



Muhlenberg, Malls and Mission

Information for Enhancing Your 2011 Assembly/LIFT Event Experience

First Aid – Medical Need

If you have an emergency, please call 911. If you need minor medical attention, please call Campus Safety at 484-664-3112.

Rest Rooms

Handicapped accessible rest rooms are available in all buildings; however, not all rest rooms in the buildings are handicapped accessible. The handicapped accessible rest rooms in the Life Sports Center are located on the 2nd floor, accessible by stairs and/or elevator. There are also rest rooms (not handicapped accessible) on the other side of Memorial Hall.

Offering

An offering for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal will be received on Friday evening during both Holden Evening Prayer services at Egner Chapel. The offering received during the celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday morning has been designated to go to the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Please be prepared and generous with your gifts.

Lost and Found

Have you lost an item? Check at the Registration tables in the Life Sports Center to see if it has been “found.” Have you found an item? Please take it to the Registration tables.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg will be strolling around the campus, talking about his mission to bring Lutheran worship and teachings to the new world. Don't be deceived – he just looks like Pastor Carl Shankweiler.

LYF Dance

The Lutheran Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a dance for Synod Assembly and LIFT participants. Join them in the Red Door Café in the Seegers Union Friday night any time between 9:15 and 11:00 pm.

Food and Drinks

Because of the college's contract with Sodexo, its food service provider, participants may not bring outside food onto the campus.

Coffee, Tea and Water

Coffee, tea and water will be available at the Registration tables on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Meals

If you ordered meals in advance for the Woods Dining Commons in Seegers Union, your meal tickets are with your name tag. There will be no cash service in the dining commons. If you have not ordered meals, a list of local restaurants is available at the Registration tables. The General's Quarters in Seeger's Union will be open on Friday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Coffee, soft drinks, snacks and sandwiches will be available for purchase there.

Reception Hosted by The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

LTSP invites friends and alumni/ae for light refreshments, snacks, and conversation from 9-11 pm on Friday in The Great Room, Upper Floor, Seegers Union Building. Anyone who wants to attend should pick up an invitation at the LTSP workshop or display table, or see an LTSP staff member.

Do What Matters Share-Shop

Friday evening between **6:15 and 7:00 pm** there will be an opportunity for congregational members who attended one of the spring *Do What Matters* workshops with ARE (A Renewal Enterprise) to meet together at the Red Door Café. The Café is in the lower level of Seegers Union near the mail boxes. The setting is informal with two Synod Council members present to convene the sharing. If the agenda permits, there may be an opportunity for the share-shop to report out to the Assembly on Saturday morning.

Book Stores

Visit The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia's bookstore near the Registration tables. There is a wonderful selection of books, resources for Sunday Church School, personal devotions, leadership topics, etc.

Muhlenberg's book store, in Seeger's Union, will be open through dinner on Friday. Discount coupons will be available at the Registration tables for Muhlenberg's book store.

Displays

Learn about the various synod ministry teams, social ministry agencies, and other ELCA and synod related groups by browsing through the displays in the Field House in the Life Sports Center. Pick up literature to take back to your congregation. Have conversation with the display hosts. Learn about our church at work in the world.

Workshops

A listing of workshops with locations can be obtained at the Registration tables as well as a list of which workshops you signed up for and which workshops still have room. If workshops have been closed, it is up to the presenter to decide whether or not he/she can accommodate additional attendees. Please respect the planning of those who registered in advance.

- 2:45 – 3:45 pm, Friday
Workshop Session 1
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Friday
Workshop Session 2
- 9:15 – 10:15 am, Saturday
Workshop Session 3 (LIFT only)
- 2:45 – 3:45 pm, Saturday
Workshop Session 4

Synod Assembly Sessions

LIFT attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend any of the Assembly sessions. LIFT attendees should sit in the visitor's section at the rear of the Assembly hall in the Field House.

- 9:30 am – noon, Friday
- 7:00 – 8:15 pm, Friday
- 9:00 – 10:30 am, Saturday

Marty Haugen / Mary Preus Concert 1:30 pm, Saturday, Egner Chapel

Marty Haugen and Mary Preus will offer a concert of joyful praise, song and story.

Keynote Address by Dr. Jon Pahl 1:30 pm, Friday, Life Sports Center

Dr. Jon Pahl, Professor of the History of Christianity in North America and Director of MA Programs at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia will be the keynoter. Dr. Pahl is the author of *Shopping Malls and Other Sacred Spaces: Putting God in Place* and has appeared in the feature documentary film, *Malls R Us*.

Holden Evening Prayer, Friday, Egner Chapel

Join Marty Haugen, composer of Holden Evening Prayer, with Mary Preus as they lead evening worship – once for LIFT participants and the public, and later for LYF and Assembly attendees.

- 7:00 – 8:00 pm, LIFT and the public
- 8:35 – 9:15 pm, Synod Assembly, LYF

Festival Eucharist 10:45 am, Saturday, Life Sports Center

Join with the voting members from the Synod Assembly and LYF as we celebrate Holy Communion, using "Now the Feast and Celebration" led by its composer, Marty Haugen

Chapel Concerts

Concerts will be given in the Egner Memorial Chapel at the following times:

- 2:45 – 3:30 pm, Friday
Covenant Brass Ensemble
- 4:00 – 4:45 pm, Friday
Members of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts Touring Choir, directed by David MacBeth
- 9:15 – 10:00 am, Saturday
Organ Recital,
Stephen Williams
- 2:45 – 3:30 pm, Saturday
Heidelberg Handbell Choir
directed by Jackie Laudenslager

Funding Partners for this Assembly / LIFT Event

Our thanks to the following groups who provided grants which helped underwrite the cost of our keynoter and our guest musicians:

- ELCA Mission Investment Fund
The fund provides investment opportunities for Lutheran individuals, congregations, and agencies by making low interest capital loans to newly-organized congregations as well as capital loans to established congregations and Lutheran agencies. If you have questions, please look for Mark Wimmer at his display table.
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Thrivent Financial is a fraternal insurance agency for Lutherans and provides a wide range of insurance and investment services. Charlotte Gross, Curtis Renner, and Sue Gonzalez, Thrivent Financial Representatives, will be available to lead two workshops and to answer any questions about Thrivent resources that you may have.
- Muhlenberg College
This is the first time in many years that we have scheduled our Assembly at Muhlenberg. We are experimenting this year, combining the Assembly with the LIFT event which has always been here at the college. We are grateful for Muhlenberg's gracious hospitality and for the partnership of Muhlenberg's administration and staff.

Evaluation Sheet

Please take the time to complete an evaluation form sharing your thoughts and perceptions of the events. We are especially interested in what you think about combining the Assembly and LIFT events together. Please place the completed evaluation form in the boxes found at the Registration tables.

Our Additional Thanks to....

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- Volunteers who assisted in countless ways with everything from stuffing packets to counting ballots and distributing handouts to telling people how to find workshop locations, etc, etc, etc. We couldn't do this without YOU!
- You – for your participation in the 2011 Synod Assembly/LIFT event