

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

October 2008

Jesus Calls Us



The presidential election is just around the corner and news from the world of politics is all around us.

As candidates and others declare their positions on some of the complex social issues of our day, many members of our congregations wonder what guidance, if any, our faith as Lutheran Christians offers to us.

Jesus Calls Us . . .To Action, a 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. Attendees will have the chance to talk to one another and to those involved in the ELCA's ministry of advocacy about making a difference.

Jesus Calls Us . . .To Action will be held on Saturday, **November 1**, at Union Lutheran Church in Schnecksville. It begins with registration and refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Sam Zeiser will open and close the gathering with worship.

Mr. Andrew Genszler, Director of Advocacy for the ELCA and head of the Evangelical Lutheran



November 1, 2008
Union Lutheran Church, Schnecksville

Church in America Washington, D.C. advocacy office, will be the keynote speaker.

Sixteen workshops will allow participants to learn, study, and make decisions that will help them put their faith into action in matters as varied as educational policy, healthcare reform, earth-keeping, and living more simply.

The event is jointly sponsored by Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa), Lutheran Congregational Services, Inc. (LCS), the synod's Micah 6:8 group, the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. To request registration materials, call LCS at 610-770-9205 or you can download the form at www.godslove.org.



The cost of \$10.00 per person includes lunch. For registrations received after the deadline (October 20) the cost goes up to \$15.00 per person.

Pastors, social ministry committees, and anyone interested in justice issues will want to be in attendance to think about some of the central issues facing our communities, nation, and world and learn what they can do to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.



Upcoming Events



Celebrate Social Ministry

October 12, 2008

You are cordially invited to the fifth 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 12, 2008, at Muhlenberg College, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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

More information is on the calendar page of the synod website, www.godslove.org.

2008 Treasurers' Workshop

Saturday, October 25, 2008

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 link on the calendar page on the synod website, www.godslove.org, or contact Glenn Simmons at glsim@ptd.net.



Check out the **Book of Faith** on the synod website!

Share ideas with others on our own **Book of Faith** blog. See it all at www.godslove.org/book-of-faith.

We Are All Together...in Christ

The 21st Annual Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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November 7-9, 2008

Pinebrook Bible Conference and Retreat Center
East Stroudsburg, PA

Youth in grades 9-12 and adult advisors

All materials, including the registration form, are available **online** at www.godslove.org/youth/lyfassembly.htm.

Completed registration form, medical form, and \$120 per participant are due **by October 15, 2008**. Registrations postmarked after October 15 will be accepted on a space available basis at \$145 per person. Groups of 3 or more must be accompanied by an adult.

LIFT



Saturday, June 13, 2009

Muhlenberg College

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mark Allan Powell

Music: Dakota Road

More information at www.godslove.org/LIFT