



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

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**E-Notes for May 1, 2019**

# **The Season of Easter**

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**"I continue to believe that we cannot speak about congregational vitality unless we talk about faith formation. I think that in order to have vital congregations, we need to have people who see their vocation as 'Children of God' and then the other roles in their lives as the way they live their faith daily. This means that we need to be intentional about lifting up ALL generations and their need to grow in their faith."**

Rev. Brenda Smith, ELCA Program Director, Faith Practices and Book of Faith

## **2019 Marked! Events**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND  
HOSTED AND CONTRIBUTED**



## PERSONAL CARE KIT ITEMS!!!

**411 (updated number)** 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 or Visiting Member,  
can I still participate in some  
Synod Assembly events?

**YES!!!**

All are welcome to:

**~Saturday Afternoon Workshops May 18  
1:15-2:15 & 2:30-3:30pm  
at Bay College, Escanaba**

Pay \$5.00 and select workshops at  
<https://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/workshopsorderform/>

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**~Opening Worship:** Bethany, Escanaba  
on Thursday, May 16  
at 7:00pm  
No registration necessary.

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**~The Banquet:** Terrace Bay Inn  
on Friday, May 17

at 6:00pm

Register and pay at

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

**DEADLINE TO RESERVE BANQUET TICKETS IS  
FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 3RD, 11am ET**

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



Our sympathy to Pastor Bill Jacobson and his family on the death of his mother, Ilene Jacobson, on April 21, 2019. May the family feel God's comforting arms around them.

### **Congratulations to Carolyn Lawrence**

Carolyn "Care" Lawrence, an NGLS Seminarian attending Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) is among the fourteen seminary and divinity school students, and early-career clergy, chosen for the 2019 Seminary Program of the Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE).

Carolyn, who is from Crystal Falls, Michigan, will participate in a two-week program in Germany and Poland this summer, which uses the conduct of clergy and religious leaders in Nazi-occupied Europe as a way to reflect on contemporary professional ethics. Along with other fellows, she will attend seminars and visit memorials and sites to explore pastors' ethical responses to anti-Semitism in 1930s German and the Holocaust, as well as explore today's issues facing theologians and seminarians.

### **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/>



### **Mission Interpreters Needed**

Pastor Jim is still looking for Mission Interpreters. Mission Interpreters visit a congregation and thank people for their mission support and tell the mission story of our synod. God is at work and these stories need to be told! If you like your church, and don't mind speaking in front of people, perhaps God is calling you to be a Mission Interpreter. Call Pastor Jim Duehring at the Synod Office to learn more: 906-228-2300.

## **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\](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.



Congregational leaders are encouraged to check out the wide variety of resources available online. Go to [www.elca.org/stewardship](http://www.elca.org/stewardship) or [www.nglsynod.org/stewardship](http://www.nglsynod.org/stewardship). Contact Pastor Jim Duehring in the Synod Office (906-228-2300) if you would like him to visit with your congregation about stewardship.

## 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](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.**

## **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.

~ Pastor Tom Wickstrom will be the administrative interim pastor for Bethany, Republic, from May 1 through October 31, 2019.



**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.

**~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

Business meeting begins at 3pm followed by the Installation Worship service of new camp director, Amanda Rasner. The day concludes with a hearty meal including S'mores for all!

Questions? Contact Fortune Lake at

[campdirector@fortunelake.org](mailto: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

Registration details will be made available as soon as possible.

**If interested, please contact Pastor Jim Duehring in the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 or email:**

**[jduehring@nglsynod.org](mailto:jduehring@nglsynod.org). Interested congregations need**

**to register by June 1! T download the full flyer to to:**

**<https://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ngls/pdf2019/FaithInnovations.pdf>**





## 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](http://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](mailto:bakoski@nglsynod.org).

### LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For Pastor Erik Heskin and his family. Pastor Erik is gravely ill and in hospice care in Escanaba.
- For our congregations who are seeking wisdom on moving forward in ministry
- For our companion synod in Tanzania - The Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania
- For our domestic companion synod - the Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA
- For all houses of worship to be safe places

CHECK OUT [www.prayfaithfully.org](http://www.prayfaithfully.org)  
for weekly "Breath Prayer"  
and Daily Devotions

The synod website is [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)

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



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**PASTOR JIM DUEHRING,  
Assistant to the Bishop and DEM**

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