

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

February 2007

Lutherans in Faith Together



2007 Assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Friday, June 8, 2007

First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem

Join Lutherans from across northeastern Pennsylvania for a full weekend of **celebrating** and **being the synod!**

A **one-day assembly** will be held on Friday, June 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem. The assembly will begin with a service of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, next door to First Presbyterian Church.

From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., two forums will be held. The first forum addresses the new format for the compensation guidelines for rostered leaders, which will be voted on at the assembly. That forum will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church. The second forum, which will be held at First Presbyterian Church, deals with the latest step in the development of a comprehensive social statement on human sexuality for the

ELCA. These two forums will be repeated from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., with the locations reversed (compensation guidelines at First Presbyterian and sexuality at Wesley United Methodist).

Box lunches will be available for purchase via the registration form. Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Information about local restaurants will also be provided.

The assembly will begin officially at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian. Only one plenary session is scheduled, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The assembly ends officially at 4:00 p.m.

Friday evening a special presentation of the thought-provoking play *Mass Appeal* will be held, featuring Pr. Fred Opalinski of Trinity, Reading. Watch for more information on location and ticket purchase.

Register for the assembly online beginning February 28.

This year the Bulletin of Reports will be available online. Paper copies may be obtained from the synod office if desired.

LIFT
**Lutherans in Faith
Together**



Saturday, June 9, 2007
Muhlenberg College, Allentown

On Saturday, June 9, congregational members of **all** ages will gather for **LIFT (Lutherans in Faith Together)**, the day-long event at Muhlenberg College.

Read about the keynoter, music, activities, and other exciting features on the synod website.

Keep up-to-date with LIFT at
www.godslove.org/LIFT

Upcoming Events

Saturday School



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

January 20, 2007: 9:00 a.m., *Prophets and Psalms*, Dr. Peter Pettit, director, IJCU; 1:00 p.m., *Stewardship in Small Churches*, Pr. Herbert Gifford.

February 24, 2007: 9:00 a.m., *Preaching from the Old Testament*, Pr. Autumn Fletcher, Episcopal priest; 1:00 p.m., *Evangelism in Small Churches*, Pr. John Fritch, St. James, Coopersburg

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

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 will be posted on the website as available.



Northeast Region Youth Gathering

July 19-22, 2007

West Chester University

www.youthgathering2007.org/

**EXPERIENCE
ENGAGE
EMPOWER**

Ecumenical Young Adult Event

**Saturday, March 3, 2007
11 AM to 5 PM**

First United Church of Christ, 151 S. 4th Street, Quakertown, Pa.

Cost: \$10 donation (to cover lunch). For more information, contact Amelie Sell at (610) 562-2593. A registration form may be found via the calendar page on the synod website (www.godslove.org/).

Annual Farm Family Appreciation Celebration



**Saturday, March 24, 2007
Hamburg Field House**



Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; dinner buffet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; square dance and music by "The Majestics" - 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Did you know?



Partners in the Spirit is published online? Read the latest issue at www.godslove.org. Click the *Partners in the Spirit* link under "Publications." Here's what's in the January issue

- **Life after a Stroke** David Miller suffered a stroke at age 39. Read about his efforts to recover.
- **A Red-Letter Day: LIFT** More about this exciting event for all ages.
- **Social Ministry Awards Recognize Love in Action** Read about recipients of these annual awards.
- **LYF Assembles in Poconos** New venue for the assembly; new officers.
- **Ten-Year-Old Helps Preserve Congregational History** Richard Robert Hawk III is a member of the Heritage Committee at St. Peter, Bethlehem.
- **Retired Pastors Gather for Breakfast and Fellowship.** All this in Berks County.

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