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Our Shared Mission: We are saved by grace through faith to share the good news of the Gospel with all people and live God's love by our words and actions.



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Birthday Blessings

- 2 Nancy Freis
- 19 Carol Lindner
- 23 Karron Wittgren
- 27 Caitlin Christopherson
- 29 Dorothy Peretto

- 8 Debbie Kruhmin
- 13 Colin Christopherson
- 21 Jim Roubal
- 24 Lisa Roubal
- 25 Ally Schultz
- 26 Trevor Christophersen
- 28 Janet Mullard
- 30 Jim Skowronski



- 25 Jim and Karen Parrish

- 16 Janet and Elmer Mullard
- 21 Brian and Debbie Panske

***We continue to hold our military members in our prayers:
Jordan Baril, Jay Chapple, Ken Dam, Trish Dam, Brent Jurmu, Jared Jurmu***

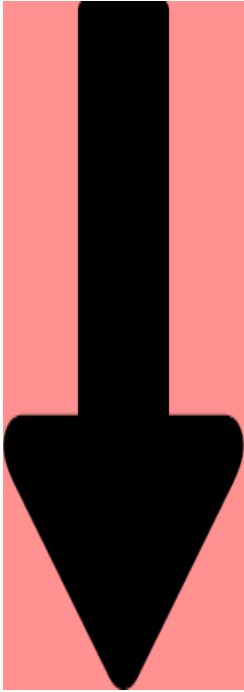
We continue to hold the following in prayer:

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| Ann Best → | Benjamin Hollister | Bill Johnson | Dan Etelamaki | Darwin Diehm |
| Deanna Thill | Deborah Becklund | Dennis Dibble | Dennis Paul | Dennis Saari |
| Dick Durrow | Dorothy Roemer | Emily Christenson | Heather Brisson | James Dutkavich |
| Jenna Perras | Kaitlin Shelby | Karen Raether | Karron Wittgren | Kevin Havelka |
| Logan Parrett | Luann Q. Kiefer | Macy Berszenyi | Marcia Droese | Mark Thoune |
| Mary Bright | Matt Koldos | Mike Lubore | Mike McCarthy | Mike Pfeiffer |
| Miles Sorenson | Robert Berszenyi | Ronnie Anderson | Ryan Derrickson | Sandy Baumler |
| Sarah Hess | Sharon Powell | Tammy Parrett | Terry Stage Roddy | Tim Bruce |
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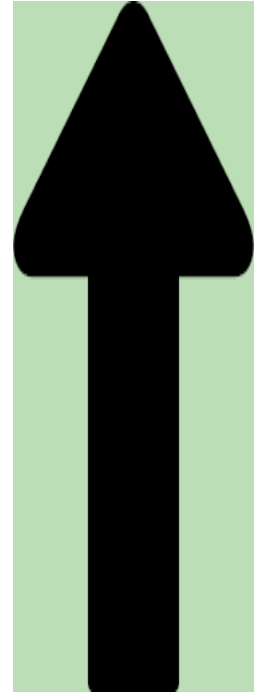
Thank you for holding the friends and families of our Congregants in your daily prayers. Corrections? Additions? Please contact the Church Office.

Worst Day Ever? *A Poem by Chanie Gorkin*

Rev. Brenda L. Greenwald



Today was the absolute worst day ever
And don't try to convince me that
There's something good in every day
Because, when you take a closer look,
This world is a pretty evil place.
Even if
Some goodness does shine through once in a while
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.
And it's not true that
It's all in the mind and heart
Because
True happiness can be attained
Only if one's surroundings are good
It's not true that good exists
I'm sure you can agree that
The reality
Creates
My attitude
It's all beyond my control
And you'll never in a million years hear me say
Today was a very good day



Now, read it from bottom to top, the other way, and see how you really feel about your day.

Chanie Gorkin (now 25) wrote this poem at the age of 16. A student at the all-girls Beth Rivkah High School in Brooklyn, Chanie is an Orthodox Jew, affiliated with the Lubavitch branch of Hassidic Judaism. Her poem, she's explained, reflects the Jewish idea that it's possible to control how we see the world, whether negatively or positively: **"I don't think there is such a thing as the worst day ever... I wanted to show how your day is really based on how you look at things."**

The **God** who promises us new mercies each morning is the same God who sits with us in the pits of despair. The **Savior** whose first miracle enlivened a wedding party in peril is the same Savior who had nails driven through his wrists. The **Spirit** who comes into our hearts upon prayer is the same Spirit who blows as the Spirit sees fit. While we are all accompanied by our God, our Savior, our Savior, it IS up to us to view the world in a negative or positive light. **How will YOU read YOUR day today?**

Reading upward with you,

Fr. Brenda

Welcome to the 2023 Synod Assembly Online Workshops!

Join people from across the Northern Great Lakes Synod for a fun and interesting series of short programs from **Monday, May 15 - Wednesday, May 17, 2023**. Enjoy time

together as you explore different aspects of life in the church. **Free of charge and open to anyone** who wants to take part, the workshops are 50-minutes each (with the exception of "Understanding Treaty Rights" which is two hours). Time will be allocated for questions and comments. **Advance registration is not required**. Zoom links will be posted prior to each program, and many programs have great, Promo Videos to watch to tell you more ahead of time. Visit [THIS LINK](https://nglsynod.org/assembly/online-workshops/) for all the necessary information:

nglsynod.org/assembly/online-workshops/



Resources for Worship Planning

Lucas Wickstrom, Chair of NGLS Worship Committee

Monday, May 15 at 11 am ET / 10 am CT (Meeting ID: 843 1303 4377, Passcode: 110777)

Tuesday, May 16 at 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT (Meeting ID: 874 5530 8532, Passcode: 632024)

Looking for new (or old) resources and ways to plan worship? This workshop will provide you with resources and ways to plan worship that connects and inspires.

Congregational Financial Check-Up

Pr Terry Frankenstein, Synod Treasurer

Monday, May 15 at 5 pm ET / 4 pm CT (Meeting ID: 873 5210 3185, Passcode: 777217)

Download the Financial Check-Up Worksheet on the NGLS Website.

Are you interested in Financial Best Practices for your congregation? Based on the content of a recently developed Synod Financial Worksheet, NGLS Treasurer Pastor Terry Frankenstein will review topics important to church leadership, including: How are offerings handled? What process is used to approve payables? Are financial reports clear, including those covering restricted funds and investments? What about Portico and all those federal and state forms? The intent of this workshop is to help participants begin valuable conversations in their home congregations.

#NGLSYouth

Stefanie Ehle, NGLS Youth Ministry Coordinator

Monday, May 15 at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT

Stop by this workshop to learn what young people in our synod have been up to this year and how you can support and grow youth ministry in your congregations. Knowledge/use of hashtags are not required :)



Fortune Lake: Growing in Grace, Reconciling in Christ

FLLC's Total Inclusion Task Force, Amanda Rasner, Camp Director

Monday, May 15 at 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT (Meeting ID: 874 8604 5355, Passcode: 202150)

For the past year, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp's Total Inclusion Task Force has been stewarding conversations around how we operationalize inclusion of our LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual) siblings, particularly in the outdoor ministry setting of Fortune Lake. Join this interactive workshop to learn more about the importance and impact of this work and where we think the Holy Spirit is nudging us today and into the future.



"Could this be the Christ?" A wellspring of scandals in John, Ch. 4

Pastor Tommy Richter of Zion, Manistique

Tuesday, May 16 at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT

Wednesday, May 17 at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT

Pastor Tommy has been leading Bible Studies for the Synod's Lifelong Faith Formation program since it was launched in 2020, applying his seminary and pastoral experiences to his teaching, along with his sense of humor. For this workshop he says, "We will take a deep-dive into the story of the woman at the well, and leave scandalized and fulfilled all at the same time."

Faithful Innovations: What it is and how it can help your congregation in an adaptive, communal learning process

Rev. Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop

Tuesday, May 16 at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT (Meeting ID: 816 5270 2415, Passcode: 047338)

Wednesday, May 17 at 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT (Meeting ID: 829 0820 3203, Passcode: 465610)

Seventeen Congregations from our synod have participated in the Faithful Innovations Training Process. This introductory workshop will clarify what this training experience is about and how it could benefit your congregation. After learning about Faithful Innovations, you and a team of 4 to 7 people would be invited to participate in the next training cohort which begins June 17, 2023. You may learn more at: nglsynod.org/faithful-innovations.

All Are Welcome Here?

Pr Jared Howard, Faith, Calumet; Vicar Melissa Salminen, Seminarian; Pr Bruce Thorsen, Bethany, Ishpeming

Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT (Meeting ID: 834 1699 9253, Passcode: 843506)

As people of God, we are called to see the divine in everyone we meet but Christians as a group has had a difficult time living into the welcome of all people. While we may say we are welcoming, we often fall short in welcoming those who are different than us because of how they look, who they love, or how they introduce themselves. Using materials from the recent Kaleidoscope Lenten Challenge and materials from Reconciling Works, this workshop will seek to help us extend welcome to our siblings who identify as LGBTQIA+ and take time to learn what these descriptors mean.



Understanding Treaty Rights

Jerry Jondreau of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Katy Bresette of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, and Pr Julie Belew, Holy Cross, Baraga

Wednesday, May 17 from 6-8 pm ET / 5-7 pm CT (Meeting ID: 894 9669 2119, Passcode: 501561)

Our guests from Dynamite Hill Farms will be presenting the historical and legal aspect behind the intention of treaties and their relevance to understanding what it means to be a sovereign nation.

Daily Bible Readings, Year A - May

Year A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. The semi-continuous Old Testament readings focus on major Genesis narratives, the covenant with Moses, and the establishment of Israel in the Promised Land. The second, New Testament, readings are from Romans, Philippians and 1 Thessalonians.

Mon – May 1	Ezekiel 34:17-23	1 Peter 5:1-5	Psalms 100
Tue – May 2	Ezekiel 34:23-31	Hebrews 13:20-21	Psalms 100
Wed – May 3	Jeremiah 23:1-8	Matthew 20:17-28	Psalms 100
Thu – May 4	Genesis 12:1-3	Acts 6:8-15	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16
Fri – May 5	Exodus 3:1-12	Acts 7:1-16	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16
Sat – May 6	Jeremiah 26:20-24	John 8:48-59	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

Sunday May 7 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60, Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 (5), 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Mon – May 8	Exodus 13:17-22	Acts 7:17-40	Psalms 102:1-17
Tue – May 9	Proverbs 3:5-12	Acts 7:44-56	Psalms 102:1-17
Wed – May 10	Proverbs 3:13-18	John 8:31-38	Psalms 102:1-17
Thu – May 11	Genesis 6:5-22	Acts 27:1-12	Psalms 66:8-20
Fri – May 12	Genesis 7:1-24	Acts 27:13-38	Psalms 66:8-20
Sat – May 13	Genesis 8:13-19	John 14:27-29	Psalms 66:8-20

Sunday May 14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31 Psalms 66:8-20 (8) 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Mon – May 15	Genesis 9:8-17	Acts 27:39-44	Psalms 93
Tue – May 16	Deuteronomy 5:22-33	1 Peter 3:8-12	Psalms 93
Wed – May 17	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	John 16:16-24	Psalms 93

Thursday May 18 – Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 (5), Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Fri – May 19	2 Kings 2:1-12	Ephesians 2:1-7	Psalm 93
Sat – May 20	2 Kings 2:13-15	John 8:21-30	Psalm 93

Sunday May 28 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Ps 104:24-34, 1 Cor. 12:3b-13, Jn 20:19-23

Prayer of the Day: *O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*



Mon – May 29	Joel 2:18-29	Romans 8:18-24	Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Tue – May 30	Ez. 39:7-8, 21-29	Romans 8:26-27	Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Wed – May 31	Num. 11:24-30	John 7:37-39	Psalm 104:24-34,35B

Daily Bible Readings, Year A - June

Thu – June 1	Job 38:1-11	2 Timothy 1:8-12a	Psalm 8
Fri – June 2	Job 38:12-21	2 Timothy 1:12b-14	Psalm 8
Sat – June 3	Job 38:22-38	John 14:15-17	Psalm 8

Sunday June 4 – 1st Sunday After Pentecost

Gen 1:1–2:4a Psalm 8 (1), 2 Cor 13:11-13, Matt 28:16-20

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Mon – June 5	Job 38:39–39:12	1 Corinthians 12:1-3	Psalm 29
Tue – June 6	John 39:13-25	1 Corinthians 12:4-13	Psalm 29
Wed – June 7	Job 39:26–40:5	John 14:25-26	Psalm 29
Thu – June 8	Lamentations 1:7-11	2 Peter 2:17-22	Psalm 50:7-15
Fri – June 9	Lamentations 3:40-58	Acts 28:1-10	Psalm 50:7-15
Sat – June 10	Exodus 34:1-9	Matthew 9:27-34	Psalm 50:7-15

Sunday June 11 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Hos 5:15–6:6, Ps 50:7-15, Rom 4:13-25, Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

Prayer of the Day: *O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.*

Mon – June 12	Lev. 15:25-31; 22:1-9	2 Cor. 6:14–7:2	Psalm 40:1-8
Tue – June 13	Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2	Hebrews 13:1-16	Psalm 40:1-8
Wed – June 14	Hosea 14:1-9	Matthew 12:1-8	Psalm 40:1-8
Thu – June 15	Exodus 4:19-23	Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalm 100
Fri – June 16	Exodus 4:27-31	Acts 7:35-43	Psalm 100
Sat – June 17	Exodus 6:28–7:13	Mark 7:1-13	Psalm 100

Sunday June 18 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Exod 19:2-8a, Ps 100, Rom 5:1-8 Matt 9:35–10:8

Prayer of the Day: *God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.*

Mon – June 19	Joshua 1:1-11	1 Thess. 3:1-5	Ps 105:1-11, 37-45
Tue – June 20	1 Samuel 3:1-9	2 Thess. 2:13– 3:5	Ps 105:1-11, 37-45
Wed – June 21	Proverbs 4:10-27	Luke 6:12-19	Ps 105:1-11, 37-45
Thu – June 22	Jeremiah 18:12-17	Hebrews 2:5-9	Ps 69:7-10, 16-18
Fri – June 23	Jeremiah 18:18-23	Acts 5:17-26	Ps 69:7-10 16-18
Sat – Jun 24	Jeremiah 20:1-6	Luke 11:53–12:3	Ps 69:7-10 16-18

Sunday June 25 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost Jer 20:7-13, Ps 69:7-10, 16-18, Rom 6:1b-11, Matt 10:24-39

Prayer of the Day: *Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.*

Mon – June 26	Micah 7:1-7	Revelation 2:1-7	Psalm 6
Tue – June 27	Jeremiah 26:1-12	Revelation 2:8-11	Psalm 6
Wed – June 28	Jeremiah 38:1-13	Matthew 10:5-23	Psalm 6
Thu – June 29	Jeremiah 25:1-7	Galatians 5:2-6	Ps 89:1-4, 15-18
Fri – June 30	Jeremiah 28:8-14	Galatians 5:7-12	Ps 89:1-4, 15-18



Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – 6pm



Members present: Wendy Hanson, Judi Freis, Sue Skowronski, Carol Klein, Pastor Brenda

DEVOTIONS: Judi

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:10 pm

AGENDA APPROVAL

- Motion to approve the Agenda, with the addition of c) Confirmation under New Business
- **Motion:** Sue Skowronski **Second:** Pastor B. **Carried.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- **Motion** to accept the Minutes of the March 2023 Council meeting was made by Pastor B.
Second: Sue. **Carried.**

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Calendar items included: Holy Week – Council was in agreement that services were awesome – very well planned and meaningful!
- Funeral for Margaret Galbraith, SS; SS Chili Supper (4/26); Joint Service at SS (4/30) – then off to Iowa for final Moses Project Continuing Ed; vacation – Pastor Nick to lead worship (5/7); Synod Assembly 5/18-20.
- Ministry Moments included: the birth of twins 3/22; Bingo at Roubals – thanks o All who helped! Confirmation of Nathan Klein 5/28; funeral planning with multiple members; assisting with music at Grace, Pembine; Members: good to see the return of some familiar faces, and some new!
- Menominee Valley Conference Youth event: Family Hike Day 5/13.
- Visits: Home – 6 Retirement Home – 2 Office - 4

TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

- **Motion** to accept the financial reports was made by Pastor B.
Second: Judi **Carried.**
- Pastor Brenda did mention that Ruth had told her that giving has been down slightly and our balance in the bank is approximately \$5,000 less than it was at the beginning of the year! It was suggested that a financial summary be included in the newsletter or bulletin.



Church Council Minutes

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MINISTRY TEAM LIAISONS

- Faith Formation: Council agreed to wait until Fall for another study session
- Property: Water softener has been connected and running – hopefully we can eliminate the rust situation in the bathroom; Spring raking/clean-up of the church property has been completed – parsonage clean-up scheduled for 4/22 with pizza to follow.
- Worship/Music: Wendy noted that she and Diana J. filled in for Pastor Brenda at Roubal’s for the Sunday worship time – and they both enjoyed it!
- **Motion** to accept the updates was made by Judi.
Second: Pastor Brenda. **Carried.**

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. Safe Church – Pastor finalizing documents. Council to review
- b. HVAC Project – Letter to kick-off the fundraising previewed by the Council and is ready for mailing!

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Graduate Recognition – it was determined that we have no graduates this year.
- b. Lawn Mowing – Wendy will contact Sarah.
- c. Confirmation 5/28 – Nathan Klein – the other three Confirmation students (all from SS, and have one more year of study to finish) will participate in the service!
(Council took a short break at this point for the Joint Council meeting!)

NEXT STEPS

- a. Next Gethsemane Council Meeting: May 17 1:00pm.
- b. Devotions for May: Sue
 - **Motion** to adjourn: Pastor Brenda. **Time** adjourned: 6:39 pm.

Meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Klein, Council Secretary



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Growing in Grace Retreat for Adults

Friday, May 5 - Saturday, May 6

The **Growing in Grace Retreat** is an opportunity for folks who are interested in LGBTQIA+ inclusion work in Christian spaces. The retreat will feature sessions from within the Northern Great Lakes Synod as well as a representative from Reconciling Works. There will be presentations, time to process in small groups, opportunities for spiritual counsel, and worship. To learn more about Reconciling Works, follow this link: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>

SUMMER CAMP!!

June 11 - August 9 for All Ages

Fortune Lake's flagship program – **Summer Camp** – is taking registrations for all programs! There are overnight Youth Camps for kids in grades 1-12, Intergenerational Camps for families of all types, Victory Camp for adults with disabilities, and Congregational Day Visits for church groups. Some programs are filling quickly, so don't wait! Many congregations help to defray the cost through camp scholarships. Learn more and register at <http://fortunelake.org/summer-camp/>

*FLLC is offering a \$25 discount for new campers! Use promo code **NEW2023** at registration.*

CURRENT NEEDS of our local FOOD PANTRY

Located in Stephenson, next to the Post Office. Open on Saturdays from 9a - Noon.

Stewed Tomatos
Crushed Tomatos
Peas
Canned Beef
Canned Chicken
Peaches
Pineapple
Mixed Fruit
Cream of Celery
Tuna Helper
Cheese (Ched, Motz, CoJack)
Chicken

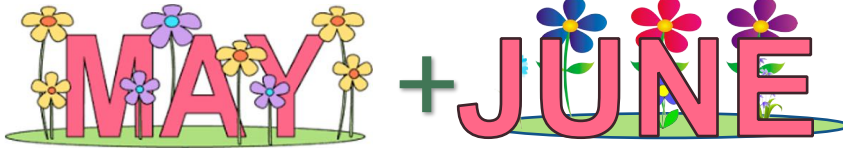


MidCounty Ministerium

Food Pantry

Fighting Hunger. Giving hope.

Diced Tomatos
Chili Beans
Cream Corn
Canned Pork
Canned Salmon
Pears
Mandarin Oranges
Cream of Chicken
Hamburger Helper
Butter
Beef
Pork



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