

**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES
SYNOD**

**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
Marquette, Michigan**

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E-Notes for May 31, 2013

~ THE PENTECOST SEASON ~

E-Notes is a twice monthly electronic
newsletter
from the Northern Great Lakes
Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America

~QUOTE OF THE DAY~

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 the cold spaces of disbelief.**

Come to us, Holy Spirit, **in burning certainties of faith.**

Come to us, Holy Spirit, Come!

~A liturgy for Pentecost



**The Bishop is coming! The
Bishop is coming!**

Bishop Hanson, that is.

Bishop Mark Hanson is coming to the
Northern Great Lakes Synod.
During Finnfest 2013,
Bishop Hanson will preach at

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Hancock,
MI at their
10:00am Worship on Sunday June 23,
2013.**

This service will be a celebration of the work of God in and through the Suomi Synod.

Come celebrate the legacy of the Finnish immigrant settlers whose faith and piety began the Lutheran Church which eventually joined the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

2014 Domestic Hunger Grant
Application Now Available

Go to

www.elca.org/domestichungerrants

**Please call the Synod Office if
you have any questions.**

**What do you do with an
old LBW?**

**Do you have a bunch of gently
used LBW's?**

**(aka The Lutheran Book of
Worship, aka "The Green
Hymnal")**

**There are a few places that are
collecting them.**

Please contact Pastor Cori

Johnson at
pastorcori@hotmail.com for
more info.

What's a good Bible Study?

What have other churches used and
it's gone well?

What is accessible yet challenging?

Informative yet not heretical, mind-
blowing, but in a good way?

Find out at www.nglsynod.org where
the results of the Bible Study survey
are posted.

And feel free to add your own
review to material or curriculum that

you have studied.

Click on Evangelism Resources.

Coming to a Church near you....

“Breaking the Mold”

A series of training events to equip
adults

to share the Gospel with Young
Adults, Youth, and the Unchurched.

All trainings are from 9am – 3pm
local time.

All are free,
but registration is required
(call the Synod Office at 228-
2300).

For Pastors, Youth workers, Sunday
school teachers, and adults.
Lunch is included!

Choose from the dates and places
below:

~Saturday September 7—
Christ the King, Escanaba
906-786-7400

~Saturday September 28—
Zion, St. Ignace
906-643-7870

This event is in partnership with
the North/West Lower Michigan
synod

~Saturday October 5—
Holy Cross, Baraga

906-353-6541

~Saturday October 12—

Pioneer Lake, Conover

715-479-4966

~Saturday November 23—

Messiah, Marquette

906-225-1119



Go to "The Northern Great
Lakes Synod" page
And "like" us. 😊

Moved by the Spirit

~September 20-22, 2013~

**All the Women of the
ELCA
in the Northern Great
Lakes Synod
are invited to a weekend
of Spiritual Renewal at
Fortune Lake Lutheran
Camp**

Lodging: Cost depends

upon lodging preference. Price includes meals.

Please choose from one of the following:

~Duplex—

\$100: Houses up to 8 people.

Bunk beds with full baths and a lounge area.

Bring your own bedding, linens, and toiletries.

~Emmanu

el Lodge—

\$125: Quad
occupancy in
two queen
beds.

Full
bath. Bed
ding and
linen
provided.

~**Grace**

Place Retreat

Lodge—\$125:

Double
occupancy, twin
beds.

In
room sink
and shared
bath with
adjoining
room.

Bedd
ing and
linen

provided.

Sorry, no single rooms available and no pets permitted. Motels are available in the area. If you have any dietary restrictions, please bring what you will need.

The Synodical Women's Organization Convention is on September 20, 2013, before the retreat. Please contact Fran Voyce at francesvoyce@yahoo.com with any questions. Check out the brochure at www.nglsynod.org.

FALL 2013
CLERGY AND SPOUSE
LEADERSHIP RETREAT
at
Mission Point Resort on
Mackinac Island, Michigan

**Sunday September 29 –
Tuesday October 1, 2013
Check out the registration
form and more info
at www.nglsynod.org**

**It's not too late...
To Sign up for Camp
at
Fortune Lake
Lutheran Camp!
Go to**

www.fortunelake.org

for more info.

Mark Your Calendars:

Church Musician

Workshop with Jay

Beech

Saturday October 19 at

Bethany Lutheran, Republic

Music, technique, leadership

skills, and more

for the Church Musician.
Guitar players, drummers, piano
players, percussion, and more.

More info coming soon!

WANT TO BE IN A MOVIE?

The 2013 Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh this August is “Always being made new,” which follows our church’s 25th anniversary year focus: We are a church that is deeply rooted and always being made new. For this assembly, the ELCA Marketing Communications team invites congregations to submit short videos that will allow us to showcase their ministries in living out that theme.

From among the submitted videos, we will be selecting approximately 24 to show in the plenary hall during transition times. Our church values all video submissions and those that are not selected for showing during the Assembly will be posted on the ELCA YouTube channel. Some may be featured on LivingLutheran.com as well.

These videos are intended to be 60-90 seconds long. In them we would like congregations to share what the theme “Deeply rooted in faith, and always being made new” means to them and how they live that statement in their continuing work. The congregations may also wish to consider and address these related questions:

- In a rapidly changing culture, where is God leading and calling us as the ELCA?
- Where are we “showing up” as a church in your community?

We would like to have all videos completed and available for posting to YouTube by June 30.

If you are interested, please email the synod office and let us know by May 7. Churchwide folks will communicate with you with the specifications!

Many thanks for assistance with this project. It will help to bring alive the theme of the Assembly and put a spotlight on the wonderful work of our congregations.

**CLERGY-WHAT AN
OPPORTUNITY!
“FAMILY SYSTEMS”
WORK IN OUR
SYNOD**

2013-2014

Dr. Doug Hester was in our synod last fall doing introductory workshops for clergy and lay leaders on Family Systems Theory. Dr. Hester is a recognized leader and teacher of this movement that helps the church see itself more clearly. He has offered to spend some time in our synod in the next year to do some in depth work with our clergy and with clergy from other religious communities.

Your Synod Leadership Support Committee is enthusiastic about bringing Doug here to spend some time working with our pastoral leaders. The plan is to have three two day sessions (about 36 contact hours) in a group of at least 15 participants. The sessions would be all day Monday and all day Tuesday. Three weeks have been selected in this coming fall, winter and in the spring of 2014. The group would meet at Fortune Lake Camp **October 7-8, 2013; Feb 24-25 and June 2-3, 2014**. All sessions are from 9:00 am CT- 4:00 p.m. CT.

We seldom have the opportunity to have this significant continuing education opportunity in our synod. Usually we need to drive to Minneapolis or to Chicago for such a program. It will be a great opportunity to have it within reasonable driving

distance.

The anticipated cost for the total event (6 days) will be \$750. The synod will reimburse ELCA clergy \$200 of that cost, leaving the pastor or the congregation responsible for \$550 plus \$65 for housing and meals. Flexible payment plans can be arranged.

I need to know if this is of interest to you! Could you respond to this email soon and let us know if you would like to continue the conversation about this possibility. Many pastors have already indicated their interest! I recommend this work to you. **The event is for clergy only!**

For more information about Dr. Hester please see his website: <http://ministryleadershipconcepts.com>

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

- + All who seek refreshment and renewal during vacation and summer days.**
- + All the congregations who are in the midst of plans for Vacation Bible School this summer.**
- + All those youth and adults who will be travelling to Chicago for the Urban Plunge Too! June 10-14.**
- + All youth who will be attending a week of camp at Fortune Lake, and the counselors who will shape and guide their faith journey.**

+Reverend Katherine Finegan
Assistant to the Bishop
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