

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

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

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E-Notes for September 30, 2015

SEASON after PENTECOST

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty as Lincoln did, when it fosters a culture which enables people to "dream" of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do; when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed, as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows

peace
in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton.”

--Pope Francis at a Joint Meeting of Congress
September 24, 2015

NGLS Fall Conference Meeting **Schedule 2015**

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	
1 - IGO Ironwood	October 18 3:00 p.m. CT	Zion,
2 - Copper Country Mine	October 18 1:30 p.m. ET	Our Saviour's, Atl.
3 - Headwaters Rhineland	October 11 2:00 p.m. CT	Immanuel,
4 - Four Rivers Florence	October 25 3:00 p.m. CT	Bethlehem,
5 - Menominee Valley	October 22	Northland

Village	Dinner 5:00 p.m.		
Worship	6:00 p.m. CT		
Meeting	7:00 p.m. CT		
6 - Delta		October 18	Christ the King,
Escanaba	4:00 p.m. ET		
7 - Three Lakes		October 4	Zion,
Allenville	4:00 p.m. ET		
8 - Superior Central		October 25	Prince of Peace,
Marquette	3:00 p.m. ET		

THANK GOD FOR EWEN

A portion of a letter sent to the people of First Lutheran in Ewen as they celebrate 100 years as a congregation:

“What a festive evening in Ewen on Saturday evening! It was a great night. Congratulations to those who worked so hard to plan this wonderful commemoration. In some ways 100 years is a very long time and in some ways it is a short period in the history of God’s Church! It is always a time to

remember and to celebrate. Congratulations to the people of God who worship around Word and Sacrament at First Lutheran Church on the anniversary of your congregation. Thanks be to God.

Thank you for the gift of \$2500 for the well project of the ELCA. Lives will be changed. God's people will receive a great benefit from your thoughtful anniversary gift. For 100 years, people of faith have seen your congregation as "home." And a wonderful home it continues to be where the Word of God is faithfully proclaimed. You have been a part of people's lives in weddings, baptisms, funerals and the entire embracing ministry of God. The speakers on Saturday evening all shared their deep affection for the people of God at Ewen.

For all of these 100 years, you have witnessed your connection with this synod and the whole Church. On behalf of a grateful Church, thank you! You are making a difference throughout the whole world. Now what will God provide for these next decades of growth? What challenges and joys will come your way as you share the good news of

a Risen Christ to the Ewen area and into the world? I am with you in Spirit as you renew your commitment to serving God and God's people on this festive anniversary year. “

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES AND SYRIAN REFUGEES

The work of Lutheran Social Services includes refugee resettlement as our church social ministry agency works with the federal government and Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services. LSS of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan is working with 450 refugees this year and the Syrian refugee crisis will bring more later this year and next year into Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. LSS is a respected partner with the U.S. government and will be contracted to assist in our humanitarian responsibility to help those fleeing war and political instability. Please pray for this

work that God might bless our church's efforts.

COLLEGE STUDENTS---NAMES **WANTED**

Where are your congregational students going to college?

Our Synod supports efforts for Lutheran Campus Ministry.

In an effort to connect new freshman(and others in school) with a supportive community of faith, we are asking for names so that students can be contacted directly.

For Northern Michigan University students, please contact Lisa Johnson

at messiah.lisaj@gmail.com

For Michigan Technological University students, please contact Pastor Bucky

Beach at bsbeach@mtu.edu,

and at Bay College, contact Pastor

Dean Peterson at

deterson2@charter.net.

**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:

Items suggested for local

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 ~Notebooks

~#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

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: "Rise Up and
Recharge"

Dec. 4-5 - Grief Retreat:

"A Long December"

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

+Welcome to Pastor Andrew Plocher as he has received the pastoral call at Grace in Gwinn. We welcome him and his wife Anna Zimmer to our synod.

+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

+For Pastor Tamra and Everett Harder on the death of her father, Philip Zander, on Sept. 28. God has won for us the victory!

+For the pastors of our synod that they might preach the saving Gospel of Jesus in hope and purity.

+For the people of the Mideast who are struggling for peace and freedom. For the refugees who by the thousands are

fleeing their homes, seeking safety for themselves and their families.

+For our congregations as confirmation classes, Sunday School and other educational activities resume.

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