



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

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**E-Notes for May 31, 2018**

# **The Season of Pentecost**

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed:**

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen*

### **Luther's Explanation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article:**

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy

Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

(From Luther's Small Catechism, Augsburg Fortress, 2016)



## Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly, ELCA

Messiah Lutheran Church  
Northern Michigan University  
Marquette, MI

250 plus people gathered May 17-19 at Messiah Lutheran Church and Northern Michigan University in Marquette for our annual synod assembly under the theme, "Equipping the Saints for Ministry." This was the 31st synod assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. We worshiped, prayed, listened to speakers, and conducted business of the synod. Thanks to all who helped the assembly to run smoothly. Some of the highlights of the assembly follow...

**We recognized recent retirees:** Deacon Darrel Diers; Rev. David Jensen; Bishop Emeritus Thomas Skrenes, Rev. Peter Vorhes; and Rev. David Van Kley

**We recognized pastors celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations:**

**25 years:** Rev. Margaret Johnson; Rev. Judith Kirchoff; Rev. Matt Lamb;  
and Rev. Mary Weinkauf

**40 years:** Rev. John Kuziej; Rev. Tom Otis

**50 years:** Rev. Doug Pohlman

**60 years:** Rev. Bob Langseth

**We remembered the pastors who died in the past year:** Rev. Marcia Solberg; Rev. Fred Hallanger; Rev. Robert Sutherland; and Rev. John West.

**We recognized the 100th anniversary of St. James Lutheran Church in Marinette, WI.**

**We congratulated Lay School graduates:** Bruce Anderson; Elaine Hendrickson; Linda Stoetzer Carrick; Rosemary McPherson; and Steve Bergdahl

**We passed a resolution encouraging advocacy for the government's SNAP Program:**

(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), which helps the vulnerable members of our society to have enough to eat.

**We installed:** Rev. Jim Duehring as Assistant to the Bishop and Rev. Doug Norquist as Synod Missioner

**We elected the following people to the following positions:**

**Synod Consultation Committee - Clergy:** Rev. Terry Frankenstein, Rev. Soren Schmidt, Rev. Diane Srutowski

**2019 Churchwide Assembly - Clergy:** Rev. Terry Frankenstein, Rev. Doug Johnson

**2019 Churchwide Assembly - Lay Female:** Mary Lou Blomquist, Pam Long

**2019 Churchwide Assembly - Lay Male:** Greg Markkanen, Chuck Thomas

**2019 Churchwide Assembly - Young Adult:** Evan Rein

**We elected new Synod Council members:**

Brian Jarvis	Conference 2
Karen Carter	Conference 3
Doug Tarkowski	Conference 3
Ervin Sparapani	Conference 4
Dawn Holmgren	Conference 6

[We acknowledged winners of the following World Hunger Awards:](#)

**Big Bear Awards:** Zion, Manistique's Confirmation Class  
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo

**Bread Basket Award:** Rev. Soren Schmidt

[We received hunger offerings](#) from congregations in conjunction with the "Hunger Quilt" project totaling \$41,746.52.

[We attended one of ten different workshops.](#)

[We heard from ELCA Representative, Linda Bobbitt about "Congregational Vitality.](#) Linda challenged us to seek new ways of being vital congregations in today's changing world where many wonder, "What are those Christian churches doing?"

[We passed an amended budget for fiscal year 2018:](#) \$811,500 - income/\$89,942 - expenses



**Fortune Lake  
Lutheran Camp**

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Needs:**

**Two Male Camp Counselors are needed!** Gain valuable experience and skills in leadership, teamwork, risk management, and communication!

Counselors are responsible for the care, supervision, and leadership of their cabin group. Counselors may also be assigned to 1-2 weeks of Day Camp or Kitchen/Maintenance.

Applicants must be 18+ years old; Room/Board included; First Aid/CPR/AED Training provided.

**If interested in any of these opportunities  
or have more questions, please contact  
Fortune Lake Camp at 906/214-2267.**

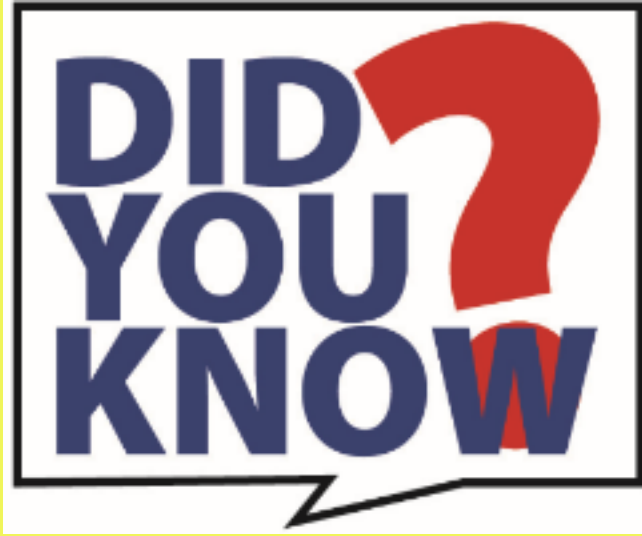


## **National Youth Gathering – Houston**

June 27 – July 1, 2018

Check out the information and links available at [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering)

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



## **Stewardship "Not-so-trivial Trivia"**

94.4% of recent congregational giving by all ELCA congregations of \$1.75 billion stayed right in the congregation.



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

**2018 "Always Being Made New" Campaign:** The focus will be on ELCA's "Fund for Leaders" & Youth & Young Adults and Northern Great Lakes Synod's "Synod Campus Ministry" efforts.

All Congregations received envelopes and bulletin inserts at the Synod Assembly. Plan on dedicating a worship weekend to receive your Always Being Made New offering for this final year of the Campaign.

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**Submit Your**



# 'Synod Snapshot'

(congregational stories of ministries)

**Check out the April/May issue** of Notes & Quotes by clicking on the link below:

<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/NotesQuotes/2018-0405.pdf>

**More stories will be featured in future issues of Notes and Quotes!**

## LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- ~For those seeking employment
- ~For youth and adults making plans to attend the Youth Gathering in Houston
- ~For pastors in transition
- ~For the seminaries of the church
- ~For negotiations of peace among the nations
- ~For our companion synod in the U.S. - Delaware-Maryland Synod - in synod assembly from May 31-June 2, and for Bishop Finegan, who is preaching at their assembly

CHECK OUT [www.prayfaithfully.org](http://www.prayfaithfully.org)

for weekly "Breath Prayer"  
and Daily Devotions.  
The synod website is [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)



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