

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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~ THE PENTECOST SEASON ~

REFORMATION DAY

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”

“We are a theology of the cross people in a culture of glory. We are a two kingdom people who would never claim a covenantal status for America or any other earthly government. We understand that the quest for holiness and purity (the works righteousness of the religious right) and the attempt to bring in the kingdom through social programs (the works righteousness of the religious left) is vanity. We are sinners utterly dependent on the crucifixion which not only destroyed sin and death but put to death the false hope of good intentions and human agency. We

are saints made righteous by the cross and joined to the resurrected life of Christ that makes it possible for us to bear God's creative and redeeming word to the world."

--Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

IN MEMORY OF PASTOR PETER ANDERSEN

"Yesterday, I birded the Chocoday Bayou in Harvey, Michigan in memory of my friend and colleague, Rev. Peter Andersen, before going to his funeral. He is the one who introduced me to the Bayou. Pastor Pete was well known and respected (among other places) in Escanaba, where he served for a number of years, and in the Marquette/Harvey area, where he lived out his busy and fruitful but short retirement. I will miss his wisdom, knowledge and good humor. Besides, at meetings I could count on him to ask me, "Have you seen any good birds, Doug?" Here's the list, more for the memory than for the significance of the birds listed. Blue Jay -- 1 Am. Tree Sparrow -- 4 Junco -- 20 Canada Goose -- 45 Mallard -- 34 Black Duck -- 5 Anomalous ducks that seemed to be Black/Mallard hybrids -- 3 Red-breasted Merganser -- 1 Bufflehead -- 3 Red-breasted (?) Nuthatch -- 1 (heard only) Flicker -- 1 (heard only) We'll miss

you, Pete. Enjoy your promised shalom and joy.” Pastor Doug Norquist

GOD DOES GREAT THINGS!

Mission Support Letter recently sent to our Congregations by the Bishop

“Our Northern Great Lakes Synod continues to be a gift to the whole Church of Jesus and to the world which God has created. The prayers, the energy and the financial support of the ministries of the synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are an example of how God can work in us. We have turned a corner, there is a new wind blowing and it is now time to recommit ourselves to the work we do together in the name of the Crucified one.

Enclosed with this letter is a sign of our common vision and commitment—the request for your 2014 estimate of mission support for the synod and the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Please bring this letter and that document to the committee that prepares your church budget for next year. Please advocate on behalf of our work together!

It is important and exciting to know that: +The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America sends **missionaries** with the Gospel of Christ

throughout the whole world. We are serving God's people around the globe and they are helping us see the face of Jesus in very different ways!

+Seminaries are training the **next generation of pastors!** Church Colleges, campus ministries at our state universities and bible camps are building lives for Jesus.

+Forty **new congregations** will be organized in the next year throughout the United States with your financial and prayer support.

+Our **synod office supports your work** with youth, stewardship and outreach programs as well as clergy searches, and administrative assistance.

Please pray about your 2014 commitment. I have given you a financial number that is possible for your congregation—Can you attain this goal? Certainly every congregation can raise their level of support in some way! Let's do this ministry together with enthusiasm and hope in the promise that God makes all things new—even us, even now!"

**PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON
TO SPEAK AT WINTER THEOLOGICAL**

CONFERENCE

The Winter theological Conference for Professional Leaders will feature ELCA Churchwide Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Mark your calendar! Bishop Eaton will be a guest of our synod at Fortune Lake Camp on Sunday, February 16-17. Mark your calendar. More information will be sent to pastors and licensed lay ministers soon.

Marked!

Marked! is an afternoon of service, learning, food and fun for Confirmation Youth.

Watch your mail for the details of a New Plan.

You are encouraged to bring your Confirmation Youth to one of the following Marked! Events:

March 16, 2014 at First,
Gladstone From 4:00 – 7:00pm

March 23, 2014 at Our
Redeemer, Newberry From 4:00 –

7:00pm

March 30, 2014 at United,
L'Anse From 4:00 – 7:00pm

Lutheran Campus Ministry
welcomes a new Campus Minister
at Northern Michigan University

Lisa Johnson has training and experience in Youth and Family Ministry, Campus Ministry and Outdoor Ministry. She will move from Ashland, Nebraska and begin her work here November 1. Her efforts will include Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern as well as Youth Ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette.

Welcome Lisa to the Northern Great Lakes Synod!

**MALARIA MOSQUITO
MATERNITY FUND
RAISING COMPANION SYNOD**

PROJECT

Ann Christiansen from First Lutheran in Gladstone has a "Mosquito Kit" including everything needed to have a fund raiser for malaria work. For more information contact her at annchristiansen9130@yahoo.com

CHECK OUT THE NEW STEWARDHIP
PAGES ON THE SYNOD WEBSITE:
Interesting ideas and resources
www.nglsynod.org

Is Your Constitution up to date?

Constitutional amendments need to be approved by the
Constitution Committee

before they are adopted by your Congregation.

If you plan on making changes to be adopted at a Winter
Congregational meeting,
please submit your Constitution to the Synod Constitution
Committee for review and approval soon.

Call the Synod Office at 228-2300
or Pastor Doug Johnson at 715-528-4851 or
djohnson@borderlandnet.net with any questions.

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
lmskrenes@aol.com or 906-485-5121.

Karibu Tanzania! (Welcome to Tanzania!).

TRANSITION

+Our Christian sympathy to the family of
Pastor Peter Andersen (Retired, Messiah

Marquette) who passed from this life on Sunday, October 20th. A triumphant witness of God's faithfulness to was celebrated on Friday October 25th at Messiah. He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn and their son Philip. Soli Deo Gloria!

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

You are invited to the final.... "Breaking the Mold"

A training event to equip adults to share the Gospel with Young Adults, Youth, and the Unchurched.

The training is from 9am – 3pm local time.

Training is 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!

~Saturday, November 23—
Messiah, Marquette
906-225-1119

What people are saying about Breaking the Mold:
"Good ideas! Interesting! Awesome practice done
together, beneficial to network,
Great discussions, Excellent presentation!"

If you are interested in partnering with other
congregations for Youth Ministry efforts,
attend one of the following meetings:

Tuesday, Nov. 12 - at Good Shepherd, Houghton
at 6:30pm
Contact Pr. Julie Belew or Jenny Mileski

Sunday, Nov. 3 - at Zion, St. Ignace at 2:00pm
Contact Linda Carrick or Pr. Jeremy Winter

Tuesday, Nov. 12 - at Ascension, Minocqua at
6:30pm
Contact Pr. Bill Jacobsen or Miriam Bredesen

The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

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

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For those around the world persecuted because of their Christian faith.

+For the spreading of the Gospel. May the Word go forth boldly.

+For Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Pastor Chris Boerger as they assume their new responsibilities as Presiding Bishop and Secretary of this ELCA.

+For the synod staff of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Help them to serve the Word of God.

+Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop

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