



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD of the ELCA

Lutheran Christians in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northeastern Wisconsin gather together in communities of faith for worship and ministry. Walking together are the 82 congregations, 115 pastors and 27,500 Lutherans of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), encompassing the entire Upper Peninsula of Michigan and the six adjacent counties in Northeastern Wisconsin. The Rev. Thomas Skrenes is our Bishop, and the Rev. Katherine Finegan is our Assistant to the Bishop.

Spreading the Gospel, the Synod, in the past 25 years, has embraced a new mission start at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Wisconsin, as well as Shepherd of the Sea Chapel in Copper Harbor, Michigan. Other vibrant Synod ministries include the Lay School for Mission and our Companion Synod program. The Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and the Northern Great Lakes Synod are connected in the Gospel. The Synod's institutional partners include Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, Michigan; Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan; and Northland Lutheran Retirement Community in Marinette, Wisconsin. Other partners include Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern Michigan University in Marquette and Michigan Technological University in Houghton.

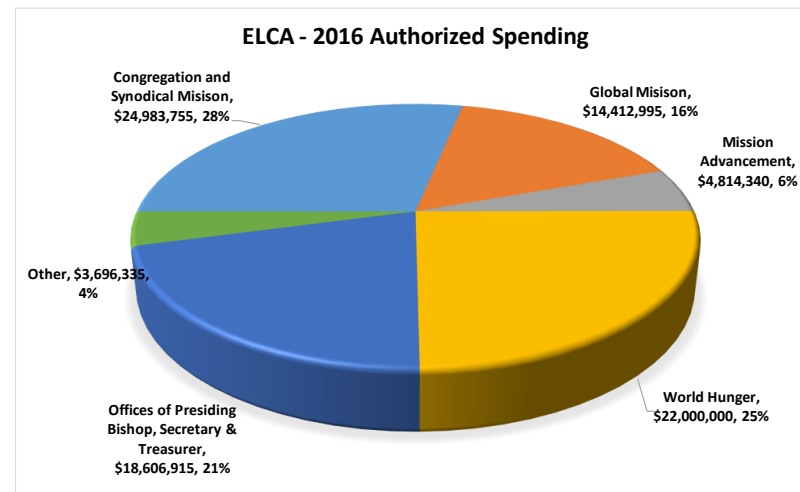
Discover more at www.nglsynod.org.



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has about 4 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations and 65 synods across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The churchwide organization is based out of the Lutheran Center in Chicago with the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton as our Presiding Bishop.

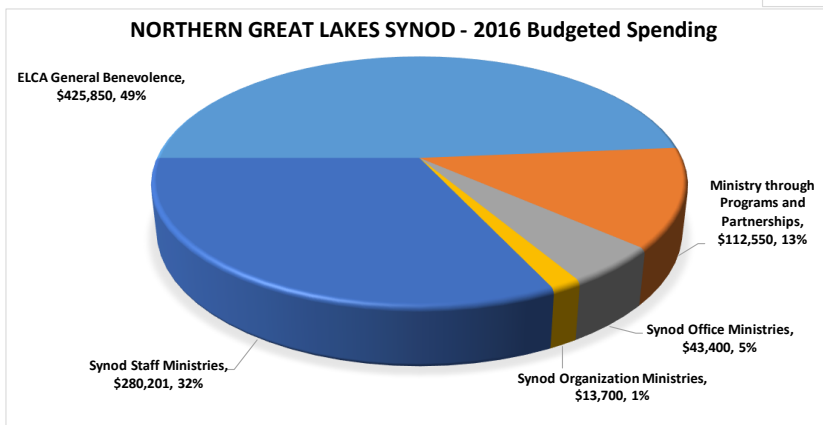
We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. For us, as the ELCA, this faith comes through the good news of Jesus Christ and gives us the freedom and the courage to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world. We are a church that is always being made new, and at the same time, is deeply rooted in Scripture, Lutheran theology and Lutheran confessions.



The ELCA also nurtures important connections with Lutheran, ecumenical and interfaith partners, and related organizations. We work alongside 26 colleges and universities related to the ELCA, eight seminaries, more than 2,000 schools and early childhood education centers, campus ministries, outdoor ministries, social service agencies, and other agencies and institutions across the country and throughout the world.

Together as churchwide, synods, congregations, and individual Christians, we are the ELCA.

Discover more at www.elca.org and through the available "Stories of Faith in Action".



Take a peek into God's generosity...

Immanuel, God with us,...



WORSHIP

- † Weekly worship centers on God's Word through preaching and God's intimate embrace in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion...for all ages.
- † Various liturgies move us through the ancient order of worship and church seasons with songs old and new. Bible-camp-style services are offered the third Monday of each month.
- † Choirs and other special music bless many worship services.
- † Weddings and funerals join people to God during the tender experiences of life.
- † Ministries both in front (like ushers and readers) and behind-the-scenes (like Altar Guild and seasonal arts) involve and bless many.

GROWTH

- † Cradle Roll connects the very young, newly baptized to the body of Christ.
- † Sunday School shares Bible stories and insights for 3-year-old pre-school through 5th grade. Ecumenical VBS gathers these same ages in late summer.
- † Confirmation shares an overview of the Biblical story, Lutheran history & core beliefs, and life of worship & service with grades 6-8.
- † Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp provides faith growth weeks and retreats for all ages.
- † Weekly adult Bible studies include Sunday 10AM Word & World connecting faith with news headlines, Wednesday 10AM lectionary study listening to the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings, Bible overviews (e.g., Bethel Series & Crossways), and other weekly studies dealing with specific books (e.g., Isaiah) and topics (e.g., Islam and the Qur'an).

- † Women's Circles meet monthly for inspiring study, fellowship, and service.
- † Men meet Lenten Saturdays 8:30AM for breakfast and Bible study. A great place for questions and friendly insights!
- † Lay School for Mission involves many courses for growth of faith and spirituality as well as discerning one's baptismal vocation. Learn more about prayer, the Bible and the church through a multi-year course plan...or simply classes of your own choosing.
- † Alpha Course in 11 weeks explores the basic DNA of the Christian faith while offering a safe place for all questions and opinions.
- † Financial Peace University in 9 weeks teaches a practical and biblically sound strategy to personal finances.

PRAYER

- † All our gatherings begin, continue, and end in prayer.
- † We like praying for one another, including during weekly worship when public prayer concerns are voiced to our Lord.
- † Prayer Chain links people praying in their homes with one another and focuses on particular prayer requests.
- † Healing prayer with laying-on-of-hands and anointing-with-oil is occasionally offered in worship and upon request.
- † Prayer Vigils for peace are held each Advent season and for release to the captives during Keryx prison ministry weekends.
- † Transformational (formerly Theophotic) Prayer Ministry is Christ-centered prayer that seeks Christ's liberating peace in the present through gaining His truth over the lies of our past.



...renewing lives in Christ...

...through the Holy Spirit!

SERVICE

- † Kitchen ministry blesses with food during Sunday morning coffee time as well as other deeply significant times such as a loved one's funeral.
- † Quilts are made weekly to provide warmth and shelter locally and worldwide through Lutheran World Relief.
- † Prayer Shawls are knit with prayer for gifting to people in time of need as well as young people making their confirmation, surrounding the recipient in a physical sign of ongoing loving prayer.
- † Love INC CUP (In the Name of Christ Central Upper Peninsula) connects neighbors with legitimate needs to area help, including Immanuel's ministries.
- † Good Samaritan Fund empowers our pastors to respond to neighbors' needs in tangible ways, when appropriate, sharing the love of Jesus in the real world.
- † Project Keep Kids Warm provides local children in need with warm winter wear.
- † Project Feed a Neighbor restocks local food pantry shelves, including that of St. Vincent de Paul here in Negaunee.
- † CROP Hunger Walk for Marquette County raises funds to battle hunger locally and worldwide. Immanuel has led the way in this for 6 years.
- † Habitat for Humanity builds are organized for adult and sometimes youth teams during summer months.
- † Mission Trips, both individual and group, are pursued when need and passion intersect.
- † Our beautiful facility serves church & community gatherings (e.g., AA, Compassionate Friends, Girls Scouts, Christian Women, Lake View's Kindergarten Round-up, etc.).
- † Funds and materials are raised for the worldwide work of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Hunger, and ELCA Disaster Response.
- † Although we do not house our portable Marquette homeless shelter, Room at the Inn, Immanuel still gets involved in supportive roles.

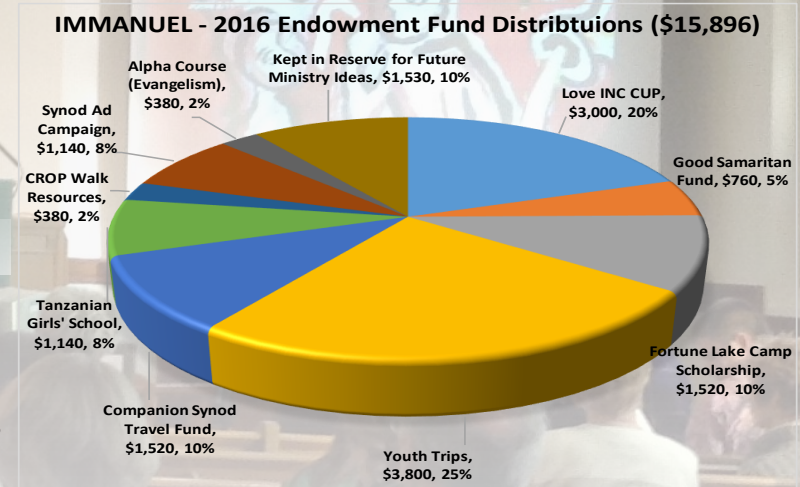
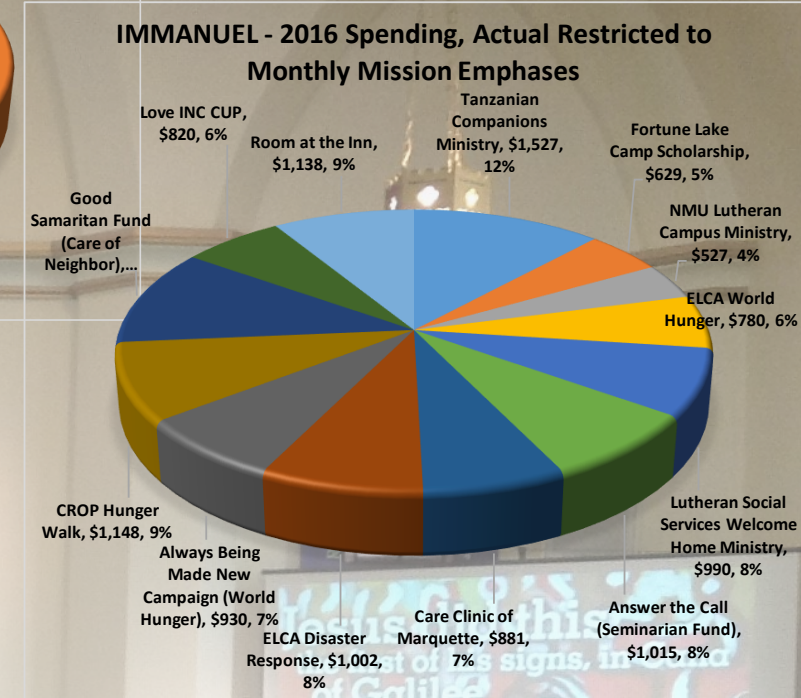
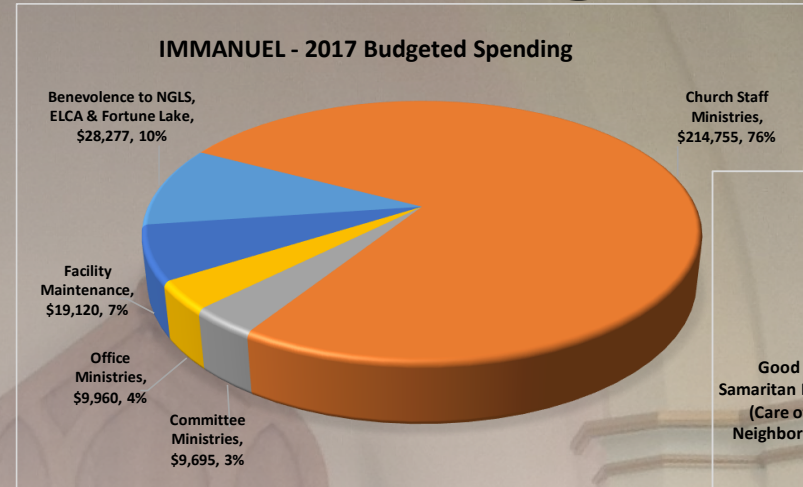
RELATIONSHIPS

- † We celebrate God's gift of relationship in Christ's family by bearing one another's burdens, sharing each other's joys, and serving with one another in groups both small and large.
- † Sunday morning Coffee Time is about more than coffee. It's about connecting with each other in the body of Christ.
- † Lay Eucharistic Ministry shares Holy Communion with those who are homebound.
- † WELCA circles and all other Bible study groups are opportunities to walk with one another in faith.
- † Alpha Course is a safe place into which we can invite and walk with those inquiring about faith.
- † Hospital pastoral visits, if requested, can bring comfort amidst difficult times.
- † Pastoral counseling can explore use of spiritual resources through life's challenges.
- † Transformation Prayer Ministry offers Jesus' healing to life's deep hurts.
- † Support groups hosted here, including two Alcoholic Anonymous groups, bring the loving aid of God and others.
- † Girl Scout troops meet within our building.
- † Youth gatherings, from lock-ins to servant events to trips away, bond pre-teens and teens together in Christ.
- † Youth connect to their elders through Christmas caroling and other visits.
- † Other relationships stretch beyond our walls through area and even worldwide ministries, including Negaunee Ministerial Association, WIN for Christ, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA, the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and the Eastern & Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, particularly Yombo Luther-



WITNESS

- † The people of Immanuel lovingly witness the Good News of Jesus Christ in everyday, ordinary conversations, caring, and invitations.
- † Unified ministries of Christ's love through such cooperative ventures as the Negaunee Ministerial Association and Love INC CUP witnesses loudly to the people of our community.
- † Vacation Bible School is done together with other Negaunee churches as a witness to our whole community.
- † Alpha Course is a safe invitation point to which you can welcome and invite others for an 11-week exploration of the basic DNA of the Christian faith in a comfortable setting that welcomes all questions and opinions.
- † Financial Peace University is a 9-week course designed to help people get control of their finances, including debt, with a Biblically sound approach.
- † Immanuel takes a lead with other area churches in connecting dynamic outreach speakers, like Bob Lenz, to area youth.
- † People of Immanuel are involved in many points of witness beyond our walls, including Keryx Prison Ministry and the Cursillo Movement.



LEADERSHIP

- † A congregational council of no more than 12 Immanuel members plus pastors has general oversight of congregational ministries, meeting on a monthly basis.
- † Committees are tasked with specific oversight of ministries such as Christian Education, connection with our Tanzanian Companion Synod, Evangelism/Parish Life, connection with Fortune Lake Bible Camp, Endowment Funds, Property, Social Ministry, Staff Support, Stewardship, Worship & Music, Youth Ministry, and Women of the ELCA (WELCA).
- † Our church staff includes pastors, office secretaries, treasurer, custodian, lock-up person, choir director, ministers of music, organists, and accompanists.
- † We believe that Christ's church includes far more than our congregation, so we work together with the other congregations of our Northern Great Lakes Synod, Superior Central Conference 8, Negaunee Ministerial Association, WIN for Christ area youth ministry coordination, and more.
- † If God has placed a ministry passion on your heart in which to lead, we will encourage, discern and walk with you as your brothers and sisters in Christ.

IMMANUEL "BUILDING TO RENEW" DEBT

