

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
July 2008

This Month's News



Included in this mailing is a **special bulletin insert** with the “Resolution of Appreciation” for the ministry of Bishop David R. Strobel. This resolution was adopted by the synod council at its June 28 meeting at the Lutheran Home at Topton. Please include the insert in an upcoming worship bulletin or newsletter.

An Invitation to Rostered Leaders

Join other church professionals and their spouses at the *Forward Thinking* seminar on Tuesday, August 26, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lehighton, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch included). See the **reverse side of this cover sheet** for more information and a registration form. (It's free!)



Calling All Youth!

The Lutheran Youth Fellowship assembly will be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference Center again this year. The dates for the assembly are November 7-9. Registration materials will be sent to congregations by early September. Look for them!

Check out the August issue of *Synod News*, too — there is information in it about the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Summer Concert Series – Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to Pocono Lutheran Village, 329 E. Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, this summer for some delightful music. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. on the following Thursdays:

July 31—Old Thyme Banjo Band will play Dixieland and toe-tapping banjos

Aug. 7—Peter Ward will spin favorites from the '30s, '40s, and '50s

Aug. 14—Rick Peoples will perform country music

August 21—Natalie & John will perform favorites from the '50s, '60s and '70s

August 28—Ruth Ratliff of Jemini Music, a mezzo soprano, will perform an evening of classic standards

For more information, please see Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries' July Mission District Report, available at <http://www.diakon.org/ChurchProfessionals/NEPA.asp>.



Take a Canoe Trip This Summer

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.

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 the members of **St. Peter, Macungie**, for assembling this mailing.

In This Packet: July 2008

- **Synod News**, insert for congregation newsletters and/or bulletins
- **Bulletin Insert** with a “Resolution of Appreciation” adopted by the Synod Council in honor of Bishop David Strobel
- **Roster changes** since the last monthly mailing
- **The Parish Paper**

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Seminar Invitation to All Rostered Leaders

Join other church professionals and their spouses at the *Forward Thinking* seminar on Tuesday, August 26, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lehighton, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch included).

Hosted by the ELCA Board of Pensions, Mission Investment Fund, and Foundation, the Forward Thinking seminar was created in 2004 created to explain IRS regulations that can be exercised in self-directed retirement plans.

The purpose of the Forward Thinking seminar is to help you understand the flexibility of your ELCA Retirement Plan, administered by the ELCA Board of Pensions. It will address how you can use a pre-tax retirement asset to support ministry gifts and your family, with minimum taxation.

All active church professionals and their spouses enrolled in the ELCA Board of Pensions retirement plan are invited to this seminar **at no cost**.

Lunch is provided courtesy of the Mission Investment Fund.

QUESTIONS? Contact Pr. Mark Wimmer 267-203-1137 or mark.wimmer@elca.org
Or see the [brochure](#) on the [calendar page](#) on the synod website, www.godslove.org.

FORWARD THINKING SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Please register by **August 12**

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