

# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

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## IT'S A FEAST!



dinner. The key word for LIFT is "choice." Fill your plate with a variety of things that suit your "tastes." Check out some of the things that are on the LIFT buffet:

- Is world hunger a concern for you? Do you miss those "Bike for Hunger" events? If so, then come early and do the "Walk for Hunger" starting at 8 AM.
- There are plenty of musical choices, too, for those who enjoy singing or listening to music. Sing hymns from the new hymnal. Listen to a hand bell choir or an organ recital or a chorale.
- Are you eager to learn a new skill or hear about the different ministries in our synod? Check out the large selection of workshops and playshops being offered.
- If you're an active person, maybe you'd rather play some games on the Muhlenberg campus.



Mix and match from all the choices. Check out some displays. Meet famous Lutheran personalities from the past and present. Attend a workshop or play a game or find time to do both. Listen to speakers and storytellers. Join other Lutherans for a festive worship experience.

Come with friends. Make new ones. Pick and choose. Fill your plate. But most of all, plan to be there to join the celebration.

We're celebrating our faith together!

What's there to do at **LIFT**? Asking that question is like asking what's on the menu at a buffet

### Guess Who's Coming to LIFT

We certainly hope **you** are. In fact, we're expecting you.

But did you know that when you come to **LIFT**, you will be able to meet and talk with some famous persons?

What will you say to Martin and Katy Luther?



Do you have a question for Johann Sebastian Bach? How in the world did he write all that music?

Have you always wanted to know more about Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg?

Imagine having the chance to talk with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, to ask him about his strong faith in the fight against Nazism in World War II.



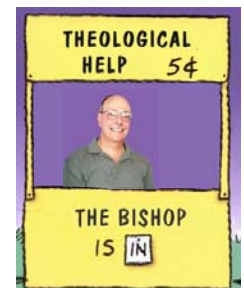
Stop and talk with Davey and Goliath and get a friendly handshake (or pawshake, as the case may be).

What do you know about Lutheran deaconesses? Meet and talk with a deaconess and find out what her ministry is.

Perhaps you would like to sit and talk with our own famous bishop, David Strobel. Bishop Strobel will be at his very own booth.

Meeting and talking with these famous folks is just one part of a fun-filled day!

See you at **LIFT**!



Keep up-to-date with LIFT at  
[www.godslove.org/LIFT](http://www.godslove.org/LIFT)

# Upcoming Events

## Saturday School



Saturday School is held from 9-4 at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Emmaus.

**April 21:** 9:00 a.m. session: *Baptismal Theology*, Dr. Sam Zeiser, pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown; 1:00 p.m. session: *Hospital and Home Visitation*, Pastor Bill Horn, chaplain, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital.

More information and a registration form are on the synod website ([www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)). Or contact Cheryl Meinschein, [cherylrich@fast.net](mailto:cherylrich@fast.net).



## Sports and Faith

A time of reflection with football coach **Danny Hale**



**Saturday, April 14, 2007**

How does our faith as Christians relate to our involvement in sports? What does the behavior of athletes communicate about religion?

Danny Hale, head football coach at Bloomsburg University, will address these and other questions in *Sports and Faith*, the spring "Men in Mission" event at Bear Creek Camp and Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Bear Creek and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia are co-sponsors for the day-long event, which begins at 8:45 a.m.

Cost is \$30 and includes lunch. For information and to register, contact George Keck at 610/489-1202 or [Gbkeck2@msn.com](mailto:Gbkeck2@msn.com).

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## Calling All Youth



**SYMDANO** (Synod Youth Ministry Day and Networking Opportunity)

**April 14, 2007, Atonement, Wyomissing**

Youth in grades 3-12, young adults, parents, advisors. More information is on the youth pages of the synod website.

**Be a part of the youth gathering for another year!**

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"*

Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

2007 Northeast Region Youth Gathering



**Northeast Region Youth Gathering**

**July 19-22, 2007; West Chester Univ.**

[www.youthgathering2007.org/](http://www.youthgathering2007.org/)

### Workshops

Over 35 workshops from which to choose!

### Musicians

Including—

Christian Hip Hop artist AGAPE  
Singer/Songwriter Rachel Kurtz

**Bible study, Speakers, Servant Events, and MORE!**

Cost is \$295 (before May 1!)

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**