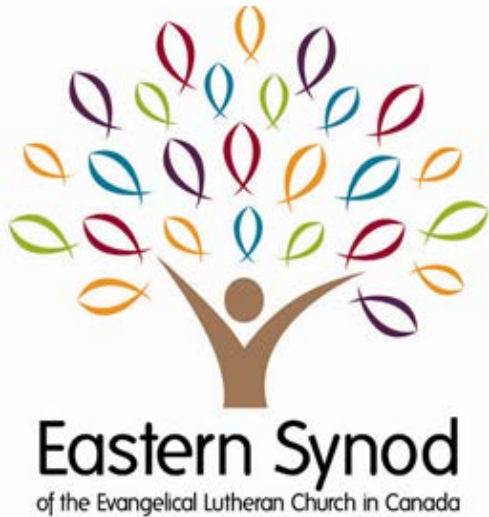


Eastern Synod of the ELCIC Newsletter



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

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

Fab Four – The Gospels and the Beatles
March 15, 2013
Toronto

Ordination Service of Rev. Matti Kormanen
March 17, 2013
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Niagara Falls

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

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!

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!

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!

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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 stjohnslutheran@ontera.net or call 705 235-2064.

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.ca) 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.

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

Hamilton/Niagara Conference

St. John's, Hamilton, ON



MP Ted Opitz Recognizes the Madbakh After School Program

Exciting news from St. Philip's, Etobicoke. Check the Eastern Synod website to watch a video from the House of Commons in Ottawa.

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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