

# ◆ SYNOD NEWS ◆

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

April 2010



**Northeastern  
Pennsylvania Synod  
Women of the ELCA**

**21st Annual  
Convention**

***Building to Last  
Forever***

Christ United Lutheran  
Church, Ashland  
**June 12, 2010**

For more information and  
a registration form, click  
the link on the calendar on  
the synod website at  
[www.godslove.org/  
calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar).



## OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, April 17, 2010**

**10 AM to 2 PM**

**4865 Hamilton Blvd., Wescosville, PA**

We're kicking off the start of  
**Saturday hours at the Resource  
Center** on Saturday, April 17, with  
an open house beginning at **10 AM**  
and concluding at **2 PM**.

Stop by to —

- **look** through our books,  
curriculum, guides
- **view** a DVD or video from our  
selection of AV resources
- **sample** some of our tasty  
refreshments
- **consult** with Karen Matthias-  
Long about Christian Education  
or youth ministry needs and  
concerns

Resources for everyone!

- **Stewardship** teams
- **Evangelism** committee members
- Congregation **council** members
- **Worship** planners
- Sunday school **teachers** and  
Christian education **committee**  
members
- Small group **leaders**
- **Parents and grandparents**

Starting on **April 24**, the Resource  
Center will be open  
from **9 AM** through **1  
PM** by appointment.



*God's Work. Our Hands.*  
Around the Corner & Around the World.



## **2010 Synod Assembly**

**June 18-19, 2010**

**Mohegan Sun (formerly Wachovia) Arena , Wilkes-Barre, PA**

Information is posted on the synod website at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org). Click the  
[synod assembly](#) link on the [calendar](#) drop-down menu.

Information on housing for the assembly, forms to request display space and  
forum time, nomination and resolution submittal forms, and much more is  
available on the assembly web pages.

For more information, contact Glenn Simmons at 610-928-0125 or  
[glsim@ptd.net](mailto:glsim@ptd.net).

# Upcoming Events



On **April 10, from 9:00 – 5:00 PM**, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and Theological Education with Youth are joining together to sponsor “Troubling the Water” at **Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing.**



Check out “Troubling the Water” at [www.theologicaleducationwithyouth.com](http://www.theologicaleducationwithyouth.com).



## Upcoming Events at Bear Creek Camp

- April 25** Earth Day 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- April 30-May 2** Wild Women Weekend
- May 7-9** Annual Work Weekend
- May 28-31** Memorial Day Family Camp

See more at [www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org).

## Lutheran Day at the Capitol April 14, 2010



Gather in Harrisburg with Lutherans from across the Commonwealth to raise a *Voice for Justice*.

Sponsored by the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa), the event features speakers, workshops, networking, and a face-to-face visit with your legislators or their staff.

The keynote speaker will be **Dr. Christopher P. Borick**, professor of political science, Muhlenberg College, and director of the Muhlenberg Institute of Public Opinion.

For more information and to register online, go to [www.lamp.org](http://www.lamp.org).

## Listen to Jesus: NE 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). Register online at [www.youthgathering2010.org](http://www.youthgathering2010.org).



## Tenth Annual Farm Family Appreciation Celebration

**Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**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).

### Cake-Decorating Contest



In celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Farm Family Appreciation Celebration**, there will be a **Decorated Sheet Cake Contest with Cash Prizes**. Contact Pastor Mary Gade at 610-395-6891 or [maryg@nepsynod.org](mailto:maryg@nepsynod.org) for details. Only 15 cakes will be accepted.