

# SYNOD NEWS

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Need Ideas? Have Ideas?  
Check Out Our New Blog!



## Faith Tools for the Family of Faith

You'll find the blog at <http://nepsyouthfamily.wordpress.com/>

This blog provides a place for sharing resources, thoughts, and ideas for **youth and family ministry**. Here you can—

- Ask your questions
- Share your stories
- Tell what works for you in youth and family ministry



### Guidelines for your first visit:

1. **Click the "About" tab** at the bottom left corner of the banner picture. This will give you the blog's purpose and objectives.
2. **Leave comments or questions.** Your comments can relate to the article **or** you can leave a question you want folks to answer. Your question may be the focus of the next blog!
3. **Check back to see your comment and watch for responses.** Your comment will not show up right away. Someone from the team will post your comment. **Only** your first name will appear— and only if you provide it. (When you leave a comment, you have the option to include your name and email address. If you want a direct response from someone from the Faith Formation Resource Team, then leave your email address. The team will **not** publish your email address.)



4. **Subscribe to the blog.** Click on the RSS feed in the right hand column. You can choose to receive feeds for either the posts, or comments, or both. (*Have a question about feeds? Contact Karen Matthias-Long at the synod office at 610-395-6891.*)



5. **Watch for new themes and tags.** As the blog grows, the themes and tags in the right hand column will grow. When you click on a theme (such as *World Hunger*), all the blogs about world hunger will appear. If you click a tag, every blog that relates to that key word will appear.

Check out the blog — and don't forget to leave your questions and ideas in the comment box! Hopefully, by providing a place to share, we can all learn from one another - and expand our pool of ideas for ministry!



### Just what *IS* a blog, anyway?

A blog (short for weblog) is an online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption. Blogs are defined by their format: a series of entries posted to a single page in reverse-chronological order. Blogs often provide commentary or news on a particular subject. A typical blog combines text, images, and links to other blogs, web pages, and other media related to its topic. The ability for readers to leave comments in an interactive format is an important part of many blogs.

# Upcoming Events

## Let Your Light Shine

The 22nd Annual Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



November 13-15, 2009

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](http://www.godslove.org/youth/lyfassembly.htm).

The deadline was October 15, 2009, but space may still be available. Registrations at \$145 per person will be accepted on a space available basis. Groups of 3 or more must be accompanied by an adult.

Check out the pictures from the 2008 LYF Assembly at [www.godslove.org/youth](http://www.godslove.org/youth)



**SAVE THESE DATES: July 22-25, 2010!**

Plans are in the works for the **2010 Regional Youth Gathering**, to be held at West Chester University.

The theme for the gathering is [Listen to Jesus](http://www.youthgathering2010.org/). More information will be available soon! Check the website at <http://www.youthgathering2010.org/>.



Wonderful  
are your  
works; that  
I know  
very well.  
Ps 139:14

## Psalms:

### *The Poetry of Faith*

2010 Learning Ministries Day  
Saturday, January 23, 2010

Atonement Lutheran Church,  
Wyomissing

Keynote Speaker:

**Dr. Rolf A. Jacobson**

More details will be posted on the synod website, [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org), by mid-November.

## Tenth Annual Farm Family Appreciation Celebration

Saturday, April 10, 2010  
Hamburg Field House



Come celebrate the *tenth annual* farm family appreciation celebration with friends and families across the synod. Buffet dinner, dancing, and a lot more.

More information will be posted on the synod calendar as it becomes available.



## 2010 Synod Assembly

June 18-19, 2010  
Wachovia Arena  
Wilkes-Barre, PA