

# Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA April 2008

## This Month's News



**Register now** for *Fit for Jesus*, the 2008 **SYMDANO** (Synod Youth Ministry Day and Networking Opportunity) event! It will be held on **April 19** at Christ Lutheran Church, Conyngham. Go to [www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm) for more information and a registration form.

### Money Leadership for Rostered Leaders

The Money Leadership event, which will take place **April 22-23** at St. Francis Friary, Easton, engages rostered leaders in conversation and self-assessment of their experiences, feelings, knowledge and practices related to money issues. For more information and to register, click the link at [www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm).



### Rolling Stones Days



Bear Creek Camp needs adults and youth volunteers for any of its three Rolling Stones Days on April 19, April 26, and May 3 to gather stone and do finishing work on the walls of the new outdoor chapel, to be dedicated 2:00 pm on June 14. More info at [www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org).

### Locks of Love Benefit

A haircutting party to benefit Locks of Love and Diakon Hospice Saint John will be held at 4:30 p.m., **Thursday, April 17**, in the Hair Care Salon in the Lower Level Commons on the campus of Luther Crest, a Diakon Lutheran Senior Living Community in Allentown. People can help by donating a minimum of 10 inches of hair (which may be colored or permed but not bleached), by donating your time if you are a beautician, or by donating to Diakon Hospice Saint John. For more information, people may contact Luther Crest Chaplain Dianne Kareha at (610) 391-8210 or view Diakon's April Mission District Report, found here: <http://www.diakon.org/ChurchProfessionals/NEPA.asp>.



### Summer Schedule for Canoe Trips

Pocono Area Leisure Ministry (PALM) invites you to take part in one of their canoe trips through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area this summer. They are offering two different trip routes this summer. For more information, click the link at [www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm).

**Saturday School** continues on **April 19, 2008**, at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus. 9:00 a.m. session: *Preparing to Preach*, Pr. Joseph Scholtes, St. Paul, Orwigsburg; 1:00 p.m. session: *The Book of Revelation*, Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman, associate professor of biblical studies, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. The final session will be held on **May 17**. For more information, click the link at [www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm).



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Thanks to the members of **St. Peter, Bethlehem**, for assembling this mailing.

# In This Packet: April 2008

- **Synod News**, insert for congregation newsletters and/or bulletins
- **Roster changes** since the last monthly mailing
- **The Parish Paper**

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## Additional Information, 2008 Synod Assembly

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**Most forms** needed for the **2008 synod assembly (May 29-31, 2008, at Split Rock)** are available on the assembly page on the synod website ([www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm](http://www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm)).

### Registration Directions and Forms

Register **now** for the 2008 Synod Assembly!

The deadline for the lower registration fee (a savings of \$20 per person) is **April 30**.

Save an additional \$10 per person by registering online. The link for online registration is on the synod website, both on the home page ([www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)) and on the assembly page ([www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm](http://www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm)).

The deadline for online registration is **May 22**. Online registration will not be available after midnight on May 22.

Also on the assembly page are links to the directions for registration, including registration fees, individual meal costs, and area hotels; the directions to Split Rock; information about the election of a bishop; and links to a variety of forms.

If you wish to register by mail, there is a link to the registration form. Materials were also mailed to all congregations and rostered leaders on March 3.

### Other Forms and Information

Check the assembly page regularly for updates. The Bulletin of Reports is available online via a link on the assembly page ([www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm](http://www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm)).

There is **one** forum session offered at this year's assembly, from 10:30-11:45 a.m. on Friday, May 30. Registered visitors may attend forums. However, seating in forums is limited; voting members have priority.

### Special Note

**The results of the balloting for bishop will be posted on the synod website** as soon as possible following the announcement of results.