



Saturday, November 6, 2010
Christ Lutheran Church
467 Main Street
Conyngham PA 18219

Workshop Titles, Presenters, and Descriptions

(Please put the identifying letters of your workshop choices on the appropriate lines of the registration form)

- A** ***Jesus Calls Us to Stand Up to Intimidation*** – Pr. Manfred Bahmann
Intimidation is a widely used technique to keep people from expressing their feelings. How is intimidation being used today to squelch debate concerning abortion, healthcare, etc.? How can it be overcome and/or confronted?
- B** ***Jesus Calls Us to Explore the Plumline: Preach Justice*** – Pr. Kelly Denton-Borhaug
Pastors are often pressured not to address the theme of Justice in their preaching. They worry about divisiveness, about how to understand justice themselves, and how to effectively preach about justice within the context of the Christian faith.
- C** ***Jesus Calls Us to Engagement*** – Pr. Dennis Ritter
Participants will have the opportunity to think about what their role is as individual Christians and as the Body of Christ in addressing issues of justice and will look at ways that they can engage in the public arena around the major issues of the day.
- D** ***Jesus Calls Us to Tend the Elders of the Flock*** – Pr. Peggy Sue Pfeffer
Participants will explore resources that are available for individuals, congregations and communities to help tend to the elders in their midst. Discussions will include how to have the difficult conversations about finances, powers-of-attorney, living wills, funeral arrangements, transitions, driving, etc. with respect and compassion.
- E** ***Jesus Calls Us to Help Victims of Domestic Violence*** – Tammy Rodgers, Domestic Violence
Participants will explore the impact domestic violence has on the whole family system, especially children. They will learn ways that faith leaders and congregations can help domestic violence victims and their children.
- F** ***Jesus Calls Us to Love Our Neighbor*** – Paul Golias
Participants will explore what it means to care for one's neighbor, to build true community. We all have opportunities to breakdown the barriers of gender, ethnicity, race, income and geography that often divide individuals and whole communities.
- G** ***Jesus Calls Us to Respond to Ethnic Intimidation*** – Martin Kearney, PA Human Relations Commission
This workshop will provide information on PA's "Hate Crime Law", racial supremacist groups, and the trends with these groups in light of PA's and Luzerne County's changing demographics, and what churches can do to affirm diversity and unite our communities.

- H Jesus Calls Us to Shelter the Homeless** – Kathy Aira
Participants will learn how the Monroe County chapter of Family Promise works to integrate educational outreach, smart programming, effective policies, and the hands-on work of thousands of volunteers. Homeless families receive food, shelter, support services, advice and advocacy.
- I Jesus Calls Us to the Hospitality of Abraham** – Daniella Cioibeanu McKeeby & Amilcar Arroyo
Using the events of the last few years in Hazelton and more recently Arizona, participants will examine the process and the challenges that exist for individuals who want to become US citizens and the effect that the present heated rhetoric surrounding undocumented immigrants is having upon those who are here legally.
- J Jesus Calls Us to Care for Creation** – Pr. Fletcher Harper
Participants will learn how they can model environmental stewardship by encouraging their congregations to become more “green”. Participants will have opportunities to reflect together about what might work in their congregations.
- K Jesus Calls Us to be a Reconciling People** – Robert Hensley
Participants will learn what their congregations can do to be truly welcoming to members of the gay community and how they can be effective advocates for gay rights within their congregations.
- L Jesus Calls Us to Understand Bullies and Bullying** – Pr. Paulette Obrecht
Parents and community members are realizing that bullying is a serious problem that can lead to other more serious anti-social behavior. Learn about the causes and effects of bullying, legal/ethical issues, and prevention techniques/programs.
- M Jesus Calls Us to Serve** – Member(s) from Zion, Brodheadsville
Find out how “YOU” can serve. Zion, Brodheadsville has organized teams over the past 12 years to volunteer when disasters hit. “Mission Possible” sends skilled and unskilled workers to rebuild lives through rebuilding homes and spirits.
- N Jesus Calls Us to Go Public** – Marissa Harris Krey
In today’s 2.0 world, this means using social media. Learn how LAMPa is using Facebook to promote advocacy and to get people in touch with their legislators. What other Lutheran sites are out there waiting for you to connect as advocates?
- O Jesus Calls Us to Shout ONE!** – Marissa Harris Krey
The ONE campaign works to mobilize Americans towards the goal of giving 1% of our nation’s yearly budget towards fighting hunger and poverty worldwide. Learn from Lutherans about their involvement with ONE and the resources available to you.
- P Jesus Calls us to be a Public Church** – Pr. Matt Lenahan
The ELCA is a public voice for justice through its theological engagement with the issues that affect people’s lives. This engagement results in Social Statements of the Church that can serve to inform your thinking and actions. Become an informed Lutheran, ready to articulate and act upon what you believe.
- Q Jesus Calls us to a Ministry of Transformation** – Pr. William Fairchild
Participants explore the call of Jesus to be about the holy work of transforming a broken world by God’s grace. How does the Gospel confront and seek to alter the powers of the world that perpetuate evil, inequity and injustice?