

# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

February 2009

## Upcoming Events for Women



The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia  
Third Annual

### Rest, Refreshment, and Renewal: A Gift for Women Beautiful Feet

**Saturday, February 21, 2009**  
9 AM to 3:45 PM

The theme of this year's *Rest, Refreshment and Renewal Day for Women* is about your feet, your beautiful feet.

God has called each of us to a specific daily vocation through which we bring the Good News. Whether that vocation includes family, neighbors, work, or community, our calling is to travel through our days bringing good news to those we serve and meet.

Although this makes our feet beautiful, it also can make them tired, sore, callused, blistered, and in need of a day of rest.

Set aside one day to relax! Come and put your feet up, soothe your soles, pamper your toes, and take time to reflect upon your beautiful feet!

More information and registration at [www.ltsp.edu/restrefresh/](http://www.ltsp.edu/restrefresh/)



Diakon Family Life Services  
Invites You to

### *The Heart of Peace*

A contemplative retreat for women

**Friday, February 27 through  
Sunday, March 1**

Mariawald Renewal Center, Shillington

For more information and a registration form, go to the retreat date on the synod calendar at [www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar); click the link in the text.

Registration deadline: **February 6, 2009**



Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod  
Women of the ELCA  
Spiritual Growth Retreat

## Lessons



Seven Marks of Discipleship

March 7, 2009 (snow date March 14)

Hope Lutheran Church, Tatamy

For more information, see your unit president

**Visit the Bishop's Page!**

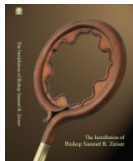
Be sure to read Bishop Zeiser's web page – just click the link on our website at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org).

Entries on the page include his reflections on the Conference of Bishops' visit to the Middle East in early January.

**Important note about synod staff:** This issue of *Synod News* was prepared in early January to meet the January 8 monthly mailing date. Bishop Zeiser will present his staffing recommendations to the synod council at its January 28 meeting. Approved recommendations will be posted on the synod website following that meeting.

**DVD of Installation Available**

Did your congregation get its **free** DVD of Bishop Zeiser's installation?



Or would you like to purchase your own copy for \$6?

Click the link on the synod website ([www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)) or call Debbie at 610-395-6891.

This DVD includes the service *and* the pre-service music. Make sure your congregation has its archival copy!

## Did You KNOW ?

...that there is a discussion group that meets monthly at the **Kutztown Tavern**?

Every second Tuesday, folks gather at the pub to talk about faith, spirituality, and contemporary religious issues.

If a bar seems an unlikely spot for a religious discussion, perhaps that's the point. According to the group's founder, the Rev. Sara Hertzog, pastor of Maiden Creek Union Church in

Maiden Creek Township, some people can be intimidated by a church setting, especially if they don't belong to a congregation.

"I think theology belongs anywhere," Pr. Hertzog said. "It doesn't need to be just in a church."

The group is called **Theology on Tap Berks** and you can read all about it in the November issue of *Partners in the Spirit*, found under the publications link at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org). A follow-up article is in the January issue.

Check it out! And check out all the articles in *Partners in the Spirit*! Find out what is going on in your synod and beyond.

Get ready for

# LIFT!



**Lutherans  
In  
Faith  
Together**

**Saturday, June 13, 2009  
Muhlenberg College**

**Keynote Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, Professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

**Music:** Dakota Road

**Chapel Concerts** featuring Andrea Langkamer-Smith (10:45-11:15 a.m.), Kinderchor (11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon), **Around the world with ELW** (1:15-1:45 p.m.), and **Stephen Williams** (2:00-2:30 p.m.)

Be sure to read the article in the January issue of *Partners in the Spirit*. Get all the latest news and updates at [www.godslove.org/LIFT](http://www.godslove.org/LIFT)