

# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

January 2008

## 2008 Assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod



May 29-31, 2008

Split Rock Resort &  
Conference Center  
Lake Harmony, PA

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 mid-February 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](http://www.godslove.org).



## Hearts Ignited with Prayer

2008 Learning Ministries Day  
Saturday, January 26, 2008

8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, Robesonia

**Keynote speaker:** Diane Monroe, ELCA Director for Christian Education and co-author of *Heart Ignite*.

**A Variety of Workshops on Prayer**, including prayer shawl ministry, yoga, prayer beads, praying out loud, "pertinent" prayers, and more...

**Cost:** \$20 includes lunch

**Augsburg Fortress bookstore**

Check the calendar page on the synod website, [www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar), for more information, including the schedule, a registration form, workshop descriptions, and directions to Trinity Lutheran Church, Robesonia.

## The election of a synod bishop

# Did you know...



### Who is eligible to be bishop?

According to the Constitution of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, the bishop shall be a pastor who is an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. That means that any ordained person on the roster of the ELCA is eligible to be the bishop.

Check out the February and March issues of Synod News for more information and facts about the election and responsibilities of a synod bishop. More can be found on the assembly page of the synod website.

# Upcoming Events

## Fit for JESUS SYMDANO (Synod Youth Ministry Day and Networking Opportunity)

April 19, 2008

Christ Lutheran Church, Conyngham

An event for youth in grades 3 through 12 plus their parents, advisors, and Sunday school teachers. This year's theme, "Fit for Jesus," will focus on our spiritual, physical, and emotional health.

More information will be available on the youth calendar on the synod website ([www.godslove.org/youth](http://www.godslove.org/youth)). Or contact Karen Matthias-Long at [Karen@nepsynod.org](mailto:Karen@nepsynod.org).



## Saturday School

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

**January 19:** 9:00 a.m. session, *Lutheran Confessions* (Part 2), Pr. Michael Bennethum, associate of the bishop; 1:00 p.m. session, *The Gospel of John*, Dr. Audrey West, associate professor of New Testament, Lutheran school of Theology at Chicago

**February 16:** 9:00 a.m. session, *Christianity and World Religions*, Dr. Paul Rajashekar, dean, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; 1:00 p.m. session, *Luke/Acts*, Pr. Jeff Butz, Grace, Belfast

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).



## A Women's Retreat on Discernment

February 22-24, 2008

Mariawald Renewal Center, Shillington

This year's retreat will explore how to feel God's presence more clearly, hear God's voice, and discern God's will for our lives by honing our inward and outward listening skills.

The retreat leader, Eileen Flanagan, has authored a book on discernment in relationships and taught a 10-week course, "Discerning Our Calls," at Pendle Hill, a Quaker study center in Philadelphia.

There will be time for relaxation, recreation, Bible study, worship and fellowship. The retreat fee of \$140 includes room and all meals. Registration deadline is February 1, 2008.

For a brochure with more information and a registration form, go to [www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar) and click the link on the Feb. 22-24 date. Or call 610-682-1337 or 888-499-2699.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Why Do We Do This?

A workshop for parish nurses and those interested in health ministry

**March 8, 2008**

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus  
The keynote speaker for this workshop will be the Rev. Jim Bowers.

The cost of \$20 includes lunch and snacks.

Check the synod website for more information.

