



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

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E-Notes for February 5, 2019

The Season of Epiphany

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Learning and agility [in the church] involve getting up and going, not just waiting for people to show up where we are."

~The Agile Church: Spirit-led Innovation in an Uncertain Age by Dwight Zscheile, p.148.

Synod Assembly Breaking News!!!

~EVERYONE CAN COME TO THE WORKSHOPS!!

All are welcome to attend Synod Assembly workshops on Saturday afternoon, May 18. Registration for the workshops is required (see on the Synod website), but you need not be a

required (soon on the Synod website), but you need not be a registered voter or visitor for Synod Assembly business. You can simply register for only Saturday's workshops.

~YOU TOO CAN COME TO THE BANQUET!!

All are welcome to the banquet. You need not be registered for Synod Assembly business. Simply sign up and pay for the banquet using the forms soon to be posted on the website.

~DO YOU SING OR PLAY BELLS?

The Synod Assembly Choir is looking for singers and bell ringers. Again, you need not be registered for Synod Assembly business in order to attend the opening worship on Thursday, Holden Evening Prayer on Friday evening, sing in the choir, or play in the bell choir.



Bishop Finegan Will Represent ELCA in Finland!

Bishop Katherine Finegan has been invited to represent the ELCA and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton at the installation of the new Bishop of Espoo, Finland. The Rev. Kaisamari Hintikka will be consecrated as Bishop on Sunday, February 10, in the Espoo Cathedral. Bishop Finegan has been invited to participate in the worship service and the laying on of hands. She and her husband, Dave, will travel to Finland for a week to be a part of the festivities.

Pastors Report to the Bishop

Below are the links for filling out your Report to the Bishop online.

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You will 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?
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Report for Minister of Word and Service Under Call From a Congregation:

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Report for Minister of Word and Service Under Call from Synod Council:

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Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament under Call from Synod Council:

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Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Not Under Call:

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Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Retired:

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**LUTHERAN
OFFICE
FOR PUBLIC
POLICY**
in Wisconsin

Are you a member of one of our Northern Great Lakes Synod Congregations in Wisconsin? Are you interested in the kind of ministry impact that can be made by advocating for change in laws and public policy? The Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW) is looking for a new board member from our Synod. Call the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 if you would like to learn more.

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.

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.





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 12 Noon 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 Kohlmeyer
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!**



Journey with Lutheran World Relief this Lent and proclaim to the world that the hope of Christ makes a new season possible: **A Season of Hope**. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. Visit <https://lwr.org/lent> for resources to invigorate congregations for global good!



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" Update

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 re-imagine 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 at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp with monthly ongoing coaching for laity and pastors

Saturday - June 29, 2019

Saturday - September 7, 2019

Saturday - November 9, 2019

Key Features of "Faithful Innovations":

- + Dwelling in the Word
- + Tracing God's Movement in our Lives and Neighborhoods
- + Action Learning Experiments
- + Intentional Reflection

Registration details will be made available as soon as possible.

TRANSITIONS

~ We keep in our prayers Pastor Terry Frankenstein as she has resigned her call at Zion, Manistique in order to care for a family member with health concerns. May God give her the strength she needs for the challenges ahead and continue to guide and prepare the people of Zion to welcome their next pastor.

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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 at [PRs-WI.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

Prosopon School of Iconology Workshop
June 2-8, 2019

For many years the Prosopon School of Iconology (out of New York City) has conducted iconology workshops in Sault Ste. Marie. This year the site is being moved to **Marygrove Retreat Center** in Garden, MI, June 2-8.

During the week each participant is guided through the process of "writing" an

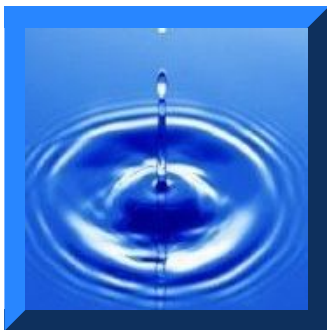
icon. It is much more than an art class though! Each day includes prayer and discussion of the theology of the icon and the theology of each of the steps of the process. It provides a glimpse into the rich theology and spirituality of the Eastern Church and winds up being a week of quiet and retreat.

Artistic ability is not a prerequisite! Regardless of ability, you will go home with a beautiful icon!

The cost is \$850 which includes tuition, room and meals.

If you are interested please contact Pastor Warren Geier as soon as possible (pastor@bethanyishpeming.org; 906-486-4351). He would be happy to answer any questions you might have and provide you with registration materials.

If you appreciate the beauty of icons and want to learn more, this is a great opportunity! Note that this is not just for clergy but is open to everyone.



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

Worship Response: with a monetary 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)

**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 and our Republican and Democrat representatives, that together they seek the best answers for the good of our country.
- For Pastor Kellan Weyer, his wife Whitney, and the people of Mission United, Pelkie as they begin a new partnership.
- For Christ Parish congregations of Salem, Zion, and St. Paul's, Ironwood as they discern future steps.
- For the congregations of the Copper Country who are preparing to participate in a Building Vitality Retreat.

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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