



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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E-Notes for August 1, 2018

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All true prayer somehow confesses our absolute dependence on God. It is therefore a deep and vital contact with Him...It is when we pray that we really are." (Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island)



Looking for a Good Devotional Resource?

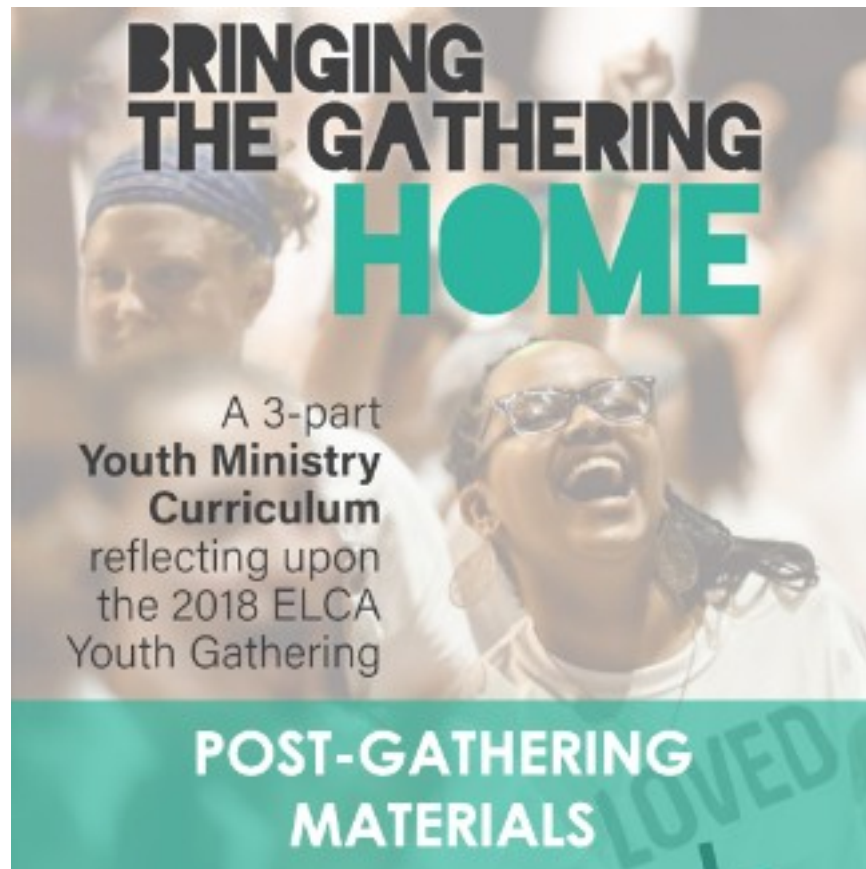
Check out our synod website and the "Prayfaithfully Resource". People from our synod write weekly devotionals. Click this link: <https://www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully/> to explore this resource. Make daily devotions a part of your routine. You'll be blessed by this inspiring discipline. Maybe God is inspiring you to write for this synod devotional resource. If interested, contact Betsy Koski in the Synod Office, 906-228-2300 or bakoski@nglsynod.org.

Houston Reunion Event is Postponed!

As of this writing, there will not be a Houston Reunion Event at Fortune Lake on August 11 because of so many conflicts in people's schedules. But do not be disheartened!

We will reschedule a Houston Reunion Event during the school year. Stay tuned! Feel free to contact Pastor Jim Duehring at the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 with any questions or suggestions as to a date that would work for your youth group.

There is a great resource for youth groups to use as a follow-up to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Go to: www.elca.org/YouthGathering and click on the "Bringing the Gathering Home" picture.



Flood Recovery Goes On in the Keweenaw Community!

Here is the current status:

The Volunteer Resource Center is now closed and all food and supplies will go to local food banks. Water supplies will go to local fire departments and be available for those in need. Funds are still needed to help with rebuilding and grants are being applied for more funding. There are still many unmet needs such as help to the landlords who have to repair flood damage to rental units and home owners are looking at repairing or rebuilding.

The Long-Term Recovery Group is reorganizing to better assess what help is still needed and to improve communication within the community so the unmet needs can be better known.

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>).

The LSS Foundation is matching contributions up to \$10,000 for the Copper Country flood relief! Contributions can be sent to the Synod Office for the LSS matching funds and we will send it on to LSS or you may send the funds directly to LSS.

Your help is greatly appreciated, and still needed!

THANK YOU!

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Rostered Leaders in First 3 Years of Call:

The 2018 First Call Theological Event Fall Conference will be held **November 11-14, 2018** at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin. The cost will remain the same - \$300 - which includes all meals and lodging. Please reserve these dates now, and watch for more detailed information to arrive during the latter part of September!

Professional Leaders Event

All rostered leaders and licensed lay ministers of NGLS are invited to attend the Professional Leaders Event on February 10-11, 2019.

Rev. Dr. Craig L. Nessian will be the speaker.

He is the Academic Dean and Professor of Contextual Theology and Ethics at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He teaches courses in the areas of contextual theology, pastoral theology, and theological ethics. He has oversight of the seminary's internship program.

Cost and location have not been decided yet.



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

It has been a great summer at Fortune Lake.

516 campers registered for on-site camp programs of which 172 registered for Family programs. There were 11 Day Camps (off-site VBS programs staffed by Fortune Lake at a local church). Interim Director Sara Jonasen has done a wonderful job assembling a great camp staff and guiding us through this summer of transition. Thanks also to: facility manager, Chris Nocerini; intern, Zachary Erickson; office manager Mary Ryan; and office assistant, Cindy Attkisson. Fortune Lake will continue to serve people by being a place of grace for any years to come. **Thanks for your support!**

The FLLC Board will soon be seeking a new Camp Director.

A job description, qualifications, and a site profile will soon be posted online at www.fortunelake.org, www.nglsynod.org, and www.lomnetwork.org. The hope is to interview candidates this fall and have a new camp director in place before the end of the year. Keep praying for the person God is preparing to lead camp in the coming years.



We celebrate with First, Iron River and Trinity, Stambaugh at the ordination and installation of their newly called pastor, Rev. Avery Carr on Sunday, July 29, 2018. A warm welcome to Pastor Carr and blessings upon their partnership! Pastor Carr is pictured in the front row, second from the left. .

TRANSITIONS

- We celebrate with **Pastor Bre and Thomas Kinnunen** on the birth of their daughter, Magdalene Irene, born on July 16th. May God bless this family!
- We celebrate with **Pastor Linda Forray** who has accepted a part-time call to St. James in Marinette, Wisconsin. She started on July 1st and will be installed on August 12th at 3 p.m. CT. All are welcome to attend. Pastors are asked to vest - color of the day if **RED**. Pastor Forray will continue to serve half-time at Peace United Church of Christ in Marinette.
- We celebrate with **Pastor Stacy Pethke** who was ordained on June 16th and will be installed on September 9th. She serves Faith and Trinity, Ishpeming.

- We celebrate with **Pastor Jared Howard** who was ordained on July 7th and will be installed on September 16th. He will be serving at Faith, Calumet.

God bless these leaders and congregations during their times of transition.



Submit Your 'Synod Snapshot'

(congregational stories of ministries)

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

<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngl/s/NotesQuotes/2018-0809.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 from
Bishop Emeritus Skogman in the
October/November issue of Notes
and Quotes.**



Musicians Gathering

Saturday, October 20, 2018

9:30 a.m. ET

**Calvary Lutheran Church
10439 Wisconsin Street
Rapid River, Michigan**

All Musicians (organists, pianists, instrumentalists, choir members and directors) in the Synod are invited to attend this gathering for prayer, worship and discussion.

The day will begin with morning prayer at 9:30 a.m. and then coffee, goodies and conversation at 10 a.m. This is an opportunity to get to know one another and become a connected community to share ideas, tips, and resources.

For Questions or to Register

contact **Lucas Wickstrom**

at **lucas@lucas.net** or **906-204-6800**

myPortico is Getting a New Look!

On August 1st, we'll be refreshing our website to give you an improved experience with easy access to your information and a mobile-friendly design. You'll notice the change when it turns from Orange to Blue.

Video Conferencing Is Now Available Through Employee Assistance Program (EAP)!

Beacon Health, our EAP provider, is now offering EAP video counseling to all our Portico plan members. These licensed counselors are specially trained in offering video counseling. Remember, you and covered family members may qualify for up to six in-person EAP counseling sessions per issue per year, **at no cost to you.**



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.

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

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!!!



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!!

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



Stewardship Quote

"Each of 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 (NRSV)

"I never met a generous person who was unhappy."

(source unknown)

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.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For those struggling with addictions and mental illness.
- For our nation's leaders who have power to create and enforce laws and policies that promote justice and shield the vulnerable.
- For Bishop Finegan as she travels to Tanzania to discuss with church leaders the future of our companion synod relationships.
- For dealing with terminal illness.
- For those in prison.
- For lives transformed by the power of the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- For new pastors in our synod and the congregations welcoming new leadership.
- For victims of violence.
- For those who travel on summer vacation.
- For us to work for peace with justice in a complex world.

CHECK OUT www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "Breath Prayer"
and Daily Devotions

The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

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



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