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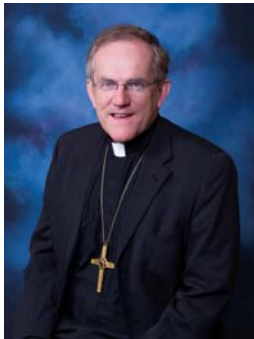
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"With the taste of bread and wine still on my lips, with eyes closed on a warm Sunday summer morning, with hands folded, sitting in the pew, I give thanks...

For God's call received in baptism a generation plus ago,

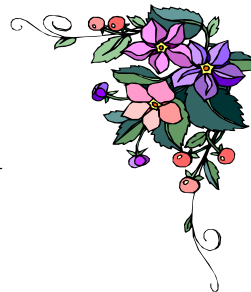
For God's grace to be husband, father, friend,

For God's challenge to serve as pastor of this Synod,

For life in this land, for peace of mind, for forgiveness, and for hope, always hope, in Christ,

I give thanks."

THANKING GOD FOR PASTOR JENNIE JOHNSON WREGE



She has driven at least 360,000 miles around and around this Synod. She has preached in a hundred places, and sat with dozens and dozens of congregation councils, congregational and Synod committees. She has been our convention manager, our mission director and our person of continuing smiles, good humor and solid judgment. And she will leave this "synod work" at the end of August to care for other important parts of her busy life. And we will miss her!



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THOMAS A. SKRENES, BISHOP (CONTINUED)



As Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege completes twelve years of ministry as Assistant to the Bishop, a grateful Synod will gather on **Friday evening, September 9, 2011** to pray prayers, to sing hymns and to remind ourselves of God's graciousness in giving Pastor Jennie to us for this decade plus to know and to love. Please join us at **7:00 p.m.** Eastern Time at Messiah Church in Marquette.

CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY 2011

From August 15-19, this Synod sends eight of our number to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, Florida. From all sixty-five synods of this Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, about 1,000 voting members and another thousand visitors and guests will worship, deliberate, pray and fellowship together as the Church gathers.



In 2011 the Churchwide Assembly will elect the Church Council and members of churchwide committees, and boards, discuss resolutions and memorials from synods. They will consider the "ELCA Malaria Campaign." Voting members will also consider a Social Statement, "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility." Discussion will also focus on recommendations from a Churchwide Task Force called LIFT (Living Into the Future Together) which may re-shape some of the ways we are the Church together.

Voting members from our Synod are:

Ann Christiansen (First, Gladstone); Pastor David Hueter (Zion, Manistique); Peter Johnson (Trinity, Ishpeming); Loraine Mussatti (All Saints, Wakefield); Bishop Thomas Skrenes (Faith, Ishpeming); Ralph B.K. Peterson (Bethany, Escanaba); Judith Quirk (Messiah, Marquette); and Pastor Jean Schmidt (Bethany, Perkins).

Please pray for the whole Churchwide Assembly and for our Synod's voting members. Lift them up in Sunday worship as together we pray that the will of God might be done.

If you would like to view the Churchwide Assembly, you are able to watch it live on streaming video on your computer. Please go to www.elca.org and follow the instructions.

THOMAS A. SKRENES, BISHOP (CONTINUED)

YOUR MISSION SUPPORT MATTERS

The work of the ELCA and your Synod depends on consistent, faithful and generous responses from the congregations of this Synod. Half of unrestricted income received by the Synod is shared with the Churchwide ELCA to be used for new mission efforts in the U.S., world mission programs and the ministry of this Church. The rest of God's dollars given by you fund our Synod campus ministries, our seminaries and the ministry of the Synod.

Today I wish I could report better news! Calendar year giving in 2011 is at 1991 income levels with the receipts in June at the lowest level since this Synod was organized in 1988. Some of our congregations are working hard to fulfill their estimates of giving for the year. Others are not. We can do better.

What is your congregation doing to lift up the ministry of the Synod? What are we doing together to encourage financial support of this ministry which has been entrusted to us? How is your congregation reminded that God is at work in our efforts together? Thank you for serving Christ with your time, your talents and your treasure.

CALL PROCESS - ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

Nominations by pastors and lay leaders are encouraged for the vacant Assistant to the Bishop position. A full job description is now available on the Synod website.

If you know of an ordained ELCA pastor who would make an excellent Assistant to the Bishop, please email Bishop Skrenes at tskrenes@nglsynod.org with his or her name and a brief recommendation. The Synod Executive Committee hopes to be interviewing for this full-time Call this fall.

NEWS FROM TANZANIA.....

“In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania’s General Assembly in Morogoro, the Right Bishop Dr. Alex Malasusa has been re-elected to be Presiding Bishop of the ELCT getting 95% votes from members of all 20 dioceses of the ELCT. Glory and honour be to God. Due to these results, Bishop Dr. Alex Malasusa will be given a 4-year tenure as the Presiding Bishop of ELCT.”

Message to Bishop Malasusa from our Synod:

“Greetings in the Name of Jesus our Lord! The people of the Northern Great Lakes Synod are delighted with the news! Alleluia! Our brother Bishop Alex Malasusa’s re-election as Presiding Bishop is a sign of the wisdom of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. We in the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America give thanks to God for the partnership of Bishop Malasusa and the people of the ELCT. God has much in store for us. May Christ walk with you in these days. May our work bind us together as we listen to the voice of our Risen King Jesus. May our lives be built together on the foundation of God’s Grace. Praise the Lord. Amen!”

TRANSITIONS

+Congratulations to **Pastor-elect Greg Mileski** called to serve the people of God at **United in L’Anse**. He is a recent graduate of our seminary in Columbus, Ohio. We welcome Greg and his wife to our Synod!

+Congratulations to **Pastor-elect Amanda Kossow**, called to serve the people of God at **Messiah in Marquette** as Associate Pastor. She is a recent graduate of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. God bless Amanda as she begins to serve the people of Messiah.

+God’s blessings on **Pastor David Johnson** ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament on June 26, 2011 at Bethany in Norway. Pastor Johnson was installed as pastor at **Faith in Ishpeming** on July 31, 2011.

+**Jon and Sharon Babbitt** were installed as Licensed Lay Ministers at First in Grand Marais on Saturday, June 25, 2011. May God bless their work as they do the Lord’s work in that community.

+May God bless **Synod Secretary and Pastor Doug Johnson (Bethlehem, Florence)** on the death of his step-mother in Chicago. “In Christ shall all be made alive.”

+Wedding bells ring for a pastor. Congratulations to **Pastor Judy Kincaid (Immanuel, Escanaba)** on her recent marriage to Kenny Mullins on Sunday, July 3, 2011. May joy be their gift from God and to each other.

+**Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop**

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THANK YOU!**Lutheran World Relief**

Bethany, Negaunee
 Zion, Marinette
 Calvary, Rapid River
 Prince of Peace, Marquette
 Holy Trinity, Chassell
 Zion, St. Ignace

**ELCA Disaster Funds**

First, Gladstone
 Eden, Munising
 Salem, Ironwood
 Mission United, Pelkie
 Calvary, Minocqua
 Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
 United, Crystal Falls
 Holy Cross, Baraga
 Bethel, Menominee
 Holy Trinity, Chassell
 Ascension, Minocqua
 Immanuel, Negaunee
 Immanuel, Escanaba
 Grace, Gwinn
 All Saints, Wakefield
 Bethel, Ishpeming

Mission Outreach

Faith, Calumet

World Missionary Support

Trinity, Rhinelander
 Immanuel, Escanaba
 Mission United, Pelkie
 Bethel, Ishpeming

Tanzania

Immanuel, Rhinelander

Seminarian Support

Calvary, Minocqua
 Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
 Trinity, Ishpeming
 Wainola, Mass City
 Rev. Kevin Kaiser
 Immanuel, Escanaba
 Paul & Susan Manson

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Immanuel, Negaunee
 United, Crystal Falls
 Grace, Gwinn

Kemppainen Scholarship Fund

Rev. Rudolph & Darley Kemppainen

Malaria Net Project

St. Paul's, Mass City
 Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner

Kisarawe Lutheran School—Tanzania

Immanuel, Negaunee
 Eileen Holmstrom
 Ann Christiansen
 Rev. Peter & Marilyn Andersen
 Bethany, Negaunee

Lay School for Mission

Trinity, Rapid River



We Thank God

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



Jesus knew something about change and transformation. In fact, he knew a lot about this dynamic. He knew how very quickly a teaching moment could turn into confrontation. He knew the course of moving from the celebration of the Passover to being dragged before Pilate in a purple robe and crown of thorns – as good as dead. He knew the blink of eye transformational event taking place as he spoke: “Lazarus, arise!” He turns water into wine. Jesus brings healing to disease. He turns our tears into laughter, our sorrow to joy. When we need still waters, Jesus leads us there. When we are in need of being stirred up, well, he can make that happen as well.

I’ve read John 14, especially verses 1-6, hundreds of times at funerals, with families when a loved one has died, at the bedside of the dying, when losses of all form and manner threaten to overwhelm, during devotions, and in worship. These days I’ve been reading John 14 on a regular basis. The WORD in John 14 has grabbed me. Here, Jesus makes the audacious promise of peace in a time of uncertainty and change no matter how tumultuous or chaotic the changes may be. Some days, the circumstances of my life compel me to cling to Jesus’ clear promise. In this WORD I’m able to hear Jesus’ promise that when the things that have brought form, structure and predictability –

the rhythms and responsibilities of my call, an income, a body I can depend on to be strong and vigorous – decline or disappear, Jesus promises a deep and sustaining peace that will guide me through it.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

*Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.*

Jesus John 14:27

It is incredible to me that Jesus bestows this gift not to one disciple at a time, as though some followers of Jesus get this peace that passes all understanding because of something they have done or achieved or brought to Jesus and laid as a trophy at his feet, while others do not get even a glimpse of this gift. Rather, in radical and stunning generosity and love, Jesus bestows this peace to the community of faith, to the disciples (Judas, though, had left by this time – whatever that might mean) along with everyone else who was present at the Passover meal.

So, the peace Jesus brings in John 14 is bestowed to you, and to me – no trophies needed or wanted. It’s all about Jesus’ desire to love us and give us peace.



Blessings and Peace!

Pastoral Vacancies and Interim Pastors

Full-time

Our Redeemer, Newberry - Pastor Barry Levine
 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, 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

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” (Isaiah 43:16)

Mission Support gifts through the first half of 2011 total \$351,621. We continue to do ministry at 1991 levels of mission support. Because of this, all congregations are strongly encouraged to remit their benevolence gifts in a timely manner, as this allows the Synod to meet its commitments.

God's promises allow us to walk into the future with hope and anticipation. God knows us! God knows our names! Rather than fearing the future, we trust that God's hand will guide our partnership together in the Northern Great Lakes Synod. *(Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper)*

As of 6/30	2010	2011	\$ Change	% Change
Pledged Amount	932,017	823,634	-108,383	-11.6%
Amount Received	387,234	351,621	-35,613	-9.2%
Designated Gifts	115,775	107,043	-8,732	-7.5%



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**ON-LINE DEVOTIONS FOR AUGUST-
SEPTEMBER 2011**

www.prayfaithfully.org

July 31-Aug. 6 / Dave & Mary Lou Blomquist, Bethlehem, Florence

Aug. 7-13 / Pastor Art Weiss, Fortune Lake Executive Director

Aug. 14-20 / Pastor Art Weiss, Fortune Lake Executive Director

Aug. 21-27 / Tony Grayvold, First, Ewen

Aug. 28-Sept. 3 / Kathy Magnuson, Faith, Ishpeming

Sept. 4-10 / Pastor Kevin Kaiser, Bethany, Amasa & Trinity, Iron River

Sept. 11-17 / Synodical Women's Organization Board

Sept. 18-24 / Bonnie Bauerle, Bethany, Escanaba

Sept. 25-Oct. 1 / Ruth Anne Connor, United, L'Anse

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SUMMER READING

For many people “summer reading” includes light romantic novels or adventure thrillers that one can consume on the beach or at camp. I decided this year that I would read books that normally I would not look at - in this case two books about natural sciences and two books about economics and business.

“Emperor of all Maladies” by Siddhartha Mukherjee (Simon and Schuster, 2010)

“Einstein” by Walter Isaacson (Simon and Schuster, 2007)

“Reckless Endangerment” by Gretchen Morgenson and Joshua Rosner (Henry Holt, 2011)

“Too Big To Fail” by Andrew Ross Sorkin (Viking, 2009)

So what is the big deal about these almost 2,000 pages of text that captivated me for the two months after Synod Assembly this year? In some ways these books pulled back the veil on subjects like quantum physics and microbiology, collateralized debt obligations and derivatives in a way that invited me into the conversation. Normally, I read books about the Church and about ministry. These volumes reminded me that we are all “lay people” in many areas of life, and that there is always much more than can be learned about God’s world.

Walter Isaacson is a superb biographer. His book “Einstein” only adds to his reputation made by his previous work on Benjamin Franklin. Albert Einstein is a 21st century man who just happened to die in 1953! His political views, his pacifism and socialist tendencies and his non-theistic, but yet spiritual worldview, fits the post-modern age of

2011 perfectly. Einstein has become an American folk hero as his image adorns T-Shirts and college dormitory walls. Isaacson’s work gives us a great mix of biographical detail mixed with sophisticated physics. Einstein completed his most significant Nobel Prize winning theories before he was 40 years old. His immigration to the United States, his correspondence with President Franklin Roosevelt about the possibility of a nuclear bomb and his charismatic personality, which made him attractive to two generations of Hollywood stars, are all probed. Isaacson looks at the Einstein myth and icon and teaches us much.

Cancer has stalked my family. At least one grandparent, my brother and my mother all died from the “Big C.” In “The Emperor of all Maladies,” oncologist and researcher Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee paints an often grim portrait of the group of diseases we now call cancer. Mukherjee details the history of radiation therapy and chemotherapy. He points out the mixed blessing that these anti-cancer treatments have been. The “big” cancers—lung, leukemia, breast, colon and prostate are all analyzed as to possible causes, treatments and prognosis. The frustration of patients, family and doctors alike is almost poetically described in powerful and emotional prose. Mukherjee believes that we will not see in our lifetimes the “cure” for cancer. The best we can hope for, he thinks, is the day when cancer is a chronic disease that can be placed long-term in remission. Living with cancer for many decades is our best possible outcome. Thanks to Pastor Margaret Johnson who recommended this book to me!

The “Great Recession” that we are still climbing our way out of is the subject of

Bishop’s Book Review



two very different, yet complimentary, works. New York Times writer Gretchen Morgenson and Joshua Rosner take no prisoners in their "Reckless Endangerment." The villains for the economic meltdown of 2008 were, in their eyes, "Fannie Mae," and "Freddie Mac," the huge Quasi-governmental mortgage purchasers, and politicians of both political parties. They name names! Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass) is on the villains list along with Senator James Inhofe (R-Oklahoma) and a long list of others who either excused the excesses of the housing bubble or exacerbated the collapse of the economy by their actions or inactions. Huge political contributions, along with high dollar lobbyists, greased the skids for Fannie and Freddie to abuse the political system and nearly destroy the economy. The authors call it legal bribery and make a case that president and congresses of both parties gamed the system and failed the American people.

Andrew Ross Sorkin, who is currently a television journalist on CNBC, writes an almost minute by minute account of the summer of 2008 disaster on Wall Street in his book "Too Big To Fail." Now an HBO movie, this work has made quite a stir among the financial gurus in our country. The fall of Lehman brothers, the collapse of Fannie and Freddie, the destruction of insurance giant AIG, and the forced mergers of many more banks and Wall Street firms are explained by personal conversations and insider reports. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson is always seen as desperately seeking to save the financial system. Current Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geitner has a leading role in this book. The big bankers with their million dollar paychecks are not sympathetic figures here, but yet they too made Herculean efforts to save financial institutions and the economy in that summer. Sorkin reflects about the crisis, "The seeds of disaster had been planted...with such measures as: the deregulation of the banks in the late 1990's; the push to increase home ownership, which encouraged lax mortgage standards; historically low mortgage rates, which created a liquidity bubble; and a system of Wall Street compensation that rewarded short-term risk taking. They all came together to create the perfect storm."

Whatever the season, whatever the weather I recommend these books, my summer of 2011 reading to you!

Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes
August - September 2011



FLLC Golf Outing
 Golf Scramble / fundraiser for
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
Monday, September 12th – 2011
Oak Crest Golf Course



- Registration begins at 9:00 AM (CST)
- Shotgun start at 10:00 AM (CST)
- \$65 per person/\$240 per foursome includes 18-holes, cart and lunch
- Lunch with prizes will follow
- Silent Auction
- Deadline is September 1, 2011

*Make checks payable to FLLC Golf Outing and mail to:

*FLLC – 138 Fortune Lake Camp RD –
 Crystal Falls, MI 49920 – Attn: Golf Outing*



Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____ Handicap _____

UPGA Member? _____ If yes, where? _____

*One Registration form per golfer (\$65.00) by September 1, 2011
 **If you have a foursome, please send in all registration forms and \$240 together. If you would like to golf with a particular person, list them and we will do our best.
 ***Non Golfers – donations to Fortune Lake Lutheran camp are welcome!

Questions – call (920-268-8673) or Email: ajsims84@gmail.com

Help Gather Your Young Adults Together!

Refer them to Lutheran Campus Ministry

Referrals from congregations are one of the main ways that campus ministries reach out to Lutheran students on campus. By providing us with their names, campus pastors have the chance to welcome students to worship, Bible study, conversation and service work. This is an opportunity for you to continue your baptismal call to support these young adults in their life of faith.

Please include all the students that you have information for, no matter where they are headed off for school. We will make sure the names are sent to campus pastors across the country.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>College/University</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please email your students' names to the appropriate Campus Ministry office listed below:

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VISION AND MISSION TRIP 2011 WORK CREW

At the request of our Tanzanian companion Bishop Alex Malasusa, a work crew of seven folks from the Northern Great Lakes Synod was recruited during 2010. Jean Hannemann from Prince of Peace, Harvey, Michelle Kemp of Community Lutheran, Palmer, Tom Kozar and David Mason of Immanuel Lutheran, Escanaba, Christine Raisanen of St. Paul's, Mass City, and coordinators Pastor Bob and Deloris Langseth of Faith, Calumet responded to God's call and departed on June 7, 2011. The goal was for God to expand our vision of Christ's Church, build relationships with our companions and assist in the infrastructure development at the Kisarawe Lutheran Jr. Seminary for pupils in grades 6 – 12.



The school's physical facilities must continue to develop as enrollment has grown from 20 girls and 20 boys in 1992 to 720 students in 2011. By next semester, Kisarawe will reach its maximum enrollment of 800 students. The school's reputation has grown. There is now a waiting list of pupils desiring to enter.

Our original intent was to help construct a dorm for 120 boys which is being supported with a \$500,000 grant from USAID, American Schools and Hospitals Abroad. However, the paperwork necessary in Tanzania to fulfill USAID requirements was delayed. We rejoice that such AID has strict requirements and accountability standards. Construction will be delayed for a month or two. Thus, our crew spent a couple of days being educated on the culture, history and future of the nation and diocese before arriving at the school. Once there, we focused on the priorities of the Headmaster.



Pastor Bob holds a pipe of gushing water

+++ CLEAN WATER! +++

Water has been difficult to secure at Kisarawe. Students have needed to carry water from a stream a mile away or from cisterns collecting rain water from the roofs. In the past 12 year, three attempts to develop a well failed. A drill bit broke on the first effort. A dry hole resulted next. The third try resulted in an artisan flow but it was too salty for human consumption.

In 2009-2010 the township discovered a wonderful source and formed the Kisarawe Urban Water Authority. Pipes were laid up to the property line of the school by June 2011. Our crew thus assisted in digging a 175 yard long trench, laying pipe, and backfilling the trench which brought the water into the school's central pumping station. A \$1,000 gift from a synod member purchased the pipe, the connectors, the valves and the gauges.

On June 24th, the Headmaster excused classes, brought the students and staff together, as the life giving stream of water gushed forth under 40 lbs of pressure. We laughed, we cried, we read Proverbs 25:25 and sang “*Bwana, Bwana, Bwana wa majeshi tunia*” which means, “*The Lord, Lord, Lord Almighty is with us!*” Prayers of praise and thanksgiving were offered as we sprinkled one another. Sickness and class absences will be reduced due to clean water. It was a momentous occasion which the headmaster described as nothing less than a miracle!

+++ OUTDOOR TABLES +++



Dave and Jean prepare boards for picnic tables



Students enjoy the outdoor study hall

Previously students had no place to sit other than in their classrooms, beds or on the grass. Priority # 2 was to create “picnic tables.” Our crew designed them. Timbers were purchased, smoothed at the town's sawmill, and assembled on site. Six tables were created, sealed twice, and placed under the trees. They were a big hit. The students lavished the crew with thanks. The pattern was left for the maintenance folks to create more.

+++ REHAB CLASSROOMS +++

Two classrooms needed cement floors resurfaced and walls painted. Crew members broke up the old concrete and carried broken pieces away. Buckets with a 4 gallon capacity were used to move 3 tons of washed sand into twelve “volcanoes” in each classroom. Each volcano contained 15 buckets of sand, 1 bag of cement and 4 or 5 buckets of water. We were the carriers and mixers. Cement experts from the area leveled and smoothed the floor. Crew members then gave the walls two coats of a cream colored paint.

+++ CARPENTRY AND ELECTRICTY +++



Deloris and Christine repair window hinges.



Deloris and Michelle recycle lumber for picnic table legs

In addition to the outdoor table construction, numerous hinges on the windows of the buildings needed fresh screws. The same was true for backs of chairs and table tops. All frames are hard-wood so as to discourage termites. Blisters from screwdrivers were lessened once we purchased an electric drill.



Dave and Tom installing outlets

Electricity was brought to the school in 2005. But connections and outlets are sparse. Our electrical skills were put to good use in reconnecting and expanding some of the wiring. This allows students to have outdoor study hours “under the lights.” The students made use of them every night we were present.

+++ HOST FAMILIES, WORSHIP and PRAISE +++

Weekends were spent with families. They excel at being hospitable hosts. Companionship occurs much better around the family table than in a hotel. Every crew member was in awe of the vibrant home devotions, public worship hours and evangelism outreach. Numerous facilities are being expanded to seat 2,000 worshipers. And some parishes have 4 to 6 sub-worship centers where families start as house churches, expand to chapels and develop into congregations. Services are anywhere from 2 hours to 5 hours in length in which the choirs, like that of the Jr. Seminary in concert, knock your socks off with their praises.



The crew gained a fresh vision of the Holy Spirit at work in our world. We can benefit by inviting our companions to come to our synod and share their lively faith with us.

Congregation to congregation relationships were strengthened, our personal faith was enriched and the students at this new outdoor table join with us in exclaiming *Bwana Asifewe!* which means “Praise the Lord!”

- Pastor Bob and Deloris Langseth,
Coordinators

Upper Michigan Bicycle Trek

800 Miles in 18 Days

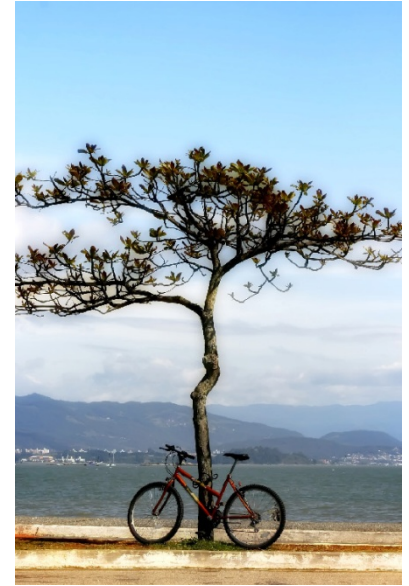
Hope After Hurt

Don't miss your opportunity to hear Jackie's message. Check our calendar for the times and locations.

Jacqueline Lehto is bicycling 800 miles around the UP from August 1 - 18, 2011, to share her story of overcoming devastating abuse as a child and an adult.

Listeners of all ages are inspired by Jacqueline's courage, determination, and resilience in the face of great obstacles to be more, to make better decisions, and to work through whatever issues they face in order to live a happy, peaceful and productive life.

If you see me in my purple and teal clothes riding my bike, honk your horn to say hi and encourage me and then I will ask God to bless your life. If you come to my presentation, wear purple and or teal/turquoise to join with me in the fight against sexual assault and domestic violence. Thank you!



List of Events for DESTINATION UP 2011

7/31/2011	Sun.	7:00 pm CST	FLORENCE, WI at First Presbyterian Church - KICK OFF EVENT
8/1/2011	Mon.	2:30 pm EST	ESCANABA at Bay College
8/1/2011	Mon.	7:00 pm EST	ESCANABA, at Bethany Lutheran Church
8/2/2011	Tues.	7:00 pm EST	MANISTIQUE at Zion Lutheran Church
8/3/2011	Wed.	7:00 pm EST	NAUBINWAY at Naubinway Christian Fellowship
8/4/2011	Thurs.	3:00 pm EST	ST IGNACE at American Legion Memorial Park
8/4/2011	Thurs.	7:00 pm EST	ST IGNACE at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
8/5/2011	Fri.	2:00 pm EST	SAULT STE MARIE at The American Cafe - Corrected Time!
8/5/2011	Fri.	7:00 pm EST	SAULT STE MARIE at Faith Lutheran Church
8/8/2011	Mon.	9:00 am EST	NEWBERRY at Luce County Courthouse Conference Room
8/8/2011	Mon.	7:00 pm EST	MUNISING at Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church
8/9/2011	Tues.	7:00 pm EST	MARQUETTE AT Messiah Lutheran Church
8/10/2011	Wed.	9:30 am EST	MARQUETTE at Peter White Public Library, Shiras Room
8/10/2011	Wed.	7:00 pm EST	L'ANSE at United Lutheran Church
8/11/2011	Thurs.	3:00 pm EST	HANCOCK at Finlandia Univ. Finnish American Heritage Center
8/11/2011	Thurs.	7:00 pm EST	HANCOCK at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
8/12/2011	Fri.	7:00 pm EST	ONTONAGON at Siloa Lutheran Church
8/15/2011	Mon.	7:00 pm CST	BESSEMER at Sharon Lutheran Church
8/16/2011	Tues.	2:00 pm CST	WATERSMEET at Lac Vieux Desert Elder Building
8/16/2011	Tues.	7:00 pm CST	BRUCE CROSSING at Senior Center Stannard Township Hall
8/17/2011	Wed.	3:00 pm CST	IRON RIVER at First Lutheran Church
8/17/2011	Wed.	7:00 pm CST	CRYSTAL FALLS at United Lutheran Church
8/18/2011	Thurs.	3:00 pm CST	IRON MOUNTAIN at Bay College West, Fornetti Hall Room 104
8/18/2011	Thurs.	7:00 pm CST	IRON MOUNTAIN at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church FINAL EVENT

Future Tentative Events
Late August @ Finlandia
Sept at Fortune Lake Bible Camp



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Prayer Calendar - August 2011

1	Pray for the counselors and those attending Victory Camp and L.Y.L.E. III at Fortune Lake these days. Pray also for Bishop Emeritus Harry Anderson as he celebrates his 59th anniversary of ordination this day.
2	Pray for Pastor Barry Levine and the members of Faith, Sault Ste. Marie as they celebrate 7 years of ministry together this day.
3	Pray for Pastor Maxine Gray and the members of Calvary, Minocqua as they celebrate 5 years of ministry together this month. Pray also for the members of Faith, Rock and Interim Pastor Jonathan Schmidt as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the congregation this day.
4	Pray for the members of Amazing Grace, Baltimore MD (Rev Karen Brau), Christ, LaVale MD (Revs Chuck Erzkus & Beth Welsch), Epiphany, Ellicott City MD (Rev Jack Trautwein), and Good Shepherd, Frederick MD (Revs Ron Reaves & Gary Bilbie).
5	Pray for Pastor Christopher Johnson , his wife Heather & daughter Ella , and the members of Christ the King, Escanaba.
6	Pray for Pastor Steve Gauger and the members of Calvary, Rapid River as they celebrate the 109th anniversary of the congregation this month.
7	Pray for the counselors and those attending Family Camp, Mini Camp & L.Y.L.E. III at Fortune Lake these days.
8	Pray for Darrel Diers LLM and the members of St James, Marinette as they celebrate 7 years of ministry together this day. Pray also for the Finance Committee that meets this day.
9	Pray for Pastor Jonathan Schmidt , his wife Jean & daughter Rebecca , and the members of First, Gladstone.
10	Pray for the members of Holy Spirit, Eldersburg MD (Rev Gene Alexander), Living Water, Kent Island MD (Rev Mark Walters), Mt Union, Uniontown MD (pastor), St Andrew, Dover DE (Rev Wayne Zszech) and St John, Linthicum MD (Revs Bill Gilroy & Darcy Percy).
11	Pray for the members of the Synodical Women's Organization Board as they meet this day.
12	Pray for Pastor Dave Hueter and the members of Zion, Manistique as they celebrate the 126th anniversary of the congregation this day.
13	Pray for the members of Bethel, Menominee and Interim Pastor Lee Goodwin as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.
14	Pray for Pastor Jean Schmidt and the members of Bethany, Perkins as they celebrate the 116th anniversary of the congregation this day.
15	Pray for those attending the Churchwide Assembly these next days that they may discern God's call for the church through worship, deliberation, and fellowship.

16	Pray for those who will be attending the U.P. State Fair these next days and for members of the Delta Conference churches who will be representing the Northern Great Lakes Synod at a display at the fair.
17	Pray for those participating in the Bi-Synodical Candidacy Committee meeting and for the candidates who are discerning where God is calling them.
18	Pray for the Holy Spirit to swirl in our hearts and lead people to write devotions . Pray also for the spouses of deceased pastors – Velma Schmidt and Lenita Scholer .
19	Pray for Pastor Bill Jacobson (All Saints, Wakefield) as he celebrates his 10th anniversary of ordination this day.
20	Pray for those attending Churchwide Assembly as they conclude their meetings and travel back to their homes across the country.
21	Pray for the members of Mtoni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Rev Leah Mwankenja) and their NGLS Companion Congregation Prince of Peace, Harvey (Rev Jim Duehring) .
22	Pray for the members of Our Saviour’s, Atlantic Mine and Interim Pastor Bucky Beach as they discern the viability of their future.
23	Pray for Pastor Eugene Wickman (Grace, Pembine) as he celebrates his 30th anniversary of ordination .
24	Pray for the members of St Matthew & St Peter, Beaver Creek-Keedysville MD (Rev Eleanor Doub), St Paul, Walkersville MD (Rev Mark Foucart), Sts Stephen & James, Baltimore MD (Rev Lowell Thompson), and Zion, Baltimore MD (Rev Holger Roggelin) .
25	Pray for the members of Emanuel, Skandia and Pastor Kate Schuba as they celebrate the 117th anniversary of the congregation this day. Pray also for Seminarian Zachariah Shipman (Junior at Wartburg) as he celebrates his birthday.
26	Pray for Pastor Judy Kincaid, her husband Kenny and her children (Maddy, Olivia & Eli), and the members of Immanuel, Escanaba .
27	Pray for summer travelers as vacations are nearing an end – may they continue to be fed in faith communities wherever they are. Pray also for the Endowment Board members who meet this day.
28	Pray for Pastor Devon Barrix (retired) as he celebrates his 6th anniversary of ordination this day.
29	Pray for Pastor David Christenson (retired) as he celebrates his 35th anniversary of ordination this day. Pray also for Pastor Kate Schuba (Emmanuel, Skandia) as she celebrates her 1st anniversary of ordination this day.
30	Pray for the members of Christ Parish, Ironwood and Interim Pastor Peggy Rose as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy .
31	Pray for retired pastors and their spouses – Rev Harry & Dorothy Anderson and Rev D.C. & Nancy Kalweit .



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Prayer Calendar - September 2011

1	Pray for the members of Faith, Sault Ste Marie and Pastor Barry Levine as they celebrate their 48th anniversary as a congregation (Elim & St John's). For Pastor Katherine Finegan and the members of Bethany, Republic as they celebrate 9 years of ministry together . For Pastor Dave Hueter and the members of Zion, Manistique & Bethany, Isabella as they celebrate 15 years of ministry together .
2	Pray for the members of Bethany, Mohawk and Interim Pastor Peter Vorhes as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy .
3	Pray for teachers and educators and all who work in schools as they share their gifts. Pray for all students as a new year of classes begins.
4	Pray for the members of Ascension, Towson MD (pastor), Christ, Millersville MD (pastor), and Evangelical, Frederick MD (Rev Dave Oravec) .
5	Pray for Pastor Thomas Wickstrom (retired) as he celebrates his 40th anniversary of ordination this day.
6	 Pray for Rally Days across our synod this month as children are once again engaged in Christian Education and learning that "Jesus Loves Me!"
7	Pray for Pastor Norman Peterson and the members of Immanuel, Rhinelander as they celebrate the 120th anniversary of the congregation this day. Pray also for Pastor Corinne Johnson (Gethsemane, Wallace/St Stephens, Stephenson) as she celebrates her 8th anniversary of ordination this day. Pray for Bishop Skrenes and those attending the Bishop's Convocation .
8	 Pray for our Bishop Thomas Skrenes as he celebrates his birthday this day! We ask God's blessings on this his faithful servant and give God thanks for his ministry for and with us.
9	Pray for Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege and her ministry as Assistant to the Bishop – Thanks be to God Celebration Event! Pray also for the Mission Outreach Committee who meets this day.
10	Pray for the members of the Synod Council who meet these days. Pray also for Pastor Nancy Kauppi (retired) as she celebrates her 16th anniversary of ordination this day.
11	Pray for our Synod Staff – <i>Bishop Skrenes, Kay Benedict, Louis Ingalls, and Betsy Koski during this time of transition.</i>
12	Pray for the members of Grace, Pembine and Pastor Eugene Wickman as they celebrate the 86th anniversary of the congregation . Pray also for those attending the Golf Event in Norway to support Fortune Lake Camp.
13	Pray for the members of Calvary, Minocqua and Pastor Maxine Gray as they celebrate the 60th anniversary of the congregation . Pray also for the Evangelism Committee who meets this day.
14	Pray for those attending the Judicatory Head meeting.

15	Pray for the members of the Lay School for Mission and Licensed Lay Ministry Boards who meet this day. Pray also for the Synodical Women's Organization Board who meet this day.
16	Pray for the Leadership Support Committee and the World Hunger Committee who meet this day.
17	Pray for Pamela Long LLM and the members of Holy Cross, Baraga as they celebrate 2 years of ministry together . Pray for those women attending the SWO Convention and Women's Fall Retreat at Fortune Lake these days and the staff who care for them.
18	Pray for Pastor Dave Hueter (Zion, Manistique & Bethany, Isabella) as he celebrates his 23rd anniversary of ordination this day. Pray also for the Companion Synod Committee members who meet this day.
19	Pray for the members of Living Word, Columbia MD (Rev Andrea Weigand), Reformation, Baltimore MD (pastor), and St Benjamin, Westminster MD (Rev Dave Schafer) .
20	Pray for the spouses of deceased pastors – Dora Jane Swanson and Ruth Warmanen .
21	Pray for Pastor Timothy Nyikako and the members of First (Ewen), Our Saviour (Paynesville), & Trinity (Trout Creek) .
22	Pray for Pastor Michael Laakko , his wife Denise , and the members of United, Crystal Falls .
23	Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – Pastor Rudy & Darley Kempainen and Pastor George Kaiser .
24	Pray for the members of St Mark Estonian, Baltimore MD (Rev Heino Nurk), St Paul, Fulton MD (Revs Rod Ronneberg & Cathy Ammlung), and St John, Parkville MD (Rev John Burk) .
25	Pray for those pastors and spouses attending the Mackinac Island Theological Event these days.
26	 <p>As we celebrate the 7th anniversary of the first prayfaithfully devotion this day and our synod prayer ministry, we pray for all who have written devotions, all who have been pray-ers, all who have been prayed for, and all whose lives are touched by prayer. We thank God for these faithful witnesses.</p>
27	Pray for the members of Our Saviour's, Atlantic Mine and Interim Pastor Bucky Beach as they discern the viability of their future.
28	Pray for the members of Kijichi Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Rev Heriel Mfinanga) and their NGLS Companion Congregation First, Gladstone (Rev Jonathan Schmidt) .
29	Pray for Bishop Tom Skrenes as he receives the Distinguished Alumni Award at Trinity Seminary this day.
30	Pray for the members of St Timothy, Timonium MD (Rev Jason Burns), Zion, Middletown MD (pastor), and Holy Trinity, Laurel MD (Revs Tom & Connie Miller) .

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