Springtime in Tanzania

Pentecost Moments

Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes
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In July, Bishop Thomas Skrenes along with his wife, Luanne, and three of their four sons, Jeffrey, David and Aaron, travelled to our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). Pastor Kenneth Lahners of Trinity in Ishpeming journeyed with them as he and two of the three Skrenes sons visited their companion congregation Matumbi Lutheran in Dar es Salaam. Here are a few thoughts from Bishop Skrenes on this work:

“This is “springtime in Tanzania.” Actually, according to the southern hemisphere calendar, the people of Tanzania are in their winter. The “winter temperatures” range from 60 degrees Fahrenheit at night to 80 degrees in mid day. Africa cool! And there is something spectacularly beautiful about late afternoon in Dar es Salaam. This year in Dar, I noticed how pleasant the days were just before dark which was about 6:30 p.m. Even as it is winter in Tanzania now, the ELCT is in the midst of their “springtime.” Pentecost is a season of growth in God's Church and that is clearly evidenced by our friends in that part of Africa.

*Our companion synod has organized twenty new congregations in Dar es Salaam over the last year. When I first journeyed to Africa in 2001, the Eastern and Coastal
Diocese had fifty-one congregations, they now have 117. In addition, congregations are supporting about 200 sub-parishes. We would call sub-parishes preaching points here. One sub-parish that I visited had 140 people in worship attendance each week. When the average worship attendance reaches 200, a new congregation can be organized. The Lutheran community in Tanzania continues to grow at a double digit rate each year. The ELCT is now the second largest Lutheran church body in the world, recently exceeding the Church of Sweden and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*While in Dar, we attended two “music festivals” where children’s choirs and young adult choirs participated. The children’s choirs were from over fifty congregations in the diocese. The eleven best young adult choirs (singers 18-35 years) competed for the diocese championship at Temeke Lutheran Church (the companion congregation of Gloria Dei.) It was a fantastic afternoon as all eleven choirs sang for twenty minutes each. The quality of these 30 to 65 voice choirs was superb. Several of the congregational choirs could rival the American St. Olaf College Choir! What a sign of congregational vitality.

*The Eastern and Coastal Diocese is in the process of starting two new Lutheran high schools. One is up and running with thirty first year students. The plan is to add thirty more students each year. The Mkuza Womens High School begins late fall this year.

*Our own Kisarawe Lutheran Junior Seminary has blossomed, thanks to the beautiful new facilities provided by our synod working with United States foreign aid. The new girls’ dormitory is being used for 120 girls. We have now received word that the boys’ dormitory grant has been approved by Washington. (Thank you Pastor Robert Langseth. Excellent school administrators and an increasingly professional teaching corps at Kisarawe has propelled the school into the top 20% of all Tanzanian high schools in the national academic rankings.
*The Lutheran university, Tuimani-Dar es Salaam Campus has maxed out its physical space with an undergraduate capacity at 1500 students. They are in the process of building a new campus. Thanks to fund raising in the diocese and a World Bank grant, Tudeco University will have in a few short years a 5,000 student capacity facility. In 2003 when I visited Dar, the school had only a few hundred students.

*One of our favorite stops is the Mtoni Deaconic Centre for children with special needs. I am very impressed with the caring teachers and leaders of the Centre who work very hard with the mentally disabled children of the city. The Lutherans are seen by the government and other organizations as the model for special education in East Africa.

*As I looked out in the Kijitonyoma congregation where I preached on July 18th, there was a sea of young faces. About 900 persons were in the first service and about 700 in the second service. I would guess the average age of the worshiping crowd was about 35 years.

*Mature, faithful, patient and wise leadership is evidenced in the ELCT bishops, pastors and lay leaders. In the July 9th, 2010, final English edition of its “Dodoma Statement, the ELCT states clearly its disagreements with the decisions made by the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly on homosexual practice. However the Tanzanian Church promises to continue to be in conversation, prayer and reflection with us as a Church. I was sent by our ELCA this time to Africa to continue the conversation with the Tanzanian leadership on this sensitive issue. I did that relationship building at every opportunity. The national conference that I was originally scheduled to speak at was cancelled due to physical facility conflicts.

It is the springtime of the Tanzania Church. The ELCT is not perfect and there are considerable growing pains. Lutheranism in Africa is faced with challenges including a lack of pastors. The Pentecostal movement within the society and within the Lutheran Church is a mixed blessing. Islam is always looking around for opportunities to expand. Secularism is rising. The intense poverty of the nation, malaria and HIV-AIDS combined with a fast growing population adds another set of complex issues.

It was our honor to be invited to Tanzania. The Skrenes family budget feels it was money well spent! Again and again we were asked by our friends in Africa to encourage more of our synod members to “Come and see Tanzania.” Pastor Keith Kolstad (Zion, Marinette) continues his three month sabbatical serving the English congregation of the Dar Es Salaam Cathedral Church. He sends his greetings to you and joins me in saying, “Come and see the springtime of the Tanzanian Church!”
CONFERENCE CLERGY BREAKFAST
WITH BISHOP SKRENES AND ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP
JENNIFER JOHNSON WREGE

Pastors and Licensed Lay Ministers are invited to breakfast across our synod in September and October. We will listen to each other and talk about our common work.

Schedule of Breakfast Meetings

Thursday, September 23—Conference 8 at Bethany, Republic
Monday, September 27—Conference 4 at United, Crystal Falls
Thursday, October 7—Conference 5 at Central, Menominee
Tuesday, October 19—Conference 3 at Calvary, Minocqua
Wednesday, October 20—Conference 1 at All Saints, Wakefield
Thursday, October 21—Conference 6 at Immanuel, Escanaba
Wednesday, October 27—Conference 7 at Faith, Sault Ste. Marie
Thursday, October 28—Conference 2 at Holy Trinity, Chassell

TRANSITIONS

+Congratulations to Pastor-Elect Kate Schruba, called by the people of Emanuel in Skandia. She began her work on Sunday, July 25th. Her ordination is scheduled for August 29th at Imago Dei Camp in Wisconsin.

+Congratulations to Pastor Timothy Bernard on his call to serve Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in St. Paul, Minnesota. Pastor Bernard served Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette for the last eleven years. God bless Pastor Timothy and his wife, Pastor Laurel Bernard as their family moves to the Twin Cities.

+Please pray for Pastor Marcia Solberg (Immanuel, Negaunee) as she recovers from surgery. Also please pray for Pastor Bill Shepard (Bethel, Menominee) who is ill. “Strengthen them every day and every hour.”

+Congratulations to Pastor John West (St. Paul’s Mass City, First in Winona, Wainola) on his recent retirement from full-time ordained ministry. Also earlier this summer Pastor Nicholas Johannes retired as pastor of Porterfield and Beaver American Churches. God grant them decades of continued service in Christ’s vineyard.

+Our Christian sympathy to the family of retired Pastor David Carlson who recently died in Texas. Also, we thank God for Pastor Eugene (Gene Tollefson) a former pastor of our synod who died recently. He served in Wakefield from 1957-1962. And we also received word that a friend of this synod, Pastor G. Kenneth Andeen, died in June of this year. “Whether we live or we die we are the Lord’s.”

+Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop
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Thank You

**Lutheran World Relief**
Salem, Ironwood
Prince of Peace, Marquette
Holy Trinity, Chassell
Calvary, Rapid River
Zion, Marinette
St. James, Marinette

**ELCA Disaster Funds**
Salem, Ironwood
Bethany, Amasa
Grace, South Range
Immanuel, Escanaba

**World Missionary Support**
Bethel, Ishpeming
Trinity, Rhinelander
Pioneer Lake, Conover

**Sabbath Project**
Emmanuel, Menominee
Christ the King, Escanaba

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**
Emanuel, Skandia
Grace, Gwinn
Zion/Allenville, Moran
Calvary, Rapid River
Trinity, Ishpeming

**Companion Synod**
David & Mary Lou Blomquist
Bishop Thomas & Luanne Skrenes
Rev. Rudy & Darley Kemppainen

**Malaria Net Project**
St. Paul’s, Mass City
Bethany, Mohawk

**Seminarian Support**
Wainola, Mass City
Calvary, Minocqua
Bethany, Amasa
Messiah, Marquette

**First, Iron Mountain Fund for Leaders**
First, Iron Mountain

**Mkuza Women’s Center**
Rev. Kenneth Lahners
Revs. Steven & Marcia Solberg

**Lay School for Mission**
Trinity, Rapid River

**Mission Outreach**
Salem, Bark River
Immanuel, Escanaba
Many questions formed in my mind, including these:

**How can we share our Christian faith with others?**
Are bumper stickers really the way to do this most effectively? If not, what might be effective approaches to sharing our Christian faith?
Why is it so tough to talk about Jesus with others - sometimes even in church, sometimes even with those we know and love the most?

**What does it mean for us as Christians that others in our culture actively seek to promote atheism?**
Is there a cultural cost to living as a believer or follower of Jesus Christ?
How has our culture shaped congregational life?
How has the culture shaped me and my faith?

**What are ways that God’s love becomes visible to others?**
How have my words and actions even today been reflections of God’s love to others?
Do I “walk the walk “ and not only “talk the talk”?
What is my approach to stewarding all that God has given to me?

**What does it mean to be “rapture ready”?**
Is faith only and all about getting into heaven?
What exactly are the “Kingdom of God” and the “Kingdom of Heaven”?

I know, more questions than answers. Yet, with so many messages and so much information coming at us from so many directions, I’m thinking it’s a good thing to explore the questions that rise within us. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you reflect on the questions that rise up in your heart and mind as you seek to be Christian in a world that sometimes succeeds in offering other alternatives. Blessings!
Pastoral Vacancies and Interim Pastors

Full-time
- Prince of Peace, Eagle River - Pastor Bill Hayes
- Eden, Munising - Pastor Steve Gauger
- Christ the King, Escanaba - Pastor Len Gilley
- Siloa, Ontonagon - Pastor John Autio
- Bethany, Escanaba - Pastor Dean Peterson
- Faith, Ishpeming - Pastor Kenneth Lahners
St. Paul, Wainola, First of Winona, Mass City - Pastor John Autio
St. Stephen, Stephenson & Gethsemane, Wallace - Pastor Jonathan Schmidt
- Porterfield/Beaver - Pastor Lee Goodwin
- United, L’Anse - Pastor Judy Mattson
- Our Redeemer, Newberry - Pastor Barry Levine
- Messiah, Marquette - Associate Pastor

Part-time
- Our Saviour, Atlantic Mine - Pastor Bucky Beach
- Central, Menominee - Pastor Ken Michaelis
- Bethany, Covington - Pastor Scott Williams
- Bethany, Negaunee - Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Trinity, Stonington - Pastor Steve Gauger
- Faith, Rock - Pastor Cori Johnson

“The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.” (Psalm 145:136)

Mission support giving in June was down by 30% over June 2009, with year-to-date giving down by 13.2%. Designated gifts in 2010 are greater primarily due to disaster relief gifts. Decreased mission support giving offers us both challenges and opportunities. As we move forward with God’s work in our Synod, may we continue to keep our trust and hope firmly planted in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Betsy Koski - Bookkeeper

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ON-LINE DEVOTIONS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2010

www.prayfaithfully.org

Aug. 1-7 / Kathy Magnuson, Fortune Lake Board
Aug. 8-14 / Ruth Warmanen, Fortune Lake Board
Aug. 15-21 / Amanda Kossow, Seminarian, Wartburg
Aug. 22-28 /
Aug. 29-Sept. 4 / Barb Maines, Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Sept. 5-11 / Pastor Cori Johnson, Faith, Rock
Sept. 12-18 / Synodical Women’s Organization Board Members
Sept. 19-25 / Pastor Mike Mannisto, St. James, Rudyard
Sept. 26-Oct. 2 / Bob Knivila, Trinity, Trout Creek
(THIRD IN A THREE PART SERIES)

“AMPLIFIED”
By Pastor Tom Wagner
(Retired Pastor, serving in Ironwood, Michigan)

Public address systems and their microphones are a part of most pastors’ lives. They are much more important to effective preaching than most preachers think. They are not just things that help people hear us by making our voices louder. They are powerful tools of public address to be manipulated for maximum effectiveness. To witness such effective use, every reader should listen to Garrison Kellor. Watch the way he uses the hand held microphone. It demonstrates how he controls the impact of the sound of his voice on his audience. Effective pastors must learn to do the same!

First we need to know that microphones are not just microphones. There are literally thousands of different kinds, each designed for different functions. The key is the pick-up pattern of each individual mike. Google “microphone characteristics” and visit some web sites that explain the technicalities. Notice the diagrams of pick up patterns. You don’t have to know the characteristics of each mike. You just need to know that they differ so that you can take the one you happen to have and experiment with it until you learn how it works effectively.

Go into the sanctuary alone. Turn on the P.A. and listen to yourself. You should be able to hear your amplified voice through your own ear when the system is effectively helping you. Just pinning on the mike does nothing. Generally you need to turn the volume up until feedback (squealing) begins. Then back up just a bit and check it. NEVER blow into a microphone. It will spray damaging saliva into the mechanism. Instead tap it gently to see if it is on.

Most pastors work with cordless lapel mikes these days. Many are of low quality but they are what we have. Money spent on this equipment is more important to the Word of God than almost any other we can spend. Most of these lapel mikes have a pick up that is just larger than your fist. Thus you must pin it on up under your chin. Generally our cassock albs fold left over right. If you fasten the microphone box on your left side, or in your left pocket under your robe and thread the cord between the folds to the upper right part of your stole as high as you can get it, you will get maximum effect. Clipping it halfway down your front is useless. Remember, you should hear your own amplified voice.

Hand held microphones have huge advantages in spite of their intrusiveness. You can vary volume, intensity and general impact at will. Microphones that are cordless and go over the ear are good because of their consistent distance from the sound source. Whatever kind you have, practice with it.
Speakers are another issue. In an ideal world, all congregations would have a sound engineer to deal with these things. In reality, you may be it! A little time spent on the net studying amplification might make God’s Word a lot more effective in your ministry. My one experience has been that speakers located in a central cluster hanging high over the end of the center aisle seem most effective. You can’t just hang them up anywhere. There are lots of technical problems. An expert is highly desirable.

Finally, some will criticize the “theatrical” nature of using these techniques. An effective preacher constantly lives in the stress between performing and humble presentation. I believe God’s Word is so important to daily life that we are duty bound to preach it with all the power and ability we can muster. If we are accused of being too egotistical or self-centered, that is our cross to bear. Just tell the people about how you feel the meaning of the text each week. Faith will grow as a result.

Give ‘Um Heaven!
Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom Wagner is a 36-year veteran of parish preaching. He is degreed in communications and public address from the University of Wisconsin and in homiletics and pastoral care from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC. This article is the third of three in a series on effective preaching.
Beginning July 1, gifts to the “Answer the Call” campaign for our Seminarian Scholarship Fund will be matched 50 cents for every dollar received.

A $50,000 challenge is being presented through pledges received from several generous members and leaders on the Synod Council and Northern Great Lakes Endowment Fund Board.

All gifts received from individuals, congregations, and other organizations will be matched in the order received as long as funds remain available.

Checks should be made out to the NGLS Fund for Leaders and sent to Betsy Koski at the Synod Office.

We are asking all pastors and congregational leaders to share this information with their members. If there are any questions, they may contact Roger Knuth at 715-277-3142 or knuthr1@newnorth.net.

“Are you up to the challenge?”
THANK YOU!

Answer the Call/NGLS Fund for Leaders

Trinity, Trout Creek
Immanuel, Negaunee
Community, Palmer
Taimi Nelson
Shirley Norden
Diane Nelson
Ann Christiansen & Steve Bolek
Tom & Joyce Dupras
Bishop Dale & Jo Skogman
Colleen & Ray Sundblad
Maggie Johnson
Grace, Pembine
Bethany, Ishpeming
First, Iron Mountain
Zion, St. Ignace
Anonymous/Republic
David & Bonnie Pelto
Betsy Koski
Jolene Kokko
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Christie & Dick Salo
Lorraine Johnson
Merle Olson
Gordon & Nancy Peterson
Sam Elder
Brian Phillips
Terry Keuesher
Julie Aho
Gayle Van Osdol
Peggy Letvenow
Rev. David & Arlene Van Kley
Grace Wurster
Jamie Sayen & Mike Davis
Elvie Harry
Bethany, Perkins

All Saints, Wakefield
Good Shepherd, Houghton
Zion, Skanee
Robert & Jean Sovey
Linda Dahl
John & Marilyn Pontti
Evelyn Nadeau
Messiah, Marquette
Pioneer Lake, Conover
Trinity, Ishpeming
St. Paul, Ironwood/Anonymous
Carl Kinnunen
Phil & June Writanen
Nancy Kangas
Trinity, Trout Creek
Bethany, Ishpeming
Welcome to another academic year. We are one of 149 campus ministries supported by the ELCA across North America. There are many dimensions of college life that will never be addressed in the classroom; building an experience of real community, deepening the gifts of compassion and empathy, sharpening a sensibility for justice, practicing hospitality and reinforcing a confidence in the Goodness of Life. Our ministry is grounded in a deep, mature, spiritual conviction that lies at the heart of the Christian faith.

Each week, throughout the year, mid week, students and community members come together at the University Center for a service of reflection, prayer and Eucharist. Each Sunday evening, we gather for Gaudeamus, Latin for “joy filled,” a student community meal hosted by our Covenant Parishes and held at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church located on the edge of campus. Informal topics for discussion and strategic plans include: participation in global mission trips, fair trade projects, volunteer opportunities for environmental projects, faith and life.

Our offices are located at 701 West College adjacent to MNU’s campus, at a place known locally at Lothlorien, after JRR Tolkien’s trilogy “Lord of the Rings.” It refers to a magical kingdom, first brought into the world by a song at a place where time passes differently. Lothlorien provides a place to gather during the week to rest, dream, plan, and pray.

Pastor Jon Magnuson serves as Campus pastor and Marcia Parkkonen as Ministry Associate. Together we work with our NMU student leadership team Blair Sauve, Emmanuel Shayo, and Ellen Lindbloom. We offer pastoral counseling, informal community gatherings, and opportunities for retreats, theological studies and discussions on the rough and tumble experience of university life. Our doors are always open. We invite you to look us upon the web at NMU Lutherans.org, find us on Facebook or contact us at 906-228-8033.
The Lutheran Campus Ministry, ELCA

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church / Lutheran Campus Ministry was formed in 1960 and has provided campus ministry to the Michigan Tech and Finlandia University communities since then. Word and Sacrament worship is at the center of the life of the congregation. Each person who worships here is part of that body of Christ as we work together, play together, and eat together. It all starts on Sunday mornings!

The fun continues throughout the week with activities that vary from year to year according to student interest, organized with the help of student Peer Ministers. Bonfires by the water, canoe trips on local rivers, progressive dinners, discussion groups and Bible studies, summer softball, biking excursions, and hiking trips in the U.P. are some of the many events. Our spring break trips have been outstanding opportunities to engage the world in service, and have included Habitat for Humanity builds in the Carolinas, hurricane and flood disasters in Alabama and Iowa, and numerous trips to Pine Ridge Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. Winter Carnival includes snow statue carving, curing, speed skating, ice fishing, cross-country & downhill skiing, and snow shoeing. Sunday mornings involve student musicians accompanying the many liturgies we use, potlucks and breakfasts, and a yearly Blessing of the Animals. Our student lounge is available for student use and includes a blu-ray flat screen TV, internet access and a library of books and resources.

Students tell us Good Shepherd is like a family or a home away from home. All are welcome to join with us as we seek to grow in knowledge and faith commitment to God.

Motivated by the love of God, we celebrate a ministry of Word and sacrament to MTU and the surrounding community. We are a diverse gathering of the children of God welcoming others as we continue to know and understand the gifts God provides.

We are a Reconciling In Christ congregation. We openly invite all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity to join us in worshiping God and celebrating a relationship with Christ as our Savior.

Pastor Bucky Beach has served good Shepherd since 2002. Peer Ministers this year will be Eric Johnson, Lucas vanderLaan, Sydney Bruestle and Sean Herrle. We are located at 1100 College Avenue, halfway between MTU and downtown Houghton. Our website is http://gschurch.students.mtu.edu. Call 906-482-5410 or email gslc.lcm@yahoo.com.
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“ONCE UPON A HYMN”

Due to the increasing demand for skilled and dedicated church musicians, St. Peter & Paul’s Lutheran—Houghton, MI and Lindor-Ward Church Organ Systems, have teamed up to provide an incredible musical education opportunity to the church community in the form of a Church Musician Keyboard Workshop.

For other information please call 800-569-8143 or 218-722-7437

Monday-September 13th, 2010

St. Peter & Paul’s Lutheran Church
1010 Madeleine Street
Houghton, MI  49931
Church Phone # 906-482-4750

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$15 per Person for materials, to be paid in advance.

Registration Deadline: September 10th

Bob Ward

Ken Edgington
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Detach and mail registration form and fee to:
Lindor-Ward Church Organ Systems
Attention Bob Ward
319 East Michigan St. Duluth, MN. 55802

REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, I’d like to become a more skilled church musician
Please register me for the Church Musician “Workshop” on Sept. 13, 2010—St. Peter & Paul’s Lutheran—Houghton, MI

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7 Skills That Are “Fun” to learn and a ‘Blast“ to use

1. What kind of music does your congregation REALLY like?
   • We’ll show you a QUICK easy way to find out
   • You’ll have and instant FAN CLUB!

2. Don’t know what stops to use for different types of music and hymns!
   • We’ll make registration sound easy!
   • You’ll make it sound good!

3. Save money on your music bills!
   • Easily construct your own prelude, postlude, offertory, prayer response with music already at your fingertips.

4. Use your piano technique to quickly play and sound good until you feel more comfortable using the pedals

5. How can I make my small choir sound bigger than they really are?

6. What do I have to do differently when I play with guitars, drums And other instruments in our Praise Team.

7. I want to use the Orchestral sounds on my instrument but am not quite sure when and how to best use them.
   • If you have them
   • Don’t be afraid to use them.
   • Thinking Orchestrally
Northern Great Lakes Synod
10th Annual Bishop’s
Golf Scramble / fundraiser for
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
Monday, September 13th – 2010
Oak Crest Golf Course

- Registration begins at 8:00 AM (CST)
- Shotgun start at 9:00 AM (CST)
- $60 per person includes 18-holes, cart and lunch
- Lunch with prizes will follow
- Deadline is September 1, 2010

*Make checks payable to NGLS and mail to:

First Evangelical Lutheran Church – 1210 S Stephenson Ave –
Iron Mountain, MI 49801 – Attn: Pastor James Chinery

Name ___________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip ___________________________________________________
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Email address ___________________________ Handicap ________
UPGA Member? __________ If yes, where? ___________________________

*One Registration form per golfer ($60.00) by September 1, 2010
**If you have a foursome, please send in all registration forms 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 (906-774-0133) or Email: pastorchinery@yahoo.com
Hungry for Change

October 1 - 2, 2010
Fortune Lake Camp

Oct. 1: 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Oct. 2: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Who should attend:
- People who eat
- All interested in World Hunger
- Lay Leaders and Pastors
- Congregational Hunger Leaders
- Confirmands
- Families
- People who want to make a difference in the world

What to expect:
- Riveting large group sessions
- Workshops that provide a small group setting for learning about ways to get involved.
- Optional Fast
- Fair Trade Shopping that supports Artisans and Farmers, Crafters Around the World

Registration Fees:
- $65 - Retreat Center Housing, all meals, & program
- $55 - Duplex Housing, all meals, & program
- $32.50 - Retreat Center housing, all meals, & program for those who ages fall between 18 and 39
- $27.50 - Duplex housing, all meals, & program for those whose ages fall between 18 and 39
- FREE - Youth, ages 13-18 - Duplex housing when accompanied by a parent or other adult

Registration forms available in your church office and online at www.nglsynod.org

Presenter: Pastor Daniel Rift
Director for the World Hunger and Disaster Appeal of the ELCA

An Overnight Retreat about World Hunger

Making a Difference around the planet by walking with those who are Hungry

- Learn how HUGE the problem is here in the United States and around the world.
- Hear about World Hunger Projects and Programs that WORK in our synod.
- Be inspired to MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
- Discover how you and your congregation can get involved.
An Introduction
to
Transformational Ministry

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Escanaba, Michigan
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Growing communities of faith who make a difference in the lives of people and the communities in which they live.

What will be offered:
- Learn about what Transformational Ministry is and what it is not.
- Hear about what’s involved in the process of Transformational Ministry.
- Listen and ask questions as representatives from congregations who have participated in Transformational Ministry share their stories.
- Receive the next steps in discerning whether Transformational Ministry is for your congregation.

Who ought to attend:
- The Introduction to Transformational Ministry is most effective for congregations if four to six representatives, along with the pastor, attend one of these gatherings. Gather as many as you want and bring them all along! All are welcome!
- It seems to work the best if there is a mix of council and congregation members, female and male participants, and a range of ages.

Let us know who is coming:
- Call the synod office (906.228.2300) to provide the name of your congregation and who will be attending.
- Email the synod office at ngl@nglsynod.org with a list of people who will be attending and the congregation you represent.

Cost:
- There is no registration fee for this event. It is FREE!
Stepping Stones to Living Ministries

An Introduction to the Many Forms of Shared Ministries

Monday, October 25, 2010
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  CT

New Location
to be determined soon!

Guest Speaker
The Rev. Darrel W. Gerrietts

Goals
- Increase understanding of varieties of shared ministries
- Introduction to models of processes used to form shared ministries
- Assist members and congregations of this synod to grow in evangelical outreach
- Deepen and extend congregational relationships for the sake of God’s mission
- Assist congregations to identify courageous leaders to participate in God’s mission

Cost
$10 per person  - or -  
$25 per congregation  
(if more than two people attend)

Deadline for Registration
October 1, 2010

Brochure and registration form available at www.nglsynod.org or your church office.

Thank you
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August 2010

August 15 / **125th Anniversary Celebration** at Zion, Manistique

August 18 / **Bi-Synodical Candidacy Meeting**

August 21 / **Transformational Ministry Meeting** at First, Gladstone, 9:30 a.m. ET

August 27 / **World Hunger Committee Meeting** at United, Crystal Falls, 10 a.m. CT

August 29 / **Ordination of Kate Schruba** at Imago Dei Bible Camp, Clintonville, WI

**September continued...**

September 14 / **Introduction to Transformational Ministry** at Immanuel, Escanaba, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

September 15 / **Lay School for Mission and Licensed Lay Ministry Board Meeting** at Synod Office, 11 a.m.– 2 p.m. ET

September 16 / **New Pastors Gathering** at Synod Office, 10:30 a.m. ET

September 16 / **Leadership Support Committee** at Synod Office, 2 – 4 p.m. ET

September 17 – 19 / **SWO Convention and WELCA Fall Retreat**, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

September 18 / **Companion Synod Meeting** at Bethel, Ishpeming, 10 a.m. ET

September 18 / **Synod Endowment Meeting** at Bethel, Ishpeming, 1 – 3:30 p.m. ET

September 21 / **Conference 8 Pericope** meets at Synod Office, 10:30 a.m. ET

September 23 / **Conference 8 Clergy Breakfast** at Bethany, Republic, 8:30 a.m. ET

September 27 / **Conference 4 Clergy Breakfast** at United, Crystal Falls, 8:30 a.m. ET

September 29 – October 5 / **Conference of Bishops**

September 2010

September 1-2 / **Region 5 Meeting**, Iowa City

September 6 / **Labor Day** – Synod Office Closed

September 10 / **Mission Outreach Committee Meeting** at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, 1 p.m CT

September 10 – 11 / **Synod Council Meeting** at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, starting at 4 p.m.

September 13 / **Golf Scramble and FLLC Fundraiser** at Oak Crest Golf Course, Norway, MI

September 13 / **Church Musician Seminar** at St. Peter & Paul’s Lutheran Church in Houghton, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. ET