



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

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E-Notes for October 31, 2017

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Justification by faith should also mean that church leaders share decision-making with the congregation and practice collegial and collective leadership in the Spirit. Sharing and mutual sympathy would not be limited to the Sunday morning service, but would permeate everyday life as well.”

Jürgen Moltman, Hope for the Church, p. 40, 1979 Abingdon Press.



Pastors, please sign up your council members for E-notes and Notes & Quotes! E-notes is a brief digital newsletter that is emailed twice a month. Notes & Quotes is a paper and digital newsletter that comes out six times a year. Contact Louise by email at louise@nalsynod.org or phone 906/228-2300 to add your council

[Click Here](#) or phone 604/225-2200, to add your search members to these communication lists!



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!!



We are introducing a new feature sharing
congregational stories of ministries.

'Synod Snapshots'
will debut in the December/January issue
of Notes & Quotes.

Stay tuned!



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!!!

A Screening of Traces of the Trade: **A Voyage of Realization and Reconciliation**

Open to the Public

The Justice & Peace Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan will host a screening of a documentary film that unearths a hidden legacy of slavery in America. *Traces of the Trade: A Story From The Deep North* traces a journey by Katrina Browne, the filmmaker, and nine of her cousins into the dark past of the slave trade which enriched their white New England family. Dain Perry, one of the nine cousins, and his wife, Constance, will screen the film and facilitate a conversation on race, reconciliation and healing at several locations listed below.

Screening & Discussion Sessions:

Monday, November 6 – 10:00 am (*central time*) at Bay College Satellite in Iron Mountain

Monday, November 6 - 6:00 pm at Bay College in Escanaba

Tuesday, November 7 – 6:00 pm at Michigan Technological University in Houghton

Wednesday, November 8 – 6:00 pm at Northern Michigan University in Marquette

Thursday, November 9 – 6:00 pm at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie

FALL MEETING OF THE COPPER COUNTRY CONFERENCE of the Northern Great Lakes Synod

Bishop Katherine Finegan will be present for the gathering on Sunday, November 12, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The business meeting is at 4 p.m., with a potluck at 5:30 p.m., followed by a presentation by **Rev. Jay Weidner** (Inter-Lutheran Seminary in Hancock) entitled **"Looking Forward in the Rearview Mirror: 500 Years and Beyond."**

All are welcome to join us for any and/or all of the above, but please consider attending Jay's presentation as we think through the past 500 years of being a Protestant Church, and what it might mean for the next 500 years!



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#GIVING TUESDAY - THE MATTHEW 25 PROJECT

Thrivent Financial is promoting a Living Generously event - #Giving Tuesday which is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This is a reminder that in the midst of Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday promotions, we need to think about sharing with our neighbors in need.

This year, Thrivent has chosen the Assistance Program at Messiah, Marquette to receive funds from this event. To learn more about Messiah's Assistance Program, call the church at 906/225-1119.

Contributions made on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND MIDNIGHT**, will be matched by up to \$10,000 by Thrivent. Go on-line to www.Thrivent.com to make your contribution. The church will be open at 305 West Magnetic Street in Marquette between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Giving Tuesday with refreshments and activities. Representatives from Thrivent Financial will be at Messiah to help people with online giving.



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 Pastor Andrew Plocher, Interim Campus Minister at NMU, at 906.346-3156.

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!



FREE Organ Lessons

Lucas Wickstrom spent his career as a full-time church musician and concert organist in various cities around the country. He holds a BA in organ performance from Augustana University in Sioux Falls and pursued graduate studies in organ at the University of Washington in Seattle and Duke University in Durham, NC. Lucas is offering FREE organ lessons/coaching to anyone wanting to learn organ, brush up on their organ skills or improve them. Beginners to advance, he can teach or coach you. Contact him at 906/204-6800 or email: lucas@lucas.net

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

factor 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
or contact the Synod Office at 906/228-2300
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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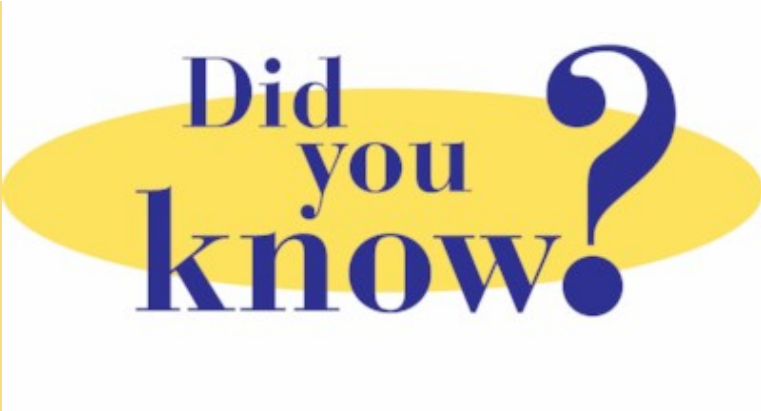
The Campaign for the ELCA.

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 yellow oval background, which is centered on a white rectangular field. This white field is flanked by two vertical yellow bars on either side.

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 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 congregations in the process of discerning new pastoral leadership.

+For those who grieve and rebuild in the face of natural disasters.

+For those whose voices are squelched in the midst of injustice.

+For those effected by addictions.

+For those who rush in to protect others in the midst of dangers.

+For Bishop Finegan and those who bring forth leadership gifts in others.

+For ecumenical partners and all people of good will who seek a better world.

+For the whole Christian church. Fill it with truth and peace. Reform and direct it.

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "Breath Prayer"

...weekly, devotionals,
and Daily Devotions.
The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

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