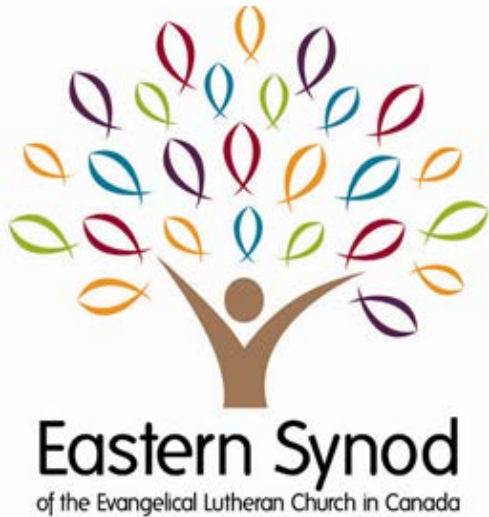


Eastern Synod of the ELCIC Newsletter



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

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

Messy Fiesta
April 20, 2013
York Pines United Church
Kettleby

Messy Meet Up
April 27, 2013
Innerkip United Church
Innerkip

Rediscovering Liturgy in a Post-Christendom Culture
April 27, 2013
St. John's Church
Mississauga

Suomi Conference 2013
May 03, 2013 - May 05, 2013
St. John's Lutheran Church
South Porcupine

S P A: 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

Please note that the registration deadline has been extended until April 20th.

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

North American Patriarch of the Lutheran Church comes to Canada

Heinrich Melchior was sent by the Francke Foundations in Halle (Germany) to the colony of Pennsylvania in 1742 to entrust him with the spiritual welfare of German immigrants. He built a functioning Lutheran Church organization from New York to Georgia. In memory of the founder of the Francke Foundations, August Hermann Francke, Muhlenberg gave the original church the name "Augustus" Lutheran Church. Through his manifold activities he earned himself a high reputation up to the highest political circles. His sons counted among the founding fathers of the American Democracy.

To celebrate his 300th birthday a travelling exhibition has been presented as part of a German-American Jubilee program in 2011.

For more information and the exhibition details visit the Eastern Synod Website.

Scholarships

Eastern Synod Scholarship Fund & Spencer-Barche Education Trust Fund information and application form is available on the Eastern Synod website. Only 2013 - 1014 application forms will be considered. Please ensure that all eligibility criteria is met and all information is complete!

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Suomi Conference 2013

St. John's Lutheran Church in South Porcupine, ON invites you to a weekend in Timmins learning and applying the gifts of the Spirit. The Suomi Konferenssi will be held May 3,4,5, 2013 with registration starting at 2 pm at St. John's at 78 William Ave., South Porcupine and then continuing Saturday and Sunday at Northern College in South Porcupine. We will have Rev Susan Johnson talking about Spiritual Renewal on Saturday as well as preaching Sunday morning at our communion service; we will have two discussion groups - one on churches in transition and the other on aging - and we will be offering a tour of a local aboriginal teepee and sweat lodge out at a reclaimed Goldcorp mine site. There will be a banquet Saturday night followed by an evening of music. Local artists will also be there to display their craft. The event is bilingual, Finnish and English. Registration packages are available from St. John's with the conference cost of \$75.00 (includes your meals). Please contact Rev. Glenda Morrissette at stjohslutheran@ontera.net or call 705 235-2064.

Ministry Changes

Rev. Helen Toman started as an Interim at St. James, Williamsford on March 15th 2013.

"Living the Beatitudes: the Ethics of Discipleship"

June 10-14, 2013

The Marvyn Dubrick Lecturer for 2013: Dr. Marty Stortz, Bernhard M. Christensen Chair in Religion and Vocation at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Previously she was a Professor of Historical Theology and Ethics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary/Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.

Register early: After Tuesday, May 21st, 2013 the registration costs for students will increase by \$10 and by \$25 for non-students.

This summer, Luther Hostel returns to Waterloo as we continue our journey in lifelong learning. Luther Hostel will leave you feeling inspired and energized as you take the time to explore your faith, meet new friends, rekindle old relationships, and stretch your understanding of what it means to be people of faith in today's global community.

For more information or to view the event poster please visit the Eastern Synod 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**

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>

Eastern Synod Assembly 2014

Thursday, June 26, 2014 to Sunday, June 29, 2014
Doubletree by Hilton

Toronto Airport
655 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M9W1J3

Additional details will follow over the coming months.

ELCIC Global Mission Update

There is a letter on the Eastern Synod website from The Rev. Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop (regarding "In Mission for Others").

Visit the Eastern Synod website to view the full letter.

Christians Reaching Out to the Community

Date: April 06, 2013

Rev. Doug Schweyer and the Members of Faith would like to extend to you an invitation to join us for a 2 hour symposium on "Christians Reaching Out to the Community", on Saturday, April 6th, 2013, 10 am to 12 pm. at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 31 Agar Drive, St. Catharines. The symposium will be followed by a light lunch when further discussion will be encouraged.

View the full invitation letter on the Eastern Synod website.

Food for Thought

Lutheran / Mennonite Lenten time study sessions in Wilmot
This Lent Wilmot and Steinmann Mennonite and St. James and Zion Lutheran Churches organize a series of study sessions about food. Come, learn, and bring your knowledge and opinions to share. We meet in following locations on Tuesdays according to following Schedule:

Tue March 5 at 7.00 pm At St. James Lutheran Church, 66 Mill Street, Baden
We'll watch a documentary film "Canned Dreams" about globalized food industry and people in it. We will follow a food can's path from the mines in Brazil, to Europe and all the way to Northern Finland.

Tue March 12 at 7.00 pm
At Steinmann Mennonite Church 1316 Snyder's Rd W, Baden
Come and taste the simple but nutritious food that feeds a good 12 million people of the world – the people who live at refugee camps. Meet also Jennifer Ardon, CLWR liaison person, who will tell us about life at the on the Camps.

Tue March 19 at 7.00 pm
At Zion Lutheran in Philipsburg 3357 Erb's Rd, Baden
Lack of nutritious food and poverty go hand in hand. What else does poverty bring to people's life? Greg deGroot-Maggetti, a Poverty Program Coordinator from MCC opens to us an unseen and unpleasant world of poverty.

Tue April 2 at 6.00 pm
At Wilmot Mennonite Church 2995 Bleams Road, New Hamburg
The last Food for Thought gathering brings us around the same table where we will share what we have received from God. A potluck dinner together is the best way to connect and rejoice. Notice earlier time.

2013 Spring Conference Meetings Schedule

Northern - April 12-13, 2013, Trinity, Sudbury
Georgian Bay - April 27, 2013, St. Peter's, Neustadt
London - April 27, 2013, St. Peter's, Zurich
Ottawa/St. Lawrence - April 27, 2013, Faith, Nepean
Atlantic - May 3-5, 2013, New Denmark Parish, New Brunswick
Kitchener/Waterloo - May 4, 2013, St. Mark's, Kitchener
Hamilton/Niagara - May 4, 2013 (tentative), Grace, Hamilton
Toronto - May 11, 2013, Epiphany, Toronto

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