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LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!

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When I was in Tanzania this summer, I attended a day long seminar for fifteen senior seminarians. Bishop Alex Malasusa was the main speaker. One of the topics he spoke about, with these soon to be pastors, was the integrity of the Lutheran worship service. He spoke of the balance of Word and Sacrament, and encouraged these clergy to represent the best in liturgical worship when creating and conducting a service.



I have been thinking about the power and importance of worship. As many congregations as we have, is the number of worship styles that exist in our Synod. I appreciate well written liturgies, some from our hymnals; colored cranberry, green and blue. Some of our liturgies come from the minds and hearts of our pastors and worship committees.

Here are a few thoughts and a comment about the Christian Worship Service.

+The Confession and Forgiveness is important. On most Sundays it is important for Christians gathered to publicly ask God for forgiveness. The word “sin” is still powerful, and God’s declaration of forgiveness is vital. We cannot deny our sinfulness, and the worship service should joyfully declare God’s victory in Jesus Christ over sin. There will be some Sundays when we do not use the “Order for Confession and Forgiveness.” However, as long as there are people on this earth, sin will still need confessing and God’s people will always seek God’s forgiveness.



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+The Creed is important. We are a creedal Church. When we recite together in unison the Apostles or the Nicene Creeds, we make a claim on the history and universal belief of the Church. A billion people every Sunday recite one of these Creeds. When we say “I believe,” or “We believe,” we remind ourselves of what is essential: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. And we remind ourselves that God connects us with Christians of every place and time. When I was in the parish, we used the Athanasian Creed once a year on Trinity Sunday.

+Weekly Communion is important. When I attend worship in one of our churches and we do not have communion, I miss it. I miss receiving the presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament. It is great to see that many of our congregations have weekly communion. Some congregations have had weekly communion as a part of their worship practices for twenty and more years. I hope others will move in the direction of every Saturday or Sunday service as a Communion Worship.

All of the above (Confession, Creed and Communion) assume other important things about our worship services. Good preaching, good music and warm hospitality are essential. And while I think of it — one more reflection about worship: I am noticing that an increasing number of people in our American culture are not having funeral services. And some of our congregational members are not having a worship service of any type when they die. I regret that trend.

There seems to be a trend to make the time of death “as easy as possible” for the family of the deceased. One good intentioned, but misleading, idea is that no funeral or memorial service is best for the heartbroken. I dissent. We must ask, “What is the funeral to accomplish? What is the purpose of a funeral?” A funeral (and the time of greeting before the service and the night before) is important to the healing of the normal grief. Grief does not go away if we ignore the fact that someone has died. There is an evangelical purpose for funerals, too. Above all, that worship service needs to witness to Jesus Christ, the one who overcomes death.

OUR SYNOD LEADERS

The Synod Council meets four times a year. In September we met at Finlandia University in Hancock. It was a very good meeting. At the meeting, Pastor Norman Peterson (Trinity, Rhineland) made a presentation on our recent Synod trip to Tanzania. Pastor Peterson was one of nine persons in Tanzania from our Synod.

Scholarships for our Synod seminarians were approved. This year, every Synod full-time seminarian receives \$6,000 and each part-time seminarian receives \$2,500 from the Synod endowment and restricted funds. Synod Treasurer Larry Pagel reported that income is slightly ahead of last year with expenses on budget. The Council elected a new Executive Committee, including

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the four officers, plus Pastor Norman Peterson and Ken Hoffman (Immanuel, Rhinelander) .

Newly elected members of the Council were welcomed including: Roland Jacobson (Christ the King, Escanaba), Dr. Rick Pink (Zion, Manistique), and Pam Long (Grace, South Range).



DAY OF THEOLOGY ON CHRISTIAN UNITY: ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE EVENT IN MARQUETTE

Lutheran, Roman Catholic, United Methodist and Episcopalian clergy and lay people are invited to a day of discussion and worship. We will gather on the Festival of St. Nicholas at **Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, Michigan on Thursday, December 6th**. Our focus will be the most recent report of the Lutheran-Catholic Dialogues: "The Hope of Eternal Life."

Our guests for December 6th in Marquette will be:

Bishop Richard Sklba, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

Rev. Lowell G. Almen, Former Secretary of the ELCA

Bishop Sklba and Pastor Almen served as Chairs of this most recent round of Dialogues. The theme of the day is the theme of the XI Round: The Hope of Eternal Life.

All Times Eastern - December 6th

- 9:30 Refreshments
- 10:00 Presentations: Pastor Almen and Bishop Sklba
- NOON Luncheon
- 1:30-3:30 Short Presentations and Panel geared for lay and other interested persons:
"How do we move forward?"
- 6:30 Prayer Service and Reception at Messiah Lutheran Church

Roman Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal and Lutheran judicatory leaders will be leading our worship.

The Lutheran Church, Roman Catholic Diocese, Episcopal Diocese, and Methodist Church warmly invite all clergy and interested lay people to this day of theology.

To RSVP, please email the Northern Great Lakes Synod Office at nngls@nnglsynod.org.

PASTOR D.C. KALWEIT

1926-2012

Our brother, Pastor D.C. Kalweit, died on Sunday, September 2, 2012 in Marquette. Pastor Kalweit was born on June 16, 1926 in Cleveland, Ohio. As a boy he lived in Cleveland and then in Seattle, Washington where his family became active in Peace Lutheran Church. After High School, he served our nation in the United States Navy during World War II. A graduate of Seattle University and the Augustana Theological Seminary in Rock Island, Illinois with a Master of Divinity, Pastor Kalweit was ordained into the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament in 1954.

God blessed Pastor Kalweit with excellent congregational ministries including: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Rock Island, Illinois (1954-1959); Messiah Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin (1959-1965) and Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette, Michigan (1965-1988). He retired in 1988.

Pastor Kalweit married Nancy in October 1953 at the seminary chapel in Rock Island. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 59 years. God provided three daughters; Karin, Linda and Lisa who, with their spouses and children, give thanks for his love.

I knew Pastor Kalweit for 32 years. He was a colleague and mentor when I first became a pastor. I will never forget his warm friendship and his unshakeable faith in God and God's people. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

TRANSITIONS

+Congratulations to **Pastor Kristin Rice** as she enters into the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Grace Lutheran in Pembine on Saturday, September 29, 2012. She will begin her ministry as pastor, soon, at the Northern Lights Parish (St. Paul's, Mass City; Siloa, Ontonagan and First Lutheran of Winona). As a daughter of this Synod, we welcome her home.

+Congratulations to our **Synod Office Manager, Kay Johnson**, who retires from this work after eight years of service. She and new husband, Peter, will begin full-time retired life in mid-November. We thank Kay for her faithful and skillful work, her warm personality and her friendly smile.

+”In life in death O Lord” abide with me. God bless the families of our pastors who faced death's realities of late: **Pastor Corinne Johnson** lost her mother in Iron Mountain; **Pastor Bucky Beach's** mom died in South Dakota; the death of **Darley's mother and Pastor Rudy Kemppainen's** mother-in-law recently in Ironwood. **Pastor Keith and Karen Kolstad** grieve Karen's mother who died recently in suburban Milwaukee. We stand with **Pastor Robert Patrick** upon the death of his wife, Joyce, in Hartland, Wisconsin after her long illness. Pastor Patrick, now retired, served in our Synod at Faith in Sault Ste. Marie.

+Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop



ELCA Disaster Funds

Grace, South Range

Mission United, Pelkie

Calvary, Minocqua

Holy Trinity, Chassell

Bethany, Amasa

Bethany, Ishpeming

Salem, Ironwood

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Grace, Gwinn
United, Crystal Falls
Calvary, Rapid River
Immanuel, Negaunee

Lutheran World Relief

Prince of Peace, Marquette
Calvary, Rapid River
Trinity, Rhinelander
Salem, Ironwood
Zion, Marinette
St. James, Rudyard

Malaria Net Project

St. Paul's, Mass City
All Saints, Wakefield
Calvary, Minocqua
Rev. Matt Lamb

Mission Outreach

Immanuel, Escanaba

Seminarian Support

Our Redeemer, Newberry
St. Paul, Ironwood
Rev. Kevin Kaiser
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Calvary, Minocqua
All Saints SWO, Wakefield
Christ Lutheran Parish, Ironwood

World Missionary Support

Trinity, Rhinelander

Endowment Fund

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Dora Jane Swanson
Rev. Paul & Carol Holmstrom
Good Shepherd, Houghton

Kisarawe Lutheran School, Tanzania

Rev. Robert & Deloris Langseth
First, Dollar Bay

Tanzanian Dental Mission

Rev. Katherine Finegan
Bishop Thomas & Luanne Skrenes
Peter & Kay Johnson
Dr. Larry Pagel
Dr. Ted Fornetti
Elizabeth & Thomas Solka
Tom & Joyce Dupras
First, Gladstone
Linda Kinnunen
Rev. Rell & Louise Spickerman

Skogman Scholarship Fund

Rev. James & Laura Wendt

Lay School for Mission

Trinity/Stonington, Rapid River



+ From the Assistant to the Bishop +
Pastor Katherine Finegan



Dear Friends in Christ,

As many of you may know, Halloween has its roots in Celtic tradition. The night of Halloween began as part of a three-day festival to remember the dead, All Hallows Eve – Oct. 31, All Saints Day – Nov. 1, and All Souls Day – Nov. 2. It was believed that on All Hallows Even,

the spirits of the dead wandered the earth looking to possess people. And this became a good excuse for folks to dress up in costume. It was believed that if you looked like a ghost or a goblin then the spirits would be tricked into thinking that you weren't human at all and wouldn't want to possess you.

People dressed up out of fun, not out of fear. But even so, there was the understanding that on this night, the distinction between the living and the dead was less defined, the wall between the two was more porous, and the separation between heaven and earth became thin.

For the Celts, Halloween was a "thin space." Heaven felt closer. The living and the dead enjoyed the night together, celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of autumn.

We too experience "thin spaces." I like to think of worship as a thin space. During this time, heaven feels closer. And as Lutheran Christians, we celebrate *the communion of saints*, that is, we celebrate that even though our loved ones are no longer with us, they are in the presence of the Lord. And so when we worship, and we too come into the presence of the Lord, in God's presence, our spirits are joined in this thin space, and the dead and the living worship together. There is even a place in the service where we sing together. Just before communion, the pastor says (or sings),

*"And so with the Church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their
unending hymn."*

And then we, the saints militant, join the saints triumphant in singing,

*"Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might:
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he*

*who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest."*

We sing together, the whole Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, and we celebrate that God is three times holy.

And then at Holy Communion, we again are joined together, but this time we have tangible signs of the presence of the dead one who still lives. At the Table of the Lord, through the bread and the wine, we take in the presence of Christ who lives in us. In the thin space of the Lord's Table, heaven becomes a part of us, and we rise to take it with us into the world.

Every time we worship, we enter this "thin space," where heaven feels closer and the spirits of the living and the dead celebrate together in the presence of God. In the thin space of Holy Communion, we are nourished by the presence of Christ who fills us and sends us to be His presence in our communities.

This Autumn, come into the thin space of worship, where heaven and earth intermingle and overlap. Come to worship, and remember those who have already joined the heavenly chorus. Come to worship to celebrate, and be filled, and go from there into your community to bring heaven into the thick places of the world.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Katherine Finegan



Pastoral Vacancies and Interim Pastors

Full-time

Christ Parish, Ironwood - Pastor Peggy Rose
 First, Dollar Bay & Grace, South Range - Pastor Bucky Beach
 Holy Trinity, Chassell - Pastor Peter Vorhes
 Bethany, Republic - Pastor Doug Norquist
 Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner - Pastor Devon Barrix
 Faith, Three Lakes - Pastor Tom Lee
 Good Shepherd, Peshtigo - Pastor Jim Wendt

Part-time

Bethany, Negaunee
 Emanuel, Skandia - Pastor Jim Duehring
 Faith, Rock - Pastor Jonathan Schmidt
 First, Trenary - Pastor Jonathan Schmidt
 Holy Cross, Baraga - Pastor John Autio

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” (Colossians 2:6) NIV

God’s blessings continue in abundance in the congregations of the NGLS, and we thank God for the partnership we share! Mission support giving has increased by \$20,724 over August 2011 levels, while designated giving is down only slightly. Almost three-quarters of our congregations are at 56% or above in their pledged giving. God is at work in our congregations, our Synod, and the ELCA. May our lives overflow with thankfulness and praise for God’s goodness to us.

- Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper

As of 8/31	2011	2012	\$ Change	% Change
Pledged Amount	823,634	822,074	-1,560	-.1%
Amount Received	478,778	499,502	+20,724	+4.3%
Designated Gifts	134,704	133,159	-1,545	-1.1%



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**ON-LINE DEVOTIONS FOR OCTOBER-
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Oct. 7-13 / Lay School Class, Sayner Campus

Oct. 14-20 / Dave Huckstep, Immanuel, Escanaba

Oct. 21-27 / Pastor Amanda Kossow, Messiah, Marquette

Oct. 28-Nov. 3 / Pastor Steve Gauger, Calvary, Rapid River

Nov. 4-10 / Pastor Kate Schrubba, Bethany, Norway & Calvary, Quinnesec

Nov. 11-17 / Barb Maines, Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner

Nov. 18-24 / Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege, Appleton

Nov. 25-Dec. 1 / Pastor Tracy Polzin, Fortune Lake Camp



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2012

October 1 / Campus Ministry meeting at Good Shepherd in Houghton

October 5-6 / Junior High Retreat at Fortune Lake Camp, Crystal Falls

October 7 / Conference 4 Fall Meeting at Bethany, Norway at 3:00 p.m. CT; Conference 7 Fall Meeting at Zion, Manistique at 4:00 p.m. ET

October 8 / Stewardship Overnight at Fortune Lake Camp, Crystal Falls

October 9 / Synod Assembly Planning Committee meets at 11:00 a.m. ET at the Synod Office

October 11 / Youth Committee meeting, Bethany, Norway at 10:00 a.m. CT

October 14 / Conference 2 Fall Meeting at Mission United, Pelkie at 5:30 p.m. ET; Conference 3 Fall Meeting at Immanuel, Rhinelander at 2:00 p.m. CT; Conference 6 Fall Meeting at Bethany, Escanaba at 4:00 p.m. ET

October 18 / Leadership Support meeting at Fortune Lake Camp, 11:00 a.m. CT

October 20 / Worship Workshop at Grace in Gwinn beginning at 8:45 a.m. ET

October 21 / Conference 1 Fall Meeting at All Saints, Wakefield beginning at

3:00 p.m. CT; Conference 8 Fall Meeting at Grace, Gwinn beginning at 3:00 p.m. ET

October 25 / Conference 5 Fall Meeting at Northland Village, Marinette beginning at 5:00 p.m. CT

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November 1 / Clergy Tax Seminar at Messiah, Marquette from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET

November 2-3 / Senior High Retreat at Fortune Lake Camp, Crystal Falls

November 8 / Campus Ministry meeting at Bethany, Ishpeming beginning at 5:00 p.m. ET

November 10 / Endowment Fund committee meets at the Synod office at 11:00 a.m. ET

November 13 / Worship Committee meets at the Synod Office at 10:00 a.m. ET

November 15 / Stewardship Committee meets at Bethany, Escanaba at 12:00 Noon ET

November 22 / THANKSGIVING DAY




November 23 / SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED






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Prayer Calendar – November 2012

1	Pray for those attending and those presenting at the Clergy Tax Seminar in Marquette.
2	 <p>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.</p>
3	Pray for those youth & adults attending and those presenting at the Sr. High Retreat and concert at Fortune Lake these days.
4	 <p>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!</p>
5	Pray for Pastor Katherine Finegan , her husband David & their sons , as she settles in to the ministry of Assistant to the Bishop .
6	Pray for the members of Christus Victor, Parkville MD (Rev Joe Skillman), Faith, Cockeysville MD (Rev Greg Fetzer), and Grace, Hamilton MD (pastor) .
7	Pray for the members of Mbezi Beach Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Rev Anta Muro) and their NGLS companion congregation Eden, Munising (Rev Elizabeth Zant) .
8	Pray for the Campus Ministry Committee who meets this day.
9	Pray for Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege (on leave) as she celebrates her 27th anniversary of ordination this day.
10	Pray for the Synod Endowment Committee who meets this day.
11	 <p>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.</p>
12	Pray for those new pastors attending the First Call Theological Conference in Marathon WI these next days. Pray also for our Synod Staff who meets this day – (<i>Bishop Tom Skrenes, Pastor Katherine Finegan, Louise Ingalls, Kay Johnson & Betsy Koski</i>).
13	Pray for the Worship Committee who meets this day.
14	Pray for the members of Grace, Gwinn and Interim Pastor Rell Spickerman as they celebrate the 108th anniversary of the congregation this day. Pray also for the Synod Executive Committee who meets this day. And, pray for Kay Johnson as she celebrates her retirement as Office Manager of the NGLS.
15	Pray for the Stewardship Committee who meets this day.

16	Pray for Bishop Thomas Skrenes as he celebrates his 32nd 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 4th 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 141st anniversary of the congregation this day.
18	Pray for the members of Mt Zion, Sharpsburg MD (Rev Blaine Feightner), Salem, Baltimore MD (Rev Joshua Simpson), St James, Union Bridge MD (Rev Dick Michael), and St John of Sweet Air, Phoenix MD (Rev John Seltzer).
19	Pray for Pastor Kate Schruba and the members of Bethany, Norway & Calvary, Quinnesec.
20	Pray for the spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Selma Karjala and Jane Maguson.</i>
21	Pray for Pastor Jean Schmidt (Bethany, Perkins) as she celebrates her 3rd anniversary of ordination this day.
22	 <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>
23	Pray for the members of Faith, Three Lakes and Interim Pastor Tom Lee as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.
24	Pray for the members of St Mark, Baltimore MD (Rev Dale Dusman), St Michael, Perry Hall MD (Rev John Mohan), and St Paul, Highlandtown MD (Rev Mark Parker).
25	 <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.</p>
26	Pray for the members of Holy Cross, Baraga and Interim Pastor John Autio as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.
27	Pray for Pastor Chad Anderson, his wife Courtney & their children, and the members of Porterfield, Porterfield & Beaver American, Pound.
28	Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Pastor Bob & Deloris Langseth and Pastor Wally & Alice Leno.</i>
29	 <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>
30	Pray for the members of St Peter, Eastpoint MD (Rev Vicki Hamel), St Philip, Wilmington DE (Rev Patrick Downes), Tree of Life, Odessa DE (Rev Timothy Leitzke), and Trinity, Smithsburg MD (Rev Virgil Cain).


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1	Pray for those attending the Campus Ministry meeting in Houghton this day.
2	Pray for the members of Ascension, Minocqua and Pastor David Jensen as they celebrate the 29th anniversary of the congregation this month.
3	Pray for the spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Ruth Groth and Toini Heikkinen</i> .
4	Pray for the members of Augsburg and Faith, Baltimore MD (Rev Eric Campbell), Christ, Upperco MD (Rev Mike Adams), and Hope, New Castle DE (Rev Daniel Swanson) .
5	Pray for Seminarian Mark St. Aubin (Wartburg) as he celebrates his birthday . Pray also for Pastor Tom Wickstrom (retired) as he celebrates his 41st anniversary of ordination this day.
6	Pray for those youth & adults attending and those presenting at the Jr. High Retreat at Fortune Lake Camp these days.
7	Pray for Pastor George Candea-Kromm (on leave) as he celebrates his 29th anniversary of ordination this day. Pray also for those attending fall conference meetings this day in Norway (Conf 4) and Manistique (Conf 7).
8	Pray for our Synod Staff who meet this day – (<i>Bishop Tom Skrenes, Pastor Katherine Finegan, Louise Ingalls, Kay Johnson & Betsy Koski</i>).
9	Pray for those attending and those presenting at the “ Spirit of Giving ” Stewardship event at Fortune Lake Camp these days. Pray also for the Synod Assembly Planning Committee who meets this day.
10	Pray for Pastor Bonny Kinnunen (First, Iron River) as she celebrates her 19th anniversary of ordination .
11	Pray for the Youth Committee who meets this day.
12	Pray for the members of Keysville, Keymar MD (Deacon Charles Barnhart, Jr) and Lord of Life, Edgewood MD (Rev Christine Parker) .
13	Pray for Pastor Kristin Rice and the members of Northern Lights Parish as they begin ministry together this month.
14	 Pray for our pastors on Clergy Appreciation Day . We thank God for their presence among us – preaching the Word and celebrating the Sacraments – for being there to nurture and care for us, to guide and teach, to listen, to challenge us and take us in new directions, and to be examples of God’s love. Pray also for those attending fall conference meetings in Pelkie (Conf 2), Rhinelander (Conf 3), and Escanaba (Conf 6).
15	Pray for Pastor Doug Johnson (Bethlehem, Florence) as he celebrates his 24th anniversary of ordination . Pray also for Pastor Amanda Kossow and the members of Messiah, Marquette as they celebrate 1 year of ministry together.
16	Pray for Pastor Marcia Solberg (Immanuel, Negaunee) as she celebrates her 7th anniversary of ordination .

17	Pray for Pastor Michael Mannisto (St James, Rudyard) as he celebrates his 3rd anniversary of ordination this day.
18	Pray for our Synod Staff who meet this day – (<i>Bishop Tom Skrenes, Pastor Katherine Finegan, Louise Ingalls, Kay Johnson & Betsy Koski</i>). Pray also for the Leadership Support Committee who meet this day.
19	Pray for the members of Christ the King, Escanaba and Pastor Christopher Johnson as they celebrate the 54th anniversary of the congregation this day.
20	Pray for those attending and those presenting at the Worship Workshop in Gwinn.
21	Pray for those attending fall conference meetings in Wakefield (Conf 1) and Gwinn (Conf 8).
22	Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Pastor Fran & Grace Strong and Pastor Tom & Kay Lee</i> .
23	Pray also for the members of Harmony Community, Rockdale MD (Revs Laura Ingersol & Jerrett Hansen), St John, Pimlico MD (Rev Rosa Keys), and St Paul, Funkstown MD (Rev Michael Louia) .
24	Pray for Pastor Judy Kincaid and the members of Immanuel, Escanaba as they celebrate her 3rd anniversary of ordination and 3 years of ministry together this day.
25	Pray for the members of St James, Rudyard and Pastor Michael Mannisto as they celebrate 3 years of ministry together this day.
26	Pray for Pastor John Kuziej and the members of Pioneer Lake, Conover as they celebrate the 109th anniversary of the congregation .
27	Pray for the members of Mbagala Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Rev Charles Pawa) and their NGLS companion congregation Immanuel, Rhinelander (Rev Norm Peterson) .
28	Pray for confirmation students who Affirm their Baptism this day. May the Holy Spirit stir within them – confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower them in serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.
29	Pray for the members of St Peter, Clear Spring MD (Rev Elaine Swinehart), St Timothy, Dundalk MD (Rev Robert Schmitt), and Zion, Williamsport MD (Rev Greg Martin) .
30	Pray for Pastor Tim Johnston and the members of Bethany, Mohawk as they celebrate 1 year of ministry together this day. Pray also for our Synod Staff who meet this day – (<i>Bishop Tom Skrenes, Pastor Katherine Finegan, Louise Ingalls, Kay Johnson & Betsy Koski</i>).
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>

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