

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA August 2008

This Month's News



Please note: The Committee of Deans has adopted **new guidelines for supply pastors**. You will find those guidelines on the [reverse side of this sheet](#). The recommendation is that you begin to use these guidelines immediately. They will become the expected amounts on January 1, 2009.

Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor

A training event for adults working with senior high youth to facilitate discussion of the ELCA [Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality](#) will be held September 20 at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus.

For more information, click the link at www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm or on the [synod homepage](#).



Calling All Youth!

The Lutheran Youth Fellowship assembly will be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference Center again this year. The dates for the assembly are November 7-9. Registration materials will be available online by the end of August and sent to congregations by early September. Look for them!

Adoption and Foster Care Information



Information nights for families interested in learning more about adopting and fostering children will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, and Oct. 16, in the auditorium at The Lutheran Home at Topton, a Diakon Senior Living Community in Topton, Pa.

To learn more about these meetings, view Diakon's August *Mission District Report*, available on the Web at <http://www.diakon.org/ChurchProfessionals/NEPA.asp>.



Jesus Justice Jazz: 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering

The 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 22-26, 2009, in New Orleans.

Two **information meetings** will be held this fall: September 6, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dallas, 10:00-11:30 AM *OR* September 7, Friedens Lutheran Church, Oley, 6:30 -8:00 PM. For more information, click the link at www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm.

Money Leadership for Rostered Leaders

Money Leadership for Rostered Leaders will be held at St. Francis Retreat Center, Easton, September 30-October 1. For a brochure and registration form, click the link at www.godslove.org/publications/news.htm.



Find it all at www.godslove.org. Click "This Month's News" under "Publications." No Internet access? Call Carol Moyer at the synod office (610-395-6891) to request a copy of a particular item.



Thanks to members of **Zion, Old Zionsville**, for assembling this mailing.

In This Packet: August 2008

- **Synod News**, insert for congregation newsletters and/or bulletins
- **Thanks to You . . .**, bulletin insert to interpret our church's mission
- **Roster changes** since the last monthly mailing
- **The Parish Paper**

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Tickets for the Installation of Bishop Samuel Zeiser

August 15 is the deadline for requesting tickets for the installation of Bishop Zeiser. You may request tickets online at www.godslove.org/installation.

Reminder: Congregations may request **no more than two tickets** and rostered leaders and SALMs may request **no more than one ticket**.

The installation will be held September 27 at Elm Park United Methodist Church in Scranton. Pre-service music begins at 9:30 a.m.; the service begins at 10:30 a.m.

New Honorarium Guidelines for Supply Pastors

The Committee of Deans recently approved new guidelines for fees for supply pastors.

Congregations are encouraged to begin using these guidelines immediately. They will become the expected amounts beginning January 1, 2009.

The recommended minimum honorarium amounts are as follows:

- one service, \$125;
- two services, \$150;
- three services, \$175;
- an additional \$25 for multiple–point charges;
- an additional \$25 for leading an adult forum or Sunday school class;
- and that mileage reimbursement (at the IRS rate) be provided in addition to the honorarium.

In addition, if one of these services is on a day other than Sunday, an additional \$50 should be added to the rate for the total number of services.

