

# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

October 2010

## Jesus Calls 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. The event will help participants think about some of the central issues facing their communities, nation, and world in ways that will help them become better advocates for justice with those for whom the world holds little regard.

**Jesus Calls Us ...to Action** will be held on Saturday, November 6, at Christ Lutheran Church in Conyngham. It begins with registration and refreshments at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m.

The Rev. **Amy E. Reumann**, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa), will be the keynote speaker.



**Seventeen 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, Lutheran Congregational Services, Inc., Micah 6:8 (Lutherans Committed to Justice), ELCA Mission Investment Fund, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania



**November 6, 2010**  
**Christ Lutheran Church, Conyngham**

Synod. For more information, registration materials, and a list of workshops, go to [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) or call LCS at 610-770-9205.

The cost (lunch Included) is \$10/person or \$25/congregation (3-5 people). The deadline for registration is **October 22**. Register soon; space is limited.



## Update on New Synod Office

This year's synod assembly acknowledged with gratitude the gift of the building that has been Christ Lutheran Church, Schoenersville. The congregation held its final service there on September 5. We have begun the process of converting the building to the new location of our synod offices. We are excited about the possibilities for new ministry that this space will provide.

The Lehigh Valley Airport Authority will be installing new doors and windows and air conditioning the office space (at no cost to the synod) as part of their noise control program. We will probably not be able to move in until they complete this work, so the timetable for the move is uncertain.

Check the synod website ([www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)) for updates on our progress.





## 23rd Annual Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA  
November 12-14, 2010

Pinebrook Bible Conference and Retreat Center,  
East Stroudsburg, PA

### Youth in grades 9-12 and adult advisors

The 2010 Lutheran Youth Fellowship is just two short months away! Talk with your friends and members of your youth group **now** to make plans to attend this year's assembly, *Fishing, Fellowship, Faith*.

For participants who register **by October 15**, the cost is \$125. Late registration will cost \$150 per person. Scholarship money is available!

All materials, including the registration form, are available online at [www.godslove.org/youth/lyfassembly.htm](http://www.godslove.org/youth/lyfassembly.htm).

## Save These Dates!

January 22, 2011



*Technology and the Bible: It's All Greek to Me*, 2011 Learning Ministries Day; Hans Wiersma, keynote speaker. More information on the synod website: click the link on the date at [www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar).

March 19, 2011

**Farm Family Appreciation Celebration**, Hamburg Field House. Watch for more information.



June 17-18, 2011



**LIFT (Lutherans In Faith Together)** and annual **synod assembly**, Muhlenberg College. More information to come.



## Observe Accessibility Sunday

October 10, 2010 (or another Sunday)



Here are some suggestions from the synod's "A Team" (Accessibility Ministry Team) for making your church accessible. For worship suggestions, go to [www.godslove.org/resources/accessibility.htm](http://www.godslove.org/resources/accessibility.htm).

### A Starter List for Church Accessibility

- For **physical** challenges (people using wheelchairs or walkers, or with poor ambulation): accessible parking, walkways/ramps, entrances, seating/pew spaces, bathrooms.
- For **hearing** challenges: good PA system, individual assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreter.
- For **visual** challenges: remove hazards, good lighting, large-print and/or Braille materials.



- For **mental** challenges: 'church friend' volunteers to sit with or assist, as needed.
- For worship, greeters/ushers **trained to welcome** people with mental, physical, and sensory challenges.
- For learning ministries, be **inclusive as much as possible**; provide special, separate opportunities when necessary.



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