

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

October 2007

The Heart of Worship



**Saturday,
October 20, 2007**

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**The Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit
Emmaus, Pa.**

- ◆ **Keynote Speaker:** The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo
Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, NYC; former bishop, Southeast Michigan Synod; planning team member, *Renewing Worship*
- ◆ **A Variety of Workshops**
- ◆ **Closing Festival Eucharist**

To register or for more information, see the synod website (www.godslove.org) or check with your pastor or parish secretary.

CALLING ALL YOUTH



**The 20th Annual
Lutheran Youth
Fellowship Assembly**

November 9-11, 2007

Pinebrook Bible Conference & Retreat Center
East Stroudsburg, PA

For youth in grades 9-12 and adult advisors

Registration fee: **\$110** (if postmarked before **October 10**). Registrations postmarked after October 10 will be accepted on a space available basis at \$135 per person. Scholarships are available.

More information and registration materials are available on the youth pages of the synod website, www.godslove.org. Or see your pastor or youth advisor, or contact Karen Matthias-Long at 610-395-6891 or karen.matthias-long@ecunet.org.

Affirmation of Baptism Festivals 2007



"Living Peace"

November 3: Gettysburg Seminary, 9 AM to 5 PM
November 17: Philadelphia Seminary, 9 AM to 5 PM

More information and a registration form are available at www.tey.easterncluster.org/affirmation_of_baptism.htm.

The Affirmation of Baptism festivals will gather ninth grade youth for a day of exploring the fullness of baptismal life and the Christian callings to witness and work against violence and for peace.

In worship and a shared meal, in small groups and large groups, in video and multimedia presentations, in music and skits, ninth grade youth will explore what it means to "live among God's faithful people...and strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

Upcoming Events



Saturday School

Saturday School is held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Emmaus. Next classes:

October 13: 9:00 a.m. session: *Reformation History*, Dr. Sam Zeiser, pastor Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown; 1:00 p.m. session: *Gospel of Mark*, Pr. Autumn Hardenstine, Episcopal priest.

November 17: 9:00 a.m. session, *Lutheran Confessions* (Part 1), Pr. Michael Bennethum, associate of the bishop; 1:00 p.m. session, *The Gospel of Matthew*. Presenter will be announced.

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



2007 Treasurers' Workshop

Saturday, October 20, 2007

Jordan Lutheran Church, Orefield
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For treasurers, financial secretaries, pastors and finance committee members



For more information or to register, click the links on the synod home page at www.godslove.org, or contact Glenn Simmons at glsim@ptd.net.



Registration is now open for the Women of the ELCA 7th Triennial Gathering. Download a registration brochure from www.womenoftheelca.org/tq08/, or request one by e-mail: tq08@elca.org.



October 14, 2007

Come to the fourth annual *Celebrate Social*

Ministry event, sponsored by the Witness and Service Ministry Team, social ministry organizations, and Muhlenberg College.

The event will be held October 14, 2007, at Muhlenberg College, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

As part of the event, awards will be given to recognize outstanding social ministry efforts.

For more information, follow the link on the home page of the synod website, www.godslove.org.



2008 Assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod



Split Rock Resort & Conference
Center
Lake Harmony, PA

May 29-31, 2008

The 21st annual synod assembly will meet for three days. The major item of business will be the election of a bishop to serve for the next six years.

Assembly materials will be mailed to leaders and congregations in early 2008.

Reserve your housing at Split Rock now by printing, completing, and mailing to Split Rock the form on the assembly page on the synod website, www.godslove.org.