Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write this, I have almost caught up on my sleep after spending 6 days at the National ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit. Almost 150 youth and leaders, from over 20 NGLS congregations made the trip to participate. Some congregations added service and sightseeing to their trip, lengthening their time together by one or more days. Our two Synod busses added a stop to the Henry Ford Museum and Village and spent the better part of a day marveling at the advances in transportation.

The exhibits showed how in a very few short years, Henry Ford led the country and then the world towards a revolution. With the invention of the engine, so many things were possible.

However, what really struck me about the exhibits was how the imaginations of the car designers were challenged to keep pace with the advancements in technology. The very first cars looked exactly like carriages, except they were propelled by engines instead of pulled by horses. It was only as the capacity for speed increased, that vehicles became more streamlined. It would be more years still before public transportation looked less like a covered wagon and more like a bus. Of course it would be more years still before “horseless carriages” began to even remotely resemble the cars we have today.

It seems the designers were rather stuck for awhile, trying to preserve the familiar old style of carriage while only adding the minimum of what was new. They added an engine to a carriage, an engine to a covered wagon, an engine to a bicycle, while making few other changes or accommodations.

It was clear, seeing the evolution of car development lined up in rows at the museum, that the concept of sloped roofs, wide windshields, larger windows, and fatter tires did not occur to car designers until circumstances (greater speeds, consumer safety, concerns for comfort) forced a restyling of what we know now as the automobile.
The thought occurred to me, how long will it take for the church to move past adding bits and pieces here and there to how we have always done things before it is completely “restyled” to take into consideration new technology, deepening cultural shifts, and an increasingly post-Christian climate?

Like those car designers who couldn’t think past the carriage, I have no idea what the finished product of the church will look like. And of course, as people who celebrate the Reformation, we know the church is always in reform.

However, I kind of like the look of old fashioned carriages. In some cities and parks, carriage rides are considered a treat, as passengers enjoy a more leisurely tour to the sound of hoof clops on pavement, and perhaps the pungent odor of horse apples gracing the road behind you.

But the truth is, such a ride is a novelty. It is hardly practical for everyday transportation. And on a rainy or very hot or cold day, we are happy to have climate control inside our vehicles with windows that work.

Just as Ford was part of the Industrial Revolution, we are part of whatever this time is – a time of change and renewal, a time of discerning what we’ll keep, and what needs to be let go in the interest of moving forward, a time of holding on to the non-negotiables, and experimenting with what might work to effectively proclaim Christ even as we seek to grow the kingdom of God and bring in the harvest.

And the good news is….we’re already on our way. 30,000 youth and leaders will have something to say to their congregations. They will have ideas about how they want to witness, how they feel called to serve, how they want to tell the world that Jesus is….GOOD NEWS! As we listen to all they have to offer, our hope for the church we love is met in how God is at work in them.

If your congregation did not attend the Gathering, or did not have youth to send, do not fear, there was enough energy and faith in Ford Field to bolster the whole Body of Christ, even to its extremities.

I look forward to seeing what the Spirit will do with us, here in the Northern Great Lakes Synod, in our congregations, and in the personal lives of all who attended the Gathering, and all who will be impacted by their experience.

The church is being “restyled”. And I don’t think it will be long now, before we glimpse the new and improved model that will carry us forward to the next step of God’s hope for Christ’s church.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Katherine Finegan
Assistant to the Bishop
of the Northern Great Lakes Synod

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A big thank you to the people of Zion, St. Ignace for providing lunch for the Synod Youth Busses as they headed to Detroit on July 14!! Your example of gracious hospitality fortified us for service and set the tone for a meaningful week. Thank you!!!
Proclaim Justice Day.

Some words from Youth who went to the Gathering:

“It was honestly the best experience of my life. The music and energy in the stadium was awesome, the speakers were very powerful, and I had a lot of fun talking to and helping out the citizens of Detroit.”

~ Jared Anderson from Calvary, Rapid River who attended with Ascension, Minocqua

Youth have their hair cut for Locks of Love, to make wigs for chemotherapy patients.

“I spent six days in Detroit this past week. From helping out less fortunate residents to worshiping with 30,000 other Lutherans, it was probably the most amazing experience I've had.

What struck me most is the City of Detroit and the people who live there. I'll admit, before I got there I didn't expect much from the city. That perception changed. I now know that Detroit has some of the most friendly, welcoming, and proud people anywhere. The city is beautiful with a lot of amazing sites to see. All you hear about Detroit is negative stories, but if you go there, you'll realize that Detroit is a great city.”

~ Jake Putala—Holy Cross, Baraga

“I spent 6 days in the wonderful city of Detroit...that's an experience that I shall never forget. From cleaning up neighborhoods and streets full of trash and glass, to passing out water and snacks to people on the street who look like they are in need, to just worshipping and witnessing with all of the other high-school aged kids, it was an inspiring six days. I seriously can't wait for 2018 when we go to Houston, Texas, but I will miss the streets of Detroit.”

~ Ashley Kasper—Bethel, Cedarville

Closing worship in Ford Field
this past week for #RiseUpELCA. It was an experience I will never forget with 30,000 other Lutheran's celebrating through dance and singing, and doing God's work.”

~ Julia Smith—Bethel, Cedarville

(Permission was granted by youth to print their statements.)

Painted boards to “decorate” blighted property and board up vacant homes.

Some words from Detroit about the Gathering.

Updates: Jason Marker, a member of the Detroit Party Marching Band, posts on our Facebook page: "They are insufferably cheerful."

Another reader, Colleen Hasten of Grosse Pointe, comments: "It looks like a Skittles factory exploded."

~deadlinedetroit reader, Colleen Marker commented, “My family and I would like to thank the group that came and cleaned up the house across the street from us. Now when we look out our kitchen window we won't see tall huge weeds but the pretty orange flowers. It’s like people forget this area of Detroit and only concentrate on the West side or Downtown. You really helped our neighborhood.”

~Northwest Brightmore Renaissance, a non-profit urban revitalization effort posted:

“It seems that the only time you hear about Christians on the news is when someone calling themselves a Christian does an un-Christian act. Then it is all over the news for days.

Well, the city of Detroit was incredibly blessed by 30,000 Christian volunteers from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) that showed the love of Christ, and came to make a difference in Detroit last week.

Brightmoor alone was blessed by thousands of volunteers over a 3 day period who were kind, loving, and worked very hard in oppressive heat to make it a better place.

It may have been a back story on the local news, but it is a front page and life changing story to those living in this community.

To the ELCA; We can't thank you enough for the generosity, compassion, love, and dedication that you have blessed us with.

May God bless you abundantly, and keep up the amazing work.”

http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/WhyDetroit

ELCA Disaster Funds
Salem, Ironwood
Thank You for Your Gifts!

All Saints, Wakefield
Good Shepherd, Houghton
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
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Zion, St. Ignace

ELCA Malaria Initiative
Pioneer Lake, Conover
Prince of Peace, Eagle River
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
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ELCA Buck-A-Chick
Holy Cross, Baraga

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Rev. Dave & Arlene Van Kley
Bishop Tom & Luanne Skrenes
Marilyn Andersen
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Virginia Paulson
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Lutheran World Relief
Salem, Ironwood
Calvary, Rapid River
Bethany, Ishpeming
Prince of Peace, Marquette

Bethany, Negaunee

Maternity/Malaria Project
St. Paul, Mass City

NGLS Mission Outreach
Immanuel, Escanaba

NGLS Youth Ministry
Eden Ev., Munising

Seminarian Support
Our Redeemer, Newberry
St. James, Rudyyard
All Saints WELCA, Wakefield

Skogman Scholarship
Orice Walters & Family
Our Savior, Marinette
Bethany, Norway

Tanzanian Projects:
Mkuza Girls’ School
Christ Lutheran Parish, Ironwood

World Missionary Support
Pioneer Lake, Conover
Trinity Ev., Rhinelander
Bethel, Ishpeming
Lifting Up in Prayer

- We pray for our congregations as they prepare for Fall programming.
- We pray for Pastor Tammy Barthels (Immanuel, Rhinelander), Pastor David Tielbar (Zion, St. Ignace and Trinity, Brevort), and Pastor Ann Gonyea Alexander (Eden, Munising) as they begin their work. Welcome to our Synod!!

LAY SCHOOL FOR MISSION NEWS
Summer 2015

Ishpeming Campus: While details have not been finalized on times and teachers for Fall Lay School classes, the following classes will be offered:

- New Testament Epistles (Pastor Allan Johnson)
- Christian Technology I—First Article of the Creed, God the Father
- Acts
- Ecumenism

Classes will be held at Bethany, Ishpeming (715 Mather Ave.) beginning on September 8th, the Tuesday after Labor Day.

New students are needed! Remember, it is not necessary to take all the classes.

As soon as final details are in place, information will be made available.

If you have questions, talk to your pastor or contact the Lay School Dean, Pastor Warren Geier (906/486-4351; pastor@bethanyishpeming.org)

For more information about Lay School classes in your area, contact one of the coordinators listed below:

Gladstone Campus: Pastor Steve Gauger  Site: First Lutheran, Gladstone  906/474-9353  stephen.gauger@gmail.com
Minocqua Campus: Pastor Devon Barrix  Site: Calvary Lutheran, Minocqua  715/277-4983  dbarrix001@luthersem.edu
St. Ignace Campus: Pastor Breanne Johnson  Site: Zion Lutheran, St. Ignace  906/484-2280  upbre3@gmail.com
Hancock Campus: Temporarily Vacant
Pastoral Vacancies and Interims

**Full-time**
- First, Ewen; Our Saviour, Paynesville; Trinity, Trout Creek - Pastor Bill Jacobson
- Siloa, Ontonagon; First of Winona & St. Paul’s, Mass City - Pastor John Autio
- First, Iron River; Trinity, Stambaugh - Pastor Mike Laakko
- Porterfield, Porterfield; Beaver American, Pound—Rev. Ken Michaelis
- United, L’Anse—Pastor John Autio
- Faith, Sault Ste. Marie—Pastor Matthew Lamb

**Part-time**
- Faith, Rock & First, Trenary - Pastor Allan Johnson

“For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” — 2 Corinthians 8:9

As we complete the first half of 2015, mission support giving is 1.8% or $6,681 above last year at this time. Designated gifts are 13.7% above, due in part to increased giving to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and the Tanzania Dental Mission. We thank all our congregations for their timely remittance of gifts and their generosity as together we work to further the mission of Jesus Christ in our Synod. It is a joy and a privilege to share this mission with you!

- Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper

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**PRAYFAITHFULLY**  
**DEVOPTION SCHEDULE**  
**FOR August & September**

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## SYNOD CALENDAR

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Northern Great Lakes Synod

FAITHFUL FINANCES

A Workshop for All Those Entrusted with Congregational Finances:
Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Pastor, Council, Parish Secretary

Saturday, August 29
9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon
First Lutheran Church
1212 Minneapolis Avenue, Gladstone

Topics Include:
Best practices for handling cash funds
Required Synod and IRS Forms
Retention of Records
W-2 vs. 1099 Misc. reporting
- and more!

Please contact the Synod Office to register
(906) 228-2300

NOTE: This workshop will also be offered at the Festival of Congregational Renewal in October at Ascension Lutheran, Minocqua.
Festival of Congregational Renewal

Friday, October 23 – Saturday, October 24
at Ascension Lutheran Church, Minocqua

Event Schedule

**Friday, Oct. 23** *(all times Central)*
- 6:00 pm  Registration
- 6:30 pm  Opening Worship
- 7:30 pm  Welcome
- 7:45 pm  Workshops
- 8:45 pm  Reception & Displays

**Saturday, Oct. 24**
- 8:30 am  Coffee & Registration
- 8:45 am  Prayer & Prizes
- 9:00 am  Workshops
- 12:00 noon  Lunch
- 1:00 pm  Workshops
- 3:00 pm  Prizes & Prayer

Only $10 a person
Register by Friday October 16
at nglsynod.org using Paypal
or send check and registration form to
Northern Great Lakes Synod
1029 N. Third Street, Suite A
Marquette, MI 49855

This event is sponsored by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.
Possible Workshops

~PORTICO: Learn about all that Portico offers.  Jennifer Prinz
~Faithful Finances: Church finances are complicated and full of potential pitfalls. Learn what to do and what to avoid. Betsy Koski
~Talking about the E Word: Evangelism is changing. Cultural shifts require a new approach. Rev. Dean Marin
~World Hunger: The ELCA gives all kinds of resources to make this a ministry priority. The NGLS Hunger Committee
~The Social Statement on Women and Justice: The ELCA is formulating a statement. Be a part of it. Marsha Waino
~Faith in Community: How do we practice this? How does is deepen our discipleship? Lisa Johnson
~Congregational Renewal Panel: Hear what some congregations are doing to spark renewal. NGLS and ECSW
~Stewardship Today: How does one talk about generous giving? Growing in giving? Faith and money? Bishop Tom Skrenes
~Who are the Churchless? Who is our target market? How to reach the absent demographic. Rev. Steve Solberg
~Constitutional Review: Is your constitution up to date? The details aren't important, until they are. Rev. Doug Johnson
~The Great Commission Agenda for Councils: We say mission is a priority, but council time is all about bill fretting – A new approach to the Council agenda. Rev. Matt Lamb
~Advocacy in Northern Wisconsin: Who are the voiceless and what shall we say? Cindy Crane
~Poverty Simulation: What is systemic poverty? What does it look and feel like? The NGLS Hunger Committee
~Rise Up Detroit!: A wonderful experience. See the pictures. Hear the stories. The youth of Ascension, Minocqua
~Thrivent: Abundant opportunities to receive support for ministry efforts. Teresa Sell
~Dwelling in the Word: An approach to scripture and prayer. Bishop Gerry Mansholt
~Caring Conversations: The art of listening well. Jill Beverlin
~Contemporary/Traditional? Are labels really necessary? Worship Jubilee participant Dave Dagenais
~The Blessings and Mechanics of Endowment: Leaving a legacy, providing a future Larry Westfield
~Panel on Intergenerational Ministry: Ideas for activities, events, and bridging the gaps. ECSW and NGLS
~Better Newsletters and Bulletins: Learn about structure, layout, organization, content, and more. Rev. Katherine Finegan
~Lutheran Social Service: A ministry of the ELCA

Please go to www.nglsynod.org and indicate which workshops interest you the most to help in our planning. The final schedule for workshops will be available at the Festival check-in. Please refer to the schedule at that time to decide which workshops to attend. We suggest bringing a team of people from your congregations to attend as many workshops as possible.

This event is sponsored by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.
A 10-day Tour to

Germany

_in the Footsteps of Martin Luther_

September 19 - 28, 2016

Especially designed for

Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

With:

Rev. Katherine and David Finegan

For more Information please call:
The NGLS Office at (906)-228-2300
Or contact Faith Journeys at 1-877-732-4845 Option 1
For full brochure please visit [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)
Or visit [www.myfaithjourneys.com/login](http://www.myfaithjourneys.com/login) and enter Group Number 16044

_Deposit $200 by October 31, 2015 and SAVE $100!_
In the Footsteps of Martin Luther

10 days / 8 nights

Day 1: Monday, September 19: Departure from the USA
Our journey begins with an overnight flight to Berlin, Germany.

Day 2: Tuesday, September 20: Berlin (D)
Welcome to Das Land der Dichter und Denker (the land of poets and thinkers)! Transfer to our hotel for check-in, dinner and an overnight stay in Berlin.

Day 3: Wednesday, September 21: Berlin (B,D)
Unter den Linden Strasse, Russian War Memorial, Brandenburg Gate, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Olympic Stadium. Afternoon at leisure before dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4: Thursday, September 22: Juterbog & Wittenberg (B,D)
All Saints’ Church, City Church, Luther’s House, dinner and overnight in Wittenberg.

Day 5: Friday, September 23: Torgau & Leipzig (B,D)
Hartenfels castle, St. Mary’s Church, Altes Rathaus, St. Nicholas Church, St. Thomas Church, and Bach Museum before enjoying a leisurely dinner and overnight stay.

Day 6: Saturday, September 24: Eisleben (B,D)
Guided tour of Luther sites in Eisleben, birth and death house, Church of St. Peter and Paul, St. Andrew’s Church, return to Leipzig for dinner and another overnight stay.

Day 7: Sunday, September 25: Erfurt (B,D)
Walking tour of Erfurt, Augustinian Monastery, St. Mary’s Cathedral, dinner & overnight.

Day 8: Monday, September 26: Eisenach & Wartburg Castle (B,D)
Wartburg Castle, Bachhaus, Lutherhaus, & Georgenkirche. Mainz for dinner & overnight.

Day 9: Tuesday, September 27: Mainz & Worms (B,D)
Gutenberg Museum, Cathedral of Mainz, St. Peter’s Cathedral, and Church of the Holy Trinity. Return to Mainz for farewell dinner and last overnight stay in Germany.

Day 10: Wednesday, September 28: Frankfurt & Depart for Home (B)
We leave our hotel and head for the airport to return to the US.

Tour price with self-arranged airfare (Land-Only): $3,329

Tour price including airfare from Marquette, MI: $4,695
(U.S. government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges up to $600 included – pricing is based on a minimum 20 people)

Deposit $200 by October 31, 2015 and Receive an Early Registration Discount of $100!

Faith Journeys
Organist Workshop

Saturday, October 3  8:30am – 2:30pm
with Friday Night Hymn Festival Concert at 7:30pm

- Do you play piano on the organ?
- Have you ever wondered what all the stops are for?
- Are you experienced, and looking for new ideas? New ways to add variety to hymn singing? Looking for inspiration?
- Do you seek to be better equipped? Better prepared? Become more knowledgeable about the organ?

Then this workshop is for YOU!

Come enjoy a day of learning with Daniel Schwandt, Organist, Cantor, and Choir Director at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Cost: $30  includes lunch, program, and ticket for Friday night Hymn Festival Concert.  **Concert Only:** $5.00

Both Concert and Workshop are at  Messiah Lutheran Church,
305 W. Magnetic, Marquette, MI.

Pre-register for Workshop by September 28 by going to www.nqlsynod.org.

Organists from all denominations and organ playing venues welcome!

*This event is made possible by a generous grant from the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America*
Schedule

Thursday, October 1:
6:30pm  At Messiah, Marquette
         Choir rehearsal for all interested participants.

Friday, October 2:
7:30pm  At Messiah, Marquette
         Hymn Festival Sing and Concert
         Free ticket with Saturday workshop.
         Concert only: $5.00 payable at the door.

Saturday, October 3:
8:30am  Registration and coffee
9:00am  Introduction to basic organ playing
         ▪ This will cover sound combinations/registrations.
         ▪ Basic hymn playing concerns/techniques
         ▪ A brief overview of resources and materials for music and development
         ▪ Players are urged to come ready to play so we can discuss stuff by example

10:45am: Liturgical Organ Technique
         ▪ Registration, hymn accompaniment, anthem/solo accompaniment, adapting piano or non western music to the organ
         ▪ Basic liturgical improvisation
         ▪ Players should come ready to play so we can discuss stuff by example

12:15pm  Lunch

1:15 – 2:30pm  Open Topics and Group Critique
         ▪ 21st century church music concerns and respond to and facilitate discussion on pressing parish needs for church musicians.
         ▪ Masterclass teaching – Participants are invited to bring prepared pieces and play for the group to receive feedback for improvement. Pieces may be simple or complex.
Prayer Calendar – August 2015

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<td>Pray for the members of <strong>Grace, Hamilton, Baltimore MD</strong>, (Rev Rita Niewerth), <strong>Saints Stephen and James, Baltimore MD</strong> (Rev Lowell Thompson), <strong>St. Luke, Dundalk, Baltimore, MD</strong> (Rev Carol Sipes).</td>
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<td>For a <strong>solution to the rampant gun violence</strong> in our country. Make all of our citizens, especially, our children safe, Heavenly Father.</td>
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<td>For those attending the <strong>World Hunger Committee Meeting</strong>, 1 p.m. CT at <strong>Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp</strong> and the <strong>Festival of Congregational Renewal Committee Meeting</strong>, 5 p.m. CT at <strong>Ascension, Minocqua</strong>.</td>
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<td>Today is <strong>World Humanitarian Day</strong>. This day is dedicated to recognize humanitarian personnel and those who have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes. <strong>We pray our thanks</strong> for sending people like them. We pray also for those attending <strong>Candidacy Committee Meeting</strong> in Tomahawk, WI.</td>
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<td>Pray for those pastors both active and retired <strong>celebrating birthdays</strong> this month: <strong>Don Wandersee 8/22, Matt Lamb 8/23, Andrea Fluegel 8/24, and Eleanor Russey 8/27.</strong></td>
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<td>For those <strong>men and women in the armed forces defending our country and their families</strong> who miss them and sometimes struggle in everyday life without those they love.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>those struggling with gender orientation and identity issues</strong> and for those counselors and clergy who help them. <strong>Pray also for a change of heart for those who disparage these often misunderstood people.</strong></td>
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<td>For those attending the <strong>Transformational Ministry Meeting</strong> at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp today and for all those attending the <strong>Region 5 Bishop’s Meeting in Madison, WI</strong>, today thru August 29.</td>
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<td>For those <strong>families taking children to college for the first time</strong> and missing them already. We pray that the <strong>almost adult children</strong> will be safe and will be industrious in their studies.</td>
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<td>Pray that <strong>all children may receive a quality education</strong> and that government officials will make this a priority when allocating funds.</td>
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<td>For those attending the <strong>NGLS Faithful Finances Workshop</strong> with Betsy Koski, Synod Bookkeeper and Larry Pagel, Synod Treasurer, <strong>9:30 a.m. – Noon ET at First in Gladstone.</strong></td>
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### Prayer Calendar – September 2015

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<td>☝️ Pray for all the <strong>workers in this country</strong>, past and present on this <strong>Labor Day</strong>.</td>
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<td>☋ Pray for our <strong>Bishop Thomas Skrenes</strong> as he returns from sabbatical and celebrates his <strong>birthday</strong> this day! We ask God’s blessings on Bishop Tom and we give God thanks for his ministry.</td>
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<td>Pray for all those <strong>troubled and depressed people who may be contemplating suicide</strong>; that they will seek help. <strong>Suicide can be prevented</strong> and <strong>lives can be improved</strong>. We give <strong>thanks all those doctors, nurses, and counselors</strong> who are available to help those so troubled.</td>
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<td>Pray for all those workers for Christ who celebrate this weekend by doing <strong>God’s work, Our hands</strong> in their communities. Pray also for those attending the <strong>Companion Synod Meeting</strong> today 3:00-5:00 at Bethel in Ishpeming.</td>
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<td>As we celebrate the <strong>11th anniversary of the prayfaithfully devotion</strong> this day and our synod prayer ministry. We pray for all who have written devotions, all who have been pray-ers, and all whose lives are touched by prayer.</td>
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