



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
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E-Notes for November 16, 2018

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The year was 1925. The Great War is 7 years over. This is the year that dogsleds reached Nome with emergency diphtheria serum after a 100-km run and the World's Fair opened in Chicago. It's the year that the Presidential monument on Mount Rushmore was first proposed, and when John T. Scopes was indicted, tried, and convicted for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. The American Association for Advancement of Atheism formed in this year. Adolph Hitler wrote Mein Kampf, Benito Mussolini dissolved the Italian Parliament and announced himself dictator over Italy, and the League of Nations held a conference on arms control and poison gas usage. This is the year that the KKK marched 40,000 strong on Washington, the year that the Italian liberal-national party joined the fascist movement and the German SS was formed. In the year 1925, dictators were on the rise as were the political ideologies of fascism, communism, socialism, and hate. People were looking for something, someone to believe in. They were questioning not only the authority of God, but the very existence of God. They were being swept up into movements that seduced them with power, and a

false sense of superiority over other human beings. And into the midst of this, Pope Pius the 11th declared a day to celebrate and proclaim to the world anew that of all the world's authorities and leaders and movements and politics, only Christ is King.

~from a sermon by Bishop Katherine Finegan preached on Christ the King Sunday in the year of our Lord 2009.

Attention Treasurers!

Please note these dates:

January 11, 2019

The last day for checks to arrive in the Synod Office so that 2018 benevolence gifts can be credited to 2018 giving.

February 11, 2019

The last day for checks to arrive in the Synod Office so that January, 2019 giving can be credited to the Synod fiscal year.



As part of our involvement in the ministry efforts of the greater church, we have representation on various boards and committees. Two positions that are currently open are on the **Lutheran Office for Public Policy of Wisconsin (LOPPW)** and **Lutheran Social Services**.

If you have any interest in being a part of this larger ministry effort, or would like more information, please call the Synod Office. You

can also go to their websites:

<https://www.loppw.org/> and
<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS.htm>.

Professional Leaders Event

February 10-11, 2019

Sunday Evening - Monday Afternoon

at the Ramada Inn in Marquette, Michigan

All rostered leaders and licensed lay ministers of NGLS are invited to attend this Continuing Education event.

Rev. Dr. Craig L. Nesson 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.

More information coming soon!



2019 Marked! Events

Confirmation Students & Leaders
celebrate your identity as baptized children of God in
our Lutheran expression!

Attend any event:

Sunday – March 10, 2019

hosted by Our Savior's, Marinette 4-7 pm CT

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Sunday – March 17, 2019

hosted by Our Redeemer, Newberry 4-7pm ET

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Sunday – March 31, 2019

hosted by Faith, Calumet 4-7pm ET

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Sunday – April 7, 2019

hosted by Ascension, Minocqua 4-7pm CT

These events include music, service projects,
worship, learning, food and fun.

IT'S FREE!!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW!!**



**Thank you to all the people who
attended, to the churches that
hosted, to those who set up,
provided food, cleaned up and so
much more. Total attendance
topped 450 people!!**



Lutheran World Relief Gifts

Give a gift and change a life through LWR Gifts. Did you know that chicks take just 120 days to mature and provide a lasting income for farmers and their families: In just 4 short months, a whole flock of chickens can start producing their own chicks! You could give a hen and chicks, today! Choose from various critters, farming equipment and supplies to help farmers and their families thrive with LWR Gifts.

Check out the full catalog online at gifts.lwr.org to support Lutheran World Relief in finding long-term, sustainable solutions to poverty.

Copper Country Flood Relief Update

Disaster Case Managers Helping Flood Victims

If you still need help recovering from the June flood, assistance is available.

Two local disaster case managers hired in October will assist Copper Country residents facing long term effects from June 2018 flooding, also locally known as the Father's Day Flood.

Marci Vivian and Dennis Leopold are assessing needs and stand ready, reaching out to help those affected by the Father's Day Flood. They are also looking into enhancing counseling options specific to flooding. "This is a commitment to holistically getting their lives back to a place of normalcy," said the Rev. Paul Perez, of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. "The work of disaster case management is not only material but it's psychological, physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being."

Marci and Dennis work with the Copper Country Team Disaster Recovery Group – comprised of local church and community leaders, and nonprofit and government

agencies. They also work in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is the humanitarian disaster recovery arm of the Michigan Conference United Methodist Church. Their work “officially” got up and running Oct. 5th – four months after the June 17 flood. One thing they know for sure - lots of people still need help.

The disaster case manager service does not cost residents anything, they simply have to reach out to Vivian and Leopold indicating they need help to start the process or opt in when they receive a call from the case managers.

Leopold and Vivian are based out of the old D&N Bank building in Hancock, Suite 402, and can be reached by phone: (906) 231-6856. They are looking for volunteers to accompany them on home visits and skilled laborers to help with flood damage assessments and home repair.

Funds for flood recovery are being collected through the Keweenaw Community Foundation located in Hancock as well as Lutheran Social Services – Lutheran Disaster Response c/o Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Houghton.

Clergy Spouse Conference

February 1-3, 2019

Country Inn and Suites in Iron Mountain, Michigan

All clergy spouses are welcome and invited to join ELCA clergy spouses from Wisconsin and Upper Michigan for a weekend at the Country Inn and Suites in Iron Mountain, MI.

The weekend will be an informal, fun time with valuable workshops, good food, lots of laughter, and fellowship.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. on Friday and dinner will be at 6 p.m. The conference concludes late Sunday morning after worship service.

Presenter will be Barbara Solsaa, owner and director of Clergy Life Coaching, LLC.

Registration Deadline is January 14, 2019.

For more information and a registration form, go to



Looking for a Good Devotional Resource?

Check out our synod website and the "Prayfaithfully Resource".

People from our synod write weekly devotionals.

Go to 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.

Stewardship—it's not just about giving money.
It's about giving **everything**.

And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. —1 Peter 4:10, CEB



Pastor Jim Duehring will be glad to talk with any congregation about Stewardship.

Contact him at the Synod Office (906/228-2300).

Here are some possible resources:

www.nglsynod.org/stewardship

www.elca.org/stewardship

www.ebracingstewardship.com

Embracing Stewardship

by Charles R. Lane and Grace Duddy Pomroy

Ask, Thank, Tell

by Charles R. Lane

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

by Adam Hamilton



**Submit Your
'Synod Snapshot'**
(congregational stories of ministries)

Check out the October/November issue
of Notes & Quotes by clicking on the link below:
<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/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 Immanuel,
Rhineland in the December/January issue of Notes
and Quotes.



Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly, ELCA

2019 Announcement!

Synod Assembly 2019 will be at **Bay College** and
the **ELCA Lutheran Churches in**
Escanaba/Gladstone 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!**
- ~ **Keynote Speaker, Dwight Zscheile**
- ~ **Enjoy the Banquet at Terrace Bay Inn!**
- ~ **Experience a Synod Assembly Worship Service!**
- ~ **Come Ready to be Equipped for Ministry!**

Mark Your Calendars Now!!

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 all those suffering from the fires in California. God comfort those who mourn the loss of homes and the loss of loved ones.
- For all those who live in fear.
- For those who are seeking a good harvest of deer, that all may be safe.
- For our congregations that are pastorally vacant, may God raise up servant leaders and may ministry continue unabated.

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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Bishop Katherine Finegan

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