



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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E-Notes for November 30, 2017

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Dear God, why should I be anxious and worry about my body and its food? How do you raise up the grain in the field and all the fruits? The world with all its wisdom and power is not able to make a stalk, a tiny leaf, or a flower. In you I have a Lord who can multiply one loaf as much as you please, without the aid of a farmer, a miller, or a baker. As you do this day by day, why should I worry whether you can or will supply needs?”

-Martin Luther in Prayers of the Reformers, Paraclete Press, 2017

Please join us for our

Open House

During the week of December 11-15, Monday through Friday, YOU are invited to stop by! Come visit with the Synod Staff, nibble on Christmas treats, and take the tour! If you've never been to the Synod Office before, this week is a good week to pop in. See you soon!



What's this thing called "Stewardship"?

Take an online quiz to learn more. A great educational tool for lay people, church councils, pastors, stewardship committees, or Bible study groups.

Go to:

www.nglsynod.org/stewardship/stewardship-quiz/



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@nglsynod.org or phone 906/228-2300, to add your council members to these communication lists!

January 10, 2018 is the last day for checks to arrive in the Synod Office so that 2017 benevolence gifts can be credited to 2017 giving.



What Does a congregation's "Mission Support" money do?

Your congregation's mission support to the Synod does many things including, but not limited to:

- Providing governance and leadership in the Synod
- Supporting the ELCA's efforts among its 230 missionaries
- Providing support to the ELCA's social ministries
- Providing support for campus ministry efforts
- Providing support and development of future leaders in the church
- Providing resources for congregation growth through learning opportunities
- Providing financial resources for disaster and hunger relief
- Providing youth ministry resources in the Synod



Theological Conference
February 11-12, 2018

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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!!



Stewardship Verse

"...you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or
under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

The Synod Office is looking for
someone willing to prepare the
prayer calendars for Notes and
Quotes. Our heartfelt thanks go out
to Pam Long who has been doing
this job for many years. She is
willing to teach you what needs to be
done! If interested, please call the
Synod Office at 906/228-2300.



Healthy Congregations Workshops and Boundaries Training for Clergy & LLM's

Presented by Rev. Ramie Bakken
Workshops Schedule

April

- 22 (Sun) Healthy Congregations Workshop**
All Saints, Wakefield 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 23 (Mon) Healthy Congregations Workshop**
Bethany, Ishpeming 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 24 (Tues) Boundaries Workshop for Clergy and LLMs**
Prince of Peace, Harvey 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 25 (Wed) Healthy Congregations Workshop**
Immanuel, Escanaba 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 26 (Thur) Boundaries Workshop for Clergy and LLMs**
Porterfield, Porterfield 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Healthy Congregations Workshops are free!
Boundaries Workshops for Clergy & LLM's include lunch.
Lunch Fee is \$5.00

*Watch for a registration form in Notes and Quotes or
download a registration form from www.nglsynod.org
under Upcoming Events.*



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!!!



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



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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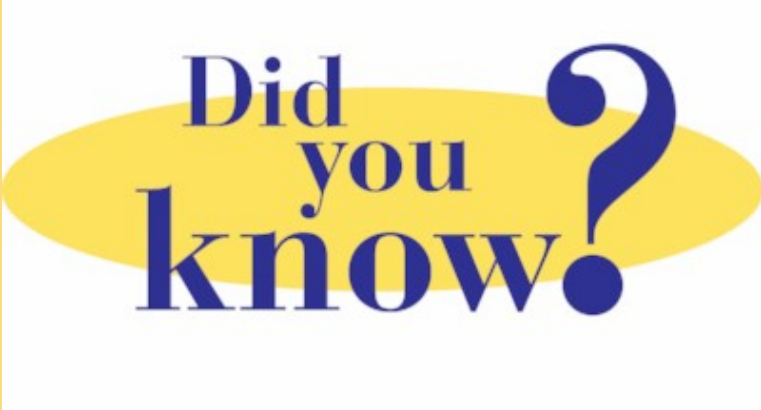
The Campaign for the ELCA.

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.



Did
you
know?

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

+Pastor Marcia Solberg and her family that they may feel Christ's comforting presence surrounding them.

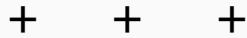
+Pastor Cori Johnson that God's love will bring strength and joy in anticipation of her baby's birth.

+The congregations of our synod anticipating the calling of a new pastor.

+The leaders of nations to make wise, compassionate, and just decisions

+Those who have lost trust and hope.

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



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