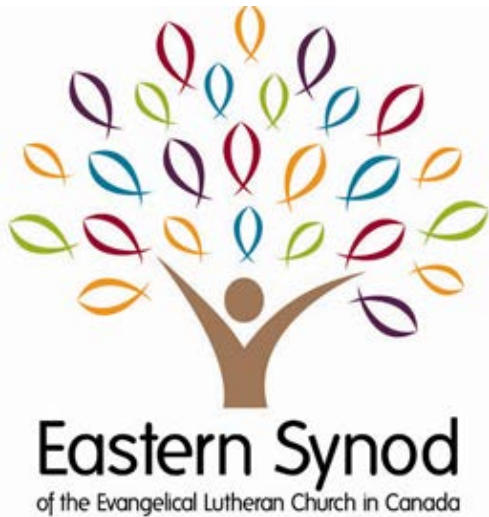


Eastern Synod of the ELCIC Newsletter



February 6, 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

"What's in a Veil?"
February 10, 2013
7 pm, Keffer Chapel,
WLS

John Bell "Big Sing"
and Workshops
Feb. 15 – 17

Nurturing Generous
Giving Workshop
February 23, 2013
Bethany Lutheran
Church

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

Report of the Treasurer Letter from Keith Myra

I would like to express my thanks to the congregations of the synod and to their members for your partnership in 2012 as demonstrated by your generous offerings to synodical ministries. We rejoice that collectively we provided \$1,548,479 of funding for "Regular Benevolence" in support of the various ministries of the synod that were carried out over the past year. A special "thank you" to those congregations that went above and beyond their committed amount!

2012 Actual: \$1,548,479 (pre-audit)
2011 Actual: \$1,564,836
2012 Budget: \$1,580,500

Although 2012 offerings fell 1% from 2011 and were under budget by 2%, thankfully investment returns were slightly higher than budget and will close most of this income gap. More details about 2012 financial results and the 2013 budget will be available in my report to the spring conference meetings.

I look forward to your continued partnership in the year ahead,
Keith Myra
Eastern Synod Treasurer

Ministry Changes

May God bless you in all your new beginnings!

Rev. Jouko Jyrkama is retiring Feb. 1st, 2013 from Zion, Sault Ste. Marie

Rev. Paul Raappana begins as interim at Zion, Sault Ste Marie on Feb. 1st 2013

Rev. Matti Korman begins at Good Shepherd, Niagara Falls, St Luke, Ridgeway Parish on Feb. 1st, 2013

Rev. Glenda Morrissette (Interim) has been appointed the new Dean of the Northern Conference

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Local Historical Play Explores the Turbulent Times (1916) of Berlin, Ontario
An Original Historical Play by Kathleen Cleland Moyer

Backyard Theatre in Kitchener presents *Nowhere, Ontario* by Kathleen Cleland Moyer on May 9-11, 2013 at the Conrad Centre for Performing Arts. The play is an authentic and touching story about two families of English and German origin who are caught up in the rising tensions in Berlin Ontario (now Kitchener) amidst the shadow cast by the First World War. Set in the historic Victoria Park neighbourhood, the play also features original music composed in period style and performed by a live band.

For information and tickets, please visit www.backyardtheatre.ca

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**
Telephone: 519-881-2798, Email: dbfrook@wightman.ca
Registrar: **Prijna Gingrich**
Telephone: 519-208-5652. Email: anp.gingrich@rogers.com

*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>

Five Marks of Mission: Lenten Worship and Learning

Each year the congregations of Christ Lutheran, Waterloo and Saint Columba Anglican honor the Waterloo Declaration by joining for a Lenten outreach project that includes mid-week worship and learning. The learning component is a presentation and discussion of specialized ministries and programs of support being offered in the wider community for individuals and groups. This year's series will focus on support for single mothers; reincorporating in the community women and their children who have found refuge from abuse in one of our region's shelters; the advocacy work of Alliance Against Poverty; the developing ministry for Anglican and Lutheran youth in Waterloo; and the contribution of organic farming to sustaining and renewing the earth. Offerings received each week are directed to Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. Refreshments and informal discussion brings each evening to an end.

Date and Time: February 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Saint Columba Anglican Church, 250 Lincoln Road (at Mayfield), Waterloo N2J 2P5

**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

**Kitchener/Waterloo
Conference**

St. John's, Waterloo, ON

Toronto Conference

St. Paul's, Richmond Hill,
ON

**Ottawa/St. Lawrence
Conference**

Zion, Pembroke, ON

Northern Conference

Zion, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

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