

Eastern Synod of the ELCIC Newsletter



November 7th, 2013

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

“Faith Beyond Certainty...or Something Like That” by Peter Rollins

Date: November 11, 2013

Kingston Campus Ministry Lunch

Date: November 17, 2013

REchurch “Rethinking Discipleship”

Date: November 23, 2013

New Executive Director at Camp Edgewood

It is with great pleasure we introduce **Russ Hartman** as the new Executive Director of Camp Edgewood. Since his arrival in August 2013, Russ has shown himself to be enthusiastic about Edgewood. He is keen to make Edgewood the best it can be to serve the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC, and all the other groups that come to this place surrounded by God’s love.



The Eastern Synod Lutheran

This year's final issue of the Eastern Synod Lutheran will be soon dropped into your mailbox. Once a year we send you an offering envelope hoping that we can get enough money to continue publishing the paper. The publishing cost of the paper is around \$16,000/issue.

The future of the paper is in your hands or rather in your envelope. We understand that the modern methods of communication use websites, email, social media, youtube etc. and we need to follow the new trends in order to be able to stay in touch with the younger generation. We, however, want to serve all the people, regardless of their technological means and knowledge. Please, consider supporting the paper even if you don't read it yourself. The Eastern Synod Lutheran is still read by many.

God's grace is free; sadly, newspapers are not. Please respond as generously as you can!

- Pastor Riitta Hepomaki

Sharpen Your Pencils

Many learning opportunities for lay and clergy leaders are coming in 2014 in the Eastern Synod. A workshop will be available for Congregational Treasurers/Financial Secretaries in different conferences. It will be led by Keith Myra, Treasurer of the Eastern Synod. Jeff Pym and Rev Riitta Hepomaki will be leading workshops for Congregational Councils. Dates and locations are yet to be determined but will be posted on the Eastern Synod website. Training day for Church/Office Secretaries will be May 24th, 2014 in Toronto.

New Visions by Peter Steinke will be in Ottawa September 19-20, 2014. Learn more about New Visions at www.newvisions.us

Prayers and Best Wishes

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Rev William ("Gus") Gustafson** who entered into eternal life peacefully on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the age of 65.

Ministry Changes

Rev. Stephen Gross began Interim at St Peter's, Cambridge November 1st 2013.

Rev. David Wunderlich will resign from Trinity, Ayton on November 30th, 2013

Pastoral Opportunities

The following Congregations are seeking a pastor. For more information, please contact **Rev.**

Douglas Reble,
Assistant to the Bishop
(1-877-373-5242)

Northern Conference
Trinity, Sudbury

Toronto Conference
St. Paul's, Richmond Hill
Christ the King, Whitby
Emmanuel, Toronto

Kitchener/Waterloo Conference
St. Stephen's, Kitchener

Atlantic Conference
Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church and
Zion Evangelical
Lutheran Church,
Lunenburg, NS

London Conference
Zion, Stratford

10 Days for Springtime (Lent) Renewal

PILGRIMAGE – RETREAT – SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT

Few people I talk to do not express the desire to "get away", have some time, or experience less stress. There can be difficult situations at work or changing circumstances. It might be the struggle to find a few moments to think things over or it might be settling into new routines or a time to relish a spirit of joy...(View the full letter on the Eastern Synod Website)

- Pastor Eric Dyck, Retreat Leader

Together with Peter Schleicher and ICT Voyages, travel arrangements.

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For more information and to register, visit the Eastern Synod website!

Leadership Awards Nominations

It's time for the nominations to begin! Is there someone you would like to nominate for a 2014 Leadership Award? Awards are being presented for the following categories:

- Clergy Nomination
- Lay Person Nomination
- Outstanding Service to the Eastern Synod
- Outstanding Service to the wider community

If you would like to nominate someone in one of the four categories, please complete and mail or fax a form by March 1, 2014. To view and print the nomination form, visit the Eastern Synod website.

Forms can be sent to:
LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS
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