



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

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E-Notes for June 3, 2019

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

A Pentecost Litany

Come to us, Holy Spirit – in the quiet times of peace.
Come to us, Holy Spirit – in the anguished eternities of
grief.

Come to us, Holy Spirit – in welling fountains of joy.
Come to us, Holy Spirit – in cold vistas of disbelief.
Come to us, Holy Spirit – in burning certainties of faith.
Come to us, Holy Spirit, Come!

~the Bishop's file of untraceable resources

Rostered Leaders in First 3 Years of Call:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The 2019 FCTE (First Call Theological Education) Fall Conference will be held **November 10-13** at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin. The cost will remain the same - \$300 - which includes all meals and lodging. Please reserve these dates now, and watch for more detailed information to arrive during the latter part of September.



We hold in prayer the family of Pastor Erik Heskin, who died early Sunday morning, May 5, 2019. His funeral was on May 8th at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba. Bishop Katherine Finegan and Rev. David Van Kley officiated.

We also hold in prayer Robert Charles and his family of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese in Tanzania on the death of his oldest son, Obrigado, who was 7 years and 10 months old. He died of malaria and a blood infection.

*"So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."
Romans 14:8*

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.

All Clergy and Seminarians:

**Are you interested in an
Ecumenical Civil Rights Pilgrimage
from Memphis to Montgomery this fall (October 21-24)?**

Wisconsin Council of Churches will be taking one bus of faith leaders (seats 25) on a pilgrimage starting in Memphis, travel through Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery.

Participants will be responsible for getting themselves to the trip origin in Memphis, and home from the finish point in Memphis. Cost is \$495 per person (shared room)/\$695 per person (single room) covers most costs. Seats on the bus are first-come, first-serve. Registration is secured with a \$200 down-payment on the website or by check received in our offices.

For more information on how to register, visit this link:
[online registration link](#)

Please contact Rev. Kerri Parker, Executive Director
Wisconsin Council of Churches



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.

Several Ministries of the Northern Great Lakes Synod Received Generous Gifts from the Estate of Norman E. Lamberg

Mr. Lamberg grew up in Gladstone and died in January in Virginia. Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman had been Mr Lamberg's pastor many years ago and maintained a rapport with Norman. Through this pastoral relationship, Bishop Skogman was entrusted to help with the distribution of this generous estate gift. To read a letter from Bishop Skogman about the details of this give, go to the synod website at www.nglsynod.org. The full article will also be printed in the June/July issue of Notes and Quotes.

Blessed by the memory of Norman E. Lamberg among us, and thanks be to God for the Spirit's working through the pastoral care of Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman!



Congregational leaders are encouraged to check out the wide variety of resources available online. Go to www.elca.org/stewardship or 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

**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.

~We welcome Pastor-Elect Brenda Greenwald who has accepted the call to

serve St. Stephen's, Stephenson and Gethsemane, Wallace. Pastor-Elect Brenda will preach her first Sunday there on June 9th. She will be ordained at her home congregation in Colorado on July 14th by Bishop Finegan. May God bless their new partnership.

~ We rejoice with Messiah, Marquette as they welcome Pastor-Elect Molly Eversoll who accepted the call to serve as their Associate Pastor. Pastor-Elect Eversoll will be ordained by Bishop Finegan in Roscoe, Illinois on August 3rd. God bless new beginnings!

~ We welcome Pastor Renee MacLeod as she begins serving as interim pastor for Zion, Allenville and Bethel, Cedarville!



Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly, ELCA

Another Synod Assembly in the books!

THANK YOU!

~**To the Bell Choir.** For beautiful music for our opening worship and at Holden Evening prayer.

~**To the Vocal Choir.** For Enriching opening worship.

~**To the Youth/Pastor Band.** Great music and leadership for our Closing worship.

~**To all the worship participants, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants, and more.** So many are needed to make things happen.

~**To Delta Conference congregations** for providing so many tasty snacks

~**To Bay College** for hosting us so graciously.

~**To the Terrace Bay Inn for owning that the service and food was**

sub-par at our banquet. They have refunded almost half of our expense and furnished us with gift certificates that will serve as door prizes for our Walking Together Events in the Fall. Must be present to win!

~ To our Rostered Leaders celebrating milestone years of ministry:

65 years - Rev. Ingmar Levin and Rev. Les Niemi

55 years - Rev. Rell Spickerman

50 years - Rev. Paul Raappana

25 years - Rev. Maxine Gray, and Lenora Tahtinen (Deaconness)

Retirement - Rev. Mike Laakko

~ To our Lay School Graduates: Donna Ahlberg & Matt Johnson

~ And Thank You to all who attended!

**If you have never been,
please consider coming next year when we meet
at Finlandia University, Hancock
May 14-16, 2020**

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 16, 2019



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Starting Soon!

There is still a need for male counselors! If you know of a young male who would make a good counselor, have them go to <https://fortunelake.org/about/employment-opportunities/summer-staff/>. They can also call Camp Director Amanda Rasner at 906-214-2267. Youth can still sign up for summer camp. Go to www.fortunelake.org.



**Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service**

New resources for observing Migrant and Refugee Sunday are now available at www.lirs.org/migrant-refugee-sunday. Consider how you might use some of these resources in the weeks of June:

- On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, we hear a story of how diverse peoples, from the far reaches of the earth, are gathered into one people and speak one language through the gift of God's Spirit.
- On World Refugee Day, June 20, celebrations throughout the United States and the world commemorate the strength, courage and resilience of millions of refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide who have been forced to flee their homes due to war, conflict and persecution.
- June 9 is designated as Children's Day; June 16 is observed as Father's Day.

Both days are times to consider families who are on the move, and to respond to Christ's call to care for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The all-new resources for Migrant and Refugee Sunday include commentaries written by former refugees for preaching on the lessons for Pentecost, a Pentecost/World Refugee Day Litany, Prayer Petitions for June, and other worship and education materials that will be updated each month. Check out the website www.lirs.org/migrant-refugee-sunday to find images, language, and stories to enrich and support your congregation's call to welcome the stranger and to celebrate our oneness in the body of Christ.



"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

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. **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 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

- All those in discernment about next steps, decisions to be made, future paths to take. May the Holy Spirit be heard.
- In thanks for the renewal of Spring and Summer.
- For all those affected by natural disasters. For Farmers who wait to plant in flooded fields.
- For new laws and wisdom that will curb gun violence.
- For those fleeing violence, that they find safety.

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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