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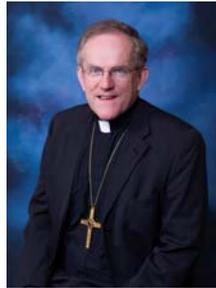
APRIL & MAY 2011

WALKING TOGETHER

Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes

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The Church gathers as the **Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly from Thursday May 12th to Saturday May 14th in Marquette, Michigan.** It will be a time of prayer, reflection and decision. Congregations from throughout the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northeastern Wisconsin will send their lay voting members and their pastors to be a synod "walking together" in Jesus Christ.



TOGETHER AT ASSEMBLY WE WILL

***Pray** for this Church throughout the world, lifting up the ministries to which God has called us.

***Listen** to the Word of God proclaimed and taught to us by Bishop Wolfgang Hertz-Lane from the Delaware Maryland Synod.

***Hear** from Pastor Rafael Malpica Padilla, Executive Director of Global Missions of the ELCA who will represent Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson.

***Elect** officers of this synod including Bishop, Vice President, and Secretary as well as other members of select committees.

***Act** upon resolutions including synod budgets for 2011 and 2012.

***Recognize** leadership in ordained ministry, honor our lay school graduates, and give thanks to those who serve God in many capacities.

***Receive** offerings for the Kisarawe Lutheran Junior Seminary in Tanzania and the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for Special Needs in this synod.

***Enjoy** Christian companionship at a Friday night banquet and rejoice daily in the blessings of Almighty God.

For more information including registration and agenda please see the synod website. The Pre-Assembly Report will be available on April 12th on the website.

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SYNOD COUNCIL NEWS: OUR MEETING IN MARCH



Thanks to the hospitality of Pastor Norman Peterson and the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Northern Great Lakes Synod Council met on March 18th and 19th in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The synod council consists of two representatives from each of the eight conferences of the synod along with the

four officers and a youth representative. We also invite and welcome the president of the Synod Women's Organization and the Executive Director of our Fortune Lake Lutheran Bible Camp to attend with voice but no vote. Our synod council desires to be more than just a legislative body. So we study the Word of God together, we learn about our ministries and we pray. Good food and conversation also help us build our group.

At our March synod council meeting this year we reflected upon the first half of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic book "Life Together." In that book the German pastor and martyr reminds us that Christian community does not just happen but must be built by a love for the Word of God and care for all in our number. We also heard a presentation from Pastor Craig Settlage from the Churchwide Offices in Chicago. He discussed with us the reorganization of the Churchwide ministries with a reduction of nearly one hundred employed positions. He also discussed the growth possible for us as a Church even as we face significant budget challenges.

The Council also heard reports from the Bishop and the Assistant to the Bishop about new pastors coming to our synod, work of the Conference of Bishops, synod committee actions and transformational ministry work underway. We also reviewed the new stewardship and youth work that will be funded in these next two years by grants received.

Financial issues were an important part of the meeting. Mission support projections for 2011 were reviewed. Congregations in this synod are telling us that we can expect about \$107,000 **less** in 2011 than we received in 2010. The synod sends 50% of unrestricted mission support to the Churchwide ELCA for the work of our church around the world. Twenty eight of our congregations are increasing their mission support by a total of \$13,347; twenty seven of our congregations are decreasing their mission support by a total of \$70,820 and for the year 2011 we will not receive what the seven congregations leaving the ELCA gave to mission support in 2010 in the amount of \$49,640.

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THOMAS A. SKRENES, BISHOP (CONTINUED)

To compensate for the decrease in mission support the council recommended an amended 2011 budget which will be brought to the synod assembly. This budget proposes cuts by a total of \$105,819. These amounts include: \$50,000 reduction for Churchwide support due to an expected reduction of \$100,000 in total mission support, \$12,000 reduction for the seminaries of our region, \$12,680 reduction in programs for our synod, \$21,400 reduction in office and in operations of our synod, and \$9,739 reduction in compensation for our staff. Every person employed by the synod will receive less compensation in 2011 than in 2010.

The council followed the constitutional process and acted upon the request of Zion in Skanee, adopting a resolution allowing the congregation to leave our synod. The council also appointed Eric Larson from Good Shepherd in Peshtigo to the Lutheran Office for Public Policy. Since St. Mark's in Marquette has decided not to be involved with Messiah in Marquette in a shared ministry, the council approved the pastoral realignment.

Synod Assembly 2011 issues were also before the council this March. Rules and Order of Procedure were approved to be brought to the Assembly including the process for the election of bishop. A resolution on a proposed 2012 Clergy Compensation Guidelines was also approved and sent on to the Assembly. The Synod Council also adopted minor changes in the Personnel Policy and agreed to an Endowment Committee proposal to seek funding for an employed synod Planned Giving Counselor.

I am very proud of our synod council and the careful and prayerful way they steward the ministry of the synod.

IN THANKSGIVING....

Pastor William Shepard

1948-2011



Pastor William Shepard (Bethel, Menominee) died February 21, 2011. He has served at the congregation for 24 years and retired at the beginning of February. In the past two years, as Pastor Bill has struggled with his disease, I have had precious holy ground opportunities to spend time with, and to share with him, what is important in life. In our conversations we have talked about life and family, hope and the power of God to make all things news. It is often said that people with cancer are "courageous." From my visits with Bill during his illness, I will say he was a man of real courage who faced death without blinking, and trusted in Christ until the end.

Pastor Shepard's family, friends, parishioners and colleagues in ministry gathered Saturday evening February 26th at Bethel to thank God for his life. The church was full. The Gospel was preached. Christ was praised! Your communication of condolence may be sent to his wife of forty years, Diane, and his daughter, Allison, at: 2320 – 17th Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858.

TRANSITIONS

+Congratulations to **Pastor Cori Johnson (Interim-Faith, Rock)** to serve the people of **St. Stephen's in Stephenson and Gethsemane in Wallace**. May Christ walk with her and the people of the congregations in the years ahead.

+ God bless **Pastor Christopher Johnson** on his call to serve **Christ the King, Escanaba**. Pastor Johnson was ordained on February 19th and will be installed on Palm Sunday afternoon April 17th. Welcome Pastor Johnson and your wife Heather and your daughter.

+God bless **Pastor Chad Anderson** on his call to serve **Porterfield in Porterfield and Beaver American in Pound**. Pastor Anderson was ordained on March 12th and will be installed on June 5th in Porterfield. Welcome Pastor Anderson and your wife Courtney and your three children.

+Welcome **Pastor Peggy Rose** as she begins her interim ministry at the four **Ironwood congregations-Christ Parish**. Pastor Rose has been with us in this synod before serving as Interim Pastor at Immanuel in Negaunee. God keep you Pastor Rose!

+Congratulations and welcome to **Pastor Elisabeth Zant** recently installed at **Eden Evangelical in Munising**. God bless your ministry in our synod.

+**Diane Srutowski** was installed as the Licensed Lay Minister at **Trinity in Stonington** recently. God bless you, Diane, as you serve God's people in our midst.

+Our Christian sympathy to **Pastor Doug Johnson (Bethlehem, Florence)** on the death of Pastor Johnson's father recently in the Chicago area. "Whether we live or we die, we are the Lord's."

+**Thomas A. Skrenes**
Bishop

New Synod Office Hours



Starting



April 1, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

Monday through Friday

Thank You!

ELCA Disaster Funds

Mission United, Pelkie
Grace, South Range
Immanuel, Negaunee
Salem, Ironwood

Transformational Ministry

Sharon, Bessemer

World Missionary Support

Trinity, Rhineland
Grace, Gwinn
Bethel, Ishpeming
Trinity, Ishpeming

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Grace, Gwinn
Trinity, Ishpeming
United, Crystal Falls
Immanuel, Negaunee

Seminarian Support

Rev. Kevin Kaiser
Calvary, Minocqua
Bethany, Amasa
Eunice Keljo

Mission Outreach

In memory of Rev. William Shepard - given
by Rev. Jennifer Johnson Wrege & Marv
Wrege

Tanzania

Rev. Robert & Deloris Langseth
Holy Trinity, Chassell
Rev. Kenneth Lahners
Rev. Jennifer Johnson Wrege & Marv Wrege
First, Gladstone
Rev. Peter Gundersen & Rev. Jimalee Jones
Peter O. Johnson
James & Judith Quirk
Ann Christiansen
Rev. Rudy and Darley Kempainen

Lutheran World Relief

Holy Trinity, Chassell
Calvary, Rapid River
Zion, Marinette
Immanuel, Negaunee
Prince of Peace, Marquette
Faith, Calumet

Malaria Net Project

St. Paul's, Mass City
Bethany, Perkins

Congregational Mission Support

Mission United, Pelkie

General Fund

In memory of Ruth Kinnunen - given by
Rev. Bonny Kinnunen



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



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
 Acts 1: 8 NRSV

Stuck

By definition:

- to remain attached by adhesion.
- to hold, cleave, or cling
- to remain persistently or permanently

I was a teenager and still in high school when I backed over a fire hydrant, hidden by weeds and grasses in a small ditch, which resulted in getting the car stuck on top of it. All I could do was spin the wheels (rear wheel drive back then!). My friends and I were fretting about what to do next when my worst fear happened: a police car came around the corner. I was caught! I was embarrassed! I was close to tears! And, I was stuck.

The policeman tried to be professional, but he was laughing. Finally, he laughed right out loud. He took out his tire jack, hoisted the car up and over the fire hydrant, and set me free.

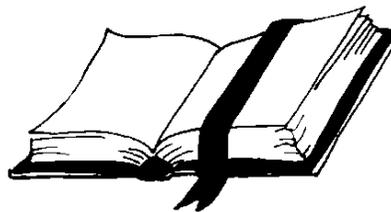
It's not the only time I've been stuck with a big need to be set free. There have been those times when I have been stuck spiritual-

ly or emotionally or physically or mentally and have been in need of a power that is able to move me to a new and different place. Right away in the first chapter of Acts that power is named – it's the Holy Spirit. When that power comes upon us, we get moved to a new and different place and, in the process, we become witnesses of Jesus wherever we are and wherever we are sent.

I'm certain that pretty much anytime is a good time to read the book of Acts, but you may find that these days in the last half of Lent followed by the weeks of Easter an especially meaningful time to read the WORD of how the Holy Spirit works through a whole variety of people in order to get the gospel proclaimed to the very ends of the earth so that no one goes without hearing it.

What began in Acts is still happening and you are a part of it. If you've been stuck and finding it a challenge to get to the regular reading of scripture and a time of prayer, pick up your Bible, turn to Acts and start reading. You have an adventure waiting for you.

Blessings!



Pastoral Vacancies and Interim Pastors

Faith, Ishpeming - Pastor Kenneth Lahnens

United, L'Anse - Pastor Nick Hopman

Our Redeemer, Newberry - Pastor Barry Levine

Messiah, Marquette (Associate) - Pastor Peter Andersen

Bethany, Mohawk - Pastor Peter Vorhes

Bethel, Menominee - Pastor Lee Goodwin

Christ Parish, Ironwood - Pastor Peggy Rose

Part-time

Bethany, Covington - Pastor Nick Hopman

Bethany, Negaunee - Pastor Marcia Solberg

Faith, Rock - Pastor Cori Johnson

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

We begin the new fiscal year with congregational pledges to mission support more than \$108,000 below FY 2010. Though certainly a challenge that will necessitate changes in our ministry together, we go forth trusting that God is leading us and will provide for all our needs. Knowing the fiscal challenge facing the Synod, we encourage all our congregations to give consistently, making every effort to meet - or even exceed! - their pledges. Thanks be to God for the partnership we share.

As of 2/28	2010	2011	\$ Change	% Change
Pledged Amount	932,017	823,634	-108,383	-11.6%
Amount Received	112,683	108,031	-4,652	-4.1%
Designated Gifts	41,410	23,979	-17,431	-42.1%



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AND MAY 2011

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April 24-30 / Pastor Jonathan Schmidt—First, Gladstone

May 1-7 / Confirmation students—Emanuel, Skandia

May 8-14 / Confirmation students—Calvary, Rapid River

May 15-21 / Confirmation students—Bethany, Perkins

May 22-28 /

May 29-June 4 / Pastor Bonny Kinnunen—First, Iron River



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2011

April 3 / Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Annual Meeting at 3:00 p.m. CT

April 5 / Evangelism Committee meets at 10:00 a.m. CT at Bethany, Norway

April 7 / Prison Ministry Committee meets at 10:30 a.m. ET at the Synod Office, Marquette

April 7-9 / Bi-Synodical Candidacy meets at Pine Lake Camp, Wisconsin

April 10 / MARKED! Event at 4:00 p.m. ET at First, Gladstone

April 15-16 / Evangelism Retreat for Lay School at St. Ignace

April 17 / Installation for Pastor Christopher Johnson at 3:00 p.m. ET at Christ the King, Escanaba

April 22 / Good Friday – Synod Office Closed

April 24 / HAPPY EASTER!

April 29 / Leadership Support Committee meets at 10:00 a.m. CT at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

April 29-30/ Second Transformational Ministry Overnight at First, Gladstone

MAY 2011

May 4 / Lay School for Mission Board meets at 11:00 a.m. ET at Synod Office, Marquette

May 5 / Synodical Women's Organization Board meets at 10:00 a.m. CT at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

May 7 / Synod Endowment Fund Board meets at 11:00 a.m. ET at Synod Office, Marquette

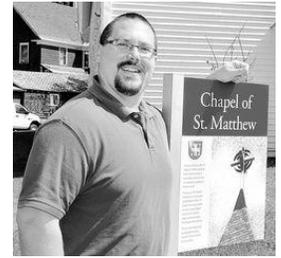
May 12 / Synod Council meets at 2:30 p.m. ET in Room 202 at Messiah, Marquette

May 12-14 / Synod Assembly at Messiah Lutheran Church and Northern Michigan University, Marquette



Apr./May 2011

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



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

Caring Conversations in Christ

In reflecting on Finlandia Campus Ministries activities, those served, and conversations we have in fellowship: I am reminded of the weight of the crosses we each bear and how God uses each of us to help the other.

I recently completed my Youth & Family Ministry Certification via: Vibrant Faith Ministries, Wartburg Seminary and 'The Bishops Initiative'. Through this certification and my study of what is needed and necessary to shape and practice faith with one another (relieving & sharing crosses as well), I found a wonderful model from Vibrant Faith Ministries that I feel needs to be shared. This is the 6-5-4-3 Model, which outlines simple yet meaningful ways to engage in our faith and to put into action in how we relate to others.

6 Relationships for Shaping Faith

Children & Youth (college students) recognized and empowered as disciples of Jesus Christ, use their God-given gifts in purposeful ministry.

Families (outreach to students' families) are equipped and strengthened by their congregation to be the primary nurturers of faith.

Congregations (Finlandia community) are safe, inclusive, welcoming, and nurturing for all children, youth, and adults, as they live out their faith in the midst of community and the larger world.

Christians live their faith daily, experiencing Christ in Community, learning from, as well as serving the needs of community.

Children, Youth, and adults experience God's presence, learning from people from a variety of Cultures, while being part of God's transformational work within culture.

Christians live in harmony with Creation, recognizing, receiving, celebrating, and caring for God's handiwork.

5 Principles for Passing on Faith

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal trusted

relationships – often in our own homes (college residence life).

The church (Chapel) is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation (Institution) and ministry of the home (college residence life).

Where Christ is present in faith, the home (college residence life) is church, too.

Faith is caught more than it is taught.

If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults.

4 Keys for Practicing Faith

- Caring Conversations
- Devotions
- Service
- Rituals & Traditions

3 Characteristics of Christian Disciples (AAA Adults)

- Authentic
- Available
- Affirming

SO, love God. Love one another. Be genuine, and invite Christ in whatever and wherever you are! AMEN!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Campus Ministry

Events Calendar

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

Recurring Events:

Sundays Keweenaw Friends & Copper Country Bible Church usage

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

Tuesdays 7:00pm alternating between Ministry Meeting and Bible Study

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

Thursdays Open—TBA

Fridays (every other) 8:00-9:00 pm TGIF (next events: Apr. 8 & Finals Week)

Other Activities:

Apr. 21 Putting together Finals Week Care Packages

Apr. 21 6pm Spring Concert (Band, Choir, Guests)

Apr. 25 Spring Progressive Dinner

Apr. 25-28 Late Night Finals Week Relief activities: Movies, Video & Board games, food & fellowship

May 1 Baccalaureate & Commencement

Check the Finlandia e-newsletter and Finlandia

Alternative Spring Break: Update

Finlandia students drove 32+ straight hours to arrive in McAllen, TX at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, where we were put up for the week. During the Sunday service, we ran into fellow Yoopers from Negaunee! :-)

We spent our time down south helping with Habitat for Humanity and their remodeling of their ReStore: tearing down sheet metal, power washing, painting, sweeping, filling the dumpster, cutting metal, putting up new ceilings & shelving units, reorganizing and did I mention...painting! Not only were the workers and board members there amazing (Myra, Terri, Carlos, Geronimo), not only did they feed us well (Mmm, Texas BBQ), but we were also impressed with their model training home inside the ReStore which helps recipients to learn basic repairs on the homes they receive.



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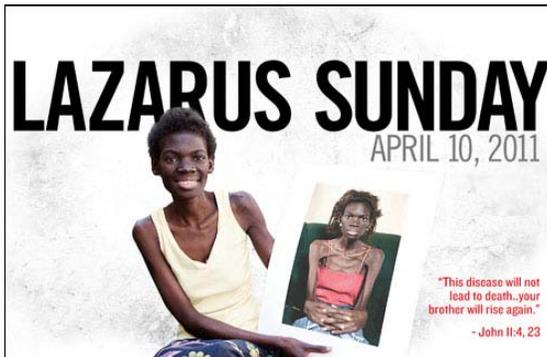
ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

March 24, 2011

Dear friends,

In sub-Saharan Africa, AIDS is the leading cause of death and malaria claims nearly 800,000 lives each year. In the countries hardest hit by these pandemics, life expectancy has decreased by 20 years, poverty is deepened and economic growth has been reversed. In our world today, global disease epidemics are closely linked to hunger and poverty. That's why ELCA World Hunger uses a connected, comprehensive community-based approach to address hunger, poverty and disease. Through focused work on [malaria](#) and the [HIV and AIDS](#), we bring health and hope.

There are two ways to get involved with health campaigns this spring. Please consider congregational involvement on Lazarus Sunday, observance of World Malaria Day or both!



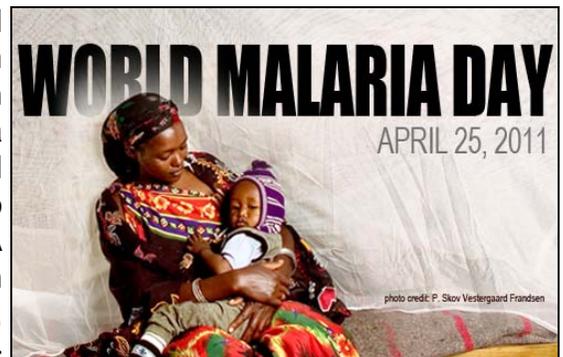
Lazarus Sunday, April 10, 2011

On Sunday, April 10, the lectionary will include the story of Lazarus from the Gospel of John. You know it well -- it's the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Today the "Lazarus Effect" is a reality in African communities affected by HIV and AIDS, thanks to the generosity of people like you. Antiretroviral drugs transform the lives of people near death to health in as little as three months. Your gifts to support the HIV and AIDS work of ELCA World Hunger make this possible.

Take advantage of this special opportunity to lift up the HIV and AIDS work of this church during your worship service on Sunday, April 10.

World Malaria Day, April 25, 2011

Malaria is preventable and treatable, yet far too many still die from this disease. Every 45 seconds, a child dies from malaria. Today, we are in a special moment when we can turn this around. Already, the rate of death from malaria among children has been reduced by a third. And now you are invited to join with the ELCA in working to eliminate deaths from malaria -- for good. The ELCA Malaria Campaign will help our companion churches in Africa provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, mosquito control and comprehensive health education -- methods proven to be highly effective in fighting malaria.



Since World Malaria Day falls on Easter Monday, please join the international community by observing World Malaria Day during your worship service on Sunday, May 1.

Contact Us

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Prayer Calendar – April 2011

1	Pray for the members of Grace, Pembine and Pastor Eugene Wickman as they celebrate the 86th anniversary of the congregation this month.
2	Pray for the members of Emmanuel, Baltimore MD (Rev Bobby Booher), Glen, Glen Burnie MD (Rev David Berg), Harvest Wind, Mt Airy MD (Rev Cary Moorman), and Jerusalem, Whiteford MD (Rev Hugo Schroeder).
3	Pray for the members of the Delta Conference who meet this day. Pray also for those attending the Fortune Lake Camp annual meeting.
4	Pray for seminarian Bill Retza , Distributive Learning student at Luther Seminary as he celebrates his birthday today.
5	Pray for the members of the Evangelism Committee who meet this day.
6	Pray for the members of First, Grand Marais and their worship leaders - Jon & Sharon Babbitt.
7	Pray for Seminarian Kristin Rice , Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, on internship in Washington, as she celebrates her birthday this day.
8	Pray for those attending the Bi-Synodical Candidacy Meeting and Training at Pine Lake Camp these days.
9	Pray for the members of Mt Zion & St Luke, Feagaville MD (pastor), Peace, Glen Burnie MD (Rev Bill Gohl), and Shepherd of the Glen, Glenwood MD (Rev Jim Luedeke).
10	Pray for those young people and adults attending the MARKED! Event in Gladstone this day.
11	Pray for the spouses of deceased pastors – Selma Karjala and Betty Linna.
12	Pray for our Synod Staff (<i>Bishop Tom Skrenes, Assistant Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege, Kay Benedict, Louise Ingalls, Betsy Koski, Roger Knuth</i>) who meet this day.
13	Pray for the members of St John, Edgemere MD (pastor), St Mark, Snydersburg MD (Rev Mike Adams), and St Paul, Utica MD (Rev Bill Bucher).
14	Pray for the members of Mbezi Beach Lutheran Church (Rev Anta Muro), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS companion congregation Eden, Munising (Rev Elisabeth Zant).
15	Pray for the members of Bethany, Escanaba and Pastor Erik Heskin as they celebrate the 132nd anniversary of the congregation this day.
16	Pray for those attending the IGO Cluster meeting this day.
17	Pray for Pastor Christopher Johnson and the members of Christ the King, Escanaba as he is installed this day.
18	Pray for Pastor Keith Kolstad as he celebrates his 26th anniversary of ordination this day

19	Pray for those Finlandia University students who will be traveling to Tanzania in the near future.
20	Pray for Seminarian Eric Grayvold , middler at Wartburg Theological Seminary, as he celebrates his birthday this day.
21	 <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, pray that you too may find wholeness in a life of service as you seek to be a faithful disciple of your master.</p>
22	 <p>GOOD FRIDAY We are here at the foot of the cross, we gaze into his eyes, we see his pain, and in all this we experience God's gifts of grace. Pray that as you leave the cross you take the crucified Christ with you. Pray also for Seminarian Julie Belew, TEEM at Pacific Theological Seminary, as she celebrates her birthday today.</p>
23	 <p>Saturday VIGIL As the day draws to a close and darkness descends and deepens, we do not yet see light, yet we know the blazing light of Easter is about to burst forth. Pray for hope in the dark times of your life, knowing that the life of the resurrected Christ is God's gift to you.</p>
24	 <p><i>The Lord is Risen!</i> Christ is risen! Alleluia! Keep saying these words over and over this day – make this your prayer today and every day!</p>
25	Pray for our retired clergy and their spouses – <i>Pastor Dean & Elaine Peterson</i> and <i>Pastor Robert Sutherland</i> .
26	Pray for our Synod Staff (<i>Bishop Tom Skrenes, Assistant Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege, Kay Benedict, Louise Ingalls, Betsy Koski, Roger Knuth</i>) who meet this day.
27	Pray for Pastor Jimalee Jones (Gloria Dei, Hancock) as she celebrates her 23rd anniversary of ordination this month.
28	Pray for the members of St Philip, Baltimore MD (Rev Michael Guy), Trinity, Reisterstown MD (Rev Tim Feaser), and Woodsboro Evangelical, Israel Creek MD (Rev Dorothy Lundgren).
29	Pray for seminarian Amanda Kossow , senior at Wartburg, as she celebrates her birthday this day.
30	Pray for those attending and those presenting at the Transformational Ministry overnight these days.

"We pray for congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod as part of our partner synod relationship."



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1	Pray for Pastor Steve Gauger , his wife Peggy & their sons , and the members of Calvary, Rapid River .
2	Pray for the members of Mbagala Lutheran Church (Rev Charles Pawa) , Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS companion congregation Immanuel, Rhinelander (Rev Norman Peterson) .
3	Pray for the members of Christ, Edmondson MD (Rev Bob Schmitt) , Gloria Dei!, Arnold MD (Revs Tom Willamsen, Ana Langerak, Hudo Zavandro) , and Haven, Hagerstown MD (pastor) .
4	Pray for the members of the Lay School Board who meet this day.
5	On this National Day of Prayer we lift our united voices to the Lord – may prayer be a part of our daily routines. Pray also for the members of the Synodical Women’s Organization Board who meet this day.
6	Continue to pray for the students and faculty from Finlandia University who are traveling in our companion synod in Tanzania these days.
7	Pray for Pamela Long LLM , and the members of Holy Cross, Baraga .
8	 Pray for mothers – those who have given birth to children and those who are entrusted by God to nurture and care for His children.
9	Pray for the members of Siloa, Ontonagon and Interim Pastor John Autio as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy .
10	Pray for retired clergy and spouses – <i>Pastor Rell & Louis Spickerman</i> and <i>Pastor Leon & Kay Lindquist</i> .
11	Pray for the members of Joy Reigns, Edgewater MD (Rev Nicki Parrish) , Mt Moriah & St Paul, Foxville-Greensburg MD (Rev Julie Brigham) , and People’s Community, Baltimore MD (Rev Titus Clarke) .
12	Pray for the members of the Synod Council who meet this day.
13	Pray for those attending Synod Assembly these days. May the Holy Spirit be in the midst of our worship, fellowship, and discussions.
14	Pray for Pastor George Candea-Kromm , his wife Shirley , and the members of Grace, Gwinn .
15	Pray those seminarians preparing for commencement at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque IA . Pray for the pastors and professors who have taught these students. Pray for the congregations that have supported them these years and those that will receive them as they go forth to serve our Lord.

16	Pray for pastors who celebrate anniversaries of ordination this day – Donald Wandersee (retired) 55 years & Len Gilley 8 years ... for Pastor Jonathan Schmidt & the members of First, Gladstone as they celebrate 14 years of ministry together .
17	Pray for Diane Srutowski LLM , her husband John & their children , and the members of Trinity, Stonington .
18	Pray for spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Jane Magnuson and Valdora Otto</i> .
19	Pray for Pastor Doug Norquist , his wife Shirley , and the members of Community Lutheran Parish, Palmer/Suomi .
20	Pray for the members of Spirit of Life, Wilmington DE (Rev Clarence Pettit), St John, Essex, MD (Rev Lans Alexis), and St Luke, Hampden MD (Rev Michael Dubsky) .
21	Pray for campus ministry at Finlandia University, Michigan Technological University, and Northern Michigan University .
22	Pray for those preparing for confirmation – may they remember their baptism and the promise God made to them, may their faith be strengthened, their hearts opened, and their lives forever changed by the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in them.
23	Pray for Pastor Norman Peterson , Immanuel, Rhinelander, as he celebrates his 35th anniversary of ordination this day.
24	Pray for pastors celebrating anniversaries of ordination this day – George Kaiser (retired) 44 years and John Shallow (Good Shepherd, Peshtigo) 30 years .
25	Pray for the members of United, L'Anse and Interim Pastor Nicholas Hopman as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy .
26	Pray for those in our congregations who share their gift of music .
27	Pray for the members of St Mark, Wilmington DE (Rev Fred Melton), St Paul, Cumberland MD (Rev John Duffus), and St Paul, Newark DE (Rev John Keating) .
28	Pray for students who will be graduating in the coming days that higher education and employment opportunities will be available to them.
29	Pray for the members of Our Redeemer, Newberry and Interim Pastor Barry Levine as they celebrate the 123rd anniversary of the congregation this day.
30	Pray for those pastors celebrating anniversaries of ordination this day – Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman (retired) 46 years and Jonathan Schmidt (First, Gladstone) 25 years .
31	Pray for our young people and teachers in Sunday School classes.

*“We pray for congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod
as part of our partner synod relationship.”*