

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

March 2007

Celebrate!

When Lutherans get together, it's exciting!
You can join others from across northeastern Pennsylvania for three days of festivities celebrating being **Lutherans in Faith Together**.

Lutherans in Faith Together



Thanks be to God!
2007 Synod Assembly

It all starts on **Friday, June 8**, as nearly 800 Lutherans gather for the twentieth annual synod assembly.

The assembly offers an opportunity for rostered leaders, congregational voting members, and interested visitors to meet for fellowship, business, and learning.

This year's assembly will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem.

In addition to the business of the synod, the assembly will host two forums, one on the ELCA sexuality social statement, the other on the report of the synod compensation guidelines task force.

On **Saturday, June 9**, people of **all** ages will come together for **LIFT** (Lutherans in Faith Together), an all-day event on the campus of Muhlenberg College.

Go for a walk or run for World Hunger. Engage in music with Bread for the Journey. Hear a keynote address by celebrated evangelist Bart Campolo.



Participate in a *play* shop or workshop. Hear stories from the delightful storyteller, Tracy Radosevic.

Give your children a chance to participate in a kid's program. Offer your teens "Lunch with Bart" Campolo. Hear chapel concerts, meet personalities from the past, play intergenerational games, and be prepared for lots of fun and surprises.



Sunday, June 10, rounds out the celebration as synod congregations continue joining together in faith during your worship services. A bulletin insert, prayers, hymn and sermon suggestions—all emphasizing our oneness in faith—will be made available to synod congregations.

LIFT hands and hearts with other Lutherans as we rejoice in being in faith together.



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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH A WEEKEND OF Lutherans in Faith Together

Don't miss out! Learn more about—

- **Synod assembly** (www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm)
- **LIFT** (www.godslove.org/LIFT)
- **Sunday** materials (follow the link at www.godslove.org)

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). Or contact Cheryl Meinschein, cherylrich@fast.net.

Note: The March 17 session is for SALMs only.



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.

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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.



Northeast Region Youth Gathering

July 19-22, 2007; West Chester Univ.

www.youthgathering2007.org/



Ecumenical Young Adult Event

Sat., March 3, 2007; 11 AM to 5 PM

First United Church of Christ, Quakertown. Cost: \$10 donation (to cover lunch). For more information, contact Amelie Sell at (610) 562-2593; also see the information. A registration form may be found 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" from 8:00 to 11:00

p.m. For more information, see

www.godslove.org.



WELCA SPRING RETREAT

Joy or Sorrow: Do We Have a Choice?

Sat., March 3 (snow date March 10)

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Jerusalem, Schuylkill Haven

Keynote speaker: The Rev. Walter Wagner

For information, call Gale James at 610-439-0377.