



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

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**E-Notes for June 30, 2018**

# **The Season of Pentecost**

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

St. Paul reminded the community of the Ephesians:  
"For by grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God."

This changes everything!

## **Flood Recovery Goes On!**

Again, thank you to all who have helped in ANY way. This week we are beginning to move from the initial **response** phase to **recovery** phase.

**The supply center** for flood relief goods and tools (not furniture or clothing) is being relocated to the old J.C. Penney store in the Copper Country Mall (rear entrance). It will open Monday July 2. It is not shutting down over the weekend, but will be moving then.

The **Volunteer Resource Center** is also moving to the old J.C. Penney store (formerly the hair salon in the rear) from its current location at Evangel Baptist Church in Houghton.

The **Call Center** line for both needs flood victims have **and** volunteers will now go through Dial Help at the same number, 906-233-6621.

Help is needed **NOW** through the weekend to move the supplies to the new site. After that, people will be needed to staff and manage it. Please call the volunteer hotline at 906-233-6621 and let them know of your availability. If you have a special interest in managing the operation for weeks to come, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you do, please call Lieutenant Nick Roberts at the Houghton Police Department.

The hot meals and bag lunches through St. Ignatius have been **terminated**. Thank you to the folks at St. Ignatius and all the volunteers who helped them!

### **Here is what you can do for days and weeks to come:**

#### WHAT WE NEED

Continual work on homes and sites coordinated through the Volunteer Resource Center, and staffing the Volunteer Resource Center.

Visquine, duct tape, smaller (12 oz) Gatorade or Powerade, fans, dehumidifiers.

Financial donations can be made through Keweenaw Community Foundation (906-482-9673), Portage Health Foundation (906-523-5920), Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan / Lutheran Disaster Response (<https://www.lsswis.org/Keweenaw>) or any other organization that you may be aware of.

#### WHAT WE DON'T NEED

Bottled water, clothing, furniture, food, most tools.

#### LONG RANGE PLANS

When non-locals leave toward the end of the week, it will be (and has been and will continue to be!) **local people** who will need to do what we can to help individuals in need. We will need to organize and mobilize people through churches and community organizations. More on just how that will happen at a later date.

A **long range plan** is being set in place with city and county planners. It will facilitate the transition to assessment of each of the over 300 homes damaged, planning for necessary demolition and then to electrical and construction work on homes.

To help, call the **volunteer help line** at 906-233-6621.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Pastor Bucky Beach, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church / Lutheran Campus Ministry



## Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly, ELCA

# 2019 Announcement!

Synod Assembly 2019  
will be at **Bay College** and  
**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
in Escanaba, Michigan  
on **May 16, 17, 18,**

**Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon.**

- **More Display Space and Time to Visit Displays!**

- **Attend Multiple Workshops!**
- **More Fellowship Time!**
- **Enjoy the Banquet at Terrace Bay Inn!**
- **Experience a Synod Assembly Worship Service!**
- **Come Ready to be Equipped for Ministry!**

***Mark Your Calendars Now!!***



## **Coming the Fall of 2018!!!**

You are invited to a mini-Festival of Congregational Renewal.

This event in each conference will include leadership training, address current concerns, equip you for the future, and

offer the blessing of being church with other congregations in your area.

<b>Conference 1</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>St. Paul's, Ironwood</b>	<b>9am – 12noon</b>
<b>Conference 2</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>Mission United, Pelkie</b>	<b>3 - 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Conference 3</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Oct. 27</b>	<b>Ascension, Minocqua</b>	<b>9 – 11am</b>
<b>Conference 4</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>Bethlehem, Florence</b>	<b>10am – 12noon</b>
<b>Conference 5</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>Good Shepherd, Peshtigo</b>	<b>6 – 8pm</b>
<b>Conference 6</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>Immanuel, Escanaba</b>	<b>5:30 – 8pm</b>
<b>Conference 7</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>St. James, Rudyard</b>	<b>4 – 6pm</b>
<b>Conference 8</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>Immanuel, Negaunee</b>	<b>9 – 11:30am</b>

# **DON'T MISS IT!!**

The Synod Staff and Conference leadership are planning a positive and energizing event.

**Come and see what it's all about!**

A sign-up sheet should be posted in your church soon. Sign Up!!!

## **TRANSITIONS**

A. We celebrate with Trinity and Faith in Ishpeming at the ordination of their new pastor, **Rev. Stacy Pethke**. Welcome to Pastor Pethke and her husband, Tom, as they get settled in their new home. Pastor Pethke will be installed as pastor of Faith and Trinity, Ishpeming at Trinity, Ishpeming on Sunday, September 9th at 3 p.m. ET. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.

B. We celebrate with Faith, Calumet as their new pastor, **Pastor-elect Jared Howard**, is ordained by Bishop Finegan into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna, Ohio on July 7, 2018. Blessings to him and his family and welcome to the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

C. We celebrate with First and Trinity, Iron River, who have called **Pastor-elect Avery Carr**. He has accepted the call and will be ordained and installed by Bishop Finegan at First, Iron River in July. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.



## **From the Northern Great Lakes Synod Hunger Committee**

In response to the resolution passed at our most recent Synod Assembly, the Synod World Hunger Committee would like to encourage congregations to advocate for a strong and robust Farm Bill that is making its way through congress this summer. In the past, the Farm bill has been a bipartisan effort to see that millions of children, veterans, disabled, and unemployed receive nutrition through the SNAP program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Advocacy for policies like the Farm Bill provides a means to express the love for our neighbor that is at the core of our Christian identify by shaping policy that will contribute to the well-being of God's people and creation.

More information can be found online at [www.elca.org/advocacy](http://www.elca.org/advocacy) or [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger). If you would like to offer your support, you are encouraged to contact your legislators:

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
700 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

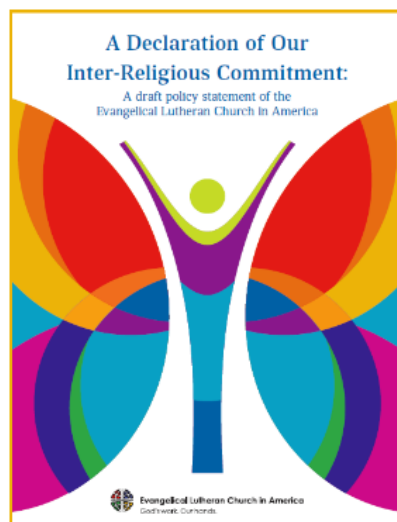
The Honorable Ron Johnson  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gary Peters  
724 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
731 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Together, we urge Congress to take the opportunity this year to reduce hunger and poverty in the U. S. and around the world. We seek to protect the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) and strengthen programs that reduce hunger.

**Individuals and groups across the ELCA are invited to share comments about the following two draft ELCA policy statements:**



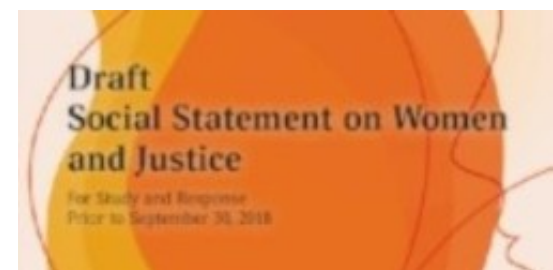
**A Declaration of Our Inter-Religious Commitment:**

This draft policy statement was developed by an inter-religious task force appointed by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in 2016. The draft presents a common, theological basis and practical framework for this church's inter-religious relations, taking into consideration the church's varied ministry contexts, challenges and opportunities. The six-month comment period ends Saturday, June 30, 2018.

Download the draft at [www.elca.org/faith/ecumenical-and-inter-religious-relations/inter-religious-relations/draft-policy-statement](http://www.elca.org/faith/ecumenical-and-inter-religious-relations/inter-religious-relations/draft-policy-statement).

**Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice:**

This timely draft addresses issues of sexism, many which have recently dominated the headlines. Some of the issues the draft explores include: how Lutherans understand scripture, restricted access to health care and economic resources, objectifying portrayals of women and girls in the media, gender based violence. The comment period for this draft is



open through September 30, 2018. Download the draft at [www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/current-social-writing-projects/women-and-justice/draft](http://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/current-social-writing-projects/women-and-justice/draft)



# Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Click this link to find out what's happening at FLLC: <http://fortunelake.org/>

The summer camping schedule is posted and registration is open. Sign up now!!



## New LWR Shipping Coordinator for the North Central U. P. Area

Patricia Vacilek, a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, has agreed to coordinate local arrangements for the train loading in Ishpeming, MI for LWR Quilts and Kits. She is replacing the previous coordinator, Pastor Kenneth Lahners.

Her contact info is: 906/273-1454  
email: [ewep1919@charter.net](mailto:ewep1919@charter.net)

**Thank you, Patricia, for taking on this responsibility!**

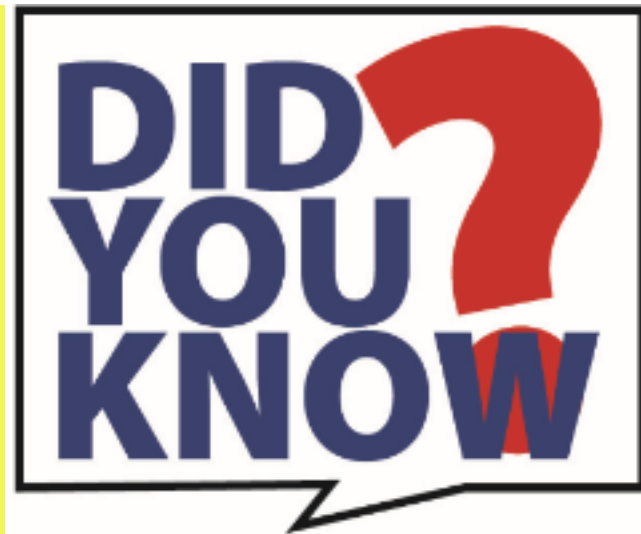




# National Youth Gathering – Houston

June 27 – July 1, 2018

Join the Gathering live stream opportunities through ELCA's website: <http://elca.org/gathering> or [#elcayg2018](https://twitter.com/elcayg2018)



## Stewardship "Not-so-trivial Trivia"

The apostle Paul describes Christian giving and stewardship in four ways:

1. Giving is an act of worship.
2. Give systematically.
3. Give proportionately.
4. Plan your giving in advance.

Always  
being made  
New.

*The Campaign for the ELCA.*

## 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.



## **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>

**What has your congregation done that has made you proud to be a member?**

**Write a one-page story about the event with a couple of pictures and email it to the Synod Office so it can be featured in a future issue of Notes and Quotes!**

**There will be a new article in the August/September issue of Notes and Quotes.**

## LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

~For youth and adults attending the Youth Gathering in Houston. We pray for safety and a faith-deepening, eye-opening, remember for a lifetime experience.

~For congregations who are awaiting a new pastor. May God raise up leaders and call them to service here.

~For those who were impacted by recent floods in Houghton and Menominee counties, and all those who have suffered from natural disasters. We thank God for the compassion of volunteers and the generosity of those who give to those in need.

~For the family of Pastor Norman Lund who died peacefully on Tuesday, June 26th. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 7th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Hancock, MI.

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)

**Bishop's Articles for Congregational Newsletters:**  
<https://www.nglsynod.org/newsletter-articles/>



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**Rev. Katherine Finegan**  
Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod

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