsy Koski

Offered as part of **The Festival of
Congregational Renewal** so please
register at www.nglsynod.org

Cost for the Festival and Lunch, \$10. Attend this
workshop only, or add others.

Pastors:

**Rostered leaders in first 3
years of call:**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOW!

“The 2015 FCTE (First Call Theological Education) Fall Conference will be held **November 8-11** 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.

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

Luther Land Tour

Coming September 19-28, 2016!!!

Pastor Katherine Finegan and her husband, Dave, will be leading a Ten Day Fall Tour in the steps of Martin Luther.

Sponsored through “Faith Journeys”, hotel, breakfasts and dinners, program and guide, bus and airfare will all be included in the cost.

Save the dates in your calendar today!!

The itinerary and more details are available

online at www.nglsynod.org. Your congregation also received material in the last Synod mailing. Contact Rev. Katherine Finegan at kfinegan@nglsynod.org with any questions.

Join the Tour! Walk in the steps of Martin Luther.

Sneaky Visitor Initiative

Similar to a Mystery Shopper or an Undercover Boss, you are invited to visit another congregation, preferably where no one knows you
(including the distant cousin and the aunt four times

removed),

and evaluate that congregation on their welcome, their worship, their witness, and their building.

Evaluation forms are available at www.nglsynod.org.

Simply go to any NGLS congregation, and after your visit (please do not fill out the form during the visit), send the completed forms in to the Synod Office (either electronically or through the mail).

The form with your feedback will be sent on to the congregation, and the fact that you sent it (that is, your identity) will remain in confidence at the Synod Office.

Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee 😊

ATTENTION MUSIC

LOVERS ALL

For Organists, Choir Directors, Choirs,
Musicians and assorted Music lovers

~Organist Workshop and

Hymnfest/Concert: At Messiah Lutheran,
Marquette.

Featuring Daniel Schwandt, Organist and
Cantor for the

Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

~VOLUNTEER CHOIR WANTED to enrich Friday
night's concert. All are welcome! Rehearsal
Thursday night October 1 at 6:30pm. Free
admission to Friday's concert. Need not attend
Saturday Workshop!!

Concert and Hymnfest: 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. Lunch 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.**

**Register at www.nglsynod.org by October
12th!**

Only \$10 per participant. Lunch included.

**Please go to our website and fill out the
“Interest Inventory”
to indicate which workshops “interest”
you.**

The “inventory” is designed to help the planning committee decide which rooms would accommodate the most requested workshops.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

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

Sept. 12 (starting 8 am CDT) -- God's Work, Our

Hands Volunteer Day

Sept. 14 - Senior Adult Day:

"celebrating Native
Americans"

Sept. 18-20 -- Women's Fall
Retreat

Oct. 3 -- FLLC Fall Fest
and Quilt Auction

Oct 16-17 -- Junior High
Retreat: "I Believe"

Nov. 6-8 -- UFO Crafting
Retreat

Nov. 7-8 -- High School
Retreat: "Recharge"
Dec. 4-5 - Grief Retreat:
"A Long December"

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

+We celebrate with:

Pastor Scott Ehle (Bethel, Menominee) and his wife, Stefanie, at the birth of the Lewis Dashel Ehle on July 26, 2015. Lewis weighed in at 6 lbs. 15oz. and joins big brother, Mark.

Pastor Joe Iverson (Holy Trinity, Chassell) and his wife, Brianna, at the birth of their first child, Mary Anna Mette Iverson, on August 27, 2015.

Hayley Smith (Synod Council Member) and her husband, Tobias, at the birth of their third child, Atley Tobias Smith, in May, 2015. God bless these growing families.

+Pastor David Tielbar will be installed as Pastor for Zion,

St. Ignace and Trinity, Brevort on Sunday, September 20 at Zion Lutheran at 3pm. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.

+Pastor Ann Gonyea will be installed at Eden, Munising on October 11 at 3pm. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.

LIFTING UP TO GOD I N PRAYER

+Mary Anna Mette Iverson, Lewis Dashel Ehle, and for all those awaiting the birth of a child.

+Pastor Tamra Harder as she and her family prepare for her father to enter life eternal.

+For all those undergoing treatment for cancer, physical therapy for healing, and those who wait for their strength

to be renewed.

+For all those who attended the National Youth Gathering, that they find ways to **Rise-Up** in their own churches and communities.

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from the Northern Great Lakes
Synod of the
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+Rev. Katherine Finegan
Assistant to the Bishop