



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

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E-Notes for July 15, 2019

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think we should be born with a warning label similar to the ones that come on cigarette packages: *Caution: If you trade in your authenticity for safety, you may experience the following: anxiety, depression, eating disorders, addiction, rage, blame, resentment, and inexplicable grief.*"

Brene Brown, [The Gifts of Imperfection](#)

**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.



Job Position Open for New Office Administrator

With the upcoming retirement of Louise Ingalls, we are seeking qualified job applicants for the position of “Office Administrator”. Résumés with a cover letter may be sent via email to ngls@nglsynod.org or mailed via US Postal Service to:

Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA
c/o Bishop Katherine Finegan
1029 North Third St., Suite A
Marquette, MI 49855

Applications will be accepted through August 11. Interviews for the position of Office Administrator will begin in mid-August. The newly hired “Office Administrator” will be trained in by Louise for a two-week period beginning September 23 up until Louise’s retirement.

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



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.

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

Try to send any constitutional updates to the Synod Office for review by October 1 - prior to January 2020 Annual Meetings!

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.

Bishop's Newsletter Article

All congregations are encouraged to add the Bishop's newsletter article for July/August in their own newsletters. The article can be found by clicking this link: <https://www.nglsynod.org/newsletter-articles/>.

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.

TRANSITIONS

~ Pastor Dennis Meyette is now the Administrative Interim Pastor at Zion, Manistique in addition to continuing to serve as Intentional Interim at Immanuel, Escanaba.

~ Pastor Brenda Greenwald was ordained at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cherry Hills, Colorado on July 14th by Bishop Finegan. She has been called to serve St. Stephens, Stephenson and Gethsemane, Wallace.

~ Pastor-Elect Molly Eversoll will be ordained by Bishop Finegan in Roscoe, Illinois on August 3rd. She has been called to be the Associate Pastor at Messiah, Marquette.

~ Pastor Linda Forray recently began serving as Administrative Interim Pastor at Our Savior's Marinette. She also serves Peace United Church of Christ and St. James Lutheran, all in Marinette.



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Summer camping season is in full swing at Fortune Lake!

Go to www.fortunelake.org.



Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

More information on Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services may be found at www.lirs.org.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- For all traveling and taking vacation this summer
- For congregations discerning new pastoral leadership
- For campers going to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp this summer
- For the six congregations involved in the Faithful Innovations process
- For those dealing with flooding and harmful weather

CHECK OUT www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "Breath Prayer"
and Daily Devotions

The synod website is www.nglsynod.org



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Assistant to the Bishop and DEM

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