

# Bulletin Board January 2008

**Wanted: Photos of your ministry for the synod website.** The New England Synod Communications team is currently making plans to update the Synod Website and would like to include pictures of your church in mission and ministry. Please email one or two digital photographs to [info@STandrewRI.org](mailto:info@STandrewRI.org)

**Reminder: Resources** for the first year of Bishop Payne's "**Called to Listen, Called to Live**" theme: *Listen Deeply.*" are posted on the synod website under EVENTS/ BISHOP'S CONVOCATION or click <http://www.nesynod.org/convocations-fall.html>

**Peace Lutheran Church in Wayland, MA**, begins their first **Rejoicing Spirits** worship service on Sunday, January 27, at 4:00 PM. This new ministry program, developed by folks at St. Paul's, Exton, PA intentionally reaches out to people who have developmental disabilities, along with their families, friends, care providers, and other supportive community members, by sharing God's message of love through a meaningful and adapted Christian worship service and fellowship time. Individuals are free to be themselves while actively participating as contributing members of an inclusive faith community. The service includes lots of music, joyous singing, prayer, Scripture, and meaningful messages. **They invite anyone who is interested in worshiping God in a new, exciting, and inclusive way to come and worship** at this new service. For more information, contact the church at 508.358.7110 or email to [peacelc@aol.com](mailto:peacelc@aol.com).

Synod **Church Office staff**, we welcome you to join others from across New England to gather at Calumet from Sunday dinner to Tuesday lunch the first weekend in May. We haven't set this year's program yet but in past years we've had varying subjects, i.e., staff compensation, office policies and procedures, archiving records, church office resources, sharing of bulletins/newsletters. . . We also have guest speakers on personal & spiritual growth and usually a little time for relaxation and fun. Working in a church environment can have some unique challenges. Come join us in sharing ideas and suggestions to make our jobs wonderful! Dates will be May 4-6, 2008, cost \$145 per person. Questions/ ideas: contact Maureen Anderson at [maureenquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:maureenquilts@yahoo.com)

**ELCA Board of Pensions** ([www.elcabop.org](http://www.elcabop.org)) has posted the *2008 contribution rates* and calculator. Now is the time to take the Health Risk Assessment: plug in your numbers and identify risks and strengths so that you can plan a long and healthy life. This year, there is a financial incentive: \$100 of credit to your personal wellness account. Follow other links for added savings to offset deductibles.

**Family member ill?** Dial the ELCA BOP Health Plan **NurseLine: 877-856-8145** anytime for advice.

**Free insurance advice:** The ELCA offers newsletters from Charity First and Zurich Services Corp. on many concerns. Visit <http://www.elca.org/insurance/Newsletters/riskManagementResources.html> for topics such as "Deterring Theft and Vandalism," the Nov. 2007 issue. There are also checklists to determine your coverage needs.

MIF, the **Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA**, provides investment opportunities for individuals, congregations and organizations of congregations. Loans for capital needs are available to congregations and other ministries of the ELCA. To learn more about investment and loans or to schedule a presentation to your congregation's leaders, contact Pr. Mark Wimmer at 267-203-0037 or [mwimmer@lctelford.org](mailto:mwimmer@lctelford.org). Have a building concern? Contact ELCA building consultant Jeff Spann at 973-625-2568 or [jeff.spann@elca.org](mailto:jeff.spann@elca.org).

**Resource:** A Post-Funeral **Bereavement Ministry** Program, designed by a Roman Catholic layman following the death of his wife, has been made available to our Synod. The program can be easily adapted to local situations. It includes letters to be sent at intervals during the first year after the loved one's death as well as phone numbers to call for necessary services (e.g., social security, IRS), "do's and don'ts" immediately after experiencing a loss, inspirational pieces, and other tools. Contact Barbara Lamson at the Synod office (508-791-1530 or [blamson@nesynod.org](mailto:blamson@nesynod.org))

**Come read *The Lutheran Link***, “Link Extras,” and previous issues of The Link on the synod website under *RESOURCES*, *NEWS* (or click [www.nesynod.org/thelink.html](http://www.nesynod.org/thelink.html)). Prefer paper? Sign up now for free home delivery: just call the Synod House, 508-791-1530 x103, or email [sisterv@nesynod.org](mailto:sisterv@nesynod.org)

## **Jobs**

St Stephen Lutheran Church, Marlborough, MA, is seeking a **Director of Music** part-time (10-15hrs/wk) who will be responsible for musical accompaniment on organ/piano and direction of the anthem choir. We have one Sunday service with occasional seasonal worship services. We are seeking a talented musician who can bring life and enthusiasm to our music program and grow with us. Annual Salary: \$10,000 - \$13,500 (4 wks vacation). Please contact Director of Music Search Team (LeeAnn Brewitt, Chair; The Rev. Scott Howard, Pastor) at 508-485-9585 or [pastorhoward@saintstephenlutheran.com](mailto:pastorhoward@saintstephenlutheran.com)

Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, Salem, NH, is seeking a Part-Time **Director for Youth Ministry** for a youth group of 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders, averaging 20 per event. Qualifications: An adult with mature faith in Jesus Christ and a basic understanding and agreement with Lutheran theology, experience working with youth, Bachelor’s degree or equivalent life experience, accustomed to working with churches. Responsibilities: plan, organize, and lead youth events and activities for our congregation, maintain the current program and seek ways to increase participation, reaching out to our youth. This is a part-time position, averaging 20 hours per week, fluctuating schedule based on events. Salary based upon experience. For a detailed job description and application instructions call the TCLC office at (603) 893-0305, or send an email to [ymstaffing@triumphantcross.org](mailto:ymstaffing@triumphantcross.org).

First Lutheran Church, Southington, CT, seeks a **Youth Director** to take full responsibility for the operation of the Youth Group, meeting regularly with the pastor to evaluate progress, cooperatively doing event planning, and submitting written reports and publicity for youth events. Contact the church office at (860)628-9001 or e-mail [fchurch@snet.net](mailto:fchurch@snet.net) with questions or resumes.

Christ the King, Holliston, MA, seeks part-time **Director of Music** with organ, piano and conducting skills, for three Sunday worship services (two traditional; one contemporary with live band), seasonal worship services, weddings, funerals, etc., and to lead choirs. Send resume to Pr. Jerome Janisko, Christ the King Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 6415, Holliston, MA. 01746, or email [jjj357@verizon.net](mailto:jjj357@verizon.net)

Christ the King, Holliston, MA, seeks a part-time **Director of High School Youth** with commitment (September through June) of 3 hours per week, including the 9:45 am worship each Sunday. Prior experience with teens and a bachelor’s degree preferred. The current size of our youth group is 12 to 18 students. Submit resume, cover letter, etc. to: Pr. Nancy Risty, PO Box 6415, Holliston, MA 01746.

Seafarer’s and International House, New York, NY, is searching for a new **Executive Director** to direct ecumenical Christian mission programs “that nurture the human spirit and foster human dignity among seafarers and travelers.” Email resumes or questions to [hrexec@sihnyc.org](mailto:hrexec@sihnyc.org) Read full description at <http://www.sihnyc.org/assets/pdf/SeafarersExecutive.pdf>

Part-time **spiritual counselor** to hospice patients, families and staff, to effectively increase hospice awareness and enhance clergy services to patients and families at Old Colony Hospice, 1 Credit Union Way, Randolph, MA. Qualifications include: graduate of an accredited Master’s Degree program in Divinity, Theology or Pastoral Ministry; 3-5 years post-graduate experience working in a home healthcare environment or comparable experience clinical/professional expertise in caring for the dying and bereaved; ecclesiastical endorsement by a faith community or chaplaincy; demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in an interdisciplinary team; completion of at least one Clinical Pastoral Education unit for chaplaincy preferred; excellent interpersonal and communication skills; a valid driver’s license and reliable transportation; able to pass CORI and drug test For a pre-employment application: <http://www.oldcolonyhospice.org/employment.htm> or call 800-370-1322.