

**NORTHERN GREAT
LAKES SYNOD
Evangelical
Lutheran Church in
America
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Michigan**

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E-Notes for August 21, 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”

Concerning folks who will lead their congregation in
mission,

“The leader will not know all the answers.

Rather, the leaders [to discover the mission of the
congregation]

will be the ones who sense that God is saying
something to the congregation about its ministry.

They are willing to push for the people to listen to
God in a new way.

That means that the leaders may not see where the
community is going any better than anyone else.

But the leader believes that the community is called
to go somewhere and is willing to risk raising the
questions

and calling forth people to pray with him or her, to
study scripture together,

and to begin a discussion to try to clarify what God is
saying to the church and what the congregation is

going to do about it.”

~Living Lutheran by Dave Daubert, p.18

“Breaking the Mold” - #1

Register for the September 7th event
at Christ the King, Escanaba by
Monday,
September 2!!!

Churchwide Assembly Re-cap

Voting members of the 2013
Churchwide Assembly of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in

America made a number of key decisions to further the mission and ministry of this church.

The 952 members:

+Elected the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod, as ELCA presiding bishop. She will be installed Oct. 5 in Chicago and begin her six-year term Nov. 1.

+Elected the Rev. Wm Chris Boerger as ELCA secretary. Boerger, currently on leave from call, was installed during the assembly's closing worship and will begin his six-year term Nov. 1.

+Adopted "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries"- a social statement on criminal justice.

+Approved a proposal for the ELCA's first major fundraising campaign.

+Moved to continue the Book of Faith initiative, a five-year initiative that invites the 4-million member ELCA to become fluent in the first language of our faith – the language of scripture – and to be renewed for lives of witness and service.

Dental Mission to Tanzania

Luanne Skrenes is coordinating another dental mission trip to Tanzania next summer (2014). The trip will be approximately two weeks in length and will include time spent with companion

congregations, Kisarawe Lutheran Junior Seminary, and a safari. The cost will be approximately \$4000.00. Any interested dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists should contact Luanne at mskrenes@aol.com or 906-485-5121.

Karibu Tanzania! (Welcome to Tanzania!).



Celebrate Global Church Sunday This fall, ELCA congregations and ministries are invited to pick a day to celebrate

our connections and common mission
in Christ's global church.

For worship, educational,
communication, ecumenical, global,
and fellowship resources,

you are invited to visit

www.ELCA.org/GlobalChurchSunday

or to view and "share"

www.Facebook.com/GlobalLinks.

**WELCOME OUR NEW
INTERIM CAMPUS
PASTOR AT NORTHERN
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

Pastor Allan Johnson

Good news from the campus of Northern Michigan University. Pastor Allan Johnson will be serving as the new Interim Campus Pastor at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. A retired pastor living in Gwinn, Pastor Johnson brings a wealth of parish and academic experience to this interim position. He begins his work August 6th and will serve until a new minister is called. Pastor Johnson most recently served congregations in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. Please welcome Pastor Allan! Our synod's ministry on the campus will be up and running at NMU for the fall semester!

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**PLEASE CHECK YOUR
CONGREGATION'S
ANSWERING
MACHINES AND
WEBSITE**

Is your answering machine up to date?
Is it advertising your Easter services
even now in mid-summer? Is a former
pastor's voice still on the answering

machine for your office telephone months after she or he is no longer serving in the congregation? Is your website up to date or is it welcoming people to worship services and events that do not occur in the summer?

Twice in the past month, we have received complaints that congregational websites were not accurate and visitors came to a service that had started an hour earlier. Visitors were not amused!

PLEASE check your answering machines, website and facebook page for accuracy!

FORTUNE LAKE GOLF OUTING

**GOLF SCRAMBLE/FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2013**

**Oak Crest Golf Course
Norway, Michigan**

**Registration forms can be found on
Fortune Lake Camp's Website**

**Stewardship Retreat – God's
Work, Our Hands**

September 16-17

Monday 3pm – Tuesday 3pm CT

At Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

**Featuring Keith Mundy of the
ELCA, Chicago**

**For Synod Pastors and Licensed
Lay Ministers**

**“The goal of our stewardship
ministry**

is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them."

Cost: FREE Includes housing at the camp and meals!!!!

To register, email the Synod Office at ncls@nglsynod.org by September 5!

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org for weekly "Breath Prayer" and Daily Devotions.

**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
even if you have responded on
Facebook).

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**

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
bedd
ing,
linen
s,
and
toilet
ries.

~Emmanuel

Lodge—\$125: Quad
occupancy in two
queen beds.

Full
bath.
Bedding
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

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

Mark Your Calendars:
Church Musician

Workshop with Jay Beech

Saturday, October 19th at
Bethany Lutheran, Republic
Music, technique, leadership
skills, and more

for the Church Musician.

Guitar players, drummers, piano
players, percussion, and more.

Register at www.nglsynod.org
\$15/person capped at \$50 per
congregation. Includes Lunch!
Bring resources, books, website
addresses that you find helpful.

**CLERGY-
WHAT AN OPPOR
TUNITY!
“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 \$945, which includes sessions, housing and meals. The synod will reimburse ELCA clergy \$200 of that cost, leaving the pastor or the congregation responsible for \$745. Flexible payment plans can be arranged. Full payment due by May 31, 2014.

**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!

To register or find more information about Dr. Hester please see his website: <http://ministryleadershipconcepts.com> and click on “class registration”.

Go to “The Northern Great Lakes Synod”
page

And “like” us. 😊

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LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+ Those from Grace, Pembine and Faith, Sault who are gathering for the final Transformational Ministry retreat on August 23-24, 2013.

+ Those who will be leading the Transformational Ministry retreat.

+ All those who attended the Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh representing the NGLS;

Mary Hansen, Pauline Kiltinen, Lance Lindstrom, Pastor Greg Mileski, Blair Sauve, Bishop Tom Skrenes, and Pastor Dave Van Kley

+All athletes preparing for Fall sports and all students returning to school.

+Pastor David and Katie Johnson on the recent birth of their daughter, Jordan.

+We hold in prayer Pastor David Murphy and his family as he is installed at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Peshtigo on Sunday September 15, 2013. God bless their partnership in ministry!

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