



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

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E-Notes for April 16, 2019

The Season of Lent

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Palm Sunday

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come

Break my resistance and make me your home.

~By Malcolm Guite



2019 Marked! Events

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND
HOSTED AND CONTRIBUTED
HEALTH KIT ITEMS!!!

389 Health kits were assembled
by the 96 youth who attended!

**The Pre-Assembly Report is now available
on the website!**

Click here to view it: <https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/>

A Frequently Asked Question About Synod Assembly

If I'm not a Synod Assembly Voting Member,
can I still participate in some
Synod Assembly events?

YES!!!

All are welcome to:

~**Saturday Afternoon Workshops May 18**
at Bay College, Escanaba
Register and pay \$5.00 at

[https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/workshops
orderform/](https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/workshops/orderform/)

~**Opening Worship:** Bethany, Escanaba
on Thursday, May 16

at 7:00pm
No registration necessary.

~**The Banquet:** Terrace Bay Inn
on Friday, May 17
at 6:00pm

Register and pay at
<https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/workshops/orderform/>

~ **Holden Evening Prayer** at First, Gladstone
on Friday May 17,
at 8:30pm following the banquet.
No registration necessary.

Bishop Finegan's May Newsletter Article for Congregations

Click this link to access Bishop Finegan's May Newsletter article for congregations: <https://www.nglsynod.org/newsletter-articles/>

**Nominations
for
Synod Secretary and Synod Vice-President**
are now being received.

Please review the descriptions below of these volunteer

positions and if you or any one you know in the Northern Great Lakes Synod comes to mind, click this link: <https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/nomination-form-for-synod-position>

complete a Nomination Form and click "**Send Nomination**" button!

Synod Secretary

†**S8.31.** The secretary shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The secretary shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The secretary may be either a lay person or a minister of Word and Sacrament.

†**S8.32.** The secretary shall:

- a. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Synod Assembly, be responsible for the printing and distribution of such minutes, and perform such other duties as this synod may from time to time direct.
- b. Be authorized and empowered, in the name of this synod, to attest all instruments which require the same, and which are signed and sealed by the bishop.
- c. In consultation with the bishop, classify and arrange all important papers and documents and deposit them in the archives of this synod.
- d. Submit to the secretary of this church at least nine months before each regular Churchwide Assembly a certified list of the voting members elected by the Synod Assembly.

Synod Vice-President

†**S8.21.** The vice president shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The vice president shall be a layperson. The vice president shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The vice president shall not receive a salary for the performance of the duties of the office..

S8.22. The vice president shall chair the Synod Council.

S8.23. In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of the bishop, the vice president, after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the conduct of the duties of the bishop until a new bishop shall be elected or, in the case of temporary disability, until the bishop resumes full performance of the duties of the office.

Is your Constitution up to date?

Avoid the rush before January congregational meetings. Begin the process now! With the Churchwide Assembly in August, new required updates are on the horizon. Form a team now to begin a review of your constitution. If it's been a few years, begin with the current model constitution found at http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Model_Constitution_for_Congregations_2016.doc?_ga=2.23401470.535700308.1553779167-988264540.1542743346

**Contact Pastor Jim Duehring or
Synod Secretary Doug Johnson with any questions.**



Are you a pastor with musical gifts? Do you sing or play an instrument? We want you to join us in the NGLS Pastors Band for Synod Assembly. Contact Lucas Wickstrom at 906/204-6800 or lucas@lucas.net.

TRANSITIONS

~ We celebrate with Prince of Peace, Marquette as they install their new pastor, Rev. Don Ludemann. The worship service will take place Sunday June 23 at 3pm. The color of the day is red. Clergy and LLM's are invited to vest and process.

~ Pastor Joe Daiker has resigned his call at Bethel, Cedarville and Zion, Allenville. Pastor Joe will be going On Leave From Call as he mourns the death of his father and attends to various health issues. We hold him and his family in prayer during this difficult time.

**Northern Great Lakes
Synod Assembly, ELCA**



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

Meet ELCA Representative, Victoria Flood
Enjoy More Fellowship Time!
Meet Keynote Speaker, Dwight Zscheile

~REGISTER NOW!

To register online for Synod Assembly **and/or** for the Banquet **and/or** for the Workshops, click this link:

<https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/>.

If you prefer to mail a registration form with a check to the Synod Office, you may click the above link to download a registration form which can be found on the right side of the assembly homepage. You will need to download both pages to register for assembly and/or the workshops but you only need the first page to register for just the banquet.

~SPACE FOR DISPLAYS!

If you are on a Synod Committee or are a Partner in Ministry with the Synod, you may also click the above link to request a table for display.

We are limiting displays to two tables per display. If you want two, please indicate that on the display table request form. **Spaces are being reserved quickly so don't wait too long!**

~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.

Vocal Choir Rehearsals: Sat., May 4, 10 a.m. ET at Bethany, Ishpeming

Sat., May 11, 10 a.m. ET at Bethany, Escanaba

Bell Choir Rehearsals: Sat., May 11, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bethany, Escanaba

Northern Great Lakes Synod Fall 2019 Theological Conference and Retreat

Mark your calendars now!

Who: **All Clergy and Licenced Lay Ministers**
(Spouses and families are also invited)

Where: **Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island**

When: **Sunday, October 6 - Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

With: **North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA**
Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA

Presenter: **Rev. Matthew L. Becker, Ph.D.,**
Professor of Theology, Valparaiso University

***For more information and to download a registration form,
click this link:***

<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/pdf2019/Fall%202019%20Theological%20Conference%20Brochure.pdf>

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2019



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



Synod Assembly World Hunger Offering Project:

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

Bring your dollars to play the "Pie Walk" game at Synod Assembly!

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 **4-7 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



Prosopon School of Iconology Workshop

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.



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.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- Pastor Tammy Barthels at the death of her sister.
- Pastor Joe Daiker at the death of his father.
- Praise and thanksgiving for new life, for Spring, for hope.
- For all those fleeing violence and seeking safety.
- For all congregations in prayerful discernment as they consider their next steps, their future mission goals, and their ministry purposes.
- For our Holy Week observances as we once again rehearse our Christian story.

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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