

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

September 2010

Jesus Calls Us



**Saturday,
November 6, 2010**

**Christ Lutheran Church,
Conyngham**

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Keynote Speaker:

The Rev. Amy Reumann

Director, Lutheran Advocacy
Ministry in Pennsylvania

- ✓ Workshops on a variety of topics
- ✓ Worship led by Bishop Zeiser
- ✓ \$10 per person or \$25 for congregational groups of 3 to 5 persons

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

More information at
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Politics for Christians? Absolutely!

You or someone you know—

- is fascinated by the intersections of church and state.
- wants to call legislators of all parties towards compassion and the common good.
- believes hunger in the U.S. is simply a problem of political will and our inability to solve it is a stumbling block to the spreading of the gospel.



The **Ambassador** program of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) helps Lutherans act on their faith commitments in the arena of state public policy. The ELCA's Social Statement *Church in Society, A Lutheran Perspective* affirms our baptismal calling and promise "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth," while encouraging us to be "wise and active citizens."

LAMPa Ambassadors lead the way to make this a reality in Pennsylvania.



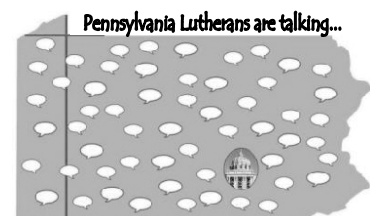
Ambassadors are the most engaged members of LAMPa's ACTIONET e-advocacy network, responding to LAMPa action alerts and making at least

one face-to-face legislative visit per year. In 2010-2011, LAMPa is identifying a **LAMPa Ambassador** in every state legislative district. Through these relationships, the General Assembly will gain an understanding of the ministries and priorities of Lutherans in our communities. And 203 Lutherans across the state, including 34 passionate advocates from Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, will learn to be better witnesses for justice for the most vulnerable!



Some are called to be teachers, some preachers... and some are called to be **LAMPa Ambassadors!** A small but strong group of Ambassadors will make a big difference for hungry and hurting Pennsylvanians.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this ministry, contact the LAMPa office (717-545-3500) or visit their website at www.lamp.org. LAMPa staff provides resources and support for the Ambassador ministry. For more information, contact Marissa Harris Krey at mharris@lamp.org or 717-545-3500.



...to their legislators

Upcoming Events



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.

Bishop Canoes the Schuylkill to Benefit Restoration of Muhlenberg's Journals



On **July 15**, Bishop Zeiser paddled 23.4 miles on the Schuylkill River to raise

funds for the restoration of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's journals. His adventuresome party included Pastors Carl Shankweiler and Bruce Osterhout, Pastor Osterhout's wife, Julie, and a photographer from the *Reading Eagle*.

Read about the trip, watch a video, see pictures, and read the *Reading Eagle* story by clicking the **Canoe Trip** link on the bishop's page (www.godslove.org/people/bishop.htm).



October 5-6, 2010



Annual Parish Secretaries Seminar, Doubletree/Willow Valley Resort, Lancaster. More information on the synod website at www.godslove.org/calendar.

November 6, 2010

Jesus Calls Us ...to Action! One-day advocacy workshop, Christ Lutheran Church, Conyngham. More information at www.godslove.org/calendar.



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.

June 17-18, 2011

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



July 18-22, 2012



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering, New Orleans. Preliminary information at www.elca.org/youthgathering.