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**PASTOR KATHERINE  
FINEGAN CALLED  
AS SYNOD ASSISTANT  
TO THE BISHOP**

Calling her “strongly committed to mission,” and “insightful, dedicated and a great addition to our Synod staff” the Northern Great Lakes Synod Council has unanimously called Pastor Katherine Finegan as Assistant to Synod Bishop Thomas Skrenes. Pastor Finegan currently serves Bethany Lutheran Church in

Republic, Michigan and will begin her new responsibilities in the Synod office February 1, 2012.

A daughter of a Lutheran pastor, missionary and seminary professor, Katherine Finegan attended Valparaiso University from 1983 to 1987. In 1988 she began working part-time as a youth director and attending seminary classes at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Continuing her work in a parish, she discerned a call to ordained ministry, serving as a pastoral intern at Woodlake Lutheran in Richfield, Minnesota. Graduating from seminary, she was ordained in the summer of 2002, after receiving a Call to serve Bethany Lutheran Church in Republic.

Describing her time as a parish pastor in Republic, Katherine writes, “These years of ministry have been a blessing to me and my family. The times spent among these people of faith have enriched me with a sense of community that runs deep and multi-layered. Our years together have been productive, joyful, and an authentic experience of ministry in the fullest and best sense of what church can be.” In announcing this Call, Bishop Skrenes said, “I am delighted that Pastor Finegan will add her considerable talents to our ministry together. These are exciting times in God’s church, and I am looking forward to this new chapter in the life of the Northern Great Lakes Synod.”

Pastor Finegan is married to David Finegan, a Registered Nurse employed at the Baraga Prison. The Finegans have three sons: Noah, a sophomore at Valparaiso University; Jacob a senior at Republic-Michigamme Schools; and Thomas, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader.

+Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop

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