I would guess you cannot be a member of our Northern Great Lakes Synod long before you become aware of our Companion Synod relationship with the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania. For more than 25 years, our Synod has partnered in ministry with Lutherans across the ocean. Amazing things have been accomplished.

I remember my first Synod Assembly and seeing about 15 people or so wearing African print shirts. I didn’t know why they were wearing them. It seemed they belonged to some club, who shared some secret joy, and their colorful shirts and dresses were an outward manifestation of it. Of course, as the assembly progressed, I learned about our Synod’s relationship with Tanzania. More than the Synod as a whole, but also some congregations were in a companion congregation relationship with communities of faith in Tanzania as well. These African-dressed-Northerners impressed me, as their commitment to this ministry and their passion for making a difference in Tanzania stood out from the crowd just like the colors of their African clothes.

In August this past summer, I was invited to attend a “Bishops’ Summit” which was a gathering of all the ELCA Synods and all the Tanzanian Diocese that are currently in a companion relationship, plus some additional ministry partners like Global Health Ministries, local missionaries, school teachers, pastors and more. Everyone came together to review and assess how our partnerships have been a blessing to both parties, what our hopes are for the future, and how our partnerships can be strengthened for future ministry possibilities. While it would be difficult to enumerate all that was said, I will give a few points that I think are worth considering further.

The blessings of this partnership for Companion Congregations:

- A greater awareness of the global Church.
- New friendships with people who are not shy about their faith. Their openness, sincerity, and unabashed joy in the Lord is inspiring.
BISHOP FINEGAN (CONTINUED)

• The incredible, enthusiastic, and generous hospitality of the ELCT.
• The deep gratitude of ELCT people for how our support is positively impacting their ministry efforts and the lives of people.
• Our financial support goes a long way, making real and lasting improvements.

ELCT Congregations are blessed with:

• Again, a greater awareness of the global Church. God is at work everywhere, but in different ways; learning and teaching, the encouragement of varied experience.
• The joys of new relationships and the exchange of stories.
• The blessings of shared resources, where a few of our dollars makes a huge difference in ELCT lives.

For our NGLS congregations, and for who we are as a Synod together, our companion relationship has provided the opportunity to be a blessing, even as we have been blessed, and often in ways that we did not expect.

Before the Summit, I spent a few days visiting several ministries that many NGLS folks care deeply about.

I spent some time at the Mkuza Girls’ School who has been the offering focus for our Synod Women’s Organization for some time. Cluster meetings gather offerings and more to help support the efforts of the Girls’ School to drill a well and install pumps so that the school would have water on the school grounds.

I was happy to turn on the faucet and have water come out!! It was laundry day besides! No longer would the girls have to take turns walking for water. Now everyone could study.

I visited the Kisararwe Lutheran Junior Seminary that houses the Dale Skogman Library and who was on the receiving end of mission trips to build school buildings and facilities. More than a few young people have discerned the call to ordained ministry here, even when classes were held under the trees, shaded from afternoon sun.

I don’t know what the future holds, for the NGLS or the ELCT, but I believe there is value in continuing and strengthening this relationship. While there is no doubt that our financial support makes all the difference, what is also valued are the friendships, the deepening of our faith as we share with each other and celebrate that the Spirit of Christ is alive and well and active, in our churches, in our people, and in our work together.

Assistant to the Bishop Jim Duehring will be visiting our companion synod next summer. If your congregation is interested in beginning or strengthening a companion congregation relationship, scholarships are available to help make a trip possible for your pastor or a congregational representative to visit a new or existing companion congregation. If you’re
nervous about the culture shock that is inherent in international travel, know that an orientation will be given. We give thanks for the Always Being Made New campaign that has generated some funds for this purpose. Please call the Synod Office if you are interested.

When I asked those folks in African shirts why this relationship mattered to them, they found it difficult to articulate. The emotions ran too deep, the impact on their lives and their faith was so amazing and multifaceted, that words failed them. And yet, that alone, speaks volumes.

A Companion Congregation relationship may not be a passion of your congregation. But I thank God that as a Synod, we all benefit from the relationships that have been forged by those who do have a passion for this ministry. We all can’t do everything, but we are all blessed by those who support the work of Christ, whatever form that takes.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

Pastor Dennis Meyette has been appointed as full-time interim pastor at Immanuel, Escanaba. Pastor Meyette's first Sunday was September 9th. We thank God for Pastor Meyette's ministry among God's people.

**Coming Events**

2018

Oct. 20—**Musicians Conclave**, 9:30 a.m. ET at Calvary, Rapid River

Nov. 11-14—**First Call Theological Event** in Marathon, WI

Nov. 18-27—**Lutheran World Federation Leadership Training** in Geneva, Switzerland (Bishop Finegan)

2019

Feb. 1-3—**Clergy Spouse Retreat** in Iron Mountain, MI

Feb. 10-11—**Professional Leaders Retreat** at the Ramada Inn, Marquette, MI

May 16-18—**Synod Assembly** at Bethany Lutheran Church and Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba, MI

Sep. 22-24—**Fall Clergy & Spouse Retreat** at Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island

*Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good.*
*Psalm 107:1*
 Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Invites You to The 21st Annual Fall Fest & Quilt Auction

October 6, 2018
9:00 a.m.—2 p.m. CT

**Quilt and Fine Arts Auction**

- **Quilt and Art Viewing** opens at 9 a.m.
- **Brunch** is from 9-10:30 a.m. ($10 donation suggested)
- **Auction** begins promptly at 11 a.m.

**Other Highlights**

- **Draffle:** smaller gift and art items
- **Country Market:** Selling homemade breads and pies
- **Country Stores:** Featuring smaller handcrafted items

**Fall Fest Preview:**
Check out our Fortune Lake Fall Fest 2018! Facebook album for our auction items.

Auction will be live-streaming on LIVE on Facebook!

**Proxy bidders will be available!** Shipping will be an additional cost if you do decide to proxy bid.

Oct. 11—Conference 6 Walking Together
at Immanuel, Escanaba, 5:30-8 p.m.

Oct. 18—Conference 5 Walking Together
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo, 6-8 p.m. CT

Oct. 27—Conference 3 Walking Together
Ascension, Minocqua, 9-11 a.m. CT

Nov. 3—Conference 8 Walking Together
Immanuel, Negaunee, 9-11:30 a.m. ET

Nov. 4—Conference 2 Walking Together
Mission United, Pelkie, 3-5:30 ET

Nov. 10—Conference 4 Walking Together
Bethlehem, Florence, 10 a.m.-Noon CT
WHO’S GOT FEAR?

In 1997, I was walking around Gamla Stan—the old part of Stockholm, Sweden. Much to my surprise, I came upon a church that had some writing in German over one of its gates. “Fürchtet Gott! Ehret den König!” This translates as: “Fear God!” “Honor the King!” When I commented to my Jewish guide from Sweden about the meaning of this, she inquired as to what I thought of it. I think she was taken aback by that phrase, “Fear God.” I think she thought that was too harsh an admonition.

The First Commandment is: “You shall have no other gods.” Martin Luther, in the Small Catechism, explains the meaning of this commandment in very concise terms: “We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.” Presiding Bishop Eaton, in her article, “Fear Not,” September 2018, Living Lutheran, writes:

In Scripture and in the catechism, we are told to “fear and love.” We are also told to “fear not.” I think both are possible.

So, do you think both are possible? Let’s look at some Scriptures. (All from NRSV)

Proverbs 1:7 says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Isaiah 43:1 says, “But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus says to the leader of the synagogue whose daughter was reported dead, “Do not fear, only believe.” (Mark 5:36)

In John’s Gospel, Jesus says to the disciples floundering on the tempestuous sea, “It is I, do not be afraid.” (John 6: 20)

So which is it? Are we to fear God? Or are we to be afraid?

The Hebrew word used for fearing God is “yarih”. It can mean fear, terror, or reverence.

Do we “fear God” more than we “fear the world”? Most of us would recognize that we are bombarded daily with news that could invoke fear in us. Most of us would admit that we have fears. Is God merely an equal balancing force for good in a world of evil? Is God merely the
“yang” to the world’s “ying”?

Biblical teaching would show that God is more to be “feared” than anything destructive and evil that the world can throw at us. In the words of a great hymn: “Although the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.” Or, in Luther’s greatest of hymns (A Mighty Fortress): “Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us…they can not overpower us.”

So, don’t be deceived. God’s awesomeness should invoke “fear” when it comes to God’s power to break down our own egos which try to challenge the place of God in the order of things. “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.” (Psalm 139:23)

But though he casts us down, he lifts us up. From the cross Jesus cried out, “Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 23:34)

Bishop Eaton bridges the seeming paradoxes surrounding “fear”. Bishop Eaton writes:

If we assume an attitude of awe, we are set free. Rather than being limiting, this kind of fear is liberating. We are liberated from futile attempts to save ourselves. It is not denying that the world can be a frightening and dangerous place. Rather, the fear and awe of God make it possible to face real threats with the confidence that this is God’s world—God’s redeemed world.

So, whether we speak German, English, or Hebrew, our words for “fear” can help keep things in the proper order. We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things. This is most certainly true!

Bible Trivia:

- “DO NOT FEAR” is written 365 times in the Bible.
“Stewardship is the re-enactment of Christ’s life in Christ’s people.”

- T. A. Kantonen

As summer comes to a close, we are deeply grateful for the generosity of the congregations of the Synod as mission support giving is just 0.5% below 2017. In addition, support for the Copper Country Flood Relief efforts has been received from across the Synod, a wonderful example of the partnership we share. Our giving honors God. Thank you for your faithfulness in providing resources for God’s mission here in the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

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Pastoral Vacancies and Interims

**Full-time**
- Mission United, Pelkie—Pastor Bucky Beach
- Christ Lutheran Parish, Ironwood—Pastor Lisa Ubbelohde
- St. Stephens, Stephenson/Gethsemane, Wallace—Pastor Scott Ehle
- Messiah, Marquette (Associate Pastor)
- Bethany, Negaunee/Emanuel, Skandia—Pastor Warren Geier
- Prince of Peace, Marquette—Pastor Ann Gonyea
- Grace, Pembine—Pastor Doug Johnson
- Messiah, Marquette (Senior Pastor)—Pastor Don Ludemann
- Immanuel, Escanaba—Pastor Dennis Meyette
- Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp—Sara Jonasen
- Holy Trinity, Chassell—Rev. John Ansell
- Christ the King, Escanaba—Rev. Tom Otis

**Part-time**
- Lutheran Campus Ministry (NMU), Marquette—Pastor Andrew Plocher
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**PRAYFAITHFULLY**

**DEVOTION SCHEDULE**
**FOR October & November**

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SYNOD CALENDAR

October

1-2 Conference of Bishops (Bishop Finegan)
3 NGLS Stewardship Committee, 11 a.m. ET at the Synod Office
4 Finance Committee Meeting, Noon at the Synod Office
7-10 DEM Meeting in Chicago (Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. Duehring)
9 Conference 8 Pericope (Text Study)
   10:30 a.m. ET at the Synod Office
11 NGLS Staff Meeting, 11 a.m. ET at the Synod Office
   Conference 6 “Walking Together” Meeting,
   5:30-8 p.m. ET at Immanuel, Escanaba
12-13 Dry Bones Retreat at St. Ignace and Brevort
   Elementary Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
15-17 Systems Academy (Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. Duehring)
18 Conference 5 “Walking Together” Meeting,
   6 p.m. CT at Good Shepherd, Peshtigo
19-20 Dry Bones Retreat for Christ Parish
20 Musicians Conclave, 9:30 a.m. at Calvary, Rapid River
25 Synod Assembly Planning for 2019, 11 a.m. ET at the Synod Office
27 Conference 3 “Walking Together” Meeting
   9-11 a.m. CT at Ascension, Minocqua
30 NGLS Staff Meeting, 11 a.m. ET at the Synod Office

November

1 NLGS Youth Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. at the Synod Office
2 Conference 8 “Walking Together” Meeting,
   9-Noon at Immanuel, Negaunee
3 Conference 2 “Walking Together” Meeting,
   4-7 p.m. at Mission United, Pelkie
7-9 DEM and Assistants to the Bishops Meeting
   at Wartburg Seminary (Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. Duehring)
8 NGLS Endowment Fund Board Meeting,
   5 p.m. ET at the Synod Office
10 Conference 4 “Walking Together” Meeting,
   10-Noon, CT at Bethlehem, Florence
11-14 First Call Theological Event in Marathon, WI
15 NGLS Staff Meeting, 11 a.m. ET at the Synod Office
18-27 Lutheran World Federation Meeting in
   Geneva, Switzerland (Bishop Finegan)
When he retired in 1999, NGLS Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman asked a couple of other retired men at First Lutheran Church in Gladstone if they thought there would be interest in forming a “Retired Men’s Group”. The result has been most gratifying. Since forming, the group has had fifty-one participants, with thirty-three active members at the present time, and an average monthly attendance of twenty-one. Given the age of the group, seventeen former participants have died, but they are quickly replaced as new participants are warmly welcomed to join the group.

Bishop Skogman leads the group which meets on the second Thursday of each month from 9-10:30 a.m. The format is simple: Thirty minutes for fellowship with friendly conversation, time devoted to sharing issues and concerns (Given the age of the group health issues are a major topic!) and a Biblically based discussion led by Bishop Skogman. The “Master Builder’s Bible for Men” has served as a study resource with application of biblical texts made to current issues of concern personally and within church and society. The conversation never lags as there’s spirited discussion interspersed with a great deal of humor.

Participants are invited to provide simple treats which are washed down with ample cups of coffee! Most often, the men hand the bishop $20.00 and he, with the help of his wife Jo, oversee the refreshment time. Enthusiastic about the group, some of the men begin arriving a half hour before the appointed meeting time to join in the fellowship. Imagine twenty-one hearing impaired men gathered in a classroom and the saying is true “You can hardly hear yourself think!”

The group has proved to be a marvelous vehicle for providing support, comradery, fellowship and the sharing of concerns and insights among Christian men rooted in the Holy Scriptures. Truly a discipleship of believers rooted in Christian values and convictions.

Submitted by Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman
First Lutheran Church, Gladstone, MI
Always Being Made New
Christ Lutheran Parish
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Jean Johns
Ray Leverton
Trinity, Brevort
Elizabeth Hakola
John and Doreen Meeker
Darrell Smith and Penny Zobel
Jeanne Sandstrom
David and Linda Vallier
Rev. Warren & Kathy Geier
Bob and Peggy Clark

Answer the Call/Fund for Leaders
All Saints, Wakefield
Zion, Marinette
First, Gladstone
Trinity, Ishpeming
Duane and Kathleen Koski
Ed Gagnon
Bethany, Perkins
Bill and Karen Franke
Bill and Gert Franti
Immanuel, Rhinelander
Darlene Machtan
Rev. Tammy Barthels
Sharon, Bessemer
Dale and Maureen Berg

Companion Synod Projects
St. Paul, Mass City
Gloria Dei, Hancock

Copper Country Flooding
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Immanuel, Escanaba
Trinity, Stonington
Bethany, Ishpeming
St. Matthew Luth. Church, Herron, MI
Rev. Thomas and Luanne Skrenes
Julie Gardiner
John and Sheila Meier
Pat Harvala
Emanuel, Skandia

ELCA Disaster Relief
Mission United, Pelkie
Grace, South Range
Emanuel, Skandia

Lutheran Social Services
Trinity, Ishpeming
Emanuel, Skandia

Lutheran Campus Ministry
Zion, Rock - NMU
Grace, Gwinn – NMU
Prince of Peace, Marquette – NMU
Calvary, Rapid River - NMU

Lutheran World Relief
Zion, Marinette
Immanuel, Negaunee
Prince of Peace, Marquette
Calvary, Rapid River
Salem, Ironwood

Missionary Sponsorship
Mission United, Pelkie
Trinity, Rhinelander

NGLS Endowment Fund
Ken and Carole Simila
Rev. John Ansell
Gale Holm
Karen and Jim Carter
Rev. Tammy Barthels
Rev. Lisa Ubbelohde
Estate of Beatrice Tamminen
Rev. Keith and Karen Kolstad
Thomas and Rev. Bre Kinnunen
Peter and Cathy Seblonka
Rev. Warren and Kathy Geier

NGLS Mission Outreach
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo
Immanuel, Escanaba

NGLS Stewardship
Estate of Beatrice Tamminen

Skrenes Fund for Ministry
Rev Devon and Joanne Barrix
(in memory of Tim Vocke)
Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly 2019
Bethany Lutheran Church and Bay College
Escanaba, Michigan

It’s Your Turn to Come!

Thursday, May 16 – Saturday, May 18, 2019

Come and check it out!!

• More Display Space and Time to Visit Displays!
• Attend Multiple Workshops!
• More Time to Make New Friends and Renew Friendships!
• Enjoy the Banquet at Terrace Bay Inn!
• Experience a Synod Assembly Worship Service!
• Come Ready to be Equipped for Ministry!

Mark Your Calendars Now!!
Prayer Calendar – October 2018

1. Pray for Bishop Finegan who attends the Conference of Bishops at our Churchwide offices in Chicago through October 2.

2. Pray for **pastors who celebrate birthdays this month**: Timothy Vadis (10/5), Kenneth Carlson (10/13), and Maxine Gray (10/16).

3. Pray for all **who have lost loved ones and homes** in the midst of disasters – fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and wars. Offer prayers of thanks for all who have donated to and volunteered with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Lutheran World Relief to help them.

4. Pray for our **Synod Finance Committee** as they meet today at our Synod Office – that they may be blessed with wisdom and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

5. Pray for **pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month**: Tom Wickstrom (10/5), Ken Carlson (10/5), George Candea-Kromm (10/7), and Doug Johnson (10/15).

6. Pray for all attending the **Fortune Lake Fall Fest**: quilt and fine arts auction, country market, country store and more activities **today at FLLC**.

7. Pray for **Assistant with the Bishop, Pr. Jim Duehring** as he attends the DEM gathering in Chicago today through October 10.

8. Pray for the members of **Grace Lutheran Church, Hockessin, DE; Grace Lutheran Church, Woodsboro, MD; Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, MD; and Harmony Lutheran Church, Myersville, MD**.

9. Pray for all **pastors on Clergy Appreciation Day**. We thank God for their presence among us: preaching the Word, presiding over the Sacraments, being present in the midst of crisis or grief, guiding, teaching, listening, challenging us to take new directions, and being examples of God’s love.

10. Pray for all those **suffering from mental illness and for their families and medical care professionals** on this **World Mental Health Day**. Pray also that health care systems and insurance companies do their best to care for those in need.

11. Pray for **members of Conference 6 as they gather for their Walking Together event at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Escanaba**.

12. Pray for all **the young people and staff attending the Elementary Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp**.

13. Pray for **congregations in St. Ignace and Brevort** as they meet with our Synod Staff for a “Dry Bones Retreat” – may they feel the Holy Spirit moving them and bringing them new life.

14. Pray for all **our Seminary Students, especially Kelly Ylitalo**, as they continue their studies and preparation for rostered service in our Church.
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<td>Pray for <strong>the Musicians’ Conclave</strong> as they meet today at Calvary Lutheran Church, Rapid River, and <strong>all musicians in our Synod</strong> as they continue to share their talent with our congregations throughout the year.</td>
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<td>Pray for the members of <strong>Kijitonyama Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</strong>, and their partner congregation, <strong>Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Iron Mountain</strong>.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>creation and all of God’s creatures</strong> as they also face natural and human-created disasters that destroy their homes and environments.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>our Synod Staff</strong> as they meet together today to plan and coordinate events and activities throughout our Synod.</td>
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<td><strong>Pray that the God who reformed the church through Martin Luther and other teachers five centuries ago may continue to reform – and transform – the church today.</strong></td>
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“We pray for congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod as part of our domestic partner synod relationship.”
| 1 | Pray for **all saints’ day** remember with thanksgiving those extended family, friends, pastors, and teachers who have gone before us and pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Pray also for all the “new saints” among us who have been baptized in recent months. |
| 2 | Pray for **pastors who celebrate birthdays this month**: Katherine Finegan (11/3), LaVonne Stephenson (11/9), George Candea-Kromm (11/11), Mike Laakko (11/13), and Warren Geier (11/13). |
| 3 | Pray for **members of Conference 8** as they gather for their Walking Together Event at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Negaunee. |
| 4 | Pray for **members of Conference 2** as they gather for their Walking Together Event at Mission United Lutheran Church, Pelkie. |
| 5 | Pray for **pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month**: Jennie Johnson Wrege (11/9), Tom Skrenes (11/16), Jim Wendt (11/16), Steven Anderson (11/28). |
| 6 | Pray for **all voters and elected officials** as citizens of the USA go to the polls today. May we all vote and lead in accord with God’s ways and wisdom. |
| 7 | Pray for **all ELCA DEMs and Assistants to the Bishops**, especially Pr. Jim Duehring, as they gather at Wartburg Seminary today through November 9. |
| 8 | Pray for **our Synod Endowment Fund Board** as they gather at our Synod Office today. May God guide and direct them as they make decisions for funding various ministries. |
| 9 | **November is National Adoption Month.** Pray for families touched by adoption – those who have adopted a child, those who have given a child to others through adoption, those who grieve due to miscarriage or infertility, and those who wonder what their next steps will be. |
| 10 | Pray for **members of Conference 4** as they gather for their Walking Together Event at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Florence. |
| 11 | **On this Veterans Day, we pray for all of the brave men and women who have served in our armed forces.** We thank them for defending our nation, its people, and standing up for oppressed people everywhere. |
| 12 | Pray for **all First Call Pastors and Deacons**, especially those gathering in Marathon, WI, for an educational event November 11-14. |
| 13 | Pray for **pastors who celebrate birthdays this month**: Christina Forsythe (11/14), Kevin Kaiser (11/17), Earl Bergh (11/20), Tom Wickstrom (11/22), David Van Kley (11/25), and Lisa Ubbelohde (11/29). |
| 14 | Pray for **all hunters** – may this season be safe and successful. |
| 15 | Pray for **our Synod Staff** as they meet together today to plan and coordinate events and activities throughout our Synod. |
| 16 | Pray for the members of **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD; Hope Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD; Hope Lutheran Church, New Castle, DE; and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester, MD.** |
| 17 | Pray for children who are victims of bullying by others; that their teachers, counselors, and especially other children will help to support them. |
| 18 | Pray for the **Lutheran World Federation** leaders as they meet in Geneva, Switzerland, today through November 27. Pray for Bishop Katherine Finegan as she travels and attends this meeting. May God grant us the wisdom and courage needed to unite and work toward a better world for all people. |
| 19 | Pray for all seminary students, especially Katelin Bingner, as they prepare for rostered leadership in our Church. |
| 20 | Pray for prayer ministries across our synod – prayer services, prayer chains, prayer shawls, prayer beads, and the many other ways that prayers are lifted up to God for those in need and those who rejoice. |
| 21 | Pray for the members of **Azania Front Cathedral, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**, and for their **NGLS partner congregation Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette (Pastor Don Ludemann).** |
| 22 | **We give thanks this day for the blessings God has bestowed upon us** – the blessings we see around us in our daily lives; our health, families, and friends; the blessings that we overlook; and most of all the blessings of hope which we have in our Lord, Jesus Christ. |
| 23 | In these days of emphasis on stewardship, we pray that we may become better stewards of all that God has given us: our planet and its resources, ourselves, our time, our talents, and our possessions; all signs of God’s gracious love. |
| 24 | Pray for all seasonal workers who come into new situations and face challenges and impatient customers or clients. May we all be more kind and considerate as we work together during this busy season. |
| 25 | On this **Christ the King Sunday**, we pray that we may follow our Lord and King faithfully and fully ... even to the cross ... and give our whole lives to carrying out his mission in our world. |
| 26 | Pray for all who grieve during the holidays due to broken families, lost loved ones, or other situations. May we all reach out to those who are lonely or hurting during these times when the pressure to be joy-filled is so great. |
| 27 | Pray for generous hearts on this “Giving Tuesday” – that all ministries will be blessed to the glory of God in the work that they do for God’s people. |
| 28 | Pray for the members of **Israel’s Creek Lutheran Parish, Woodsboro, MD; Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD; Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Westminster, MD; and Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Whiteford, MD.** |
| 29 | Pray for prisoners and their families as so many gather to celebrate the holidays. May they find comfort in God’s loving arms. |
| 30 | Pray for all who travel during this holiday season. May they celebrate safe arrivals and safe returns home. |

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“Faithful Innovations”
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 leaders to take a journey with us as we reimagine 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 5 to 7 lay people to attend trainings and become part of that congregation’s “Guiding Team”
• 3 Training Events (Saturdays?) with monthly ongoing coaching for laity and pastors

Key Features of “Faithful Innovations”:
† Dwelling in the Word
† Tracing God’s Movement in our Lives & Neighborhoods
† Action Learning Experiments
† Intentional Reflection

More details on this renewal effort and dates of training sessions will be forthcoming by the end of 2018
2019 Marked!
Events

Confirmation Students and Leaders celebrate your identity as baptized children of God in our Lutheran expression!

Attend any event:

◆ Sunday – March 10, 2019
hosted by Our Savior’s, Marinette 4-7pm CT

◆ Sunday – March 17, 2019
hosted by Our Redeemer, Newberry 4-7pm ET

◆ Sunday – March 31, 2019
hosted by Faith, Calumet 4-7pm ET

◆ Sunday – April 7, 2019
hosted by Ascension, Minocqua 4-7pm CT

These events include music, service projects, worship, learning, food and fun.

IT’S FREE!!

More information will be available at a later date!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!