



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

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E-Notes for October 15, 2017

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

**“If you make disciples,
you will always get the church.
But if you try to build the church,
you will rarely get disciples.”**

~Why the Missional Movement will Fail”. Blog by Mike Breen.

<http://www.vergenetwork.org/2011/09/14/mike-breen-why-the-missional-movement-will-fail/>



You are Invited

to the Installation Service of

Bishop-Elect Pastor Katherine Finegan

on Saturday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m.

at St. Peter Cathedral

Marquette, Michigan

With Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Reception to follow at the Holiday Inn,

Marquette from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. ET

Everyone is invited to the reception!

Please Note: Because of repair to the Holiday Inn parking lot, parking space is limited. Those who are able are encouraged to park in the Marquette Mall parking lot and walk to the motel for the reception.



Installation Choir Rehearsal Times Update

Choir Rehearsals are scheduled for:

Saturday - October 14, 10 a.m. at Messiah, Marquette
Saturday - October 21, 10 a.m. at St. Peter Cathedral,
Marquette

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SING.
The balcony is now full!!



Would you like to get involved in some Synod Ministry?
Do you have a passion for Youth? A flare for creativity? Ideas you'd like to try?

Let the Synod Office know.

Go to www.nglsynod.org and print off the Time and Talents survey. Complete it and send it in to the Synod Office, either scan it electronically, or print and send hard copy.

We'd love to hear from you!!!



Theological Conference
February 11-12, 2018
at the Terrace Bay Hotel, Gladstone

Featured speaker: Rev. Brenda Smith

All Pastors, Licensed Lay Ministers, and seminarians
along with spouses and families
are invited to attend.

Children may use the pool (with supervision) and spouses may
attend sessions.

Registration details coming soon!!



TREASURERS

Congregational Treasurer's Please Note:

1) Please send gifts for Answer the Call or any of the Synod Endowment Funds on a check separate from your benevolence remittance check!

2) All checks sent to the Synod must be made out to the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Do not send checks made out to Disaster Relief, Seminarian Support, etc. Simply include on the memo line or with a note where you would like the funds credited if you are not sending a benevolence remittance form.

Update on the Task Force for an Inclusive and Welcoming Church

In 2016, this Task Force was formed to meet the request of congregations who were asking for resources to address concerns and possibilities related to the 2009 decisions and the desire to be a more inclusive and welcoming church.

That Task Force has been diligent in developing a process by which congregations can have meaningful conversation concerning issues that for many are inherently uncomfortable and possibly emotionally charged. The Task Force is now ready to be available to congregations who wish to address difficult issues, particularly in regards to the LGBTQ community and congregational policy and leadership.

For example, a congregation may wish to discuss:

- ~whether or not to allow same sex unions in their sanctuary.
- ~whether or not their pastor should conduct, or not conduct, same sex weddings.
- ~becoming a Reconciled in Christ congregation.
- ~how to better welcome and include LGBTQ people who are members of the congregation.

If your congregation wishes to learn more about the work of this Task Force, and possibly avail themselves of the leadership it can provide, please contact Pastor Matt Lamb at matthewlamb77@yahoo.com.



Going to NMU or MTU or LSSU this Fall?

Let us know!

If you have a student going to Michigan Technological University this Fall, connect that person to Lutheran Campus Ministry by calling Pastor Bucky Beach at 906.482.5410.

If one of your students is going to Northern Michigan University, call Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette at 906.225.1119.

If your student is going to Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, call Faith Lutheran Church at 906.632.7246.

Campus Ministry works!

MARKED! EVENTS COMING IN FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday, February 18, 4-7pm at Gloria Dei, Hancock

Sunday, February 25, 4-7pm at First, Gladstone

This is a wonderful event for your Confirmation Youth. This year, congregations are invited to collect items for Backpack Programs throughout our Synod that help to feed hungry students over the weekends.

Check out more info at www.nglsynod.org



Pre-Retirement Seminar **Are you 50 years old or over?**

While many adults over the age of 50 are thinking about retirement, everyone approaches this important stage in life differently. Some spend a lot of time in the planning stage, while others start planning with just months to spare. No matter where you are in the process, Portico's day long **Pre-Retirement Seminar** can help. The good news is we're coming soon to your area!

Together with our partner, Ernst & Young, we cover all phases of retirement planning in simple, understandable terms - from **establishing a retirement budget**, to **discussing investment strategies**, to **reviewing health care options**. We leave plenty of time to address your retirement questions. This small investment in time and money may be beneficial, not just for pre-retirement planning, but for peace of mind. You'll breathe easier knowing what you need to do now to help ensure a confident

retirement when the time is right for you. Take advantage of this opportunity and join us! We look forward to seeing you there.

DATE: Friday, November 10, 2017

LOCATION: Saint Andrew Lutheran Church
3200 N. Mountain Road, Wausau, WI 54401

TIME: Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. seminar runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Register today and to see other seminar locations and dates, go to the following website:

<https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/NewsEvents/Events/Pre-RetirementSeminars>



National Youth Gathering – Houston June 27 – July 1, 2018

Make plans to attend with your youth,
or contact Lisa Bouche at lisabouche92@gmail.com
if you have one or two youth who need a church to go with.

Check out the information and links available at www.elca.org/gathering

Or go to Facebook and check out the group:
ELCA Gathering 2018 - HOUSTON!! (NGLS)

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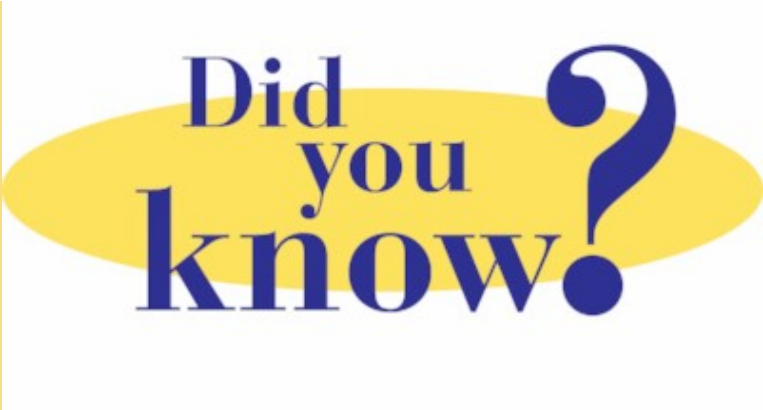
The Campaign for the ELCA.

The Always Being Made New Campaign in the Northern Great Lakes Synod

YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE 2017 CAMPAIGN TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN:

- 1. Grants given to congregations to begin or nurture a companion congregation relationship with another congregation from our Lutheran Companion Synod in the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of Tanzania.**
- 2. The Churchwide portion will go to equip missionaries from Tanzania to Tanzania and beyond; and the Synod portion will go to nurture or begin companion congregation relationships between NGLS congregations and ELCT congregations.**

Let us join together to do God's work on a scale and scope that we could never do within our individual congregations.

A graphic with the text "Did you know?" in a blue, serif font. The words "Did" and "you" are stacked above "know?". A large, blue question mark is positioned to the right of "know?". The text is set against a white background with a yellow oval behind it, all within a yellow rectangular frame.

Did you know...

- That many of our congregations are in a life giving relationship with Lutheran congregations in Tanzania?
- That some congregations there would really like to be partnered with congregations here?

That the Companion Synod Committee would be willing to accept some church tax...

- That the Companion Synod Committee would be willing to come to your church to give a presentation on the blessings of such a relationship?
- That currently the Always Being Made New Campaign is raising funds to support these wonderful relationships?
- AND that in 2018, YOUR CHURCH can apply for these funds to begin or support your Companion Congregation relationship?!!!

Be sure to check out the application materials for the current cycle of Always Being Made New at www.nglsynod.org and designate a Sunday to receive an offering for this effort.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For all the people affected by the hurricanes and earth quakes. We remember especially those in Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Lord, make us generous givers to support their recovery.

+For those who suffer from gun violence, those recovering from wounds, those who have lost loved ones. We remember especially the families of those who were killed in Las Vegas, and all those impacted by the seven mass shootings since then. Lord, show us a way forward.

+For those considering worshipping for the first time at a church. Lord, give them the courage, call them to faith, and make us welcoming.

+For those making plans for the Youth Gathering in Houston. Gracious God be with them in the details.

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