

# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

March 2010

## 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).

## Troubling the Water

"to live among God's faithful people"

### The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grader TEY Experience!

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.

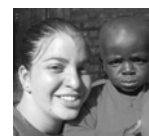


The event will be a "day of theological discovery with faculty and students from the Lutheran seminaries in Philadelphia and Gettysburg, exploring our baptismal call *to live among God's faithful people* through small group activities, worship, and community."

But don't let that scare you. Hear the voices of two youth who have attended TEY events in the past:

Amanda, now a senior at Muhlenberg, says of her experiences, "TEY was the beginning of my journey towards engaging deeper in my

faith. I never knew that theology was so completely linked to ME in the real WORLD. Realizing that I AM connected to God changed my perspective.



"The TEY program helped give me a stronger faith," says Jon, a first year student at a local community college. "Go to TEY if you want to explore your faith and gain a better understanding of that faith. Go



to have a good time and meet new people... TEY provided me with some of the best parts of my life as a Christian."

Be sure to check out "Troubling the Water" on the TEY website, <http://www.theologicaleducationwithyouth.com/> and register **soon!**

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



**2010 Synod Assembly, June 18-19, 2010**

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

Arrangements for special rates have been made with **Hilton Garden Inn** (570-820-8595; \$94.00 a night plus tax) and **The Woodlands Inn and Resort** (570-824-9831; \$119 a night plus tax).

Check the synod website at [www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm](http://www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm) for more information or contact Glenn Simmons at 610-928-0125 or [glsim@ptd.net](mailto:glsim@ptd.net).

# News and Upcoming Events

## January Synod Council Meeting Highlights

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council met **January 20, 2010**, at **Christ Lutheran Church, Schoenersville**.



The council began the meeting with a tour of the facilities at Christ Lutheran Church. A discussion of the congregation's proposal to give the

building to the synod for use as the synod office followed the tour.

The council **adopted** the following resolutions regarding the offer from Christ Schoenersville:

**Resolved**, that a committee be appointed to perform a due diligence analysis concerning converting the church and education building of Christ Lutheran Church, Schoenersville, to become the offices for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. The committee is to provide their report to the Synod Council at its April 21, 2010, meeting.

**Resolved**, that a committee be appointed to review the fit of the Christ, Schoenersville, building as the Synod Office with the vision of the Synod. The committee is to provide their report to the Synod Council at its April 21, 2010, meeting. The resolution was **adopted**.

The council also adopted resolutions that—

- Set June 17 and 18 as the dates for the 2011 Synod Assembly, to be held at Muhlenberg College in conjunction with the LIFT event.
- Approved a revised 2010 spending proposal of \$2,700,000 in light of the anticipated 2010 expenses and receipts.
- Agreed to assemble a team to work with the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia to develop an endowment of from \$1.5 to \$2.5 million for scholarships for students studying to be pastors.



- Approved Dr. Addie Butler for election to a term on the board of trustees of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital.

The complete text of the council minutes may be found at [www.godslove.org/people/council.htm](http://www.godslove.org/people/council.htm).



## Tenth Annual Farm Family Appreciation Celebration

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Come celebrate the *tenth annual* farm family appreciation celebration at the Hamburg Field House 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. The purpose is 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@msn.com](mailto:maryg@msn.com) for details. Only 15 cakes will be accepted.



## 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). Register online at [www.youthgathering2010.org](http://www.youthgathering2010.org).