

# Bulletin Board Spring 2012



DOING WHAT MATTERS: CHOOSING A BISHOP **Synod Assembly voting members** should **register now** for both [Assembly](#) and their [local Mission Area Assemblies](#). Important work is being done to formulate questions for the bishop nominees at our **Assembly June 8-10** at the MassMutual Center, Springfield, Mass. God is calling you to “do what matters.”

RETIRED ROSTERED LEADERS, spouses, widows, widowers are invited to attend the **Annual Post Easter Retreat** at Calumet Lutheran Camp and Conference Center, **April 17-19**, Tues. - Thurs. at a cost of \$120 per person. [See flyer](#) in this care packet. For those retirees who love book discussions and the comforts of Koinonia of Vermont, the **Retirees Annual Summer Retreat** will be held **August 14-16**. [Koinonia flyer](#) is also in this care packet. “Moby Dick” by Herman Melville is this year’s book.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA REGISTER: **2012 Region 7 Spiritual Retreat for Women of the ELCA**, will be held **April 27-29**, 2012, at The Purdy Center, Camp-of-the-Woods, Speculator, N.Y. The topic will be “Angels Among Us,” based on Hebrews 13:2. Keynote Speaker will be Pr. Mary Jane Hastings. [Click for a link](#) to all materials and registration form. *Register before March 15 for best price.* Questions? Contact O’B Rock at [obrock@comcast.net](mailto:obrock@comcast.net) or 508-431-2598

CALUMET Lutheran Camp and Conference Center has scheduled this spring’s **Church Office Staff Retreat May 6-8**. Cost is \$150. Contact [Betsy@calumet.org](mailto:Betsy@calumet.org) (603-539-3223 ext. 219) to make your reservation [Click for details](#).

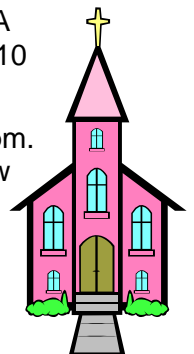
SAVE THIS DATE: **New England Women of the ELCA’s 2012 biennial convention** will be held **Oct. 26-27**, 2012, at Calumet Lutheran Camp and Conference Center, Freedom, N.H. Contact [Elizabeth Burgess](#) or [Denise Puisto](#), co-chairs.

DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS: **LSS Disability Services** in the Worcester area is looking for volunteers to serve on its **Human Rights Committee**. Are you a doctor, lawyer, nurse, social worker or clinician who is concerned about the civil and human rights of persons with disabilities? If so, LSS needs your help! This is a volunteer opportunity that will impact for good the quality of life for our neighbors with special needs. The committee meets the second Monday of the month from 12:30 -1:30 p.m. at 39 Whitmarsh Ave., Worcester, next to Zion Lutheran Church. Contact Joanne Brackett, program director, at [jbrackett@lssne.org](mailto:jbrackett@lssne.org) or 339-225-1732.

WE’VE MOVED! [Lutheran Social Services](#) of New England has relocated to **12-14 East Worcester St., Suite 300, Worcester, MA 01604**. Main office phone: **774-243-3900** or toll free: 877-500-8263 and fax: 508-519-5908. An open house will be held Thursday, March 29, from 4-6 p.m., to celebrate the new location, as well as 140 years of human service in New England on behalf of the Lutheran church.

JOY-N US: **A Rejoicing Spirits worship service** is a contemporary Christian service dedicated to sharing God’s word and love with brothers and sisters who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. The service includes lots of music, joyous singing, prayer, Scripture, and meaningful messages. Read more at <http://www.rejoicingspirits.org/> or contact [Susan Lindberg Haley](#), Diaconal Minister, with any questions. We invite anyone who is interested in worshipping God in a new, exciting, and inclusive way to come and worship with us at any of these churches:

- ❖ **Peace**, 107 Concord Road, **Wayland, Mass.** - last Sunday of each month at 4 pm. A potluck supper follows the service. The church is accessible to all. Call 508-358-7110 or email us at [peacelc@aol.com](mailto:peacelc@aol.com)
- ❖ **Zion**, 41 Whitmarsh Ave., **Worcester, Mass.** - second Thursday of the month at 5 pm. A pasta meal follows the service. The church is accessible to all. Contact Pr. Andrew Borden at 508-853-2009 or [pastor.andrew.b@verizon.net](mailto:pastor.andrew.b@verizon.net)
- ❖ **Trinity**, 612 Main St., **Westbrook, Maine** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4 pm, followed by supper fellowship. Accessible to all; ASL interpreter provided. Contact Sister Carol Weaver at 207-312-5827 or [carolmweaver@juno.com](mailto:carolmweaver@juno.com)
- ❖ **Grace**, 757 Summer St. **Auburn, Maine** - Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month, 5:00 pm. Questions: call 207-782-9697.



TELL YOUR STORY of God's love: Mission stories of synod congregation members being God's hands are posted each week at [www.nesynod.org](http://www.nesynod.org). Tell us how you "do what matters." Send text and photos to [sisterv@nesynod.org](mailto:sisterv@nesynod.org). We are encouraged by seeing each other in action.

NATIVE AMERICAN NETWORKING: With thirteen tribal nations in our synod there are myriad opportunities to network for justice. If you are of **American Indian extraction**, or have a passion for this work, please be in touch with Pr. Paul Henry at [indianhenry@charter.net](mailto:indianhenry@charter.net).

The [Janssen Resource Center](#) of the New England Synod carries the latest Book of Faith and Augsburg Fortress materials. Our **catalog is on line** at [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com). To view items, enter the user name **janssenrc** and the password **nesynod**. Be sure to choose the Janssen Resource Center as "your library." To borrow (for 3 weeks) email [resources@nesynod.org](mailto:resources@nesynod.org).

FOR LAY LEADERS: The ELCA monthly E-newsletter, "**Administration Matters**," addresses practical issues for a congregation's day-to-day operations and management. Subscribe for free at <http://listserv.elca.org/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=ADMINMATTERS&A=1>.

INVEST IN CHURCH: The [Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA](#), or **MIF**, provides investment opportunities and loans for capital needs of ministries of the ELCA. Learn and share more about MIF investment and loans. Schedule a presentation to your congregation's leaders: contact Pr. Mark Wimmer at 267-203-0037 or [mark.wimmer@elca.org](mailto:mark.wimmer@elca.org). Have a building concern or project? Contact our regional ELCA building consultant Jeff Spann at 973-625-2568 or [jeff.spann@elca.org](mailto:jeff.spann@elca.org).

## Jobs

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam, WI, a community-oriented church in a great town on a lake in southern Wisconsin, seeks a **Director of Youth & Family Ministries**. This is a full-time position (including benefits and training). Details: Develop comprehensive ministry for faith, fun, study and service for families. 200 youth enrolled in Sunday school, confirmation and high school studies. For additional information contact Rev. Dr. Mark J. Mollidrem (920)885-4497 or [revmollidrem@firstluthbd.org](mailto:revmollidrem@firstluthbd.org). Salary commensurate with experience.

Need a **supply organist** or **music director** in central, eastern or western Massachusetts? Contact Jeff Windoloski, a member of St. Peter, Holyoke, Mass., at (413) 250-6615 or by e-mail at [Jeffrey.Windoloski@my.mcphs.edu](mailto:Jeffrey.Windoloski@my.mcphs.edu) for further details and references.