

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

November 2008

LIFT 2009

Lutherans in Faith Together

Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Muhlenberg College



Anyone who attended the 2007 LIFT event knows *not* to miss the 2009 event—LIFT 2007 was one of the most well-received events in Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod history!

So mark your calendar **now** – LIFT will be held **Saturday, June 13, at Muhlenberg College.**

The Music



The music leadership for the day will be provided by **Dakota Road**. They will lead worship and song and conduct workshops.

One of the workshops they will lead will be with the youngsters in the LIFT Children's Program.



Dakota Road has become known nationally for their stirring original music and playful performance style. They craft powerful stories of life and faith woven in colorful musical styles ranging from acoustic ballads to rocking anthems. Their songs of struggle and hope connect with people of all ages and walks of life.

Dakota Road Music is the creator of many liturgies and songs that are singable, rooted, relevant and faithful contemporary worship music. They do hundreds of workshops across the country each year and have participated at ELCA Youth Gatherings.



The Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, keynote speaker for LIFT 2009, is an internationally known theologian



and Bible scholar. He is Professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.



Dr. Powell—who began his journalistic career in the '70s as a rock music critic for The Houston Post—is also regarded as a leading expert on the subject of "contemporary Christian music." He

has published over 1900 reviews of Christian recordings and is the author of a one-thousand-page encyclopedia that is regarded as the definitive reference work on the subject.



He also co-wrote *Opening the Book of Faith*, the first resource in the ELCA Book of Faith initiative.

And More!

There will be four chapel concerts, including one entitled, *Around the World with the ELW*. Be sure to read Tom Yenser's article in the November issue of *Partners in the Spirit* for more about the chapel concerts.

Workshops, interactive games on the front lawn of the college, a Walk for World Hunger around the college periphery, and a program for teens are being planned.

And, of course, participants at LIFT 2009 will encounter characters from the past, this time biblical figures from the Old Testament. (Didn't you always want to see Ezekiel in real life?)



Check out www.godslove.org/LIFT for late-breaking information. Don't miss out on this fabulous event!

Upcoming Events



Don't Miss These!

Jesus Calls Us



Reminder:
*Jesus Calls Us
...to Action*

November 1, 2008
Union Lutheran Church
Schnecksville

This one-day advocacy event offers individuals and congregations an opportunity to explore ways they can connect their faith with their daily lives and can make a difference in society. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Bishop Samuel Zeiser will open and close the gathering with worship



How Lutherans Read the Bible

Men in Mission Event
Saturday, November 8, 2008
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Lutheran Theological Seminary
at Philadelphia
Leader: Dr. Erik Heen
Professor of Greek and New Testament
For more information, visit
<http://www.lts.edu/meninmission/>.

We Are All Together...in Christ

The 21st Annual Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
November 7-9, 2008



Pinebrook Bible Conference and Retreat Center
East Stroudsburg, PA

Youth in grades 9-12 and adult advisors

Information available online at www.godslove.org/youth/lyfassembly.htm.



book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

2009 Learning Ministries Day

January 24, 2009

Union Lutheran Church,
Schnecksville

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: The Rev. Dr. Rolf A. Jacobson, associate professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

More information and a registration form are available on the synod website. Scroll to the date, January 24, on the calendar page at www.godslove.org/calendar.