



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

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E-Notes for January 31, 2018

The Season of Epiphany

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I save myself from cynicism by knowing individuals, and knowing them intimately. If I viewed humanity only from some distant and high perspective I could not save myself from misanthropy."

Reinhold Niebuhr, Leaves from the Notebook of a Tamed Cynic, Harper & Row, 1980 ed., p. 94



Stewardship Resources: Go to

www.elca.org/stewardship for an abundance of

resources. If pastors or congregations have questions

about how to do stewardship in your congregation,

contact Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Jim Duehring,

at 906-228-2300, jduehring@nglsynod.org. Pastor Jim

would be glad to offer assistance.

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Benefit Services

A Ministry of the ELCA

**IT'S TIME TO START YOUR 2018 LIVE WELL
CHALLENGE!**

If you have ELCA-Primary health coverage through Portico, this

year's Live Well Challenge invites you to a deeper understanding of your own physical and financial health. In 2018, you (and your spouse, if you both have ELCA-Primary health benefits) can gain personalized insights to inspire the next steps that are right for you - and earn up to \$400 wellness dollars - as you:

- Assess your health in a new way through personalized biometric screening
- Strengthen your financial confidence by conducting an annual review of your retirement plan and building other healthy habits around money

Want to learn more about biometric screening, visit myPortico to discover how this useful tool can inform the next steps of your wellness journey.

Live Well Challenge page:

<https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/Campaign/LiveWell>

FAQs about biometric screening:

<https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/Campaign/LiveWellBiometrics>

Last Call to Register!

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 Deadline: February 2, 2018

Registration brochure available at
www.nglsynod.org.

Parochial Reports (Forms A and C) are Due!

If you cannot find the report which was mailed to your congregation by ELCA, click this link to access it:

https://webapps.elca.org/FormAAndC?_ga=2.257497859.963632048.1517425083-1291334846.1490982565.

Contact Louise or Betsy at the Synod Office for your ELCA congregation ID# and password.

All reports should be submitted by March 31, 2018.

Always
being made
New.

The Campaign for the ELCA.

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

LAST CALL **for Grant Submission to Support and Enhance Your Companion Congregation Relationships with Tanzania!**

Grant Deadline is February 15, 2018!

Monetary donations for this 2017 campaign will be accepted through
February 28, 2018.

**Monies raised in 2017 will be so distributed to congregations
to begin, or nurture relationships with a sister congregation
in our Companion Synod: the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.**

**Download the grant application at www.nglsynod.org; or call
the Synod Office to request a copy of the grant application to
be mailed; or email: kfinegan@nglsynod.org.**

**Thanks to all who donated in 2017 toward this
campaign.**

**2018 "Always Being Made New" Campaign: The focus will be on the
ELCA "Fund for Leaders" and Northern Great Lakes "Synod Campus Ministry"
efforts. Stay tuned for more information on this next phase of the campaign which
begins March 1, 2018.**

**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.

If your congregation has been collecting items for MARKED! and local backpack programs, you have two choices:

1. Bring the items to any local backpack feeding program.
2. Bring them to MARKED! and we will redistribute them among participating churches who will bring them to local programs.

Check out more info at www.nglsynod.org

Report to Bishop Forms

This is to let you know that the annual report to the bishop forms are now up on the Office of the Secretary page on www.elca.org. Please download the form, save it, then complete it and send it to the Synod Office. If you do not save it first, there will be problems sending it later.

The deadline for getting your report in is February 28, 2018.

Here are the links:

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Under Call from a Congregation:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?
_ga=2.198811631.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?_ga=2.198811631.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Under Call from Synod Council:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_From_Synod_Council_Church_Council_Under_Call.pdf
?_ga=2.225055322.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_From_Synod_Council_Church_Council_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.225055322.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Retired:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Retired.pdf?
_ga=2.200940526.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Retired.pdf?_ga=2.200940526.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Not Under Call:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Not_Under_Call.pdf?
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Report for Minister of Word and Service Under Call from a Congregation:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?
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Report for Minister of Word and Service Under Call from Synod Council:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Under_Call_From_A_Synod.pdf?
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Report for Minister of Word and Service Retired:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Retired.pdf?
_ga=2.196761324.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Retired.pdf?_ga=2.196761324.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)

Report for Minister of Word and Service Not Under Call:
[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Not_Under_Call.pdf?
_ga=2.162149116.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Not_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.162149116.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)



It's a Girl!

Congratulations to
Pastor Cori Johnson and husband Todd Parsons
on the birth of their daughter,
Mary Alice Nancy Parsons,
born on January 10, 2018!

Congratulations can be sent to their address:
W9522 Peterson Drive, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

Crossways Camping Ministries Presents:

"One Year to Live" Men's Retreat

March 16-18, 2018 at Pine Lake Camp

Men yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ. This experience is

designed for men ages 21+. Join us and
be: *"As iron sharpens iron, so*

one man sharpens another."

- Adventurous and
courageous
Proverbs 27:17
- Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to:

- Banding together and being
challenged *Arrive Friday by 6:00 p.m. and*
- Examining your life and making
decisions *depart Sunday at 3:00 p.m.*

Cost: Before February 18th - \$190 After
February 18th - \$205
Men ages 21-29 or men in seminary: Before 2/18
\$110 After 2/18 \$125

Register online by March 2, 2018 at
www.crosswayscamps.org/adult-retreats

Clergy Spouse Conference - April 13-15, 2018

**All clergy spouses are welcome and invited to join
ELCA Clergy Spouses from Wisconsin and Upper
Michigan for a weekend at the Country Inn & Suites
in Iron Mountain, Michigan!**

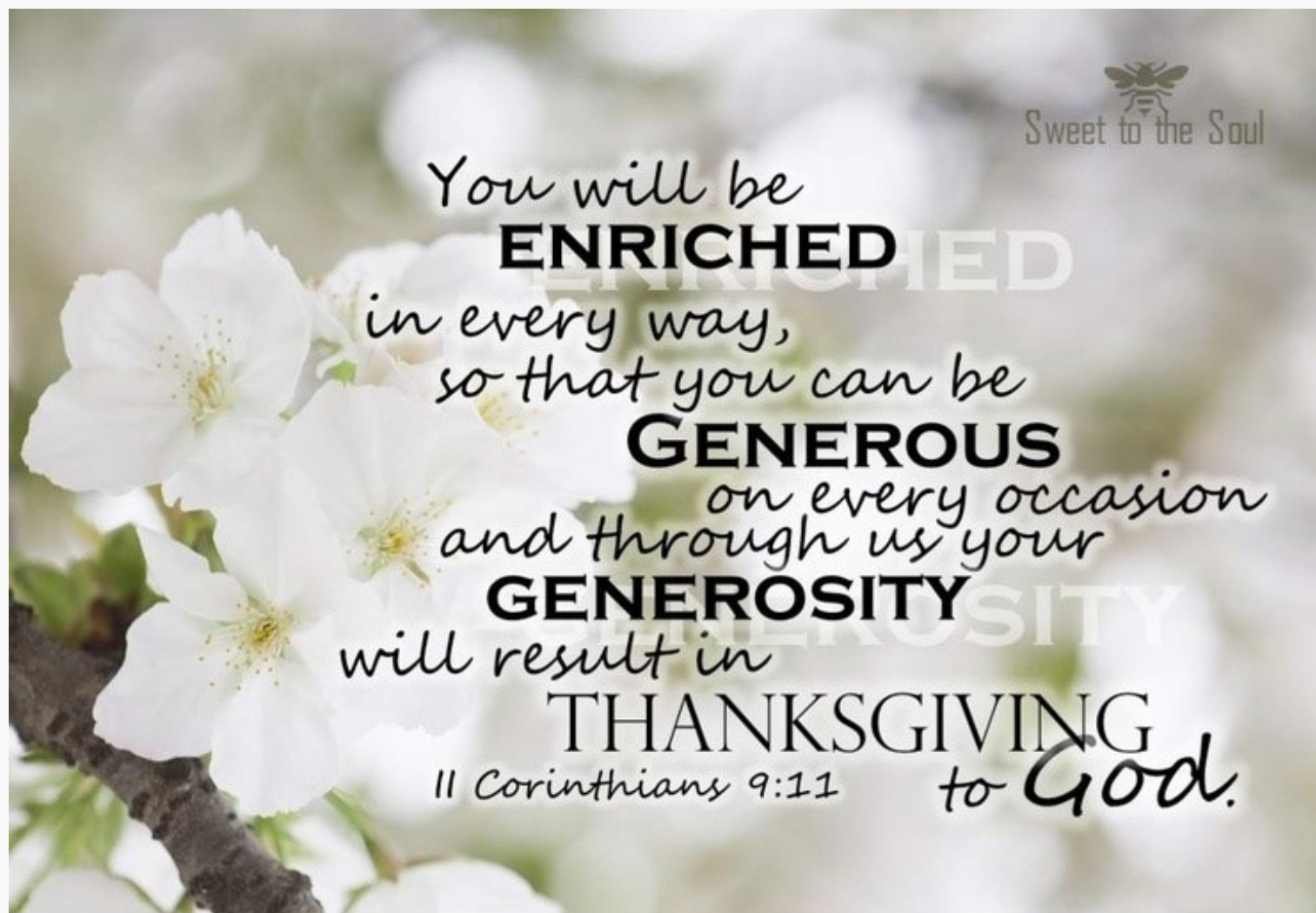
**The registration form is on the Synod's website
(www.nglsynod.org).**

**Mail the registration form and check payable to NGLS to:
Stefanie Ehle, 1710 24th Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858.**

Deadline is March 23, 2018!

**Program leaders will be:
Jennifer Prinz from Portico Benefits Services
and
Bishop Katherine Finegan of the Northern Great Lakes
Synod**

**For more information, go to the Synod Website and download the
registration form.**



Stewardship Verse

***Healthy Congregations Workshops
for Congregational Leaders
and***

Presented by Rev. Ramie Bakken

Workshops Schedule

April 22 (Sun) Healthy Congregations Workshop

All Saints, Wakefield 6:30 –
8:30 p.m.

April 23 (Mon) Healthy Congregations Workshop

Bethany, Ishpeming 6:30 –
8:30 p.m.

April 24 (Tues) Boundaries Workshop for Clergy and LLMs

Prince of Peace, Harvey 9:00 a.m. - 2:30
p.m.

April 25 (Wed) Healthy Congregations Workshop

Immanuel, Escanaba 6:30 –
8:30 p.m.

April 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'

Check out the December/January issue

of Notes & Quotes on the Synod's website for the first 'Synod Snapshot'.

The second one will be featured in the next issue of Notes and Quotes!



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)

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- +The congregations of our synod anticipating the calling of a new pastor
- +Victims of violence or abuse
- +Ecumenical relationships
- +Young people discerning a call to pastoral ministry
- +Those serving in care facilities and with people living on the margins
- +Governmental leaders
- +Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp as they seek interim camp leadership

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



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