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WALKING TOGETHER SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2011

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More than 325 church leaders from across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northeastern Wisconsin gathered in Marquette for the 24th Annual Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Under the theme, “Walking Together”, voting members and visitors of the 85 congregations of our Synod prayed, discussed, and made decisions.

At the Marquette Assembly, held at both Messiah Church and Northern Michigan University:

+**Bishop Thomas Skrenes** was re-elected to a third six-year term on the fourth ballot. Since he received more than 60% of the total vote on this ballot, no additional voting was necessary. On the fourth ballot, **Pastor Warren Geier** (Bethany, Ishpeming) and **Pastor Peter Warmanen** (Fortune Lake Camp) also received support for Bishop. Others who made themselves available from our Synod on previous ballots were **Pastor Lee Goodwin** and **Pastor Kim Beckmann**.

+**Pauline Kiltinen** was re-elected Vice President. She serves a four-year term as does **Pastor Doug Johnson** (Bethlehem, Florence) who was also re-elected. These two leaders, along with the Synod Treasurer, **Dr. Larry Pagel**, serve with Bishop Skrenes and two other elected Synod Council members forming the Synod Executive Committee.

+Elected **Pastor Barb Girod** (Faith, Three Lakes), **Pastor Nicholas Johannes** (Retired), **Terry Schumann**, **Orv Kabat**, **Denise Laakko**, and **Dawn Martin** to the Synod Consultation Committee. Elected to the Synod Discipline Committee were **Pastor Kevin Kaiser** (Bethany, Amasa, and Trinity, Iron River); **Pastor David Van Kley** (Messiah, Marquette); **Pastor Nancy Kauppi** (Retired); **Holly Kivioja**, **Vicki Marshall**, **Clyde Johnson** and **Jack Koivisto**. Elected to the Synod Council were: **Brian Tarro** (Conference 1); **Pastor Bonny Kinnunen** (Conference Four); **Pastor Keith Kolstad** (Conference Five); Cheryl Lynn Brown (**Conference Seven**); and **Richard (Chic) LaFave** (Conference Eight).

+Adopted a revised 2011 and a 2012 budget that reflects reduced mission support to the work of the Synod and the Churchwide ELCA. The Synod has experienced a 20% decrease in mission support over the last four years. Reductions were made in all areas of



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THOMAS A. SKRENES, BISHOP (CONTINUED)

Synod life, including financial support for world and domestic missions of the ELCA, seminaries and campus ministries, Synod ministry programs and compensation. All employees of the Synod, both called staff and office support staff, receive in 2011 and 2012 less compensation than they received in 2010.

+ Adopted a resolution calling the Church to act to prevent bullying, harassment and related violence. The Synod Assembly defeated a resolution that spoke to bound conscience concerning



the Churchwide decisions on sexuality, and also defeated a resolution that called on the Synod to use exclusively the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the Triune name of God in all of its worship services. The Assembly referred to the Synod Council for their review a resolution concerned with "Welcoming Traditional Lutherans."

+ Heard a report from Bishop Skrenes on our work together as a Synod, including our Lay School for Mission, our work with our Companion Synod in Tanzania and our Synod leadership in this Church in seminarian scholarship support, in stewardship and in clergy debt retirement. Bishop Skrenes also reported that, since the last Synod Assembly, seven congregations (First Evangelical and Our Saviour's in Iron Mountain, Zion in Felch, Zion in Skanee,

Christ in Shingleton, Salem in Bark River and Our Redeemer in Champion) have left the Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. An eighth congregation (Bethany in Covington) has taken a successful first vote and will take its second vote to leave the Synod on June 26, 2011. Further, since the last Synod Assembly, six pastors have resigned the Roster of Ordained Ministers, one pastor was removed due to the three-year on leave from call rule and two members of the Roster of Associates in Ministry have resigned.

+ Congratulated retiring leaders: **Pastor Nancy Kauppi, Pastor Nick Johannes, Pastor Fran Strong, Pastor Virginia Eggert and Pastor John West.** Also recognized was **Roger Knuth** who has retired from his work in our Synod as ELCA Foundation and Synod Endowment Executive. We also congratulated pastors on reaching milestones in their ordained ministries including: **Pastor Kim Beckmann** and **Pastor Jonathan Schmidt** (25 years), **Pastor Thomas Wickstrom** and **Pastor Peter Andersen** (40 years), **Pastor Don Wandersee** and **Pastor Fred Hallanger** (55 years) and **Pastor Norman Lund** (60 years.)

+ Five Synod Lay School for Mission graduates were recognized: **Donald Flint, Melody Kysiak, Elaine Kuhlmann, Larry Kuhlmann, and Loraine Mussatti.** These students have completed the two-year program and join 259 previous graduates of this important leadership education ministry of our Synod.

+ The 325+ who gathered at Assembly heard God's Word, shared the Lord's Supper and enjoyed fellowship over breakfasts, a banquet, and over coffee.

+ Received financial offerings for our work together:

World Hunger Quarters: \$15,522

Kisarawe Boys Dormitory: \$2,587

Bishop's Discretionary Fund: \$2,587



THOMAS A. SKRENES, BISHOP (CONTINUED)

SPEAKERS WOW THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Pastor Rafael Malpica Padilla, the Executive Director of Global Mission of the ELCA, represented Bishop Mark Hanson at our Assembly. He conducted the election of Bishop and was our keynote speaker. His story of God calling us to mission as he was called to mission by a “street person” in New York City, will not be soon forgotten. His use of the book of Jonah as an example of a “mission trip” to the world was inspiring and important.

Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane of the Delaware-Maryland Synod was the preacher on Thursday evening and Bible study leader on Friday. He enthusiastically reminded us that “Christ is Risen, **YES.**” And that wonderful news makes all the difference in the world. In his Bible study, Bishop Herz-Lane used the story of the walk to Emmaus from John 24 to tell us that Jesus is present with his people in various ways in this world.

YOUR COMMENTS ON SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2011

Over 100 evaluation forms for the Assembly were received by our Synod office. The results of the evaluations were excellent. The Assembly guest speakers, worship services and hospitality were especially highly praised. Participants also appreciated the meeting facilities and the on-site registration. Here are a few written comments and my response:

Comment: *I really missed the workshops we usually have.*

Response: Yes, we all missed them but the business of the Assembly this year, including a Bishop’s election, required more time in plenary and thus no opportunity for workshops.

Comment: *For the banquet, was there a bigger place than the Holiday Inn?*

Response: The cost would have been higher per person if we would have gone elsewhere. Marquette does not have a large banquet facility that would have worked for us.

Comment: *I found it hard to download and print the Pre-Assembly Report.*

Response: We are doing everything we can to reduce the paper usage and postage but have not found the perfect way to use technology via the internet for registration and reports. Some synods send almost no paper to voting members. We are still learning, and it will be better next year.

Comment: *The coffee was great this year at Northern Michigan University.*

Response: Yes it was. We are required to use the coffee the university makes available to us. Fair Trade Coffee is not yet a part of their services to us.

Comment: *Best speakers, best Assembly ever - and thank you for the red-shirted young greeters.*

Response: Our thanks to Soren Schmidt, the Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee and to our Synod staff for their tireless work.

Comment: *How about a dance next year.*

Response: Maybe!

TRANSITIONS

+God bless **Pastor Jennifer Johnson Wrege, Assistant to the Bishop**, who has announced her resignation effective September 30, 2011. Her resignation letter is enclosed in this newsletter. More about the Synod's response to her resignation and the honoring of her ministry in our midst will be announced soon.

+Congratulations to **Pastor Michael and Michele Mannisto (St. James, Rudyard)** on the adoption of a son, Nicholas Robert. May God watch over this family!

+God keep **Pastor Chad Anderson** and his family as he is installed as pastor of Beaver American and Porterfield Churches on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time at Porterfield.

+Congratulations to **Pastor-elect David Johnson** as he begins his work at Faith in Ishpeming. Pastor-elect Johnson will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. CT at Bethany in Norway.

+Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop

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Zion, Marinette
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Trinity, Ishpeming
Holy Trinity, Chassell
Mission United, Pelkie
Messiah, Marquette
Bethany, Ishpeming
Prince of Peace, Eagle River
Pioneer Lake, Conover
Bethlehem, Florence
Emanuel, Skandia
Calvary, Minocqua
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Prince of Peace, Marquette
Salem, Ironwood
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Messiah, Marquette
Zion, Manistique

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



Can prayer *REALLY* change things?

In the past week or so, I have prayed alone, with my husband, and in worship. I have prayed with my grandson about a spelling test and with the family of a man who was in surgery receiving eight bypasses. Sometimes, when I pray, the Spirit just seems to take over and leads me to be in prayer for people, situations, and conditions that have been far from my mind or whatever it was that drove me to my knees. And, there are those times when I am praying that I sense that the Spirit is calling me to listen, to be quiet in the presence of God, to experience the awesome reality of God's presence and power in the world, to meditate and wonder at the glory of God.

Recently, I interrupted the prayers of others. I stumbled and bumbled my way into their time of prayer.

Perhaps you are aware of the intercom system Bishop Skrenes and I use for general communication between one another at the office when the information we share is not confidential or sensitive. It's extremely high-tech! It consists of turning up the volume of our voices and projecting into the next office. It works, and we can multi-task at the same time!

A day or two before the 2011 Synod Assembly, Bishop Skrenes received a phone call from colleague and friend, Bishop Jim Mauney of the Virginia Synod. Though I could not make out the content of their conversation, I was aware a conversation was

taking place. At a point, then, it became quiet. I assumed they were done and Bishop Skrenes had hung up. I had a question about Synod Assembly, so I used the high-tech intercom system to ask Bishop Skrenes about it. No response. Thinking he didn't hear me, I asked again – this time, louder and stronger. Still no response. I got up from my desk, walked over to the door of his office, and immediately knew why there had been no response.

The Bishops were praying. Across the miles and across the whole Church, with heads bowed, cell phones at their ears, the Spirit blowing and connecting, the Bishops were praying.

There is something very humbling in stumbling into this activity of prayer no matter when or where any of us comes upon people praying. Ephesians 6:18 reminds us:

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

The theme for the 2011 Synod Assembly was Walking Together. Praying for and with one another is one resource we have to keep us walking together in the body of Christ.

Blessings!



Pastoral Vacancies and Interim Pastors

Full-time

United, L'Anse - Pastor Nick Hopman

Our Redeemer, Newberry - Pastor Barry Levine

Messiah, Marquette (Associate) - Pastor Peter Andersen

Bethany, Mohawk - Pastor Peter Vorhes

Bethel, Menominee - Pastor Lee Goodwin

Christ Parish, Ironwood - Pastor Peggy Rose

Bethel, Cedarville & Zion/Allenville - Pastor George Kaiser

Gloria Dei, Hancock - Pastor Peter Vorhes

Part-time

Bethany, Covington - Pastor Nick Hopman

Bethany, Negaunee - Pastor Marcia Solberg

Faith, Rock - Pastor Jonathan Schmidt

Siloa, Ontonagon - Pastor John Autio

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

Bethany, Norway - Pastor Mike Laakko

Calvary, Quinnesec - Pastor Douglas Johnson

St. Mark's, Marquette - Pastor Rell Spickerman

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.” (Psalm 43:5)

Calendar year giving to mission support through April remains at 1991 levels, while fiscal year giving is at its lowest point in our Synod's history. It is challenging to complete the work God calls us to in this financial climate. It would be easy to become downhearted and allow our hearts to remain “disquieted” by fear and negativity. Instead, we place our hope firmly in God, trusting Christ's promise to never fail or forsake us. Praise be to God for his abundant blessings!

Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper

As of	2010	2011	\$ Change	% Change
Pledged Amount	932,017	823,634	-108,383	-11.6%
Amount Received	256,904	219,230	-37,674	-14.7%
Designated Gifts	78,747	64,836	-13,911	-17.7%



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June 5-11 / WELCA, First, Ewen

June 12-18 / Ruth Warmanen, Fortune Lake Board

June 19-25 / Pastor Bill Jacobson, Fortune Lake Board

June 26-July 2 / Dulcey Heinzelman, Fortune Lake Staff

July 3-9 / Rob Aho, Fortune Lake Board

July 10-16 / Pastor Peter Warmanen, Fortune Lake Staff

July 17-23 / Lucy Korhonen, Fortune Lake Staff

July 24-30 / Pastor Peter Andersen, Fortune Lake Board

July 31-August 6 / David & Mary Lou Blomquist, Fortune Lake Board

June/July 2011

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"

Campus Ministries combine for Synod Assembly assistance

Finlandia Campus Ministry, NMU's Lutheran Campus Ministry and volunteers from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp collaborated together for hospitality during the 2011 Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS) Assembly at NMU in Marquette. This marks the 2nd year in a row that Finlandia Campus Ministry helped with hospitality for the Synod Assembly. Previously in 2010, the Assembly was held at Finlandia University.

This year, 2011, under the theme of "Walking Together", the NGLS Assembly was held at NMU's University Center and Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI from May 12-14. Campus Ministries and FLLC volunteers, and many others worked together to assist in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere during the Assembly. Students helped by praying, folding papers, hauling equipment, giving directions, handing out information, setting places, playing worship music and background Christian music during the banquet and being runners for various needs of the assembly.

This year may also mark one of the first times that the Synod Assembly has met and exceeded it's goal of having over 1% of it's total participation (voting delegates and visitors) being youth & young adults.

"It looks like we more than doubled the goal." Says Chaplain Schmidt of Finlandia University. "Between our Campus Ministry volunteers and a few younger voting delegates...we were able to meet and exceed our goal. Thanks to all who gave a hand!"

Chaplain Soren Schmidt was this year's Chairperson for the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, and had made it a priority that the Youth & Young Adult goal would be met, along with continued hospitality for all attendees who are carefully and prayerfully listening, discerning and making important decisions for the

future of our Synod. Chaplain Schmidt stated:

"It kept me busy, but I was more than willing to assist in any way possible. I was humbled by the appreciation towards our students and volunteers, and the hard work and dedication that those students and volunteers gave! This was a great Assembly with a lot of tough decisions to get through. I commend everyone for being willing to have the necessary conversations and to engage each other in our Christian faith while keeping Christ as our center. Thank you all attendees for your strong commitment and your uplifting grace-centered spirits. You inspire me."

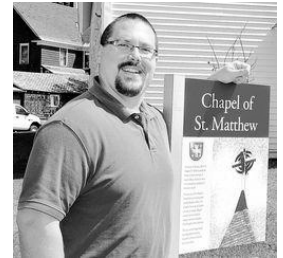
Some of our U.P. Young Adults who volunteered were:

- ◇ Dulcey Heinzelman
- ◇ Emily Hendry
- ◇ Ellen Lindbloom
- ◇ Carl Powers
- ◇ Lindsey Sandberg
- ◇ Blair Sauve



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Campus Ministry

Events Calendar

'COME AND SEE' WHAT WE ARE PLANNING!!
ALL ARE WELCOME :-)

Recurring Fall 2011 Events:

- Sundays** Keweenaw Friends & Copper Country Bible Church usage
- Mondays 12:30-1:00 pm** Student-led Chapels
- Tuesdays 7:00pm** alternating between Ministry Meeting and Bible Study
- Wednesdays 12:30-1:00 pm** Chapel with Communion
- Thursdays** Open—TBA
- Fridays (every other) 8:00-9:00 pm** TGIF (next events: Apr. 8 & Finals Week)

Related Summer Activities:

- May 23-July 22** Summer Semester
- June 24/25** Reunion—Class of 1961 focus
- July 10-12** Finnish Folk Music Camp @ Camp Lahti
- July 15** Finnish Council Meeting
- July 16** Suomi Conference
- Aug 1-3** Conference in Augsburg: Vocation of a Lutheran College

Check the Finlandia e-newsletter, Finlandia website and 'Finlandia Campus Ministry' on Facebook for more info. (many more activities will

F.C.M. collected funds for disaster relief in Japan

Finlandia Campus Ministry gathered up efforts to support ELCA Disaster Relief efforts in Japan. Via emails, personal contacts and friends, Roughly \$400 were sent out.

"Coach Mary really had her volleyball girls step up and garner some great support for this relief effort. I am very grateful to them all as well as the rest of the donors from faculty, staff, students and friends of Finlandia that came together in support. While it's not a large sum, it brought together many people for one cause and reflects a greater support for our neighbors in Japan. Not only are we sending out some financial assistance via the ELCA Disaster Relief, we're sending out even more prayers and support from many, many people." Chaplain Schmidt stated. All funds were gathered and sent via the "ELCA Disaster Response: Pacific Earthquake and Tsunami".



There were many connections made via our International students at Finlandia and many others who were aware of the needs and tragedies in Japan. Thank you to all who contributed financial and with prayers and support.

Any questions or comments? Contact Soren Schmidt, University Chaplain at: soren.schmidt@finlandia.edu or (906) 487-7239.

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May 19, 2011

Dear Bishop Skrenes, Northern Great Lakes Synod Council, Clergy, and other Rostered Leaders of the Northern Great Lakes Synod:

Grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

After much prayer, conversation, and thought, I am announcing to you my decision to resign from my call as Assistant to the Bishop in the Northern Great Lakes Synod effective September 30, 2011. My final day in the office, however, will be August 31, 2011. Marv and I will be enjoying accumulated vacation days in September.

This decision is bittersweet! In the years I have served in this ministry, I have been challenged. I have grown in many ways. I have learned much. I have been blessed to serve with Bishop Skrenes as well as many faithful and devoted Christian clergy and lay folks in a huge variety of mission and ministry areas. I have traveled. I have been enriched. I have endeavored to serve God and the Northern Great Lakes Synod faithfully.

How thankful I am, however, for the sweet, sweet gifts of moving in fulltime with my husband, having time to tend to family relationships and friendships under less stressful conditions (like living in two places), and increased opportunities for quilting, gardening, travel, reading, and so on. Recent changes in my overall health also make going "on leave from call" now very timely.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Though I will no longer be serving in any official or formal capacity, I will continue to walk with you in prayer and any other way I am able to be supportive.

God's peace be with you.

Blessings,

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Tornado in Joplin, Missouri

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

An outbreak of tornadoes tore across the Midwest this weekend, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota.

Especially hard-hit is Joplin, Mo., where a powerful tornado leveled parts of the community, killing at least 89 people. Residents say the city is completely unrecognizable.

The building that housed an ELCA congregation has been destroyed, according to its pastor. Please keep the Rev. Bill Pape and the people of Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin in your prayers.



Photo credit: REUTERS | Mike Stone

This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms.

ELCA Disaster Response is already assessing the situation in Joplin and other areas affected by severe storms and flooding. [Your gifts are needed to help provide for the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by these disasters.](#)

All of your gifts—100 percent—designated for "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used for emergency and long-term assistance following these storms.

[Please give generously](#) and continue to pray for those whose lives have been uprooted by this disaster.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
 Director, ELCA World Hunger
 and Disaster Appeal

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Prayer Calendar - June 2011

1	Pray for Pastor Norman Peterson and the members of Immanuel, Rhinelander as they celebrate 31 years of ministry together . Pray for Pastor Norman Lund (retired) as he celebrates his 60th anniversary of ordination .
2	 Praise to Jesus the crucified, now ascended Lord! Pray for the members of St. James, Marinette and Darrell Diers, LLM as they celebrate the 93rd anniversary of the congregation . Pray also for our Synod Staff who meet this day – <i>Bishop Tom Skrenes, Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege, Kay Benedict, Louise Ingalls & Betsy Koski.</i>
3	Pray for Pastor Jonathan Schmidt and the members of First Lutheran, Gladstone as they celebrate the 122nd anniversary of the congregation this day.
4	Pray for Pastor Francis Strong (retired) as he celebrates his 29th anniversary of ordination this day.
5	Pray for Pastor Kenneth Michaelis (Northland Lutheran Retirement Community) as he celebrates his 45th anniversary of ordination this day.
6	Pray for Pastor Peter Andersen (retired) as he celebrates his 40th anniversary of ordination ; and Pastor Peter Vorhes (Faith, Calumet) as he celebrates his 35th anniversary of ordination . Pray also for the Endowment Board who meets today.
7	Pray for Pastor Warren Geier (Bethany, Ishpeming) as he celebrates his 15th anniversary of ordination and for Pastor Keith Kolstad (Zion, Marinette) as he celebrates his 26th anniversary of ordination this day.
8	Pray for the members of Gethsemane, Wallace and St. Stephens, Stephenson and Pastor Cori Johnson as they begin their ministry together these days.
9	Pray for the members of Abiding Savior, Columbia MD (pastor), Christ, Hagerstown MD (pastor), Emmanuel, Pasadena MD (Rev Bob Stevens), & Good Shepherd, Bel Air MD (Revs Ken Omer & Eric Evers).
10	Pray for the members of the World Hunger Committee who meet this day.
11	Pray for the members of Matumbi Lutheran Church (Rev Lawrence Kyaka), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS companion congregation Trinity, Ishpeming (Rev Kenneth Lahners).
12	 Pray that the gift of the Spirit given first at Pentecost , given to you in your baptism, may be renewed this day and every day, guiding and nurturing you in a life of faithful discipleship.
13	Pray for the counselors and youth attending Victory Camp at Fortune Lake.
14	Pray for Pastor Lee Goodwin (NGLS Sabbath Project) as he celebrates his 30th anniversary of ordination this day. Pray also for the members of the Evangelism Committee who meet this day.
15	Pray for the members of Our Saviour's, Atlantic Mine and Interim Pastor Bucky Beach as they discern the viability of their future. Pray also for Pastor Micheal Laakko as he celebrates his 31st anniversary of ordination this day.

16	Pray for the members of Holy Comforter, Baltimore MD (Rev David Eisenhuth), Keysville, Keymar MD (pastor), Mt Tabor, Clear Spring MD (pastor) & Prince of Peace, Rosedale MD (pastor).
17	Pray for the counselors and campers attending Women & Kids Week and L.Y.L.E. I at Fortune Lake these days.
18	Pray for the members of St Paul, Wainola, First of Winona, and Mass City and Interim Pastor John Autio as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.
19	Pray for the members of Our Redeemer, Newberry and Interim Pastor Barry Levine as they celebrate the 45th anniversary of the congregation . Pray for Pastor Rudy Kemppainen (retired) as he celebrates his 56th anniversary of ordination this day. Pray for Dads too!
20	Pray for the members of Good Shepherd, Houghton and Pastor Bucky Beach as they celebrate the 51st anniversary of the congregation . Pray also for the members of Trinity, Brevort and Pastor Jeremy Winter as they celebrate the 101st anniversary of the congregation this weekend.
21	Pray for our spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Elizabeth Peterson and Helen Rankinen</i> . Pray also for retired clergy and their spouses – <i>Mary Weinkauff and Pastor Tom & Susan Wickstrom</i> .
22	Pray for Pastor Ted Koehl (retired) as he celebrates his 15^h anniversary of ordination .
23	Pray for Pastor Steve Gauger (Calvary, Rapid River) as he celebrates his 22nd anniversary of ordination this month.
24	Pray for the members of St Abraham’s, Beckleysville MD (pastor), St John, Hagerstown MD (Rev Ed Heim), St Luke, New Windsor MD (Rev Anne Durboraw), & St Martin, Annapolis MD (Revs Gerald Miller & Jens Bargmann).
25	Pray for Pastor Dean Marin (retired) as he celebrates his 44th anniversary of ordination this day. Pray also for Jon & Sharon Babbitt as they are installed as LLMs at First, Grand Marais this day.
26	Pray for the members of Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner and Pastor Dorothy Lindstrom as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of the congregation this day.
27	Pray for the counselors and campers attending Veteran and Fitness Focus Weeks at Fortune Lake .
28	Pray for Pastor Lauri Maki (Bethel, Ishpeming) as he celebrates his 30th anniversary of ordination .
29	Pray for Pastor David VanKley and the members of Messiah, Marquette as they celebrate 3 years of ministry together this day. Pray also for Pastor Paul Raappana (retired) as he celebrates his 42nd anniversary of ordination this day.
30	Pray for the members of St Paul, Curtis Bay MD (Rev Doug Strachan), St Paul, Rockdale MD (pastor), St. Stephen, Baltimore MD (Rev Dick Goodlin), & Trinity, Taneytown MD (Rev Nicholas Brie).


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Prayer Calendar - July 2011

1	Pray for our Synod Staff – <i>Bishop Tom Skrenes, Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege, Kay Benedict, Louise Ingalls, and Betsy Koski.</i>
2	Pray for the ministry of Shepherd of the Sea in Copper Harbor and Interim Pastor Peter Vorhes as they welcome summer residents and visitors.
3	Pray for Pastors Kari & Timothy Vadis, their family, and the members of Trinity, Rhinelander.
4	 Pray for our nation as we celebrate independence this day. Ask for God's guidance that our nation may be both faithful and humble.
5	Pray for Seminarian Tera Kossow (Distributive Learning MDiv, Wartburg – First, Gladstone) as she celebrates her birthday this day.
6	Pray for the counselors and those attending Villager, Vagabond, Venturer, Mini Camp, & L.Y.L.E. II & III at Fortune Lake these days.
7	Pray for Diane Srutowski, LLM, her husband John, and the members of Trinity, Stonington.
8	Pray for the members of All Saints, Baltimore MD (Rev Jeff Corson), Christ, Inner Harbor MD (Revs John Sabatelli, Kristin Dubsy, Duke Fries), and Epiphany, Baltimore MD (Rev Keith Hardy).
9	Pray for the members of Calvary, Quinnesec and Interim Pastor Doug Johnson as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.
10	Pray for the counselors and those attending Villager, Vagabond, Venturer, Music Focus, & L.Y.L.E. II & III at Fortune Lake these days.
11	Pray for the members of Kijichi Lutheran Church (Rev Heriel Mfinanga), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS Companion Congregation, First, Gladstone (Rev Jonathan Schmidt).
12	Pray for the members of Bethany, Norway and Interim Pastor Micheal Laakko as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.
13	Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Pastor Donald & Edwina Wandersee and Pastor Clarence & Pearl Schnorr.</i>
14	Pray for the members of Good Shepherd, Dundalk MD (Rev Vicki Hamel), Holy Communion, Fallston MD (pastor), Lazarus, North Carroll MD (pastor), and Mt Tabor, Keymar MD (Rev Jim Russell).
15	Pray for Campground Ministries around the Synod.
16	Pray for the members of Our Saviour's, Atlantic Mine and Interim Pastor Bucky Beach as they discern the viability of their future.
17	Pray for Pastor Barry Levine (Faith, Sault Ste Marie) as he celebrates his 7th anniversary of ordination this day.

18	Pray for the counselors and those attending Villager, Vagabond, Venturer, Fitness Focus, Confirmation Focus, & L.Y.L.E. II & III at Fortune Lake these days.
19	Pray for those children attending and the adult and youth leaders who will experience Vacation Bible School across our synod this summer.
20	Pray for the members of Redeemer, Damascus MD (Revs Ray Scheck & John Bromhal), St Andrew, Baltimore MD (Rev Kevin Guillory), and St Luke, Parkville MD (Rev Lisa Arrington).
21	Pray for the spouses of our deceased pastors – <i>Marlys Roberts and Margaret Roth.</i>
22	Pray for congregation members from Immanuel, Escanaba and Sharon, Bessemer attending and the Synod Team presenting at the Transformational Ministry Retreat these days.
23	 Pray for the counselors and those attending Venturer, Vagabond, and Villager Camp at Fortune Lake these weeks.
24	Pray for the counselors and those attending Villager, Vagabond, Venturer, Nature Focus, Confirmation Focus, & L.Y.L.E. III at Fortune Lake these days.
25	Pray for those attending LIFT (Living in Faith Together) at Finlandia University this week.
26	Pray for Pastor Peter Gunderson (Finlandia University) as he celebrates his 30th anniversary of ordination this day.
27	Pray for the members of St Luke, Point of Rocks MD & St Mark, Adamstown MD & St Matthew, Frederick MD (Rev Marina Flores), St Paul, Upperco MD (Rev Melvina Stricklin), and St Stephen, Wilmington DE (Rev Matt Hummel).
28	Pray for Pastor Katherine Finegan (Bethany, Republic) as she celebrates her 9th anniversary of ordination this day.
29	Pray for the members of United, Crystal Falls and Pastor Micheal Laakko as they celebrate the 44th anniversary of the congregation.
30	Pray for Tim Mulvaney, LLM, his wife Debbie, and the members of First, Trenary.
31	Pray for the members of Faith, Rock and Interim Pastor Jonathan Schmidt as the celebration of their 100th anniversary of the congregation is held this day.

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