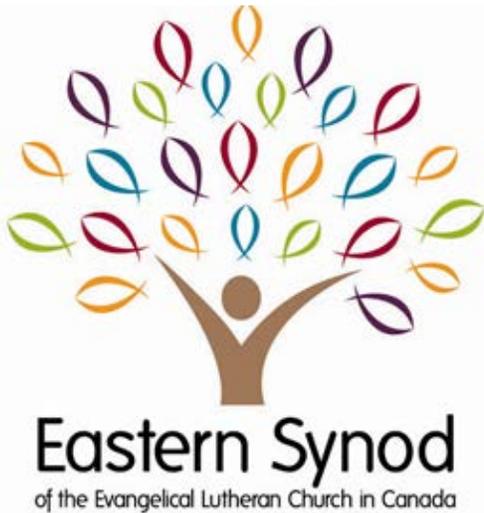


# Eastern Synod of the ELCIC Newsletter



**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

To find tools and resources for worship, missions, and ministry, visit the Eastern Synod website: [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org)

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

The Rhythm of the Rock  
May 15, 2013  
Metropolitan United Church, Toronto

Eastern Synod Women's Gathering – SPA  
May 24, 2013

Men's Retreat Weekend – Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre  
May 24 - 26, 2013

Leupold Chorale to Host Service of Scripture, Choral Music and Song  
May 26, 2013  
Keffer Memorial Chapel of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

## ***Men's Retreat Weekend - Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre***

On May 24th - 26th there will be a men's retreat at Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre!

We look forward to seeing you and your tools for carpentry, roofing, painting, yard work, electrical, plumbing – praying, eating and playing. Bring your sons, nephews, grandfathers and friends!

Please contact [registrar@edgewood-camp.on.ca](mailto:registrar@edgewood-camp.on.ca) to let us know you are coming.

## **Prayers and Best Wishes**

**Florence Judt**, wife of our late brother and colleague, John Judt (May 21, 2007), entered peacefully into eternal life on March 22, 2013. Cherished mother of five children: John (Claudia), Bill (Debbie), Carolyn (Randy), Kathy (Larry) and Lois (Kevan). Loving grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 4.

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## Pastoral Opportunities

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

**Toronto Conference**  
St. Paul's, Richmond Hill,  
ON

**Hamilton/Niagara Conference**  
St. John's, Hamilton, ON

**Kitchener/Waterloo Conference**  
Mount Zion, Waterloo

**Georgian Bay Conference**  
South Grey Bruce  
Lutheran Parish

### Anglican Lutheran Worship Service

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2013 - Pentecost 3 (C)  
Where: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

This will be a worship service of Word and Prayer using the format of Pentecost Lessons and Hymns.

To learn more, visit the Eastern Synod website.

### Juno Award Winner!

Congratulations to Mark Kieswetter, Music Director at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Etobicoke, for winning 2013 Juno Award.

Mr. Kieswetter plays the piano on the winner of 2013 VOCAL JAZZ ALBUM OF THE YEAR by Emilie-Clare Barlow (Seule ce Soir).

### Ministry Changes

**Rev. Paul Roelchen-Pfohl** began at Zion, Pembroke on May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Rev. Claudine Carlson** - Interim at St. Mark's, Kitchener on May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Rev. Val Henning** finishes as Interim at Zion, Philipsburg



## "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.

Afternoon Workshops:

*The Ethics of Discipleship*

*Healthy Congregations*

*Inshallah: Worship and Global Song*

*First Call*

*Leadership Development*

At Luther Hostel we begin and conclude each day with prayer and song. Luther Hostel's inspiring worship helps to unlock each day's presentations with praise and thanksgiving.

Our theological perspectives and ways of being church can be challenged and transformed through conversation with those whose culture and experience are different than our own. Come, listen, ask questions, experience and discuss, as we explore what it means to be in conversation with others in our global community of faith.

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## COMPANIONSHIP AGREEMENT

### *The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)*

The history of ELCJHL goes back to the first Lutheran-Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, Michael S. Alexander, consecrated on January 21, 1841, but its members and congregations are rooted in the centuries of Christian tradition in the Holy Land. The church has had strong links to Lutheran churches in Germany, but in recent years also to the Nordic countries and the United States.

The church has six congregations in Jerusalem and Ramallah, in Bethlehem, Beit-Sahour and Beit-Jala as well as in Amman. In addition to the normal congregational life – with worship, women and children ministries as well as diaconal and social services – the ELCJHL has a particular educational ministry with five schools serving more than 3000 children. The ELCJHL is also engaged in efforts to strengthen the unity among the churches, as well as in dialogue with Muslims and Jews and in a ministry of reconciliation among people in conflict. The church headquarters are located in the Redeemer's Church in the Old City of Jerusalem.

### *Purpose of the Partnership*

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) and the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are both part of the universal church of Jesus Christ, and share a common Evangelical-Lutheran heritage as well as an ecumenical vision. For many years there have been links between the two churches, and this agreement is one way to deepen that relationship. The purpose of our partnership is

- To strengthen Christian unity, and deepen the communion between the two churches,
- To strengthen the identity of the local church as part of the universal Church, and
- To promote the mission of our churches in their respective societies.

### *Commitments*

To realize the purpose of the partnership we mutually commit ourselves to:

- Develop and deepen our partnership through
  - o Mutual intercession for one another
  - o Exchange of information
  - o Mutual visits. The ELCJHL and its congregations shall be a natural home for groups from the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and vice versa.
- Engage local congregations in the partnership
- Appoint a contact person to facilitate communication and co-ordination
- Evaluate the partnership after five years.

### *Commitment to Prayer and Co-operation*

Today we commit ourselves to pray for one another and to lift up our churches and people in intercession before God.

Following the signing of this agreement we look forward to a period of deepening our already close relationship and coming even closer to one another.

The Lutheran congregations in the Holy Land have a special place and ministry within the world wide Lutheran family. This partnership agreement is signed at a time of conflict in the Holy Land and with much suffering among its people. We therefore conclude with the words of Psalm 72 as our prayer and our common witness to the risen Lord Jesus Christ:

He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.  
He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers on the earth.  
He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no-one to help.  
He will rescue them from oppression and violence,  
For precious is their blood in his sight.

May His Name endure forever, may it continue as long as the sun.  
All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.  
Praise be to his glorious name forever;  
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

We commit our hopes and plans for this partnership to God in prayer.