

**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**  
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E-Notes for April 15, 2014

**\*Holy Week\***

**“QUOTE OF THE DAY”**

“Conform your life to the worship rhythms of the church  
this week.

Cancel meetings, work longer days Monday through  
Wednesday.

Do whatever you can to honor Holy Week and the three  
Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and  
Day.

We gather with Christians around the world to celebrate  
and remember.”

*~Sundays and Seasons, p. 155.*

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# **WE ARE NOT AT OUR GOAL YET!!! HAVE YOU DONE THE HEALTH ASSESSMENT?**

Rostered persons who are a part of the Portico Health Care program

need to take the Health Risk Assessment as soon as possible.

This year again, our congregations will benefit from the 2% refund program

if 65% of our portico health plan members take the survey!

Members will also benefit.

As of April 15, we stand at 53.33% of our plan members who have taken the survey.

We need to be at **65%** for our congregations to benefit.

Only **9** more of our plan members in this need to take it!

**The deadline is April 30!!**

This is a big deal. We made it last year—let's do it again this year!

# Rise Up Together: Detroit 2015

Plans are well underway for the Youth Gathering in Detroit July 15-19, 2015.

Your church should have received a poster and a DVD. Please use these materials to generate enthusiasm and commitment among your leaders and young people.

Some dates to remember:

- May 15: Applications available to be a part of the Gathering Volunteer Corp, \$75 fee. \$250 of travel costs covered. The registration fee is covered. Must be out of high school at least one year and be at least 19 years old.
- May 15: Congregations can apply for Financial Aid at [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering). This application time will end July 15, or when funds are depleted.
- September 15: Registration soft opening. Leaders may enter data.
- October 15: Website goes

live. Primary leaders can submit registrations.

- January 15, 2015: Registration fee increases \$50, from \$325 to \$375.
- Places to find more information:
  - [www.gatheringleaks.com](http://www.gatheringleaks.com)
  - [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering)
  - Facebook page ELCA Youth Gathering  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=285650866539>.

If your church is interested in riding a Synod Bus to the Gathering (leave on Tuesday July 14, return Sunday July 19, 2015) please call the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 or email Rev. Katherine Finegan at [kfinegan@nglsynod.org](mailto:kfinegan@nglsynod.org). She is the NGLS Gathering Synod

Coordinator and Synod Day Director. If she doesn't know the answer to your question, she'll direct you to someone who will. The cost of the bus will be split between those who ride it. And the Synod will provide T-shirts for all NGLS participants for our Synod Day. It's all very exciting!!! Don't miss this incredible opportunity for a faith-deepening, group building, justice proclaiming, fellowship gushing and love overflowing event!

**Synod Assembly will be May 18-  
19, 2014**

**(Sunday afternoon – Monday)**

**at Northern Michigan University and Messiah  
Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI.**

**Registration is now available online at**

[www.nglsynod.org/assembly](http://www.nglsynod.org/assembly)

Any Synod Committee wanting to have a display table can fill out the request form online just below the registration links!

*There are 3 tables left.*

## **DO YOU SING BASS? TENOR? ALTO? SOPRANO?**

**A Synod Assembly Choir** is forming.  
Rehearsals will be at Messiah, Marquette.

The Choir will rehearse Setting 7 ELW, a choir anthem, and prepare to lead the hymn singing at Synod Assembly. Choir singers should plan to attend at least one or more of the following rehearsals:

~**Tuesday April 29 at 6:30pm**

~**Thursday May 8 at 6:30pm**

~**Saturday May 17 at 6:30pm**

And warm-up before worship on **Monday May 19 at**

**7:45am.**

The choir will sing at the Opening Worship of the  
Assembly,  
on Monday, May 19 at 8:30am.

Check out [www.prayfaithfully.org](http://www.prayfaithfully.org) for weekly “Breath  
Prayer” and Daily Devotions.

The synod website is [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)

**Lutheran Men in Mission** is committed to making men bold, daring followers of Jesus Christ. Inside of the framework of what appears to be a traditional national men’s gathering, men of all ages will encounter a passion for discipleship, a hunger for the Word, and opportunities to be taught and equipped by men who have a desire to see the men of our congregations transformed through drawing closer to Jesus.

To Register or find more information on **Guys,  
Guts, & Glory**, go to

[www.lutheranmeninmission.org](http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org)

Come to Nashville, Tennessee July 18-20,  
2014

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR BIBLE CAMP**

May 2 – 4: **Adoptive Family Retreat**

Designed especially for adult adoptees, families with adopted children, or families considering adoption.

May 12 – 13: **Seniors Go to Camp**

An opportunity for “seasoned seniors” to experience the fun of camp, adapted to their style.

(begins Mon. at 10 a.m. CT; concludes Tues. at 2 p.m.; may attend during daytime only).

May 21: **Spring clean-up day**

Arrive anytime after 9 a.m. CT; projects both inside and out; lunch provided.

June 9: Summer camp begins with theme "What Time is It? God's Time!"

It's time to sign up for camp! Campers of all ages are welcome!

Call camp office (906-875-3697) or visit [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org) for details.

## Rostered Leaders Reports and Congregational Parochial Reports (Forms A & C)

are available at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).

If you need help finding them, please contact the  
Synod Office for directions!

Send in the Rostered Leader reports to the bishop too  
please!

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

## Up Coming Synod Meetings and Events for April:

The Synod Office will be closed  
on Good Friday April 18.

Finlandia Baccalaureate and  
Graduation Sunday April 27  
Conference 6  
Meeting Sunday April 27 at 4pm ET at  
Trinity, Stonington

Synod Stewardship  
Meeting Tuesday April 29 at 11amET at the Synod  
Office

# TRANSITIONS

+ We celebrate with Pastor Ken Ranos as he is installed at Faith, Three Lakes on April 27 at 3pmCT.

Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.

+ We pray God's blessings upon Pastor Kate Schrubba as she leaves Bethany, Norway and Calvary,

Quinnesec to accept a call to Grace Lutheran Church in Maura, Minnesota. Her last Sunday will be April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER**

+ The people of Tanzania as devastating floods inundate many communities. May God provide help and comfort.

+ The Youth of our Synod and the evolving plans for the 2015 National Gathering of Youth in Detroit.

+ for Christians everywhere as together we observe the Holy Days of this week and remember the Passion of Christ. During the coming days, we will hear again the story of salvation unfold. May our faith be renewed, our hearts softened, our purpose clarified, and our lives filled with the living Spirit of

**the one who died and rose again.**

+Rev. Katherine Finegan  
Assistant to the Bishop