

# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

January 2010

## Psalms: *The Poetry of Faith*


**2010 Learning Ministries Day**

Saturday, January 23, 2010

Atonement Lutheran Church, Wyomissing

### Top Ten Reasons Why *You* Should Attend

**O**kay, so you've never attended a Learning Ministries Day event before. Do you want to know why *you* should attend this year? It doesn't matter whether you're a congregation council member, a youth, a member of a committee, a Sunday school teacher, or a parent – here are just a few of the reasons why *you* should attend LM Day this year:

10. A recession-friendly **price**—7 hours @ \$20 = great deal! 

9. **Lunch** is included—and you don't have to make it!

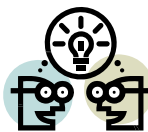
8. **Warmth**—you get to spend a cold winter's day indoors with new and old friends (and you get out of shoveling snow)! 

7. **Bishop Sam Zeiser**, our bishop, will be there. That

alone is the worth the price of admission!

6. **Inspiration**—it's an inspiring day and that was confirmed many times in last year's evaluation!

5. **Ideas**—you get lots of great ideas to take back to your congregation!



4. **Faith-building**—come to nurture your faith!

3. **Fellowship**—you meet other Lutherans from across the synod and get a chance to share ideas with one another. Great networking opportunity!



2. Awesome **workshop** choices led by inspiring folks!

1. **Rolf Jacobson** is back! Here are a few comments about him last year: "Inspiring."



**Wonderful  
are your  
works; that I  
know very  
well**

Psalm 139:14

"Would **not** have wanted to miss the keynote speaker!"  
"He was excellent."  
"Outstanding!" "I would have liked him to speak longer!" He "really made the scriptures come alive!"

If you need a bonus reason, here's one more: Everything you need—registration form, workshop descriptions, directions to the church, and more—can be found at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org).

# Upcoming Events

## 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.

**What** Catered hot buffet meal, hoedown, and country music to show appreciation for farm families in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties and the surrounding areas. Purpose To build community among farm families and citizens.

**Time** Doors open at 6:15 PM (but no earlier) Dinner buffet from 7- 8:00 PM Hoedown and music by "The Outlaws" from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

**Where:** Hamburg Field House, Hamburg, PA - Exit #30 off I-78

**Who** Everyone is invited—farm family and farm family supporters! Children welcome!

For more information or to register, call 610-378-1327 and ask for Dawn or go to [www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar).



## Listen to Jesus

**Northeast Region Youth Gathering**  
**July 22-25, 2010—West Chester University**

The gathering is open to youth 14 years old or older or who have completed grade 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 by June 2010. Adults participating as "primary leaders" must be at least 21 years old.

The registration fee for each participant, youth and adult, is \$325 (by May 1; \$350 after May 1).

Go to [www.youthgathering2010.org](http://www.youthgathering2010.org) for more information. Online registration opens **February 1, 2010**.

## Creation TO Creativity

**Fourth Annual**  
**REST, REFRESHMENT, AND**  
**RENEWAL for WOMEN**

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

**Saturday, February 6, 2010**  
 9 am - 3:30 pm

Explore the meaning of creation and creativity in your life as a child of God. Use your day to join in the gatherings, take some holy time to find a quiet place to rest, pray using the campus labyrinth, or find a quiet corner to meditate, nap, or read.

Bring along your own project you are creating, or join artist-in-residence Nancy Katz in creating a painting reflecting the theme.



Make this day a gift to yourself and invite friends to come and take a spiritual day to be renewed in mind, body and spirit.

This day is open to women in congregations of all denominations and faiths, as well as friends and neighbors in your local communities.

For more information, go to <http://ltsps.edu/restrefresh>



**2010 Synod Assembly**  
**June 18-19, 2010**  
**Wachovia Arena**  
**Wilkes-Barre, PA**