

# Eastern Synod of the ELCIC Newsletter



**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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**EVENTS:**  
**Visit the Eastern Synod website for more info on all these events**

**Set the World on Fire**  
Aug 16, 2013 - Aug 18, 2013

Anglican & Lutheran  
Youth Gathering  
Place: Camp  
Edgewood, Eden Mills  
Ontario - \$150

**FaithCARE Workshop**  
Sept 06, 2013 - Sept 07, 2013

Strengthening Faith  
Communities Through  
Restorative Practice -  
A two-day practical  
workshop providing  
training in growing  
restorative  
congregations  
Place: Waterloo  
Lutheran Seminary

**The Women's  
Auxiliary of Waterloo  
Lutheran Seminary  
100th Annual Meeting**  
Wed. Sept. 25, 2013  
Place: St. John's  
Lutheran Church

## **Nurturing Generous Giving**

There is a workshop taking place on Saturday, October 5, 2013, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. where there will be an opportunity to learn how to create a congregational culture of generosity and gratitude. Attendees will discover ways to nurture increased giving and become the church God is calling us to be. Jeff Pym will be leading this workshop, which will be taking place at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 61 West Deane Park Drive, Toronto, ON. This event is hosted by the Toronto Conference. Cost is \$20 per person to a maximum of \$100 per congregation. The registration deadline is September 20.

If you wish to know more about this workshop or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Judy Baribeau at [judybaribeau@rogers.com](mailto:judybaribeau@rogers.com). Also, feel free to visit the Toronto Conference website at [www.toronto.easternsynod.org](http://www.toronto.easternsynod.org)

## **New Ontario WSIB Rules of Importance for Charities**

Ontario churches and charities that retain contractors to perform construction work need to be aware of new legal obligations that were recently added to the

*Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* (the "Act").

To view the article visit [www.cccc.org](http://www.cccc.org)

### Rev. Paul Podtke

Rev. Paul Sotdke and his wife Marion Jenkins plan a sabbatical September-December 2013. They plan to reside for those months in London, Ontario. Part of

Rev. Paul's sabbatical plans is to connect with clergy and congregations as appropriate. He hopes to be able to share some of what he has learned at Henry Budd College for Ministry about ministry in the north, about cross-cultural issues and in particular about relationships with indigenous peoples.

If you wish to get in touch with Rev. Paul Sotdke to speak during his sabbatical, please email him at: [psodtke@mymts.net](mailto:psodtke@mymts.net)  
A new phone number will be available soon.

### Maranatha Lutheran Church Black History Fieldtrip: Uncle Tom's Cabin

Join us in exploring the community of "Dawn", one of the end-stations of the Underground Railroad. Founded by the Rev. Josiah Henson and his family, the community helped dispel the myths upon which American slavery was founded. Rev. Henson's life story is the factual basis for Harriet Beecher Stowe' best-selling abolitionist novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN  
DRESDEN, ON  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, 2013

Departure: 0800hrs 236 Woodhaven Rd, Kitchener, ON  
Return: Around 1800 hrs 236 Woodhaven Rd, Kitchener, ON  
Cost: \$60.00 Adults

\$40.00 Youth ( 16 and under. Limited seating)

Trip includes: travel by Cherrey Buslines motor coach, picnic lunch, museum fees.

For more information: Please contact Rev. Peter Kuhnert at 519.888.7800 or via email [maranathlutheran@bellnet.ca](mailto:maranathlutheran@bellnet.ca)

### Prayers and Best Wishes

Our prayers are with **Rev. David Tin** and **Rev. Mavis Fung** and their family after the passing of Rev. David's father Mr. Kwan Pui Tin who entered into eternal life peacefully on July 14th, 2013

### FaithCARE Workshop

The registration for the FaithCARE Workshop is full. If are interested in attending a workshop in the future, please contact Phil Heinze at [pheinze@elcic.ca](mailto:pheinze@elcic.ca)

### Pastoral Opportunities

The following Congregations are seeking a pastor. For more information, please contact

Rev Riitta Hepomaki,  
Assistant to the Bishop  
(1-877-373-5242)

#### Northern Conference

Trinity, Sudbury

#### Toronto Conference

St. Paul's, Richmond Hill  
Christ the King, Whitby

#### Hamilton/Niagara Conference

St. John's, Hamilton

#### Kitchener/Waterloo Conference

Mount Zion, Waterloo  
St. Stephen's, Kitchener

#### Georgian Bay Conference

South Grey Bruce Parish

### Ministry Changes

**Rev. Sarah Faulhafer** finished at Bethany, Woodstock July 27th 2013

**Rev. Olavi Hepomaki** finished at St James, Baden on July 31<sup>st</sup> and began as intentional interim at Agricola, Toronto August 1<sup>st</sup>

**Rev. Mielke, Alexander** finishes at Martin Luther, Etobicoke to return to Germany August 14<sup>th</sup>

**Rev. Christian Ceconi**, Begins at Martin Luther, Etobicoke (coming from Germany) August 15<sup>th</sup>



**THE LUTHERAN-ANGELICAN-ROMAN CATHOLIC  
INTERCHURCH GROUP**

invite all Clergy and licensed Lay Workers to

**COME AND ENJOY A QUIET DAY OF PRAYER**

**IN THE NATURAL SETTING OF CRIEFF HILLS**

pray, meditate, read,  
walk an outdoor labyrinth or one of six natural paths  
casual dress, walking shoes suggested  
lunch and snacks provided  
opening and closing prayers

**MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**9:30 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**ONLY \$20.00 PER PERSON**

For maps and more information about Crieff Hills Community:

[www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com)

Numbers are limited

To register and pay your fee  
Contact Rev. Jeffrey Smith  
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church  
210 Silvercreek Parkway North  
Guelph, ON, N1H 7P8

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2013**