

# Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA January 2009

## This Month's News

### Read the Bishop's Page for Updates on the Conference of Bishops' Visit to the Middle East

Bishop Zeiser is traveling in the **Middle East** as part of the 2009 bishop's academy, an annual event in which leaders from both churches (ELCA and ELCIC) engage in theological reflection and study. The trip was scheduled months ago and the bishops decided that the trip was timelier than ever and should proceed. Read messages from the bishop on his web page at <http://www.nepsynod.org/people/bishop.htm>



### Women's Retreat: *The Heart of Peace*



Diakon Family Life Services – Northeastern Pennsylvania will explore what peace is, what the Bible says about it, and how one can find serenity within without waiting for the circumstances to change. Lori Young, a certified retreat leader and spiritual director, will use the book, *The Heart of Peace*, to explore how to break the self-defeating patterns that keep us in turmoil. For more information, including costs, related to the Feb. 27 - March 1 retreat at the Mariawald Renewal Center in Shillington, see Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries' January Mission District Report, available at <http://www.diakon.org/ChurchProfessionals/NEPA.asp>.

### Annual Farm Family Celebration

The annual **Farm Family Appreciation Celebration** will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Hamburg Field House. Everyone is invited—farm families *and* farm family supporters! Children are welcome. For more information and to register, click the link at [www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm).



### Get Ready for a **LIFT!**

Mark your calendar and tell your family to get ready for **LIFT 2009**. It will be held Saturday, June 13, at Muhlenberg College.

For more information, go to [www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm). Or check directly at [www.godslove.org/LIFT](http://www.godslove.org/LIFT). Also see the article in the January issue of Partners in the Spirit ([www.godslove.org/publications/partnersinthepirit/](http://www.godslove.org/publications/partnersinthepirit/)).

### Order Your Copy of the Bishop's Installation DVD

A DVD of **Bishop Zeiser's installation** and the pre-service music is available for purchase. Every congregation in the synod was offered one free copy of the DVD. If your congregation has not requested the DVD as yet, there are still DVDs available.

Use the form on the **back page of this cover sheet** to request the free copy or order additional copies.



Find it all at [www.godslove.org](http://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 **Holy Spirit, Emmaus**, for assembling this mailing.

# In This Packet: January 2009

- **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**

Printable versions of *Synod News* and *Thanks to You* are available as PDFs on the synod website ([www.godslove.org](http://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](http://www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm).

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### DVD of Bishop Zeiser's Installation

**(PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline for requesting the free congregation copy was November 30. However, if your congregation has not yet requested your free DVD, there are still copies available and you may request your copy by completing the form below.)



Free copy for congregation (*one per congregation*)

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