

# NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

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America

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E-Notes for May 16, 2014

## EASTER SEASON

### “QUOTE OF THE DAY”

God will continue to send for the Word which God has always sent forth.

So let us step back from the worry of how the church is dying,

because long after we have gone, the WORD will remain.

Long after the ELCA is gone,... the church will not be dead

because people will continue to gather in the name of the Triune God,

hold up bread, say it is Jesus and that  
it is for the forgiveness of sins.



The sermon in its entirety can be found at the following

link.

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/nadiabolzweber/2014/05/stop-saying-the-church-is-dying-a-sermon-for-the-rocky-mountain-synod-assembly>

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**WELCOME WORSHIP**

**WITNESS**

**Synod Assembly begins**

**May 19!!**

Registration opens in the Superior Room at 2:00pm at NMU.

Workshops will be offered from 3:30 -

4:15pm and 4:30 - 5:15pm.

1. Framing the Vision: Seeing Things New by  
Lisa Johnson Marquette Room #2305
2. Generous Giving by  
Therese Sell Nicolet Room #2304
3. Improving Your Newsletter by  
Linda Dahl Cadillac Room #2303
4. Ministry Stories Show &  
Tell Pion  
eer B
  - a. Kid's Club of Christ Lutheran  
Parish Mary Hansen Room  
#2309
  - b. Coffee House of Bethany,  
Republic Alison  
Kangas "
  - c. A New Kind of Worship at Zion,  
Marinette Karen Sylvester "

d. Family Faith Formation at St. James,  
Rudyard Pr. Matt Lamb "

The Pre-Assembly Report is online at  
<http://www.nglsynod.org/assembly/index.html>

Mark Your Calendars!!  
Festival of Congregational  
Renewal  
Coming October 10 – 11,

# 2014 at Messiah, Marquette

Only \$10 a person or \$50 per congregation.  
Bring a team of folks and attend as many workshops as possible.

Workshops in the works:

~Constitutional  
Review ~Banner Making  
~Detroit Youth  
Gathering ~Mercy Ministries  
~Practice  
Discipleship ~Better Bulletins  
~Welcoming  
Worship ~Endowment  
Planning  
~Using a Screen in  
Worship ~Afterschool Programs

Friday October 11

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Register by October 3 at [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org) and be prepared to use paypal.

Hotel accommodations on your own.

# **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. 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!

## **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.

The last two rehearsals are:

**~Saturday May 17 at 10:00am ET**

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)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR FORTUNE LAKE BIBLE CAMP CRYSTAL FALLS, MICHIGAN**

**May 21: Camp clean-up day. Time to spruce up the place for the summer season.**

**Come anytime after 8:30 CT. Bring your own rake if**

**weather permits outside work.**

**Lunch will be provided. (Please call camp if bringing a group.)**

## **Summer theme is "What Time is It? God's Time!"**

**There's still time to register for camp! Visit [fortunelake.org](http://fortunelake.org) or phone 906-876-3697.**

**“LORD , TEACH US TO  
PRAY...”**

**Evangelism Retreat, Prayer Workshop  
Friday August 22 – Saturday August 23, 2014  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
Cedarville, Michigan**

**See the synod website for the brochure!  
[www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)**

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

## **TRANSITIONS**

+We celebrate with Pastor Kenneth Lahners as he is joined in marriage to Naomi Richardson on May 24 at Trinity, Ishpeming. May God bless their wedding with joy and their lives together!

+We celebrate with Pastor Elisabeth Zant as she is joined in marriage to Wesley Daniels on June 7 at Eden, Munising. May their nuptials be blessed and their marriage be a blessing.

+We celebrate with newly appointed Licensed Lay Minister Linda Forray as she begins a partnership in ministry with Calvary, Quinnesec and Bethany, Norway. May God bless their efforts together.



# **LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER**

**+The Synod Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes! Pray that we are renewed, refreshed, and recharged for ministry and mission!**

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

**+For farmers and those who work the earth, that winter will give way to the warmth and growth of summer.**

**+For all those graduating from high school, college, and higher education. May their education and gifts be used for the good of God's world.**

**+For the families of lost miners in Turkey, for the Nigerian girls that have been taken from their families, for those who have suffered from wildfires, floods, and tornadoes, Lord have mercy.**

**+Thomas A. Skrenes**

**Bishop**