Northern Great Lakes Synod

“Answer the Call Sunday”
April 21, 2013

“Answer the Call” is an Endowment Fund to benefit seminarians from the Northern Great Lakes Synod who are seeking to serve Jesus Christ as pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Seminarian Dave Hendrickson from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Escanaba, MI, now attending Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN writes:

“The Northern Great Lakes Synod has been very supportive of my call to ministry. They have been there for me as I discern my vocational call into the world. Helping me to see how God is working in my life, and finding a way for me to participate in that action. When I was not able to see the path before me, or know where it was leading, I found myself shaken and nervous. A pastor of mine told me, ‘if you chose to take this path, you should know that there will be people who will support you along the way.’ This has been most certainly true. The Northern Great Lakes Synod has amazing scholarships for their seminarians. Something that is not possible for all Synods of the ELCA. The financial burdens of education are very heavy in this day in age, it is a blessing to have a Great synod walking with me, helping me to lift those burdens, and giving me words of encouragement along the way.”

Seminarian Tera (Kossow) Lowe, from First Lutheran Church in Gladstone, MI, now attending Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA writes:

“As a recipient of seminary scholarship funds from the Northern Great Lakes Synod, I have to extend my heart-felt thanks for not only this support, but for the prayer support and words of encouragement that come to me from all of you. Answering God’s call to ordained ministry causes much to be anxious about, and it is a blessing to be relieved of some anxiety over how my education will be paid for. I thank God for the blessing of your prayers and support.”

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“Answer the Call”

One of the major obstacles preventing people from responding to God’s call to ministry within this church is the cost of a seminary education. Often seminary graduates are so burdened by education debt that they are unable to serve this church in areas where they are needed most – smaller, rural congregations, for example. The “Answer the Call” is an investment in the whole church’s future ministry.

Your gift will go to the NGLS Fund for Leaders Endowment Fund where it will be invested and reinvested in perpetuity. The earnings from this investment are then used to provide tuition support for seminary students.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to “Answer the Call.”

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Thank you!

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