
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
October 2007

This Month's News

Please see the other side of this cover sheet for **information about the election of a new synod bishop at the 2008 Synod Assembly.**

Treasurer's Workshop, Saturday, October 20, 2007, at Jordan Lutheran Church, Orefield, from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. Audience: Treasurers, financial secretaries, pastors and finance committee members. For more information, click the links at www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm.



The Heart of Worship A day for pastors, musicians, worship leaders and planners, and others. This event will be held October 20, 2007, at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Robert Rimbo. For more information and a registration form, see your pastor or go to the links at www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm.

One Love, One LYF is the theme of the annual **LYF Assembly**, to be held Nov. 9-11, 2007, at Pinebrook Bible Conference and Retreat Center, Stroudsburg. Information and a poster to download and print is available online, along with a registration form. **Note** that the registration deadline for the lower fee is **October 10**. Links to both may be found at www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm.



Good Gifts

Here's a way to share blessings with those in other parts of the country and the world in the name of those who are near and dear. Read more from the synod hunger team by clicking the link at www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm.

"Home for the Holidays" Bazaar

Join staff and volunteers of The Lutheran Home at Topton, a Diakon Senior Living Community, on **Friday, November 9**, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Henry Auditorium as the village's Community Life Department presents "Home for the Holidays." The bazaar will feature many craft vendors, homemade soups and Bar-B-Q, and a bake sale. For more information, see Diakon's Mission District Report, available at <http://www.diakon.org/ChurchProfessionals/NEPA.asp>.



Saturday School continues on October 13 with presentations by Pastors Sam Zeiser (9 a.m.) and Autumn Hardenstine (1 p.m.). For more information or to register, click the link at www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm.

Find it all at www.godslove.org. Click "This Month's News" under "Publications." No Internet access? Call Carol Moyer at the synod office (610-395-6891) to request a copy of a particular item.



Thanks to members of **St. Paul, Trexlertown**, for assembling this mailing.

In This Packet: October 2007

- **Synod News**, insert for congregation newsletters and/or bulletins.
- **Thanks to You . . .**, bulletin insert to interpret our church's mission.
- **Roster changes** since the last monthly mailing.
- **The Parish Paper** (please note restrictions on photocopying!)

Printable versions of *Synod News* and *Thanks to You* are available as PDFs on the synod website (www.godslove.org). Click the links on the Publications menu. Adobe Acrobat PDF (Portable Document Format) files can be viewed on screen and printed on your own printer exactly as they were produced. You can also copy text and graphics from PDF files. For a detailed description of copying text and graphics from PDF files, go to www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm.

2008 Synod Assembly: Election of a New Synod Bishop

Since Bishop Strobel has announced that he intends to retire at the end of this term, a major agenda item for the assembly is the election of a new synod bishop.

The Synod Council has approved a study process to prepare for the election of our next bishop and assembled additional materials for use at special gatherings in the mission districts this fall.

These materials are available on the synod website, www.godslove.org. Click the link on the home page or go to www.godslove.org/assembly. Scroll down to "Election of a New Synod Bishop."

These documents and materials are available via the links on that page:

- **[Imprint for the Future: Called Together in Mission](#)**
Procedure for the Election of a Synod Bishop — 2008, approved by the Synod Council, June 30, 2007; includes a time line
- **[Choosing a Bishop: Questions to Assist in Preparation](#)**
Resource produced by the ELCA for the election of a bishop
- **[Constitutional Requirements for](#)**
The Election of a Bishop
The Responsibilities of the Bishop
- **[Definition of "Ecclesiastical Ballot"](#)**
Information provided to synods by ELCA Secretary Lowell Almen in 2006
- **[Questions for Reflection and Discussion](#)**
Worksheet to use during the fall mission district gatherings and for personal reflection

The election and these materials, particularly the "Questions for Reflection and Discussion," will be the main topic at fall mission district gatherings. The schedule for these gatherings is as follows:

- October 18** Bethlehem-Easton Mission District, 7 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Easton
- November 4** Lehigh Mission District, 3:00 p.m., Cedar Lutheran Church, Cetronia
- November 4** Pocono Mission District, 3:00 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, Tannersville
- November 8** Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District, 7:00 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Emanuelsville
- November 11** Hazleton-Lehigh Mission District, 6:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Bowmanstown
- November 12** Schuylkill Mission District, 6:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville
- November 15** East Berks Mission District, 7:00 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, Moselem
- November 15** West Berks Mission District, 7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tuckerton

The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District gathering was held September 30.

If you are unable to attend the gathering in your mission district, you are welcome to attend the gathering in another mission district.