

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

November 2007

2008 Assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod



May 29-31

Split Rock Resort &
Conference Center
Lake Harmony, PA

The 21st annual synod assembly will meet for three days. The major item of business will be the **election of a bishop** to serve for the next six years.

Assembly materials will be mailed to leaders and congregations in early 2008.

You may **reserve your housing at Split Rock** now by printing, completing, and mailing to Split Rock the form on the assembly page on the synod website, www.godslove.org.

Election of a New Synod Bishop

The Synod Council has approved a study process to prepare for the election of our next bishop and assembled additional materials for use at special gatherings in the mission districts this fall.

These materials are available on the assembly page of the synod website, www.godslove.org/assembly and include—

- [Imprint for the Future: Called Together in Mission](#)

Procedure for the Election of a Synod Bishop — 2008, approved by the Synod Council, June 30, 2007; includes a time line

- [Choosing a Bishop: Questions to Assist in Preparation](#)

Resource produced by the ELCA for the election of a bishop

- [Constitutional Requirements for...](#)

The Election of a Bishop
The Responsibilities of the Bishop

- [Definition of "Ecclesiastical Ballot"](#)

Information provided to synods by ELCA Secretary Lowell Almen in 2006

- [Questions for Reflection and Discussion](#)



Worksheet to use during the fall mission district gatherings and for personal reflection

The election and these materials,

particularly the "Questions for

Reflection and Discussion," will be the main topic at fall mission district gatherings. The schedule for these gatherings is as follows:

November 4 Lehigh Mission District, 3:00 p.m., Cedar Lutheran Church, Cetronia

November 4 Pocono Mission District, 3:00 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, Tannersville

November 8 Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District, 7:00 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Emanuelsville

November 11 Hazleton-Lehigh Mission District, 6:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Bowmanstown

November 12 Schuylkill Mission District, 6:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville

November 15 East Berks Mission District, 7:00 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, Moselem



November 15 West Berks Mission District, 7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tuckerton

The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District and the Bethlehem-Easton Mission District gatherings were held in September and October.

If you are unable to attend the gathering in your mission district, you are welcome to attend the gathering in another mission district.



Upcoming Events



Saturday School

Saturday School is held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Emmaus. Next classes:

November 17: 9:00 a.m. session, *Lutheran Confessions* (Part 1), Pr. Michael Bennethum, associate of the bishop; 1:00 p.m. session, *The Gospel of Matthew*. Pr. Autumn Hardenstine, Episcopal priest.

January 19: 9:00 a.m. session, *Lutheran Confessions* (Part 2), Pr. Michael Bennethum, associate of the bishop; 1:00 p.m. session, *Luke/Acts*, Pr. Jeff Butz, Grace, Belfast

More information and a registration form are on the synod website (www.godslove.org). Or contact Cheryl Meinschein, cherylrich@fast.net.



Hearts Ignited with Prayer
2008 Learning Ministries Day
January 26, 2008
Trinity Lutheran Church,
Robesonia

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

Register now for the WELCA 7th Triennial Gathering at www.womenoftheelca.org/tg08/.



CALLING ALL YOUTH



**The 20th Annual
 Lutheran Youth
 Fellowship Assembly**
November 9-11, 2007

Pinebrook Bible Conference & Retreat Center
 East Stroudsburg, PA

For youth in grades 9-12 and adult advisors

More information and registration materials are available on the youth pages of the synod website, www.godslove.org. Or see your pastor or youth advisor, or contact Karen Matthias-Long at 610-395-6891 or karen.matthias-long@ecunet.org.

Affirmation of Baptism Festivals 2007



"Living Peace"

November 3: Gettysburg Seminary
November 17: Philadelphia Seminary

The Affirmation of Baptism festivals will gather ninth grade youth for a day of exploring the fullness of baptismal life and the Christian callings to witness and work against violence and for peace.

More information and a registration form are available at www.tey.easterncluster.org/affirmation_of_baptism.htm.

SYMDANO (Synod Youth Ministry Day and Networking Opportunity)

April 19, 2008

Site to be announced.

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