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CROSSING THE GENEROSITY BRIDGE

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“Not sure when it happened.
Sometime after the decision to tithe,
I crossed that bridge, the *Generosity Bridge*.
This side of the bridge, life looks different.
Formerly fear, scarcity, greed, worry about this and
that.
Now, saying yes to giving, saying yes to sharing,
Saying yes to optimism brings hope and life.
Sin tempts me to return to the other side. Yet -
A giving heart is God’s gift to us. Putting the best construction on our
neighbor’s actions, not worrying about where the next meal comes from,
Having confidence in the abundance of God we live.
Having crossed the *Generosity Bridge*, there is no desire to go back!”

SAINTS ALIVE! LIVING GENEROUSLY

When I taught confirmation classes in the parish, I would always teach lessons about stewardship. Each year I would ask eighth and ninth graders, “Why do we give money to the church?” And inevitably these young people would say, “So that we can feed people.” They had seen the World Hunger posters around church, they had read the bulletin inserts and heard the temple talks - and they assumed that the church used its money to feed the starving of the earth. They were right, if incomplete, in their understanding! Besides feeding people, we all know that the day to day operation of the buildings, the employees and the ministry programs of any congregation require money.



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THOMAS A. SKRENES, BISHOP (CONTINUED)

This fall, I have been leading workshops on stewardship ministry. Every good congregational stewardship ministry needs three things to happen:

- ◆ **Stewardship ministry tells God's Story.** Through scripture and Biblical story, the great truths of God's generosity and our call to response is told.
- ◆ **Stewardship ministry shares the story of the Church's ministry.** With stories of how God's people make a difference in this world, we witness to the importance of the Church.
- ◆ **Stewardship ministry invites generosity.** We ask. God's people are called to grow their giving, even in difficult financial times.

How does your congregation's stewardship ministry reflect these priorities?

YOUR SYNOD COUNCIL MEETS

Four times a year, the Synod Council of the Northern Great Lakes Synod gathers to pray, learn together and to address the issues facing our Synod. At its September meeting in Marquette on September 10th the Council:

- +Studied the Word of God and reflected on the classic work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's, *Life Together*.
- +Elected an Executive Committee consisting of the four Synod officers along with Pastor Norman Peterson and Susan Anderson.
- +Named a Synod Assembly 2012 Nominating Committee.
- +Approved the Endowment Fund distributions for 2011.
- +Approved a resolution allowing Bethany, Covington to leave the ELCA and this Synod effective October 1, 2011.
- +Approved revisions to the Personnel Policy and Call Process Policy.
- +Heard reports on clergy vacancies, Synod finances, various grants as well as the search for an Assistant to the Bishop and an Endowment Fund Executive.
- +Extended a call to Pastor Katheryn King for recognized service to a full communion church as she serves an Episcopal congregation in Traverse City, Michigan.

Members of the Synod Council in 2011-12 are the four Synod officers: **Bishop Thomas Skrenes; Vice President Pauline Kiltinen; Secretary Pastor Doug Johnson and Treasurer Larry Pagel.** Also, members include these conference representatives: **Susan Anderson** (Sharon, Bessemer), Conference 1; **Jack Armstrong** (Faith, Sault Ste. Marie), Conference 7; **Cheryl Lynn Brown** (Bethel, Cedarville), Conference 7; **Ann Christiansen** (First, Gladstone), Conference 6; **Ken Hoffmann** (Immanuel, Rhineland), Conference 3; **Pastor Bonny Kinnunen** (First, Iron River), Conference 4; **Pastor Keith Kolstad** (Zion, Marinette),

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Conference 5; **Denise Laakko** (United, Crystal Falls), Conference 4; **Richard LaFave** (Grace, Gwinn), Conference 8; **Eric Larson** (Good Shepherd, Peshtigo), Conference 5; **Lynn Lehto** (Mission United), Conference 2; **Pastor Norman Peterson** (Immanuel, Rhinelander), Conference 3; **Pastor Jean Schmidt** (Bethany, Perkins), Conference 6; **Pastor Steve Solberg** (Immanuel, Negaunee), Conference 8; **Pastor Ronald Strobel** (Holy Trinity, Chassell), Conference 2; **Brian Tarro** (Zion, Ironwood), Conference 1; and Youth member: **Andrew Kroll** (Immanuel, Rhinelander), Conference 3.

CHANGES TO NOTES AND QUOTES IMPROVING SYNOD COMMUNICATIONS

Beginning in 2012, “Notes and Quotes”, the news publication of our Synod, will be printed quarterly. There will be changes in design and content. It will continue to be available in print format and in electronic format on our website. We hope to use more photos, and with stories about our congregations and ministries tell of this Church to assist our members and others in their Christian work. The electronic “E-Notes,” which is sent by email twice monthly, will also in the New Year receive a fresh look. Your comments on this Synod ministry of communication are appreciated.

CALLING AN ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

We are now in the process of working towards calling a new Assistant to the Bishop for our Synod. I have received a number of nominations from pastors and others. In October, I will continue towards the selection of a person to serve in this position with conversations and interviews. The Synod Executive Committee is assisting me. Under our system, the Synod Council will extend a Letter of Call to an ordained pastor. We hope to have a new person in place very early in the New Year.

MARKED! Events for Confirmation Classes

Dates & Locations have now been set!

Sunday, April 22 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Marinette, WI
and

Sunday, April 29 at First Lutheran, Iron River, MI

For more information click on:

<http://nglsynod.org/pdfs/Marked2012.pdf>

CHANGES AT OUR BIBLE CAMP

Separately in this newsletter you will read of the decision of our Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp to change the job description of its executive leader. The camp is now working to employ a Camp Director. They invite interested ELCA rostered leaders with a demonstrated strength in programming and administration to apply for this new position. The Executive Director position will be eliminated by the end of next May. A complete posting and job description for this Camp Director is available on the Fortune Lake and Synod website. Deadline for applications is October 24, 2011. Dr. David Blomquist (Bethlehem, Florence) is chair of the Call Committee and welcomes conversation with candidates at personnel-search@fortunelake.org or (906)774-8285.

TRANSITIONS

+Congratulations to **Pastor Amanda Kossow** on her recent ordination into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. A daughter of this Synod (First, Gladstone), Pastor Kossow has been called to be Associate Pastor at **Messiah in Marquette**. She will be installed at Messiah on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

+Congratulations to **Pastor J. Greg Mileski** on his September 24, 2011 ordination into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and installation as Pastor at **United in L'Anse**. Welcome Pastor Greg and Jennifer Mileski as they begin their ministry in our midst.

+We greet **Pastor Tim Johnston** and family into our Synod as he begins work at **Bethany in Mohawk**. Pastor Johnston, wife Sara, and their children come to us from the La Crosse Area Synod. Welcome! God bless them!

+A new baby! Congratulations to **Pastor Nicholas and Mary Hopman (First, Dollar Bay and Grace, South Range)** on the birth of a daughter, Inga Dorothea. God keep this growing family.

+Retirement Announced: **Pastor Jon Magnuson (Lutheran Campus Ministry-NMU)** has announced his retirement as campus pastor effective January 31, 2012. Pastor Magnuson has served at Northern Michigan Campus as pastor since 1995. Ordained in 1973, Pastor Magnuson has served a number of congregation and campus settings. The Synod will have an opportunity to thank Pastor Magnuson for his work in our midst.

+We have received this resignation message from **Pastor Julie Summers** who served in our Synod at Pioneer Lake in Conover and St. Paul's in Ironwood. "I am well, happy, found a decent job and engaged! Won't be setting a wedding date until next year some time. It was a privilege and a blessing to serve God's Church as an ordained pastor. In future, I will continue to serve as a lay person. I will always look on the Northern Great Lakes Synod with great fondness and appreciation for all the support and direction I received throughout my ministry."

+**Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop**



Thank You!

Lutheran World Relief

Salem, Ironwood
Zion, Marinette
Calvary, Minocqua
Prince of Peace, Marquette
Holy Trinity, Chassell
Calvary, Rapid River
Prince of Peace, Eagle River
Zion, Ironwood
Trinity, Ishpeming
St. Mark's, Marquette

Lutheran Campus Ministry

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

Seminarian Support

Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Calvary, Minocqua
Faith, Ishpeming
Wainola, Mass City
All Saints, Wakefield
Rev. Kevin Kaiser

ELCA Disaster Funds

Grace, South Range
Trinity, Rhinelander
Ascension, Minocqua

Bethel, Ishpeming
Bethany, Ishpeming
Zion, Ironwood
United, Crystal Falls
Holy Trinity, Chassell
Salem, Ironwood
Bethel, Menominee
Christ Lutheran Parish
All Saints, Wakefield
Bethany, Amasa
Pioneer Lake, Conover
Bethany, Perkins
Bethlehem, Florence

Kisarawe

Rev. Robert & Deloris Langseth

World Missionary Support

Bethel, Ishpeming
Pioneer Lake, Conover

Lay School for Mission

Trinity, Rapid River

Tanzania

Messiah, Marquette
Prince of Peace, Eagle River

Malaria Net Project

St. Paul's, Mass City

Skogman Scholarship Fund

Bishop Dale & Jo Skogman

Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege's Farewell Service and Reception



Pastoral Vacancies and Interim Pastors

Full-time

Our Redeemer, Newberry - Pastor Barry Levine
 Bethel, Menominee - Pastor Lee Goodwin
 Christ Parish, Ironwood - Pastor Peggy Rose
 Bethel, Cedarville & Zion/Allenville - Pastor George Kaiser
 Bethany, Norway - Pastor Mike Laakko
 Calvary, Quinnesec - Pastor Douglas Johnson
 Gloria Dei, Hancock - Pastor Peter Vorhes
 Siloa, Ontonagon & St. Paul, Wainola - Pastor John Autio
 Grace, Gwinn - Pastor Peter Andersen

Part-time

Bethany, Negaunee - Pastor Rell Spickerman
 Faith, Rock - Pastor Jonathan Schmidt
 First of Winona, Mass City - Pastor John Autio
 St. Mark's, Marquette - Pastor Rell Spickerman

“For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised.”

Calendar year mission support giving through August is at 58.1% of pledges, as compared to 56.7% through August 2010. Receipts are at 1992 levels. Designated gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and Disaster Relief Fund are substantially lower in 2011.

We continue to trust God to provide for all the needs of the Synod and offer our thanks and praise for the abundance of God's blessings.

Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper

As of 8/31	2010	2011	\$ Change	% Change
Pledged Amount	932,017	823,634	-108,383	-11.6%
Amount Received	528,536	478,778	-49,758	-9.4%
Designated Gifts	153,640	134,704	-18,936	-12.3%



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**ON-LINE DEVOTIONS FOR OCTOBER-
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Oct. 2-8 / Pastor John Kuziej, Pioneer Lake, Conover

Oct. 9-15 / Jeannette Kuziej, Pioneer Lake, Conover

Oct. 16-22 / Pastor Len Gilley

Oct. 23-29 / Pastor Dorothy Lindstrom, Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner

Oct. 30-Nov. 5 / Pastor Chris Johnson, Christ the King, Escanaba

Nov. 6-12 / Dave Mason, Immanuel, Escanaba

Nov. 13-19 / Jean Sovey, Bethany, Escanaba

Nov. 20-26 / Pastor Lisa Ubbelohde, Lutheran Social Services

Nov. 27-Dec. 3 / Pastor Lloyd Luedeman, Prince of Peace, Eagle River



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2011

October 2 / **Conference 2 Meeting** at Holy Trinity in Chassell, 2:00 p.m. ET; **Conference 7 Meeting** at Zion in St. Ignace, 4:00 p.m. ET

October 6 / **Stewardship Night** at Immanuel in Negaunee, 7:00 p.m. ET

October 8 / **Fall Fiesta** Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Crystal Falls; **125th Anniversary of Bethany**, Negaunee, 5:00 p.m. ET

October 9 / **Conference 6 Meeting** at Christ the King, Escanaba, 4:00 p.m. ET; **Conference 3 Meeting** at Shepherd of the Lakes in Sayner, 1:30 p.m. CT

October 10 / **Conference 5 Meeting** at Northland Retirement Community, Marinette, 5:00 p.m. CT

October 11 / **Stewardship Night** at Prince of Peace, Eagle River, 7:00 p.m. CT

October 12 / **Worship Committee** meets at 10:30 a.m. ET at the Synod Office

October 13 / **Leadership Support Committee** meets at Fortune Lake Camp, 11:00 a.m. CT

October 15 / **Pastor Amanda Kossow** Installation at Messiah in Marquette, 5:00 p.m. ET

October 16 / **Conference 1 Meeting** at Salem in Ironwood, 3:00 p.m. CT; **Conference 8 Meeting** at Immanuel in Negaunee, 3:00 p.m. ET

October 17 / **Stewardship Night** at Bethel in Menominee, 7:00 p.m. CT

October 18 / **2012 Synod Assembly Planning Committee** meets at 11:00 a.m. ET at the Synod Office

October 21-22 / **Men's Retreat** begins at 7:00 p.m. CT on Friday and concludes at 3:00 p.m. CT on Saturday at Fortune Lake Camp, Crystal Falls

October 22 / **Worship Workshop** at Bethany in Republic, 8:30 a.m. ET

October 23-25 / **Region 5 Companion Synod Event** in Madison, Wisconsin

October 26 / **Mission Outreach Meeting** at the Synod Office, 10:30 a.m. ET

October 27 / **Stewardship Committee** meets at the Synod Office at 11:00 a.m. ET

October 30 / **Pastor Tim Johnston's** Installation at Bethany, Mohawk at 3:00 p.m. ET

October 31 / **Synod Executive Committee** meets in Florence, Wisconsin at 10:30 a.m. CT

November 2011

November 4-5 / **Senior High Retreat** at Fortune Lake, Crystal Falls

November 5 / **Endowment Board** meets at Fortune Lake Camp, Crystal Falls, 10:00 a.m. CT; **Synod Nominating Committee** meets via Conference Call

November 6 / **140th Anniversary of Trinity, Ishpeming**

November 6-9 / **First Call Theological Event**, Marathon, Wisconsin

November 22 / **Evangelism Committee Meeting** at 11:00 a.m. CT at Trinity, Stambaugh/Iron River

November 24-25 / **Synod Office Closed**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Here's the church...



Here's the steeple...



Open the door...



Where are the people?



People of Faith Respond

A Worship Workshop Event

Saturday, October 22, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Easter Time

Bethany Lutheran Church – Republic, Michigan

Have you ever wondered??

- Where are all the 18 – 40 year olds in your congregation?
- How about the 3 – 18 year olds?
- How might we respond to the parents of kids who get dropped off for Sunday School?
- How do we encourage weekly worship?
- Why is it so important?
- What is working in your congregation?
- What have you tried?
- What are the challenges, frustrations, and successes in the area of congregational worship?
- What is unique to our time that presents new challenges to the church?
- How do we respond?

At this worship workshop:

- *Join the conversation.*
- *Hear about strategies that have worked.*
- *Partner with others to respond to our call to "make disciples of all nations."*

Schedule: (All times are Eastern Time)

8:30 a.m. ET	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Opening Worship
9:30 a.m.	Naming the Gaps and Challenges Naming the Assets
10:00 a.m.	Presentation 1
Noon	LUNCH
12:45 p.m.	Presentation 2 Small Group Discussion
2:30 p.m.	Questions and Answers
2:45 p.m.	Sending Worship
3:00 p.m.	Conclude

Our Presenter:

Our presenter comes to us from Vibrant Faith Ministries who equip participants to engage in the challenges and opportunities congregations face every day.

Sponsored by:

Northern Great Lakes Synod
NGLS Worship Committee
A Grant from the NGLS
Endowment Fund

To Register:

Check with your pastor or church office for a registration form.

Individual registration from one church
– fee is \$15 per person

Group registration (3 or more individuals)
from one church – fee is \$10 per
person

Mail filled out registration form along with
the correct fee to:

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Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.

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ELCA Malaria Campaign

The 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly voted to launch the ELCA Malaria Campaign and join hands with our sisters and brothers in Africa to do our part in ending deaths from malaria -- for good. Working as a church, through our companion churches in Africa, we already have the structure in place to reach individuals and communities that other organizations cannot. Learn more at www.elca.org/malaria.

Horn of Africa: drought updates

Stay informed with updates from these blogs:

- + "Keeping Tabs on Tanzania"
- + "Can We Prevent One Million Deaths Today and Worse Famines Tomorrow?"
- + "Safe Haven Creates Safe Space for Women and Girls" (a program run by The Lutheran World Federation)

See <http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/> and also www.elca.org/disaster.

Senegal: "A light in Linguere"

"It is exciting and uplifting to see the people of the Linguere parish reaching out and living as witnesses to their Muslim neighbors," writes Dirk Stadtlander, ELCA missionary in Senegal, as he describes the faith journey of Fatimata, a young Senegalese woman. Read the entire story at www.elca.org/handinhand; click either the copy-ready bulletin insert or the Fall 2011 issue of the Hand in Hand newsletter.

Liberia: Reflecting on 30 years of service

ELCA missionary, Bette McCrandall, reflects on 30 years of life and ministry in Liberia. Watch a short video at <http://blogs.elca.org/handinhand>.

Support for new missionaries

The ELCA will soon be seeking long-term and two-year contract missionaries for 2012. Missionaries will be recruited to serve in Madagascar, Slovakia, Egypt, Senegal, Ethiopia, Kenya, Southeast Asia, Indonesia, Japan, Central African Republic, Cameroon and Malaysia. Sponsor support is needed. To support a missionary, go to www.elca.org/missionarysponsorship.

Cairo, Egypt: Two opportunities to serve with St. Andrew's Refugee Service

The St. Andrew's Refugee Service is seeking a director to oversee the core functions, administrative and programmatic, and maintain relationships as well as an individual to provide strategic leadership for their psychosocial services. Visit www.elca.org/globalserve/search, enter keyword "Egypt" at the bottom for more information.

Toward 2017: The 500th anniversary of the Reformation

The year 1517 is recognized by many to have been the birth of the Reformation. [The Luther Decade](#), which began in 2008, has included events around themes leading up to 2017, the 500th anniversary of this event. The ELCA Wittenberg Center in Germany and the Evangelical Church in Germany are partners in this initiative. See www.elca.org/wittenberg.

Sneak Peek: ELCA World Hunger Resource Packet

The new ELCA World Hunger Resource Packet is in the mail! Each congregation will receive this packet with a collection of the latest resources designed to raise funds and awareness for ELCA World Hunger in the congregation. This packet includes the latest edition of "Congregation Connections," reproducible stories, malaria resources and a copy of the new ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Order an additional copy, or any of the specific resources, at www.elca.org/resources.

Glocal Mission Gathering in Long Beach, California, October 21-22

Equip yourself for God's work in today's global and local realities. For more information and registration, visit www.elca.org/glocal.

Learn more about companion synod relationships

Online profiles have been updated by the ELCA Arkansas-Oklahoma, New England, Florida-Bahamas, La Crosse Area, Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Northeastern Minnesota, Sierra Pacific and South Dakota Synods. Learn of new developments in companion synod relationships at www.elca.org/companionsynodprofiles.


Mission Fest 2011: "Going the Distance" in Katy, Texas, October 15-23

A week committed to study, prayer, music, fellowship and service focused on mission and justice, including a Fun Run and Family Walk for the Central African Republic. See www.elca.org/localevents.

In our prayers

Give thanks for the work of Dr. Steve and Bethany Friberg, ELCA missionaries, as Steve continues to reactivate medical dispensaries in North Maasailand in Tanzania, and as Bethany works with Maasai women to create and market beadwork internationally. (This prayer for September 30 is available along with daily prayers from around the globe at www.elca.org/prayerventures.)

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The Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Board of Directors, meeting August 26/27, took action that will streamline the future configuration of leadership staff at FLLC. The transition is based on financial reality and the desire to keep Christ-centered programs as the main priority.

In a discussion precipitated by the conclusion of the 18-month contract with Pastor Pete Warmanen as part-time Program Director, Board members agreed that (although participation has indeed gained momentum) FLLC cannot at this time afford both an Executive Director and a full-time Program Director. Therefore, the Board voted to transition to a leadership/management model with a focus on program and an on-site presence.

Believing that program is what drives the camp's mission, the Board made a decision to immediately begin the search for what in church camping circles is now called a Site Director, with primary skills in programming. The Site Director's job description includes components of the former Program Director position plus basic on-site day-to-day administrative responsibilities. The Board will consider contracting the financial component to either a part-time Business Manager or an accounting firm. The Executive Director position may continue until the Site Director position is filled but is not to extend past May of 2012.

The Board is deeply grateful to Pastor Art Weiss for his vision and tireless leadership as Executive Director over the past four years. His dedicated service and his willingness to work with us through this time of transition are greatly appreciated.

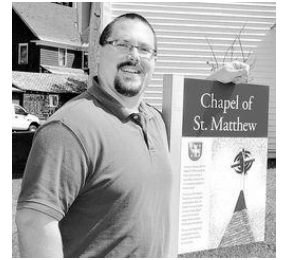
The Board believes this new direction will be the best and most fiscally responsible way for FLLC to move forward in these uncertain economic times as we continue to carry on the vital work that only outdoor ministry can offer.

Pastor Bill Jacobson
Chairperson, FLLC Board of Directors

Campus to Congregation

October/November 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"

Spirituality at home and at 'home away from home'

In "*A Guidebook of Promising Practices: Facilitating College Students' Spiritual Development*", Lindholm, Millora, Schwartz and Spinosa state on p. 13:

"...many campus personnel tend to conceptualize spirituality as linked inextricably with religion. By extension, they believe that apart from the work of their religious life colleagues, attending to spiritual aspects of students' lives has no legitimate place within the academy."

However, they continue to state that even in secular institutions,

"the broad, formative roles...combined with their [colleges and Universities] long-standing commitment to liberal learning, position them to attend to the development of both mind and spirit."

What is spirituality to you? What are your core conviction? Do you know them, and can you recite some if asked?

Many students leave their comfortable nests at home and venture out in college for an education and, as studies state, to find themselves and who they are. Their 'spirituality'. 'What do I believe or have strong convictions about as a person, as myself.'

Here at Finlandia University, our mission guides us and tells you we are "**A learning community dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service**". We look to place ourselves intentionally and purposefully into the discernment process of our students. Holistic learning, educating the 'whole' student, involves not simply teaching someone to be book smart. Trautvetter in *Cultivating the Spirit*, states that it requires:

"vocational, professional, intellectual, cognitive, social, civic, political, moral, ethical, spiritual, and religious dimensions, and focus on values clarification and character development"

We read this and ask ourselves: How can we do this? Who are we as a higher learning institution? As a University of the ELCA, what is it we can do in order to engage our students and seek to help them enhance their education and spirituality?

I suppose my reason for writing this brief article today is to simply ask you, the reader, these community building questions:

- ◇ What ideas, suggestions, comments do you have that could better help us achieve our mission in strengthening your students and preparing them in our holistic approach?
- ◇ As Lutherans, working in and with this ecumenical world—what prayers and spiritual gifts of support can we offer that will raise up our young adults?

At home: What can be done to help spiritual development in our children? What practices, daily rituals, routines can we lead our children in as they grow and seek to develop themselves as individuals?

At 'home away from home': How can we continue these 'home' values and further add to your child's amazing and unique spirituality, faith, and servant leadership expressions?

Let us pray: Lord, make us instruments to our children, that they may know you, rejoice, and be their best through you. Amen.



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Campus Ministry Events Calendar

We are "Walking Together" with you!!

ALL ARE WELCOME :-)

Recurring Fall 2011 Events:

Sundays Keweenaw Friends & Copper Country Bible Church usage

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

Tuesdays 6:00pm 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: Oct. 14, 28 & Nov. 11)

Related Fall Activities:

Oct 2 CROP Walk

Oct 3 World Habitat for Humanity Day

Oct. 12 Field of Faith @ McAfee Field 5pm

Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 6 Finnish Independence Day

Dec. 8 Fall Band & Choir Concert

Dec. 12-16 Final Exam Week

Check the Finlandia e-newsletter, Finlandia website and 'Finlandia Campus Ministry' on Facebook for more info. (many more activities will be announced in electronic format)

Finals Week Care Packages

Final Exam week can be a stressful time for a student, and they can quickly find themselves overloaded and pressured. During this time, many students often do not get the nourishment needed to do their best, and they don't take as much time to 'breathe'. *Let a student know* that you're thinking of them during finals week by sending a Finals Week Care Package prepared by Finlandia's Campus Ministry. Each Care Package costs \$15. Along with an encouraging and personal note from you, each care package contains the following: a combination of healthy and fun snacks, 'home baked' items, drinks, candy, quick meals, a special gift and other items - all designed to help relax a student so they can focus on their tasks.

You may also wish to send an anonymous package to a student who otherwise may not receive a package. It will have an anonymous encouraging note, stating something like:

"Good luck on your finals! A friend of Finlandia is thinking about you and wishing you all the best on your exams. Enjoy your package."

All profits benefit Campus Ministry and orders will be delivered to the student beginning on the Thursday prior to finals week: Dec. 8th, 2011. To purchase a Finals Week Care Package, please send a check for \$15/ea. **NO LATER than Monday, Dec. 5th, 2011!** Write: "Care Package" in the memo.

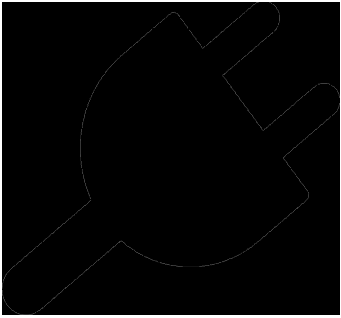
Send to: Finlandia Campus Ministry, 601 Quincy Street, Hancock, MI 49930



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

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*A partnership event with the Northern Great Lakes Synod's
Youth Ministries and FLLC*

High School Gathering Registration Form

This event will begin at 7:00 pm (Central Time) on Friday, November 4 (please eat supper before you arrive) and will be finished by noon on Sunday, November 6. You need to bring bedding, personal items, and a Bible.

Please register one adult for every 5-10 high school students registered. Fill out the form below and send it, along with the \$85 registration fee **by October 31** to:

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
138 Fortune Lake Camp Road
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Name _____ Age _____ Gender: M F

Address (street, city, zip) _____

Congregation Name & City _____

(student's name) _____ has my permission to attend the High School Gathering at Fortune Lake from November 4-6, 2011. I authorize any recognized adult leader to give permission for all medical treatments that may be considered advisable or necessary in the judgement of attending physicians in the event that my child should be admitted to any hospital or be in need of any medical treatment. I expect that every attempt will be made to contact me as soon as possible.

Signature Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate number _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Allergies (food/medication) _____

Prescriptions/Medication currently being taken _____

Other Medical concerns _____

Covenant of Conduct

As a participant of the High School Gathering 2011, I agree to abide by the following rules of the whole Christian community of which I will be a part:

- † I will participate in all activities scheduled during the Gathering.
- † I will not use or be in possession of alcohol, tobacco products, or other controlled substances.
- † I will be in my cabin at night when required.
- † I will respect the other participants of the Gathering and their personal property.
- † Any other rules that may need to be established at the event.

Signature Youth Participant _____



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Annual Events for Confirmation Classes!

MARKED! is an opportunity for your confirmands to spend time with our Bishop and an opportunity for Bishop Skrenes to spend time with your confirmands! This event will introduce your youth to the larger church and help them dream about where God might be leading them. There will be music, fun, food, fellowship, worship, gifts, photo opps, and much more!

THIS EVENT IS FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES, THEIR PASTORS & ADULT GUIDES/MENTORS

The dates & locations for spring 2012 are:

Sunday, April 22 at Our Savior's, Marinette, WI 4-7:00 pm

Sunday, April 29 at First Lutheran, Iron River, MI 4-7:00 pm

There is no charge for these events which are sponsored by a generous grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation of Milwaukee in partnership with the Northern Great Lakes Synod Evangelism Committee & Youth Ministries. Our expectation is that every confirmand in the synod will attend at least one of these events (which will be held at different locations each year) during their confirmation career.

TO REGISTER: We need to know your congregation (name & city), the number of youth and adults, and which location you will be attending. Please register with the Synod Office at 906-228-2300 or email us at ngls@nglsynod.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 16 FOR BOTH EVENTS

Hope to see you there!!!



Men's Retreat

**October 21-22, 2011
at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp**

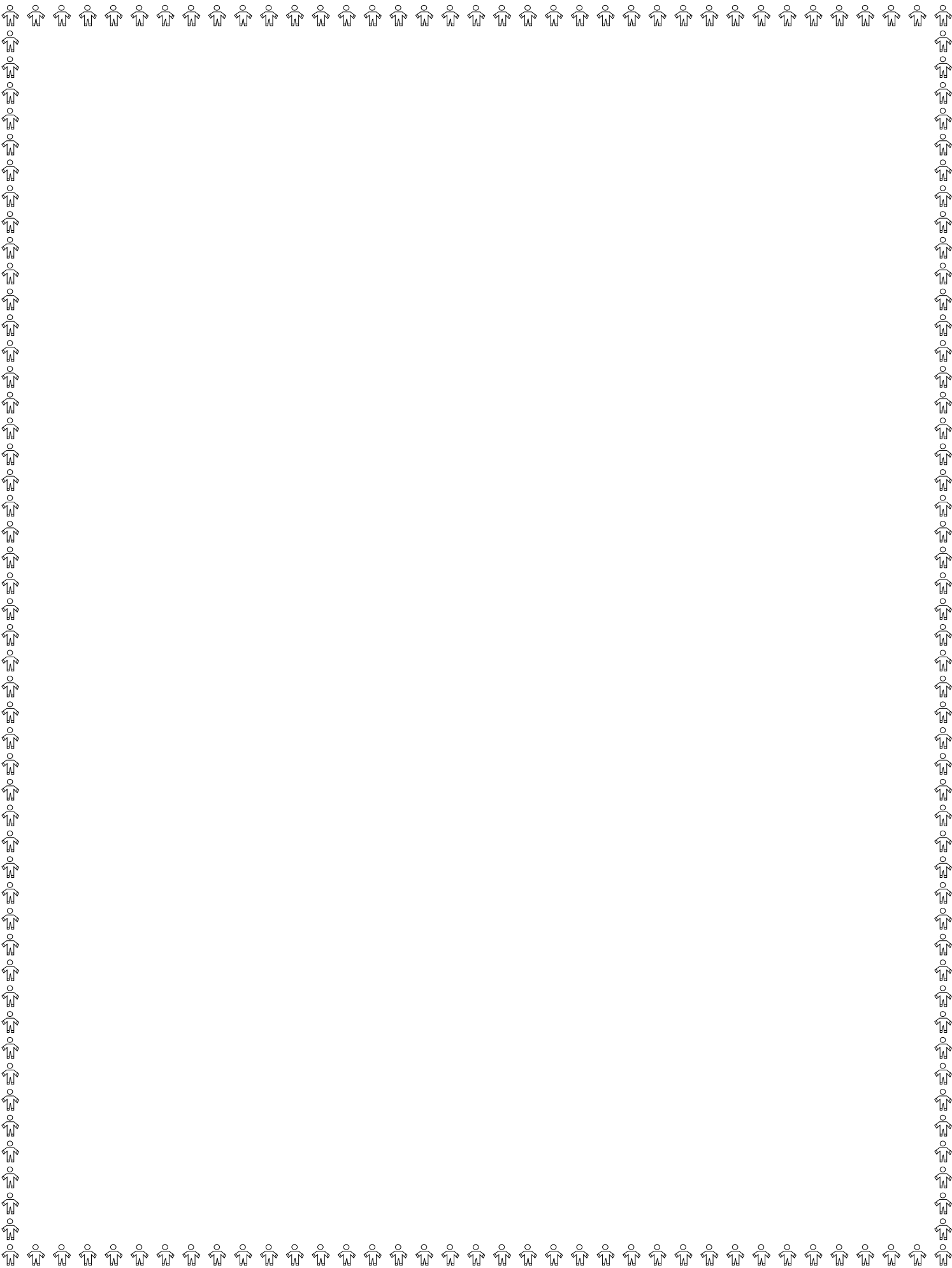
Fun, Fellowship, Music, Bible Study, presentations on Fly Fishing and Grouse Hunting = a great weekend at Fortune Lake! Invite your friends and feel free to bring along your kids. The retreat will begin at 7:00 p.m. (CDT) on Friday and conclude on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.



\$35 for Duplex housing + snack, breakfast and lunch
\$50 for Retreat Lodge housing + snack, breakfast and lunch
\$30 for youth in grades 4 – 8



**Call the camp to register:
906/ 875-3697**












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Prayer Calendar - November 2011

1		<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>
2	 <p><i>Celebrate Families</i></p>	<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		<p>Pray for Pastor John Kuziej, his wife Jeannette, and the members of Pioneer Lake, Conover WI.</p>
4		<p>Pray for Pastor Dorothy Lindstrom and the members of Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner WI as they celebrate 9 years of ministry together.</p>
5		<p>Pray for those young people attending the Sr. High Retreat at Fortune Lake Camp these days. Pray also for the Endowment Board and the Synod Nominating Committee who meet this day.</p>
6		<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>
7		<p>Pray for those new pastors attending the First Call Theological Conference in Marathon WI these next days.</p>
8		<p>Pray for the members of Christus Victor, Parkville MD (Rev Joe Skillman), Faith, Cockeysville MD (Rev Greg Fetzer), and Grace, Hamilton MD (pastor).</p>
9		<p>Pray for Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege as she celebrates her 26th anniversary of ordination this day.</p>
10		<p>Pray for the members of Our Redeemer, Newberry and Interim Pastor Barry Levine as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.</p>
11		<p>Pray for the members of Kimara Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Rev Elisha Mdomi) and their NGLS companion congregation Calvary, Minoqua (Rev Maxine Gray).</p>
12		<p>Pray for the spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Ruth Groth and Toini Heikkinen</i>.</p>
13		<p>Pray for those attending the Second Sunday Folk Dance at Fortune Lake Camp.</p>
14		<p>Pray for the members of Grace, Gwinn and Interim Pastor Peter Andersen as they celebrate the 107th anniversary of the congregation this day. Pray also for those attending the Senior Adult Day at Fortune Lake Camp.</p>

15	Pray for the members of Mt Zion, Sharpsburg MD (Rev Blaine Feightner), Salem, Baltimore MD (Rev Barbara Melosh), St James, Union Bridge MD (Rev Dick Michael), and St John of Sweet Air, Phoenix MD (Revs David Asplin & John Seltzer).
16	Pray for Bishop Thomas Skrenes as he celebrates his 31st 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 3rd anniversary of ordination and ministry together in this congregation.
17	Pray for the members of Trinity, Ishpeming, and Pastor Kenneth Lahnners as they celebrate the 140th anniversary of the congregation this day.
18	Pray for the members of Our Saviour's, Atlantic Mine and Interim Pastor Bucky Beach as they discern the viability of their future.
19	Pray for the members of St Mark, Baltimore MD (Rev Dale Dusman), St Michael, Perry Hall MD (Revs John Mohan & Karen Gray), and St Paul, Highlandtown MD (pastor).
20	 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.
21	Pray for Pastor Jean Schmidt (Bethany, Perkins) as she celebrates her 2nd anniversary of ordination this day.
22	Pray for Pastor Greg Mileski and the members of United, L'Anse as they began their ministry together in the past months.
23	Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Pastor Bob & Deloris Langseth and Pastor Wally & Alice Leno.</i>
24	 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.
25	Pray for the members of St Peter, Eastpoint MD (Rev Bob Harvey), St Philip, Wilmington DE (Rev Patrick Downers), Tree of Life, Middletown DE (Rev Jennifer Carlson), and Trinity, Smithsburg MD (Rev Gerald Johnson).
26	Pray for Pastor Nicholas Hopman, his wife Mary & their family, and the members of First, Dollar Bay & Grace, South Range.
27	 Advent I – give thanks for the gift of faith, and ask for the renewal of the Holy Spirit in your life.
28	Pray for the members of Bethel, Cedarville & Zion, Allenville and Interim Pastor George Kaiser as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.
29	Pray for Pastor Eugene Wickman, his wife Carol, and the members of Grace, Pembine WI.
30	 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.


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1	Pray for the members of Ascension, Minocqua and Pastor David Jensen as they celebrate the 28th anniversary of the congregation this month.
2	Pray for those attending the Copper Country Conference Fall meeting in Chassell and the Three Lakes Conference Fall meeting in St. Ignace.
3	Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Pastor Fran & Grace Strong and Pastor Tom & Kay Lee.</i>
4	Pray for the members of Augsburg, Baltimore MD (Rev Eric Campbell), Christ, Upperco MD (Rev Mike Adams), Faith, Baltimore MD (pastor), and Hope, New Castle DE (pastor).
5	Pray for Seminarian Mark St. Aubin (Wartburg) as he celebrates his birthday . Pray also for Pastor Tom Wickstrom (retired) as he celebrates his 40th anniversary of ordination this day.
6	Pray for Bishop Skrenes and those attending the Stewardship Workshop in Negaunee this day. Pray also for the Synod Staff who meet this day – <i>Bishop Skrenes, Kay Benedict, Louise Ingalls & Betsy Koski.</i>
7	Pray for Pastor George Candea-Kromm (on leave) as he celebrates his 28th anniversary of ordination this day.
8	Pray for those participating in the Fall Fiesta at Fortune Lake Camp these days.
9	 <p>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 the Delta Conference Fall meeting in Escanaba and the Headwaters Conference Fall meeting in Sayner.</p>
10	Pray for Pastor Bonny Kinnunen (First, Iron River) as she celebrates her 18th anniversary of ordination . Pray also for those attending the Menominee Conference Fall meeting in Marinette.
11	Pray for Bishop Skrenes and those attending the Stewardship Workshop in Eagle River this day.
12	Pray for the Worship Committee as they meet this day.
13	Pray for the spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Betty Framstad and Lavina Goodrich.</i>
14	Pray for the members of Grace & Mt Zion, Keymar MD (Rev Rick Rutkauskas), Lord of Life, Edgewood MD (Rev Paige Evers), and Reformation, Milford DE (Rev John Ranney).
15	Pray for Pastor Doug Johnson (Bethlehem, Florence) as he celebrates his 23rd anniversary of ordination . Pray also for Pastor Amanda Kossow and the members of Messiah, Marquette as they begin ministry together this day.

16	Pray for those attending the IGO Conference Fall meeting in Ironwood and the Superior Central Conference Fall meeting in Negaunee. Pray also for Pastor Marcia Solberg (Immanuel, Negaunee) as she celebrates her 6th anniversary of ordination .
17	Pray for Pastor Michael Mannisto (St James, Rudyard) as he celebrates his 2nd anniversary of ordination this day. Pray also for Bishop Skrenes and those attending the Stewardship Workshop in Menominee this day.
18	Pray for the 2012 Synod Assembly Planning Committee as they meet this day.
19	Pray for the members of Christ the King, Escanaba and Pastor Christopher Johnson as they celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the congregation this day.
20	Pray for the members of Maneromango Lutheran Church, Kisarawe, Tanzania (Rev Prosper Melli) and their NGLS companion congregation First, Ewen (Rev Timothy Nyikako) .
21	Pray for those attending and those presenting at the Men's Retreat at Fortune Lake Camp these days. Pray also for Bishop Skrenes and his colleagues attending the Men in Mission gathering in Chicago.
22	Pray for those attending and those presenting at the Worship Workshop in Republic.
23	Pray for the members of Our Saviour's, Atlantic Mine and Interim Pastor Bucky Beach as they discern the viability of their future. Pray also for the members of St James, Rockdale MD (Rev Bob Day), St John, Pimlico MD (Rev Gregg Knepp), St Matthew, Baltimore MD (Rev John Kulczycki) and St Paul, Fundstown MD (Rev Darrell Layman) .
24	Pray for Pastor Judy Kincaid and the members of Immanuel, Escanaba as they celebrate her 2nd anniversary of ordination and 2 years of ministry together this day.
25	Pray for the members of St James, Rudyard and Pastor Michael Mannisto as they celebrate 2 years of ministry together this day.
26	Pray for Pastor John Kuziej and the members of Pioneer Lake, Conover as they celebrate the 108th anniversary of the congregation .
27	Pray for the Stewardship Committee as they meet this day.
28	Pray for the members of Gloria Dei, Hancock and Interim Pastor Peter Vorhes as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy .
29	Pray for the members of St Peter, Clear Spring MD (Rev Elaine Swinehart), St Timothy, Dundalk MD (Rev Bill Hayman), and Zion, Williamsport MD (Revs Greg Martin & Marty Roberson) .
30	Pray for Pastor Tim Johnston and the members of Bethany, Mohawk as they begin ministry this day on the occasion of his installation .
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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