

# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

September 2008

Mark your  
calendar!

## Jesus Calls Us



Saturday,

November 1, 2008

Union Lutheran Church  
Schnecksville

8:30 AM to 3:15 PM

Keynote Speaker  
Andrew Genszler

Director, ELCA Advocacy  
Department & ELCA Washington  
Office.

Sponsored jointly by Micah  
6:8, Northeastern  
Pennsylvania Synod, Lutheran  
Advocacy Ministry in  
Pennsylvania, and Lutheran  
Congregational Services.

More information at  
[www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)



Free in Christ to  
Serve the Neighbor  
Journey Together Faithfully

A Training Event for Adults

Working with Senior High Youth

September 20, 2008; 9:30 AM—12:30 PM

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus

The ELCA has prepared an  
online curriculum for youth  
adapted from the December  
2006 study, “Free in Christ to  
Serve the Neighbor.”



The training event  
on September 20  
is for church  
workers who  
would like to learn how to use  
these Internet materials with  
senior high youth of their  
congregation.

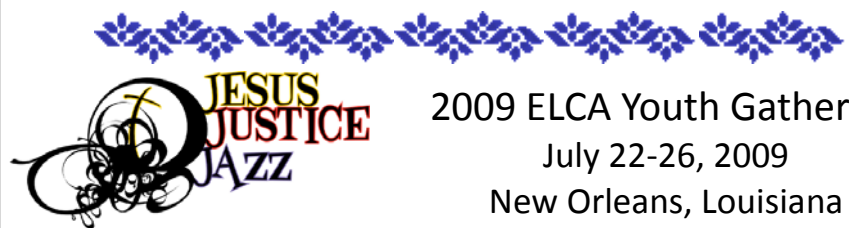
The curriculum engages senior  
high youth through music,

movie clips, stories  
from young people,  
and activities. Bible  
study, prayer and  
ELCA social teachings provide a  
foundation for youth as they  
reflect on topics such as—



- When is sex OK?
- How do creation and sin impact my view of sex?
- How do I respond to the way sexuality is depicted in popular culture?

Cost: **FREE**; registration  
deadline: **September 15**



2009 ELCA Youth Gathering  
July 22-26, 2009  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Informational Meetings

Sept. 6, St. Paul, Dallas  
10:00-11:30 AM

Sept. 7, Friedens, Oley  
6:30-8:00 PM

Kathy Schaeffer, coordinator

# Upcoming Events

## We Are All Together...in Christ

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

November 7-9, 2008

Pinebrook Bible Conference & Retreat Center  
East Stroudsburg, PA



Youth in grades 9-12 and adult advisors

Registrations will be available [online](#) at the end of August. Additional information will be mailed in early September.



## Celebrate Social Ministry

October 12, 2008

**Y**ou 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](http://www.godslove.org).

# LIFT



Saturday, June 13, 2009

Muhlenberg College

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mark Allan Powell**

Professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

More information at [www.godslove.org/LIFT](http://www.godslove.org/LIFT)

## 2008 Treasurers' Workshop

Saturday, October 25, 2008

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



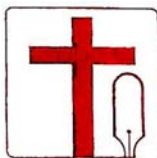
For treasurers, financial secretaries, pastors and finance committee members

For more information or to register, click the link on the calendar page on the synod website, [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org), or contact Glenn Simmons at [glsim@ptd.net](mailto:glsim@ptd.net).

*Securing Ourselves and Our Surroundings*  
Annual Parish Secretaries' Seminar  
Willow Valley Resort, Lancaster

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2008

For more information, on how to register, contact Kathy Reyher at 610.770.9205.



*Parish Secretaries' Seminar*



## book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

The Book of Faith is on the synod website!

Check it out! Share ideas with others on the blog! See it all at

[www.godslove.org/book-of-faith](http://www.godslove.org/book-of-faith).

