



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for December 2, 2015

The Season of Advent



QUOTE OF THE DAY

The Advent wreath (or another arrangement of four candles, as in an Advent log) symbolizing the approach of the Lord is helpful. The use of a "Christ Candle" in association with the Advent wreath is a liturgical novelty and may confuse the Easter and the Christmas cycles especially if the same candle on the same stand is used for both festivals. Let the Paschal candle remain associated with Easter and baptism (and funerals) and let the Advent wreath count the weeks to Christmas. Moreover, it is the nature of a wreath to be hung, not placed flat on a table or stand.

~Manual on the Liturgy, Pfatteicher





Workshop Opportunity!

Dreams: God's Forgotten Language

A workshop for Pastors, Priests, and Faith Based Leaders

- Review the latest research on sleep and dreaming.
- Trace the footprint of 250 dreams in the Old and New Testaments.
- Explore the power of the unconscious, depth psychology, and the contributions of Carl Jung in understanding the transforming nature of dreams.
- Learn to appreciate the emphasis that traditional spirituality of Native American peoples in the Upper Peninsula hold for the power of the dream.
- Identify ways to integrate dream work in pastoral care and in one's own prayer and spiritual life.

Wednesday, December 16th & Friday, December 18th
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Zion Lutheran Church
201 E. Ridge Street, Marquette 999 S. State St., St. Ignace, MI

9:30 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Workshop

Suggested Donation: \$45, includes lunch and materials

To Register: online at www.cedartreeinstitute.org
or call 906-228-5494

Facilitators: Pastor Jon Magnuson
with Barb Ojibway and Ray Hasenauer

TANZANIA PRESENTATION FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Luanne Skrenes is willing to visit your congregation or conference/cluster area in 2016 to do 45-90 minute programs on the Companion Synod work of our synod in Tanzania. Her presentation can be tailored to your specific needs. She is available to speak on the Dental Clinic, Mkuza Girls School, Kisarawe School and the whole companion relationship that has enriched our synod work for nearly the past 25 years. Our congregations need to hear of the good ministries that are being done by the people of our congregations and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The only honorarium needed is an offering for our work together in Tanzania and some mileage.

Please contact Luanne at **906.485.5121** or **906.869.6796**.



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

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

Dec. 4-5 – Grief Retreat: "A Long December"

Would you like to be in a commercial?

The Worship, Witness, Welcome
Task Force is in the process of



task force is in the process of developing an advertising campaign that celebrates the blessings of the community of faith, and more specifically, ELCA Lutheran congregations. We are looking for "actors" of every age group who are willing to speak to a camera and say one line (that is scripted J).



If you are interested, please contact Pastor Katherine Finegan at kfinegan@nglsynod.org.

Also, if you would like to financially support this new and ground breaking effort, your gifts would be appreciated. So far Immanuel, Negaunee and First, Gladstone have dedicated a portion of their 2016 Endowment disbursements to this effort. Gifts from congregations and individuals are welcome!



Nurturing Faith that Sticks

Two are scheduled so far:

**~Saturday, January 16
at Bethany, Escanaba
8:30 a.m. - Noon**

**~Saturday, February 13
at Bethel, Ishpeming
8:30 a.m. - Noon**

- 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.

Please register by sending \$5.00 along with your name, church, email and phone to the Synod Office.

If you would like this event to come to your conference, please contact Pastor Katherine Finegan at kfinegan@nglsynod.org.

Sponsored by the Synod Youth Task Force



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.

Registrations received until May of 2016.

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



Thinking ahead to

MARKED!

4:00 – 7:00pm local time.

Includes worship, learning, fun and food!!

Feb. 28: Holy Trinity, Chassell

March 6: Prince of Peace, Eagle River

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:

70-sheet notebooks of wide or College ruled X 4

30 centimeter ruler X 1

Pencil sharpener X 1

Blunt scissor X 1

#2 unsharpened pencils X 5

Black/blue ball point pens (no gel pens) X 5

Box of 16 or 24 crayons X 1

2 inch Pencil eraser X 1

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Drawstring school bag. Pattern available
at www.lwr.org/schoolkits

Items suggested for local schools:

Hand sanitizer
Boxes of tissues
Clorox wipes
Folders
Pens/pencils
Erasers
Stickers
Granola bars

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!

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 anyNGLS 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.

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LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+The family and friends of Rev. James Primley who passed to life eternal. Pastor Primley served in the Northern Great Lakes Synod at Shepherd of the Lakes in Sayner, Wisconsin and Grace Lutheran Church in Gwinn, Emanuel Lutheran Church in Skandia and Bethany Lutheran Church in Republic, Michigan.

A celebration of his life will take place at Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church in Conover, WI on Thursday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m. Clergy are invited to vest. Peace be to the memory of Jim.

+All those in fear. All those in need of welcome.

+All of our congregations and candidates who are in the call process. May God grant them wisdom in their discernment, patience in their waiting, and blessing in their future efforts in ministry.

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**- Rev. Katherine A. Finegan
Assistant to the Bishop**

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