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“IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PASTOR?”

Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes
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You see them around church. She might be a confirmation student with a certain spring in her step. He might be an eleventh grader that comes to church with his family, or maybe comes to worship all alone. She might be the one always ready to read a lesson, or eager to help out when there is a need for an acolyte, a communion assistant or as a congregation council member. They are young people who are bright, perceptive and eager to be a part of our congregation's ministry. And they may need you to ask them an important question, "Is God calling you to become a pastor?"



A long time ago, an old pastor of mine told me that every congregation should produce a minister about every twenty years. The congregation in which I was raised (worship attendance 100) had three of us ordained in a five-year period. What about your congregation? When was the last pastor ordained from your church? Are you asking bright young people if they are listening for the call of God? Are you praying that there may be raised up in your congregation people of faith, who will serve God's people in Word and Sacrament for the next fifty years?

This fall, we have nine people studying for the ordained ministry from congregations of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Seminary is a four-year program of graduate education in theology and formation in



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THOMAS A. SKRENES, BISHOP (CONTINUED)

spirituality and ministry skills. Your Church is very concerned, as am I, about the number and quality of future pastoral leaders. That is why, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we take seriously the work of seminary education. In the ELCA, we have excellent seminaries. In eight locations around the United States, women and men study theology, church history, preaching, pastoral care, counseling and all the other disciplines necessary so that fine people of faith may become fine pastors of our congregations. Our Synods support these students with Candidacy Committees that work with each of our students.

We, as a Synod, help in the cost of seminary education for our candidates. A full-time student in an ELCA seminary from our Synod receives \$6,720 a year from our various Synod scholarship funds. The "Answer the Call" campaign for rostered leaders, and other funds sponsored by our Synod members, make this possible. Indeed, because of a gift from the former congregation, Faith of White Pine, one of our seminarians receives an additional \$5,000 a year for his studies. Our Synod leads the whole ELCA in the amount of seminary scholarships we give. Wow! I am proud of this Synod. And we know, also, that many of our congregations further help students afford seminary education with generous gifts.

So what about that question? Are you asking it? Look around your church. Bright and capable young people are needed to serve as pastors. Find those around your parish and ask them: "Is God calling you to become a pastor?"



SYNOD COUNCIL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2010

Our Northern Great Lakes Synod Council meets four times a year to plan the work of our Synod. Consisting of twenty-one persons (sixteen from the Conferences, four officers and one youth) the September meeting was held at our Church Camp, Fortune Lake. At the meeting the Council:

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+ Seated Pastor Jean Schmidt as a representative from the Delta Conference. Pastor Schmidt replaces Pastor Devon Barrix who has moved to Rhinelander. Denise Laakko (Four Rivers), Eric Larson (Menominee Valley), Pastor Steve Solberg (Superior Central) also attended their first Council meeting as did our new Synod Treasurer, Larry Pagel (Messiah, Marquette.)

+ Contracted with Wendy Black for a number of youth projects over the next year as funded by the Siebert Lutheran Foundation.

+ Heard a report from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp on their ministry and their Funding Capital Campaign. The Council enthusiastically endorsed the Camp as per Synod bylaws to raise these funds.

+ Called Pastor Corinne Johnson on behalf of Faith Lutheran Church in Rock as Interim pastor.

+ Heard financial reports and indications of a possible shortfall in income for the current fiscal year. Synod income to date for 2010 is down about 11% from 2009.

+ Discussed the relationship with congregations who are leaving the ELCA from our Synod area. The Executive committee was instructed to bring a proposal back to the Synod Council to address this concern at its January 2011 meeting.

+ Authorized, with regret, as per congregation, Synod and ELCA constitution that Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain and Zion Lutheran Church in Felch be released, as per their application, from the Synod to join the Lutheran Churches in Mission for Christ, effective October 1, 2010. The Council postponed action on Christ in Shingleton's request pending resolution of congregational financial commitments.

+ Conducted Bible Studies on Christian leadership.

TRANSITIONS

+Congratulations to **Pastor Kate Schruba** on her ordination and installation. She is serving **Emanuel Lutheran Church in Skandia**. Welcome, Pastor Schruba, to our Synod and to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

+May God bless Dale Caskey and his family on the death of **Pastor Carol Jean Caskey**. Pastor Caskey served **Salem in Bark River** in this Synod. She retired in 2001. Her memorial service was at **Trinity in Rhineland** on August 28, 2010.

+God bless **Pastor James Chinery (First Evangelical, Iron Mountain)** who will be leaving the ministry of the ELCA at the end of October. He has been called to serve a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation in Birch Run, Michigan.

+Congratulations to **Pastor Scott Williams** who has moved to New Richland, Minnesota where he serves St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church. He most recently served at United Lutheran Church in L'Anse, Michigan. Thank you, Scott and Melissa, for your time in our Synod!

+Congratulations to **Rev. Wolfgang Herz-Lane** upon his installation as the Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod on September 18, 2010. Pastor Jennifer Johnson Wrege represented our Synod at the installation. The Delaware-Maryland Synod is our partner Synod in the ELCA.

+Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop



Lutheran World Relief

Zion, Marinette
Salem, Ironwood
St. James, Rudyard
Prince of Peace, Marquette
Holy Trinity, Chassell
Faith, Calumet
Gloria Dei, Hancock
Calvary, Rapid River

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Grace, Gwinn
Immanuel, Negaunee
Emanuel, Skandia

ELCA Disaster Funds

Trinity, Rhineland
Salem, Ironwood
Holy Trinity, Chassell
Grace, South Range
Mission United, Pelkie
Our Redeemer, Newberry

World Missionary Support

Trinity, Rhineland
Bethel, Ishpeming

Malaria Net Project

All Saints, Wakefield

St. Paul's, Mass City

Rev. Rudy & Darley Kemppainen

Ascension, Minocqua

Mission Outreach

Rev. Jennifer Johnson Wrege &

Marv Wrege

Larry Pagel

First, Grand Marais

Seminarian Support

Bethany, Amasa

All Saints, Wakefield

Bethel, Ishpeming

Calvary, Minocqua

Companion Synod

Bishop Thomas & Luanne Skrenes

Skogman Scholarship Fund

David & Mary Lou Blomquist

Lay School for Mission

Trinity, Rapid River

Mkuza Women's Center/Tanzania

Bishop Thomas & Luanne Skrenes

SCHEDULE OF FALL CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Conference 1/IGO: Sunday, October 17; 3:00 p.m. CT at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ironwood, Michigan

Conference 2/Copper Country: Sunday, September 26; 2:00 p.m. ET at Grace Lutheran Church, South Range, Michigan

Conference 3/Headwaters: Sunday, October 24; 1:30 p.m. CT at Ascension Lutheran Church, Minocqua, Wisconsin

Conference 4/Four Rivers: Sunday, October 3; 3:00 p.m. CT at United Lutheran Church, Crystal Falls, Michigan

Conference 5/Menominee: Tuesday, October 28; 5:00 p.m. CT at Northland Village, Marinette, Wisconsin

Conference 6/Delta: Sunday, October 10; 4:00 p.m. ET at First Lutheran Church, Gladstone, Michigan

Conference 7/Three Lakes: Sunday, October 3; 4:00 p.m. ET at Faith Lutheran Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Conference 8/Superior Central: Sunday, October 17; 2:00 p.m. ET at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Negaunee, Michigan



+ From the Assistant to the Bishop +
 Pastor Jennifer Johnson Wrege



We all know the story of Moses leading the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt toward the freedom of the promised land. If we have seen Cecil B. DeMille's movie *The Ten Commandments*, then

we also have a visual image just how that Red Sea parted and the people crossed unharmed to the other side, but the horses, riders, and army of the Egyptians were thrown into the waters when the two sides of the Red Sea came together again.

Did you know there is another Old Testament Bible story where the waters part and Israelites passed between the waters unharmed. The people of Israel are still on their way to the promised land. It happens at the shore of the Jordan when the Jordan is at flood level stage, no less. You can read the whole story in the third chapter of Joshua – I think you'll want to catch up on the whole story here!!!

So, early on in the fifth verse after the people have been camped at the Jordan for three days, he instructs them: *"Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."* (verse 5; NIV) The people have other instructions as well, like how to keep a distance from the priests who are going to carry the ark of the covenant across the river. The priests have also been given instructions: *"When you reach the edge of the Jordan's water, go and stand in the river."* (verse 8)

Joshua makes this stunning promise to the people of Israel: *"As soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord – the Lord of all the earth – set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."* (verse 13) And, lo and behold, when the priests step into the water, this is what happens! The ark, the priests, and the people pass through the waters of the Jordan on firm and dry land!

I'm thinking that to every eye there looking at the Jordan River at flood stage saw the water in front of them as a formidable obstacle to reaching the "promised" promised land. There was just no way it was going happen, at least at that present time. But the Lord of all the earth who instructed: **Put your foot in the water** had something else in mind to happen.

What an amazing, encouraging story of God's power and might! It's like a word from the Lord that tells me when I and others around me see only obstacles, resistance, deterrents, and all the reasons why some ministry or mission can't possibly happen, to put my foot in the water and see what God has in mind.

Where is God leading you to put your foot in the water?

Blessings!



Pastoral Vacancies and Interim Pastors

Full-time

Prince of Peace, Eagle River - Pastor Bill Hayes

Eden, Munising - Pastor Steve Gauger

Christ the King, Escanaba - Pastor Jonathan Schmidt

Siloa, Ontonagon - Pastor John Autio

Bethany, Escanaba - Pastor Dean Peterson

Faith, Ishpeming - Pastor Kenneth Lahnens

St. Paul, Wainola, First of Winona, Mass City - Pastor John Autio

St. Stephen, Stephenson & Gethsemane, Wallace - Pastor Jonathan Schmidt

Porterfield/Beaver - Pastor Lee Goodwin

United, L'Anse - Pastor Judy Mattson

Our Redeemer, Newberry - Pastor Barry Levine

Messiah, Marquette (Associate) - Pastor Peter Andersen

Part-time

Our Saviour, Atlantic Mine - Pastor Bucky Beach

Central, Menominee - Pastor Ken Michaelis

Bethany, Covington - Pastor Judy Mattson

Bethany, Negaunee - Pastor Marcia Solberg

Trinity, Stonington - Pastor Steve Gauger

Faith, Rock - Pastor Cori Johnson

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.” (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

Mission support gifts are at their lowest level since 1994 for both calendar and fiscal years. This affects our partnership commitments, as well as staffing and programming. Designated gifts are substantially higher in 2010, with increased giving to Fortune Lake, the ELCA Disaster Fund, Seminarian Support, and Mission Outreach. As we move forward in our ministry together, may we trust and find hope in God's promises to us. *Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper*

| As of 8/31 | 2009 | 2010 | \$ Change | % Change |
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| Pledged Amount | 1,005,571 | 932,017 | -73,554 | -7.3% |
| Amount Received | 591,985 | 528,536 | -63,449 | -10.7% |
| Designated Gifts | 109,189 | 153,640 | +44,451 | +40.7% |



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**ON-LINE DEVOTIONS FOR OCTOBER-
NOVEMBER 2010**

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Oct. 3-9 / Marge Baerenwald, Faith, Three Lakes

Oct. 10-16 / Pastor Barb Girod, Faith, Three Lakes

Oct. 17-23 / Pastor Dorothy Lindstrom, Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner

Oct. 24-30 / Dave Johnson, Seminarian


Oct. 31-Nov. 6 / Dave Mason, Immanuel, Escanaba

Nov. 7-13 / Susan Anderson, Sharon, Bessemer

Nov. 14-20 / Pastor Doug Johnson, Bethlehem, Florence

Nov. 21-27 / Carol Ontto, Faith, Rock

Nov. 28-Dec. 4 / Ruth Snyder, Eden, Munising




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| 15 | Pray for Pastor Doug Johnson (Bethlehem, Florence) as he celebrates his 22nd anniversary of ordination . |
| 16 | Pray for those attending and those presenting at the “ Lord, Teach us to Pray ” evangelism event at St Mark’s these days. |
| 17 | Pray for those attending the Fall Conference meetings in Conference 1 and Conference 8 . |
| 18 | Pray for Pastor Barry Levine , his wife Barbara , and the members of Faith, Sault Ste Marie . |
| 19 | Pray for the members of Christ the King, Escanaba and Interim Pastor Jonathan Schmidt as they celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the congregation this day. Pray also for those pastors & LLMs attending the Bishop’s breakfast from conference 3 . Pray for those attending the Campus Ministry meeting today. |
| 20 | Pray for those pastors & LLMs attending the Bishop’s breakfast from conference 1 . |
| 21 | Pray for those pastors & LLMs attending the Bishop’s breakfast from conference 6 . |
| 22 | Pray for the members of St James, Rockdale MD (Rev Bob Day), St John, Pimlico MD (Rev Gregg Knepp), St Matthew, Baltimore MD (Rev John Kulczycki) and St Paul, Fundstown MD (Rev Darrell Layman) . |
| 23 | Pray for the members of the Transformational Ministry Team who meet this day. |
| 24 | Pray for Pastor Bill Jacobson , his wife Melzee , and the members of All Saints, Wakefield . Pray also for those attending the conference 3 Fall Conference Meeting . |
| 25 | Pray for the members of Lay School for Mission Board and Licensed Lay Ministry Board who meet this day. |
| 26 | Pray for Pastor John Kuziej and the members of Pioneer Lake, Conover as they celebrate the 107th anniversary of the congregation . Pray also for our Synod staff who meet this day. |
| 27 | Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Pastor Karlo & Eunice Keljo</i> and <i>Pastor Ted & Fran Koehl</i> . Pray also for those pastors & LLMs from conference 7 attending the Bishop’s breakfast . |
| 28 | Pray for those pastors & LLMs from conference 2 attending the Bishop’s breakfast . |
| 29 | Pray for the members of St Peter, Clear Spring MD (Rev Elaine Swinehart), St Timothy, Dundalk MD (Rev Bill Hayman), and Zion, Williamsport MD (Revs Greg Martin & Marty Roberson) . |
| 30 | Pray for the members of the Synod Executive Committee who meet this day. |
| 31 |  <p><i>Pray that the God who reformed the church through Martin Luther five centuries ago, may continue to reform – and transform – the church today.</i></p> |







A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar - November 2010

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| 1 |  | On this All Saints' Day , remember those who have gone before us – their care and nurture, their love and strength, their faithful witness and example – gifts to us of God's grace. Thanks be to God! |
| 2 | | Pray for the members of the Synod Assembly Planning committee who meet this day. |
| 3 |  | In these days of stewardship emphases, pray that we will be wise stewards of the resources God has given to us – our time, ourselves, and our possessions – and that we will give back to God the first fruits in thanks for His presence and love in our lives. |
| 4 | | Pray for Pastor Dorothy Lindstrom and the members of Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner WI as they celebrate 8 years of ministry together . Pray also for the members of the Worship Committee who meet this day. |
| 5 | | Pray for those young people and those leading the High School Youth Gathering at Fortune Lake Camp. |
| 6 |  | November is National Adoption Month . Pray for those children who are now part of a family and have a sense of belonging. Pray for those children who continue to be a part of God's family, while they wait for a Mom & Dad. Pray for those adults who open their homes and hearts and receive the gift of a child. |
| 7 | | Pray for those new pastors attending the First Call Theological Conference in Marathon WI these next days. |
| 8 | | Pray for the members of Christus Victor, Parkville MD (Rev Joe Skillman), Faith, Cockeysville MD (Rev Greg Fetzer), and Grace, Hamilton MD (pastor) . |
| 9 | | Pray for Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege as she celebrates her 25th anniversary of ordination this day. We thank God for her ministry among us. |
| 10 | | Pray for the members of Yombo Lutheran Church (Rev Isai Ntele), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS companion congregation Immanuel, Negaunee (Revs Steve & Marcia Solberg). |
| 11 | | Pray for Pastor Kate Schuba and the members of Emanuel, Skandia as they begin their ministry journey together in these recent months. |
| 12 | | Pray for the members of Faith, Rock and Interim Pastor Cori Johnson as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy . |
| 13 | | Pray for the spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Margaret Roth and Velma Schmidt</i> . |
| 14 | | Pray for the members of Grace, Gwinn and Pastor George Candea-Kromm as they celebrate the 106th anniversary of the congregation this day. |

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| 15 | Pray for the members of Mt Zion, Sharpsburg MD (Rev Blaine Feightner), Salem, Baltimore MD (Rev Barbara Melosh), St James, Union Bridge MD (Rev Dick Michael), and St John of Sweet Air, Phoenix MD (Revs David Asplin & John Seltzer). |
| 16 | Pray for Bishop Thomas Skrenes as he celebrates his 29th anniversary of ordination this day. We thank God for his ministry among us. Pray also for Pastor Jim Wendt (Our Savior's, Marinette WI) as he celebrates his 2nd anniversary of ordination and ministry together in this congregation. |
| 17 | Pray for the members of Trinity, Ishpeming, and Pastor Kenneth Lahnens as they celebrate the 139th anniversary of the congregation this day. |
| 18 | Pray for Pastor Peter Vorhes, his wife Liz, and the members of Faith, Calumet and Shepherd of the Sea, Calumet. |
| 19 | Pray for the members of Eden, Munising and Interim Pastor Steve Gauger as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy. |
| 20 | Pray for the members of St Mark, Baltimore MD (Rev Dale Dusman), St Michael, Perry Hall MD (Revs John Mohan & Karen Gray), and St Paul, Highlandtown MD (pastor). |
| 21 |  <p>Rejoice! Christ the King is here, in our midst, on his throne, on the cross. Give thanks to God this day for Christ the King, the crucified. Pray also for Pastor Jean Schmidt (Bethany, Perkins) as she celebrates her 1st anniversary of ordination this day.</p> |
| 22 | Pray for Pastor Fran Strong, his wife Grace, and the members of Christ Lutheran Parish, Ironwood. |
| 23 | Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Pastor Bob & Deloris Langseth and Pastor Wally & Alice Leno.</i> |
| 24 |  <p>Pray for prayer ministries across our synod – prayer chains, prayer shawls, prayer beads, whatever ways we offer prayer to God for those in need and those who rejoice.</p> |
| 25 |  <p>We give thanks this day for the blessings God has bestowed upon us – the blessings we see around us in our daily lives, the blessings that we overlook, and most of all the blessings of hope which we have in our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> |
| 26 | Pray for Pastor Gerald Anderson, his wife Susan, and the members of Sharon, Bessemer. |
| 27 | Pray for the members of St Peter, Eastpoint MD (Rev Bob Harvey), St Philip, Wilmington DE (Rev Patrick Downers), Tree of Life, Middletown DE (Rev Jennifer Carlson), and Trinity, Smithsburg MD (Rev Gerald Johnson). |
| 28 |  <p>Advent I – give thanks for the gift of faith, and ask for the renewal of the Holy Spirit in your life.</p> |
| 29 | Pray for music ministries across our synod as we raise our voices and musical talents to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. |
| 30 | Pray for Pastor Judy Kincaid and the members of Immanuel, Escanaba as they celebrate their 1st anniversary together this day. |

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS CALENDAR

November

5-7 "Saints & Sinners" High School Youth Gathering
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
<http://nglsynod.org/pdfs/YouthGatheringFall10.pdf>

December

3-4 Advent Adventure Family Getaway & Slumber Party
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

January

15 Synod Youth Committee, 10:30
Synod Office, Marquette

20-24 ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza
Kansas City, Missouri
<http://www.elcaymnet.org/extravaganza>

March

4-6 "Mardi Gras" Junior High Youth Gathering
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

20 "MARKED!", 4-7:00 pm
Holy Trinity, Chassell, MI

April

10 "MARKED!", 4-7:00 pm
First Lutheran, Gladstone, MI

July

25-29 LIFT—Living In Faith Together
Youth Leadership School
Finlandia University, Hancock, MI



Healing the Spiritual Heart :
A Series of Presentations & Dialogues on Health and Religion
Sponsored by Lutheran Campus Ministry, Northern Great Lakes Synod, Prince of Peace,
Messiah & St. Mark's Lutheran Churches



Sunday, October 10: Gaudeamus

6:00 p.m. Pasta Supper at Messiah Lutheran Church

7:00 pm. *Healing the Spiritual Heart*

Dan Olson, Ph. D., Pastoral Care, Wartburg Seminary



Monday, October 11: Clergy Continuing Education Workshop

The Care of Souls: Keeping Healthy, Keeping Effective, Keeping Faithful

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette
Soup Luncheon Provided

Suggested Donation: \$ 20 per person

RSVP prior to October 8 is requested to mbparky2@gmail.com or
906-228-8033



Monday, October 11: A Dialogue with Local Mental Health Professionals, Dr. Dan Olson & Spiritual Leaders

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Lothlorien

Lutheran Campus Ministry House

701 W. College Avenue in Marquette

RSVP prior to October 8th is requested to mbparky2@gmail.com
or 906-228-8033

Tuesday, October 12th: A Clergy Spouses Retreat

Mind, Body, Spirit Balance in the Clergy World

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m.-Noon

403 W. Michigan in Marquette

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or 906-228-8033



Being Well Amidst Illness: A Spiritual Journey

Thursday, October 21st 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Larry Skendzel, M.D.

Medical Director, Lake Superior Hospice
& Jacobetti Home for Veterans Physician

Spirituality and the Emotional Life

Thursday, November 18 7:00 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette

Kelly Mahar, M.D. Psychiatrist, Healing Arts

The Dynamics of Resiliency:

The Geography of Hope

Thursday, December 16 7:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey

Jon Magnuson, Lutheran Pastor & Psychotherapist

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High School

Youth Gathering!

**Friday November 5—Sunday November 7
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp**

*How do we live our lives as a Saint and as a
Sinner—both at the same time?
Come to this BIG event and find out!
Reconnect with old friends
and make some new friends!*

◆ ***Music by Jonathan Rundman*** ◆

**Also keynote speakers, worship, Bible study,
service project, & adventure!**

**\$85/person includes food, duplex housing,
and programming**

A partnership event between the Northern Great Lakes Synod's Youth Ministries and FLLC

High School Gathering Registration Form

This event will begin at 7:00 pm (Central Time) on Friday, November 5 (please eat supper before you arrive) and will be finished by 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 7. You need to bring bedding, personal items, and a Bible.

Please register one adult for every 5-10 high school students registered. Fill out the form below and send it, along with the \$85 registration fee **by October 30** to:

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
138 Fortune Lake Camp Road
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Name _____ Age _____ Gender: M F

Address (street, city, zip) _____

Congregation Name & City _____

(student's name) _____ has my permission to attend the High School Gathering at Fortune Lake from November 5-7, 2010. I authorize any recognized adult leader to give permission for all medical treatments that may be considered advisable or necessary in the judgement of attending physicians in the event that my child should be admitted to any hospital or be in need of any medical treatment. I expect that every attempt will be made to contact me as soon as possible.

Signature Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate number _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Allergies (food/medication) _____

Prescriptions/Medication currently being taken _____

Other Medical concerns _____

Covenant of Conduct

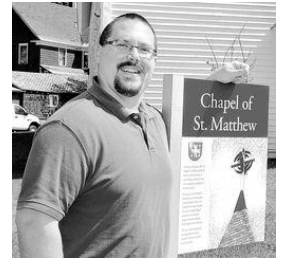
As a participant of the High School Gathering 2010, I agree to abide by the following rules of the whole Christian community of which I will be a part:

- † I will participate in all activities scheduled during the Gathering.
- † I will not use or be in possession of alcohol, tobacco products, or other controlled substances.
- † I will be in my cabin at night when required.
- † I will respect the other participants of the Gathering and their personal property.
- † Any other rules that may need to be established at the event.

Signature Youth Participant _____

Oct./Nov. 2010

News from the University Chaplain's office at Finlandia University for our companions in the Northern Great Lakes Synod



"side by side . . . growing in faith toward God and love toward neighbor"

Our Baptismal Calling - We Hunger

These past few weeks, it's been a lot about hunger...and water. Its been about walking together in various ways sharing our hunger, discussing others hunger, being refreshed, breaking bread and reflecting in the waters. Students, employees and community members have gathered to walk together in a bridge walk, a progressive dinner, soon a CROP walk for hunger. They've gathered to share in hunger discussions in CROP walk meetings and next week a FLLC retreat focused on our baptismal calling. They've gathered to be fed and to hear word & prayer in Chapels, Vespers services and SYATP (See You At The Pole) National ecumenical prayer event with a pancake fellowship, and with Watermark. Watermark is a Youth Encounter team, that will soon be touring Denmark and Estonia, that Campus Ministry and students have hosted. Watermark is on the beginning of their hungry journey to feed Christ to those they encounter through their music ministry and to share what being marked with the waters is about and listen to the spiritual hunger of those desiring to be filled with more in their faith...just like our students here at Finlandia. You'll be happy to know that our students have been SO active and open in sharing in faith discussions and utilizing the Chapel, and calling out to bring people in, such as Watermark, that they can hear more from—while sharing and expanding their spiritual growth and service. Our Campus Ministry mission this year focuses on the theme of "Come and See" based on John 1:29. The Campus Ministry team is bringing that encouraging note of invitation and fellowship to a refreshing new level. I find my soul being fed and refreshed too, as I walk together with these students and with Watermark and have discussions with employees.

The journey has been like a Brule River trip I used to take campers on at FLLC. The current varies. Sometimes there is a lot of fast gushing waters,

sometimes – a trickle...but we're always headed downriver (towards Christ)...you can depend on that. There's a current with each student, each employee, each community member and each activity shared...and it has its own place...and it's own pace. I can't make it go faster that it does (and I shouldn't). I simply have to look at each unique situation and person as getting me (and/or them) a little farther downriver, and whatever challenges it may present...I can accept, hope and enjoy as I am guided to the end goal. I surrounded by and teeming with living waters. I am fed. I will help feed. Walk with each other today. Feed each other and be refreshed with the waters of discussion so you may expand our community and share in our river trip.

Let us pray -

God of new life, your water brings refreshment in this dry, weary land. Without your care our lives would become a barren desert, but with you our lives bloom and bear fruit. Drench us in our baptismal waters today, and help us bring others to drink deeply from the bottomless well of your living waters. Let the service of our meeting be a plate that feeds. AMEN.



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Campus Ministry Events Calendar

COME AND SEE WHAT WE ARE
PLANNING!!

Recurring Events:

Sundays & Mondays 5:00-8:00 pm Lay School for Missions

Mondays 12:30-1:00 pm Student-led Chapels

Wednesdays 12:30-1:00 pm Chapel with Communion

Thursdays 6:00 pm Vespers evening prayer service

Fridays (every other) 8:00-9:00 pm TGIF (beginning Sept. 10)

Other Activities:

October 1-2 Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp retreat

October 3 1:30 pm CROP WALK
registration: 2:00 pm walk

October 13 6:00pm: Field of Faith event at Condon Field

November 10 Martin Luther Celebration!

Help Us, Help Them!

May the Peace of the Lord be with you! As Fall semester approaches, those who provide Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Upper Peninsula are gearing up for a great year. And we need your help! Congregations and Clergy in the Northern Great Lakes Synod are encouraged to follow steps to refer college students to our ministries that are available on the Synod website, <http://www.nglsynod.org/>.



Follow the link under Partnerships to Lutheran Campus Ministries or Finlandia University .to "Find a Campus Ministry", under which you will see a link labeled "Refer a student, find a ministry, or contact a campus ministry staff." We need to know who is coming our way so we can contact them! There are even students who have been at college for some time that have perhaps slipped through the cracks. Help us minister to them! If you choose not to use the website, please contact us directly so the body of Christ continues to be served. Thanks, and God's Peace to you!

Rev. Bucky Beach—MTU; Chaplain Soren Schmidt-Finlandia University;

Rev. Jon Magnuson-NMU; Rev. Dean Peterson-LSSU/Bay College

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STEWARDSHIP AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
By Dirk Manson, Stewardship Chair at
First Lutheran Church, Gladstone, MI



We normally think about stewardship as a "giving back" and sharing thing. We know that God needs disciples and faithful stewardship can be thought of as the giving of our time, energies, talent and treasure. God using our hands to do His work.

My experiences recently as a relatively new member of our Synod Candidacy Committee offered the chance to view stewardship in a whole different light. Our committee met, jointly, with members of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin at Fortune Lake. We had the honor and awesome task of discussing and deciding what the future will hold for a number of people applying to take the next step in the candidacy journey. Most of them sought Entrance approval to start the four-year seminary journey toward a call to the ordained ministry. One sought Approval for an Associate in Ministry and one sought Approval for ordination. We had the challenge of deciding whether to approve, postpone and deny.

The people who sat on the bi-synodical candidacy committee and the candidates blessed me with a wonderful gift.

They taught me that stewardship is as much about receiving as it is about giving. Discerning what God has in store for each of these candidates and what He expected of the committee members required receiving the Holy Spirit. More accurately, opening ourselves up to allowing the Spirit to move freely within and among us. We tried mightily to surrender to wherever discernment would take us.

This openness to the work of the Spirit became especially critical as we all struggled with the ELCA's recent decision, in part that dealt with homosexual individuals being eligible for call as rostered ministers. This decision, obviously, impacts the candidacy process profoundly. Everyone involved was coming from a different place on this issue and this change of policy will challenge us all for some time to come.

We prayed often and earnestly that we didn't close ourselves off to the work of the Spirit and that discernment would come. We needed to try to give up control,

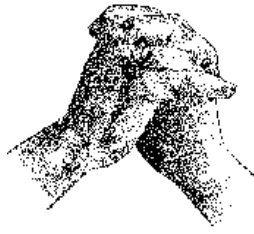
let God take charge and be willing to be vulnerable before we can receive the gifts the Holy Spirit has for us.

Easier said than done! Most often, discernment is barely noticeable, if we recognize it at all. Rarely does it come as a bolt of lightning or as a "mountain top" experience. Usually we are just not sure whether the Spirit is moving us. How blessed we are to have faith to help us put our trust in God.

It was a great gift to see committee members and candidates opening up to receiving the Holy Spirit. Emotions are always close to the surface and even broke through from time to time as space was made so discernment could move in.

God offers the great gift of discipleship and the blessings of faithful stewardship! We pray that we have the faith that He will provide all that we need and show us the way.

*Lord,
Teach Us
To Pray ...*



Evangelism Retreat

October 15 - 16, 2010

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

1318 Presque Isle Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855

Friday:

starts at 5:00 p.m. ET with Coffee time and closes with worship at 9:00 p.m. ET

Saturday:

starts at 8:00 a.m. ET with Continental breakfast and closes with devotions at 2:15 p.m. ET

Interested: Email Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege of the Synod Office at jenjohn@nglsynod.org or ngls@nglsynod.org with the name of your congregation and the town in which your congregation is located and the list of people who will be attending.

Deadline for Registering: October 8, 2010

The Mission.... to deepen the prayer life of individuals and congregations for the sake of mission and ministry.

The Vision.... To inspire and empower congregational leaders to lead and support, strengthening the prayer ministries in their congregation.

The Plan.... Pastors and lay leaders identify and recruit 4 or 5 people or more to attend this event. It is encouraged, but not required, that the pastor be included in this group of people.

Congregational members will attend the retreat which will focus on prayer evangelism from the perspectives of personal prayer, corporate prayer and resources for congregations. The theme will be *Lord, Teach Us to Pray*.

The Goal is to have participants equipped and empowered to return to their congregations with concrete ideas for strengthening and implementing prayer ministries within the congregation and that reach out into the community.

Working together with other congregational members, the work begins to strengthen existing prayer ministries and implement new ones.

The Fee There is a **\$10 per person meal fee** for Friday's supper and Saturday's continental breakfast and lunch. Overnight accommodations are on your own. We suggest that congregations pay the meal fee and other expenses for their participants to attend. Each congregation needs to have a minimum of 2 people attending.

***Schedule on back* →**

Schedule

(All times are Eastern Time)

Friday, October 15, 2010

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| 5:00 p.m. | Coffee Time | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Session One: | Introduction to <i>Teach Us to Pray</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. | Supper | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Session Two: | Introductions Bible Study—Luke 11:1-13 What in the world is Prayer Evangelism? Personal Prayer Practices |
| 9:00 p.m. | Evening Worship | |



Saturday, October 16, 2010

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| 8:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast | |
| 8:30 a.m. | Morning Devotions | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Session Three: | Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Corporate Prayer |
| 10:15 a.m. | Break | |
| 10:30 a.m. | Congregational Huddle | Planning Prayer Evangelism Ministries |
| Noon | Lunch | |
| 12:45 p.m. | Session Four: | Resources for Congregational Use |
| 1:15 p.m. | Congregational Huddle | Planning Prayer Evangelism Ministries |
| 2:15 p.m. | Closing Devotions | |



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2010

Oct. 3 / Conf. 4 - Four Rivers Fall Meeting at United in Crystal Falls, 3:00 p.m. CT; Conf. 7 – Three Lakes Fall Meeting at Faith, Sault Ste. Marie, 4:00 p.m. ET; Crop Walk

Oct. 7 / Conf. 5 - Menominee Pastors' Breakfast Meeting at Central in Menominee, 8:30 a.m. CT

Oct. 9 / Fall Fiesta at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls

Oct. 10 / Conf. 6 – Delta Fall Meeting at First in Gladstone, 4:00 p.m. ET

Oct. 10-11 / Healing the Spiritual Heart – Campus Ministry Event at Messiah in Marquette

Oct. 15-16 / Teach Us to Pray Event at St. Mark's in Marquette

Oct. 17 / Conf. 8 – Superior Central Fall Meeting at Immanuel in Negaunee, 2:00 p.m. ET; Conf. 1 – IGO Fall Conference Meeting at St. Paul's in Ironwood, 3:00 p.m. CT

Oct. 18 / Constitution Committee meets at 10:00 a.m. ET at the Synod Office

Oct. 19 / Conference 3 – Headwaters Pastors' Breakfast Meeting at Calvary in Minocqua, 8:30 a.m. CT; Lutheran Campus Ministry Committee meets at the Ford Center in Alberta at 3:00 p.m. ET

Oct. 20 / Conference 1 – IGO Pastors' Breakfast Meeting at All Saints in Wakefield, 8:30 a.m. CT

Oct. 21 / Conference 6 – Delta Pastors' Breakfast Meeting at Immanuel in Escanaba, 8:30 a.m. ET

Oct. 23 / Transformational Ministry Meeting at First, Gladstone, 9:30 a.m. ET

Oct. 24 / Conf. 3 – Headwaters Fall Meeting at Ascension in Minocqua, 1:30 p.m. CT

Oct. 25 / Lay School Meeting at 10:00 a.m. ET in Manistique

Oct. 27 / Conf. 7 – Three Lakes Pastors' Breakfast Meeting at Faith in Sault Ste. Marie, 8:30 a.m. ET

Oct. 28 / Conf. 2 – Copper Country Pastors' Breakfast Meeting at Holy Trinity in Chassell at 8:30 a.m. ET

Oct. 30 / Synod Executive Committee meets at Pastor Doug Johnson's at 9:00 a.m. CT in Florence, WI

NOV. 2010

Nov. 2 / Synod Assembly Planning Committee meets at the Synod Office, 11:00 a.m. ET

Nov. 4 / Synod Worship Committee meets at the Synod Office at 10:30 a.m. ET

Nov. 5-6 / High School Youth Gathering at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Nov. 6 / Endowment Meeting at the Synod Office beginning at 11:00 a.m. ET; Synod Nominating Committee will meet at the Synod Office beginning at 11:00 a.m. ET

Nov. 7-10 / First Call Theological Conference at Marathon, Wisconsin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Fall 2010 Conference Meetings



| | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Synod Representative</u> |
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| Conference 1 IGO | Sunday, October 17 | 3:00 p.m. CT | St. Paul's, Ironwood | Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes |
| Conference 2 Copper Country | Sunday, September 26 | 2:00 p.m. ET | Grace, South Range | Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes |
| Conference 3 Headwaters | Sunday, October 24 | 1:30 p.m. CT | Ascension, Minocqua | Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes |
| Conference 4 Four Rivers | Sunday, October 3 | 3:00 p.m. CT | United, Crystal Falls | Pastor Doug Johnson |
| Conference 5 Menominee | Thursday, October 28 | 5:00 p.m. CT | Northland Village | Pastor J. Johnson Wrege |
| Conference 6 Delta | Sunday, October 10 | 4:00 p.m. ET | First, Gladstone | Ann Christiansen |
| Conference 7 Three Lakes | Sunday, October 3 | 4:00 p.m. ET | Faith, Sault Ste. Marie | Pastor J. Johnson Wrege |
| Conference 8 Superior Central | Sunday, October 17 | 2:00 p.m. ET | Immanuel, Negaunee | Pastor J. Johnson Wrege |