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

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E-Notes for January 18, 2019

The Season of Epiphany

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"People don't resist change, they resist loss."

(Tod Bolsinger, author of [Canoeing the Mountains](#), in January 2017 speech at Luther Seminary)

Pastors Report to the Bishop

Below are the links for filling out your Report to the Bishop online. Please save the report to your computer first, then fill it out and save it again before you either print it out or attach it to an email back to the Synod Office.

You will be receive a paper copy in the postal mail along with your new Clergy ID card. The reports can be filled out by hand and mailed to the Synod Office if you prefer to do that.

Please note: deadline for getting your report into the Bishop is March 1, 2019!

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=2.194350957.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565

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?_ga=2.18731001.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565

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?_ga=2.257403595.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565

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=2.223193691.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565

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?_ga=2.247827399.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565

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=2.256240587.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565

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=2.256240587.1908197318.1547568353-1291334846.1490982565



Safe Harbor proposed legislation focusing on treating youth under 18 caught in prostitution for the first time as victims in need of social services rather than criminals which moved from the back burner in the legislature to being passed out of committee last session. The outgoing attorney general, Brad Schimel

even testified that he had a change of heart on this legislation and supported it in the last session. The Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin has worked on this for four years. Thank you for those of you who have advocated persistently. Persistence counts! Whether you have been involved in the past or not, please join us to lift your voices and make a difference.

Rally to Support a Safe Harbor for Trafficked Youth

Safe Harbor proposed legislation has moved from being pushed aside to passing out of committee.

Let's get it passed!

JOIN US ON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

10:00 A.M. - NOON CT

Registration, refreshments, and sign-making at 9:30 a.m.

The day will begin at **ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

322 E. Washington in Madison

(Event will end at the capitol)

Speakers will include key legislators and religious leaders.

What is sex trafficking and how are Wisconsin youth impacted?

What can we advocate for?

How do we talk to our legislators?

TO REGISTER

Click [HERE](#)

or

Go to LOPPW.org → Events → Coming Soon → Register Here

Questions? Email kelseyj@loppw.org or Call 608-270-0201 (ask for Cindy or Kelsey)

Registration Deadline: January 22

Organized by the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin
Co-sponsored by Multi-Faith Coalition Against Child Sex Trafficking

Congregational A & C Reports

Congregations should have received their A&C Reports from ELCA in the mail! Your ELCA Church ID# and this year's password are printed on the report in the upper right section of the "A" side of the report. You will need these numbers if you want to fill out the forms online. Here is the link to access the A & C forms:

[https://webapps.elca.org/FormAAndC?
_ga=2.93107613.1058696793.1547824765-1291334846.1490982565](https://webapps.elca.org/FormAAndC?_ga=2.93107613.1058696793.1547824765-1291334846.1490982565)

If you cannot find your paper copy of the report, please contact Louise or Betsy at the Synod Office (906-228-2300) for the ID# and password for your congregation.

Attention Treasurers!

Please note this date:

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.

Installation of Pastor Kellan Weyer

at

Mission United Lutheran Church, Pelkie, Michigan
Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 3 p.m. ET

You are invited to attend!

Clergy are asked to vest in red.



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.

**REMINDER: Please send funds to the Synod Office by
January 31, 2019!**

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.

Register Now!

Registration Deadline is February 1, 2019.

Click the link below for registration form:

<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/pdf2018/NessonBrochure.pdf>



Mission Interpreters from the Northern Great Lakes Synod

Pastor Jim Duehring is looking for people who are interested in being a Mission Interpreter!

What do Mission Interpreters Do?

Mission interpreters, volunteers from congregations in each synod of the ELCA, tell the story of how our offerings and the gifts are transformed into effective ministries. They remind us of how we make a difference in Christ's mission and the work of the church, and they thank our people for their faithful giving.

Can You Be a Mission Interpreter?

Yes!

Is Training Offered?

Yes! There are two training opportunities for people interested in learning more information about being a "Mission Interpreter."

Saturday, February 16, 2019

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ET
at Zion, Manistique

Saturday, March 2, 2019

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. CT
at Bethany, Norway

For more information about the Mission Interpreter Training, contact Pastor Jim Duehring at jduehring@nglsynod.org or call the Synod Office at 906/228-2300.



stewardCast 2019 Invitation

As communities of Jesus that nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world, we live with a daring confidence about what we are called to do as steward leaders. This confidence reflects the vitality we find in Jesus Christ, our own spiritual life and our desire to participate in what God is doing today. This online event provides an opportunity to hear stories and learn how leaders across the church are enhancing congregational vitality in and through their ministry. You are invited to join us on

Saturday, March 9, 2019
10:30 a.m. to 12Noon CST

Featured presentations include:

~**Stewardship for Small Congregations** by Rev. Larry Strenge
DEM SWMN

~**Missional Hope for a New Generation** by Ms. Haley Caulfield
Concordia College Moorhead, MN

~**Engaging Disciples and Stewards with an APP** by Rev. Jon Wolf
Holy Cross Lutheran Overland Park, KS

- ~**Teaching Generosity in the Home** by Ms Aly Kohlmeier
Atonement Lutheran Boulder, CO
- ~**Resourceful Servants** by Steve Oelschlager
Holy Cross Lutheran Libertyville, IL
- ~**Generosity 365: A New Resource for Congregations**
by Rev. Erika Uthe DEM Southeastern IA

We welcome

Rostered and Lay Leaders in congregations
Current and future seminary students
Finance, Generosity, Resource & Stewardship Committees/Teams
Synod Mission Support and Stewardship Tables

Participation in this event requires no registration. On the morning of March 9, simply go to:

<http://www.elca.org/stewardship>

and click on the widget titled stewardCast2019. You will be connected immediately. Each participant will be given an opportunity to submit questions through the chat feature and to receive resources after the event.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Keith.Mundy@elca.org or Neil.Bullock@elca.org.

Watch this webcast in your own home or church.
A "Viewing Party" will be held at the Synod Office in Marquette.
Pastor Jim will provide the popcorn and refreshments!
Let's consider the many opportunities of Stewardship!



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 5th beginning at 3 p.m. Central Time (camp time)
with Worship Service and Installation of Amanda Rasner
as the new Camp Director

Business Meeting and Meal to follow

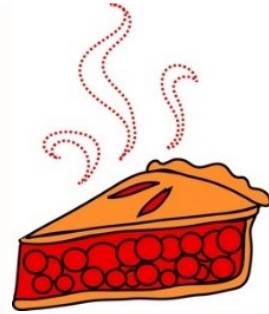
Questions? Contact Fortune Lake at

campdirector@fortunelake.org or call 1-906-214-2267

Until **ALL** Have a Piece of the Pie

Here are some ideas to raise World Hunger Dollars for Synod Assembly Offering in your congregation:

- ~Have a Pie Social
- ~Sell Pizza Pie
- ~Encourage folks to "Buy a Piece of Pie"
- ~Have a Pie Eating Contest
- ~Sponsor a Pie Auction/Bake Sale for World Hunger
- ~Have a Bake-Off, Best Pie Wins
- ~Sponsor a Pie-Filling Drive
- ~Challenge everyone to donate at least \$3.14
- ~Use Pie Tins for a Noisy Offering during Lent
- ~If challenges are met, give your pastor a Pie in the Face



Together, let's **TAKE A BIT OUT OF HUNGER** and make a real impact with our World Hunger Offerings!!



"Faithful Innovations"

for

Lay Leaders, Pastors & Licensed Lay Ministers

COMING IN 2019 TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU!

The Northern Great Lakes Synod invites congregational lay leaders, pastors, and licensed lay ministers to take a journey with us as we reimagine church in light of today's changing culture. This is a Spirit-led journey in which we are invited to engage the spiritual practices of listening, discerning, experimenting and reflecting.

- + A congregation commits 5-7 lay people to attend training sessions and become part of that congregation's "Guiding Team"
- + 3 Training Events (Saturdays?) with monthly ongoing coaching for laity and pastors

Key Features of "Faithful Innovations":

- + Dwelling in the Word
- + Tracing God's Movement in our Lives and

- Neighborhoods
- + Action Learning Experiments
- + Intentional Reflection

More details on this renewal effort and dates of training sessions will be forthcoming.



For the latest issue of the Synod Newsletter, Notes and Quotes, click on the link below.

<https://nglsynod.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1660157542ed666bad1aedab2&id=dd23022235&e=a3957c72f2>

TRANSITIONS

~ We pray God's blessings upon Pastor D. J. Rasner and his family. Pastor Rasner's last day of service to the people of Gloria Dei Lutheran, Hancock will be January 31, 2019. May God bless their good-byes and new beginnings!

~ We thank God for Amanda Rasner who began her ministry as camp director at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in January.

~ We celebrate with Pastor Mike Laakko upon his retirement. He served his last day of service at United, Crystal Falls and Bethany, Amasa was December 31, 2018. God bless him and his family as he begins a new adventure. Pastor Dave Johnson is the administrative interim pastor for Bethany and United.

~ We pray God's blessings upon Pastor Kevin Kaiser and his family, as he has accepted a call to serve as pastor at Calvary Lutheran in Minong, WI. His last day was December 31, 2018. Pastor Doug Norquist will become the administrative interim pastor for Bethany.

~ We pray God's blessings upon Pastor Erik Heskin and his family. Pastor Heskin's last day of service will be February 28,

family. Pastor Heskin's last day of service will be February 28, 2019. May God bless their good-byes and new possibilities!

~ We rejoice with Pastor Kellan Weyer who was ordained in Eden Prairie, MN on January 12, 2019. He begins as pastor at Mission United Lutheran Church in Pelkie, MI on January 20, 2019.



Retirement takes planning. No matter where you're starting from, taking small steps today can have a big impact on your life later. Join Portico on Feb. 21, 2019 in La Crosse, Wisconsin for a Pre-Retirement Seminar. In the morning, learn how to invest for your future in the midst of current financial goals. In the afternoon, discover ways to create a sustainable income in retirement. Join for the morning, afternoon, or both, and start the year with new tools for navigating the path ahead.

Questions? Call us at 800.352.2876

Learn more and register by Jan. 21 at PRS-WI.eventbrite.com.



2019 Marked! Events

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

Attend any event: IT'S FREE!!

- **Sunday – March 10** at Our Savior's, Marinette 4-7pm CT
- **Sunday – March 17** at Our Redeemer, Newberry 4-7pm ET
- **Sunday – March 31** at Faith, Calumet 4-7pm ET
- **Sunday – April 7** at Ascension, Minocqua 4-7pm CT

**These events include music, worship, learning,
food, fun and two service projects:**

1. **Collect financial donations for Lutheran Disaster Response.** Join a friendly competition to see which church can raise the most financial donations (prorated by average worship attendance).
2. **Collect items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Bring donated items along to your MARKED! Event and we'll assemble the kits together.**

Each kit needs:

- **1 light-weight bath-size towel** (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- **2 or 3 Bath-size bars of soap** equaling 8 to 9 oz., **any brand**, in original wrapper (please, **NO mini soap bars from hotels**)
- **1 Adult-size toothbrush** in its original packaging
- **1 Sturdy comb**
- **1 Metal nail clippers** (attached file optional)

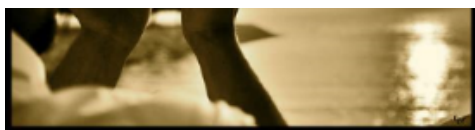
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!



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>.





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.



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

Check out the December/January issue

of Notes & Quotes by clicking on the link below:

<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/NotesQuotes/2018-1201.pdf>

**What is your congregation doing to share
God's love in your community?**

**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!**

We are in need of more Synod Snapshot articles!



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!

Meet ELCA Representative, Victoria Flood

Attend Two Workshops Saturday Afternoon!

Enjoy More Fellowship Time!

Meet Keynote Speaker, Dwight Zscheile

**Join us at the Banquet at Terrace Bay Inn Celebrating
Clergy with Ordination Anniversaries or Retirement and
Lay School Graduates!**

Experience a Synod Assembly Worship Service!

Come Ready to be Equipped for Ministry!

Mark Your Calendars Now!!

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For government workers
- For congregations of the Northern Great Lakes Synod waiting upon new pastoral leadership
- For civility in discourse that leads to healthy movement among decision-makers
- For the light of Christ to be shown in all people
- For the leaders of all nations to seek justice and righteousness
- For our faithful stewarding of all creation

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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