

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

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Check out the Synod

Checked the synod Resource Center lately?

Whatever your role in your congregation, we can help.

We have—

- ✓ Sunday school and confirmation curriculum
- ✓ Bible studies for youth and adults
- ✓ Tools for committees and congregation councils
- ✓ Videos and DVDs for all ages
- ✓ Periodicals
- ✓ **And much more!**

You can review the resources at the synod office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.



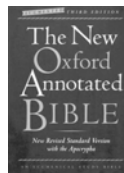
until 5:00 p.m. (until 1:00 p.m. on Fridays

between Memorial Day and Labor Day).

Or you can go to the synod website (www.godslove.org), click on "Resources" in the green bar and then "Synod Resource Center" to get to our online catalog.

From there we recommend clicking on "advanced search" where you can look for resources by title, author, subject, description, or age level. (You do not have to use all the categories.)

From the search page, you can also view new resources as they are catalogued.



Resources can be ordered through the online catalog to be shipped to you or reserved for you to pick up. There is a minimal charge (usually \$3.00) for videos. The only cost for printed material is to cover shipping charges.



For more information, you can call Karen Matthias-Long, Resource Center Director, or Debbie Frey at 610-395-6891, or email them at Karen@nepsynod.org or Debbie@nepsynod.org.



The screenshot shows the website header with navigation tabs: WHO WE ARE, PEOPLE, CALENDAR, YOUTH, RESOURCES, PUBLICA. The 'RESOURCES' tab is selected, showing a dropdown menu with options: Synod Resource Center, Stewardship Resources, Worship Resources, Ministry Ideas, Other Resources and Links, and Synod Forms and Documents. The main content area features a 'RESOURCES' heading, a 'Synod Resource Center' sub-heading, and introductory text: 'The synod resource library is available online. See what the resources you need!' and 'Here's What's New in Your Resource Center'. A search bar with the word 'find' is visible.

RESOURCES

Only a mouse click away!



Upcoming Events



Discover Bear Creek Camp!

Do your children and youth want to experience the fun and fellowship of camping? Is your men's or women's group looking for a place to hold a retreat? Home-from-college kids seeking a rewarding summer job?

Bear Creek Camp — *your* camp — has it all. And more.

Bear Creek Camp's **residential program**, for children who have completed grades 1-12, is a traditional camp program



centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development. Click the *Summer Camp* link, then the *Residential* link at www.bearcreekcamp.org.



A variety of accommodations and activities is available to meet the needs of diverse groups. Click the *Retreat*

Rentals link at www.bearcreekcamp.org

Young adults: Make a difference in the life and faith of a child. Consider spending the summer working at Bear Creek Camp.



Click the *Staff and Volunteers* link at www.bearcreekcamp.org

Upcoming Events at Bear Creek Camp

- March 1** Early Bird Discount Deadline, Summer Camp Registration
- 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

Tenth Annual Farm Family Appreciation Celebration



Saturday, April 10, 2010
Hamburg Field House

Come celebrate the **tenth annual** farm family appreciation celebration with friends and families across the synod.

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.



Listen to Jesus

Northeast 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).

Go to www.youthgathering2010.org for more information. Online registration opens **Feb. 1, 2010**.