

Eastern Synod of the ELCIC Newsletter



February 20, 2013

To find tools and resources for worship, missions, and ministry, visit the Eastern Synod website: www.easternsynod.org

EVENTS:

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

Nurturing Generous Giving Workshop
February 23, 2013
Bethany Lutheran Church

Black History Month Celebration
Feb. 24, 2013
Keffer Chapel

Images of Diakonia
March 15 – 16, 2013
Centre for Christian Studies
Sisterhood of St. John the Divine

Lay Spiritual Retreat
April 12 – 14, 2013
Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre

Messy Fiesta
April 20, 2013
York Pines United Church

Messy Meet Up
April 27, 2013
Innerkip United Church

SPA: Sacred Place Away

Women of all ages are invited to attend "Spiritual Place Away" which is an Intergenerational Women's Gathering at: Seneca Residence and Conference Centre. 1760 Finch Ave. East, Toronto, Ontario. Friday, May 24th - Sunday, May 26th, 2013

Time is ticking away and the SPA Women's Event is quickly approaching. Please note that the registration deadline has been extended until April 20th but spots are filling up quickly so don't delay! Get your registration in today.

See the Eastern Synod website for event flyers, registration and more details!

MARRIED COUPLES - Give a Gift from your Heart

Give a gift from your heart when you and your husband/wife attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! The communication in your relationship will improve by leaps and bounds on this special weekend at the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford, Ontario, Canada on April 5 - 7! For more information or to apply, visit GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Irene Glab at ireneglab@golden.net or 519-622-1398. Weekends fill fast and applications are due by March 22 - don't miss out!

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Scholarships

Eastern Synod Scholarship Fund & Spencer-Barche Education Trust Fund information and application form is now available on the Eastern Synod website. Only 2013 - 2014 application forms will be considered. Please ensure that all eligibility criteria is met and all information is complete!

CCCC Regional Seminars 2013

March 7th, 2013

Tired of "Bored Meetings"?

This interactive session led by John Pellowe will help make every board meeting a significant meeting filled with important discussions. Become a High Performance Board takes you through 7 key indicators of effective boards and their implementation.

Two denominational leaders that have been through the seminar and described it as:

- Relevant
- God-centred
- An "amazing" scope
- Gave a new appreciation for the role of directors in effective ministries

For more information visit the [Canadian Council of Christian Charities](http://www.canadiancouncilofchristiancharities.com) website!

2013 Spiritual Retreat for Lay People Just Three Things: What God Requires from Us.

April 12th – April 14th, 2013

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre
Niagara Falls, Ontario

Cost: \$215.00 per person

Host: **Bishop Michael Pryse**

Spiritual Directors: **Rev. Hans & Katharine Borch** and **Vicar Jennifer Wirt**

Retreat Director: **Dorothy Frook**

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*Please join us for community, conversation,
contemplation, worship and renewal.*

Please note this is a fragrance free event!

Information and registration forms also available on the Eastern Synod website at:

<http://www.easternsynod.org>

Prayers and Best Wishes

Rev. Barbara Weatherall, our beloved sister and colleague, entered into eternal life the evening of February 12, 2013 at her daughter Alison's home, after a brief illness, surrounded by family in Milton, Ontario.

Howard R. Brown peacefully passed away on Sunday, February 3, 2013, at K.W. Health Centre of Grand River Hospital, at the age of 94 years.

Pastoral Opportunities

The following Congregations are seeking a pastor. For more information, please contact Rev Riitta Hepomaki, Assistant to the Bishop
Phone: 1-877-373-5242

Atlantic Conference

New Germany District
Parish - includes St Paul's, Trinity and St. Matthew's, New Germany, NS

Georgian Bay Conference

St Peter's, Sullivan, ON
St. James, Williamsford

Toronto Conference

St. Paul's, Richmond Hill, ON

Northern Conference

Zion, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

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