



Southern Ohio Synod SynodFest 2012



You and the entire Southern Ohio Synod are invited to the first annual SynodFest, being held this June in Cincinnati, Ohio.

What is SynodFest? It's a synod festival for all members of Southern Ohio Synod congregations. A time to come together as one body to celebrate, worship, learn, share, serve, and take care of synod business. *Activities are available for all ages.* SynodFest is a come-and-go-as-you-please event, offering attendees the opportunity to participate in everything or just one thing, between **June 6 and June 10, 2012**. Pricing has been kept low to allow as many people as possible to attend.

Below is an overview of what attendees can choose to participate in while at SynodFest. Most activities will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd, Blue Ash. Other activities will be held in and around the Cincinnati area. Specific event locations are provided on the SynodFest 2012 Schedule of Events and/or in the event detail.

- June 6-7: **ELCA Glocal Event** (See synod website for complete details.)
- June 7-8: **Rostered Leaders Event** with guest presenter The Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke (See page 5 for details.)
- June 8: **Dwelling in the Word** training with Pat Ellison, PhD. (See page 7 for details.)
- June 8: **Synod-wide worship service, dinner and concert.** We'll be coming together under the stars at Nisbet Park in Loveland, Ohio to worship together, commission and send the ELCA Youth Gathering teams from our synod, enjoy some locally catered food and then join our voices in song as musician Peder Eide entertains and inspires.
- June 8-9: **Service Projects** with Graceworks Lutheran Services, Matthew 25: Ministries, Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity and Vida Eterna Mother's Ministry. (See pages 17-20 for descriptions and details.)
- June 8-9: **Workshops** for everyone! 27 to be exact. (Check out the titles and descriptions on pages 9-13. A summary grid is provided on pages 14-15.)
- June 8-9: **Vendor Fair** featuring various individuals and businesses specializing in products and services for congregations. A complete list will be distributed at SynodFest. Look in the SynodFest section of the synod website for updates.
- June 9 Morning: **Synod Assembly**—Voting members will gather at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the ballroom to take care of synod business and hear about the accomplishments of 2011 and the challenges and opportunities facing us in 2012.
- June 9 Evening: **Meet and Greet at Kings Island** picnic area for synod members taking part in Southern Ohio Synod Day at Kings Island.
- June 10: **Lutheran Day at the Reds**—We'll gather with our friends from the Indiana-Kentucky Synod for an action packed game at the Great American Ballpark (Reds Stadium) where the Reds will host the Detroit Tigers.

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Details on all of these activities and much more are contained in the pages of this brochure. Please read through it, share it with your congregation, committees, women's and men's groups and most definitely your family. See where God is calling you to plug in during **SynodFest, June 6-10, 2012**. Then, complete the registration materials—either hard copy or online at www.southernohiosynod.org—**by May 23, 2012**.

Please note: registrants may reserve space for or purchase tickets for un-registered guests. Un-registered guests are individuals not participating in the Rostered Leaders Event, Assembly, Dwelling in the Word or SynodFest Workshops. Look for quantity fields next to events where you can sign up your un-registered guests. (*Example: Joe Brown registers for Dwelling in the Word. His wife and two children also plan to attend SynodFest. They wish to participate in a Saturday service project and the Lutheran Day at the Reds. Joe completes the Contact Information form with his contact information. No Contact Information form is needed for Joe's wife and children. They are considered "unregistered guests." Joe then completes the Lay Person Registration form, checking the Dwelling in the Word box and then writing a "4" in the quantity fields next to the chosen service project and the Lutheran Day at the Reds activity. The two forms and one check are then sent to cover costs associated with Dwelling in the Word and Lutheran Day at the Reds.*)

Registration forms begin on page 27 with the Contact Information form. There are separate registration forms for Lay and Rostered attendees.

We look forward to seeing all of you at SynodFest 2012 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Please spread the word. There really is something for everyone at SynodFest 2012!

Blessings,

The SynodFest Planning Team

PS. Promotional materials are available in the SynodFest section of the synod website, www.southernohiosynod.org.

SynodFest 2012

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 6

2 pm - 8:30 pm *Glocal Events at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd, Cincinnati*
(Register at <http://tinyurl.com/2012Glocal-CI-Ohio>)

Thursday, June 7

8 am - 5 pm *Glocal Events at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cincinnati*

10 am Rostered Leaders Event Check In (Lobby of Crowne Plaza Hotel)

1 pm Opening of Rostered Leaders Event (Crowne Plaza ballroom)

Friday, June 8

9 am-10 am On-site Check In for Dwelling in the Word Training (Lobby of Crowne Plaza)

10 am-4 pm Dwelling in the Word Training (Blue Ash Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel)

11:30 am Rostered Leaders Event closes

1 pm-5 pm SynodFest Service Projects (See pages 17-20)

1 pm SynodFest registration opens (Lobby of Crowne Plaza Hotel)

2-5 pm SynodFest Workshops (Crowne Plaza Hotel, see pages 9-15)

5:45 pm Synodwide Worship & Sending/Commissioning for Youth Gathering
Team--Location Nisbet Park, Loveland

7 pm Picnic Dinner at Nisbet Park, Loveland (*Provided by Southern Ohio Synod*)

7:30 pm Concert Under the Stars at Nisbet Park featuring musician Peter Eide

***All friday evening events are free and open to Southern Ohio Synod congregation members.
The concert is free and open to the public.***

Saturday, June 9

6 am-9 am Breakfast (Crowne Plaza for those purchasing meal tickets)

7 am Synod Assembly & SynodFest registration opens (Blue Ash Room, Crowne Plaza)

9 am - 12:30 pm Synod Assembly & SynodFest Workshops (Crowne Plaza Hotel)

12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch (Crowne Plaza for those purchasing meal tickets)

1 - 5 pm SynodFest Workshops and Service Opportunities (See pages 9-20)

5 pm Worship at Area Congregations (See list on pages 22-23)

5:30 - 7:30pm SynodFest Day at Kings Island Meet & Greet at Picnic Shelter (See page 21)

Sunday, June 10

1:10 pm Lutheran Day at the Reds for Southern Ohio Synod and Indiana-Kentucky Synod
(See page 21)

R o s t e r e d L e a d e r s E v e n t

The guest presenter and workshop leader for the Rostered Leaders Event is The Reverend Dr. Peter Steinke. The Rev. Dr. Steinke has been a church consultant for more than 20 years. Having studied Bowen Family Systems Theory under the tutelage of Edwin Friedman, he has attempted to incorporate the theory in his work. He has authored four books with an eye on Bowen Theory and developed the Bridgebuilder and Healthy Congregations programs. He is now initiating New Visions, a system-based project for leadership in congregations. Peter resides in Austin, Texas.

Participants in the Rostered Leaders Event are encouraged to purchase a copy of Peter's book, *A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope*. It can be purchased for \$18 at the Trinity Lutheran Seminary bookstore, Steeple People (www.steeplepeoplebookstore.com) or 614.236.4237 or through the Alban Institute (www.alban.org/bookstore).

Rostered Leaders Event Schedule

Thursday, June 7

9 am - 1 pm	Optional activities (See list on page 6)
10 am - 1 pm	Event Check-In (Lobby of Crowne Plaza Hotel)
1 pm	Opening & Welcome
1:30 pm	Steinke Presentation 1
2:30 pm	Small Group
3 pm	Break
3:30 pm	Steinke Presentation 2
4:30 pm	Small Group
5:30 pm	Supper at Hotel Together
7 pm	Panel Presentation/ Discussion
8 pm	Worship - Eucharist
9 pm	Fellowship

Friday, June 8

Breakfast at the hotel	
9:15 am	Morning Devotions
9:30	Steinke Presentation 3
10:30	Closing Wrap-Up and Dismissal

Steinke's presentations will take place in Carpenters Ballroom. Room assignments for other activities will be shared at check-in.

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2012

Hotel reservations may be made by calling 513.793.4500. Rooms are \$91 plus tax per night. To secure this special rate, please tell the operator that you are with the Southern Ohio Synod.

R o s t e r e d L e a d e r s E v e n t

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Thursday Morning Optional Activities

Contemplative Experience

Held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, beginning at 10 am.

Tending the Holy, Resting in Sacred Space

Treat yourself to this workshop with a focus on spiritual refreshment and healing. For those experiencing any of life's myriad challenges--from demands of ministry to health or economic worries--or those experiencing a deep longing--a sense that there is more to this relationship with God than words can say--this may be for you. Immerse yourself in a prayerful, meditative morning with reflection on Scripture and explore deep rest in God's boundless love. This workshop invites you into your own sacred space providing you with tools to aid this process for yourself and for your congregation. Come prepared to be refreshed in the contemplative breath of God and the music of your soul.

Leaders:

Rosie Miller O.S.F., teaches in the theology department at Xavier University and specializes in the area of spirituality. Previously she served as Pastoral Associate, committed to religious education, youth ministry and adult education. She is a certified Spiritual Director and healing touch practitioner with a private practice.

Rebecca Mastalerz, Diaconal Minister of the ELCA, Nurse for over 35 years including parish nurse ministry and hospice nursing/ministry, as well as Spiritual Direction training.

Canoeing

Spend some time in God's beautiful creation and join us for a three-mile river ride starting at Morgan's Canoe Livery in Fort Ancient, Ohio. The scenic ride is estimated to take 45-90 minutes.

Participants are asked to meet in the Crowne Plaza Hotel lobby at 9:00 am to travel to the livery.

A minimum of 10 participants are needed for this event to take place. **Please contact Pr. Pat Badkey**

at pbadkey@goodshepherd.com if you plan to participate. In your email please include your name, telephone number, other contact info and the number of people participating.

This is a great family activity, so bring your spouse and your children for a morning of canoeing fun!

Golf Anyone?

Come early to play a round of golf with friends and family on Thursday morning, June 7. Cincinnati has much to offer in terms of golf courses. All pre-registered to golf will be contacted with specific details. Greens fees will be determined depending on the number of pre-registrations.

Golf Event Coordinator: Pr. Seth Bridger
513.335.2882 or revseth@gmail.com. Please contact Pr. Bridger if you are interested in golfing on June 7 or if you have questions about the outing.

Need Something To Do Friday, June 8 After the Rostered Leaders Event?

Habitat for Humanity/Thrivent Builds Project will commence after lunch at 1 pm until 4 pm and you can be a part of it! Bring appropriate work clothes, boots, and tools (if you have them)! *Meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd, Cincinnati at 11:30 am for lunch, provided by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.* The group will depart for the Habitat worksite around 12:30 pm.

See *Service Projects* on pages 17-20 for other service opportunities after the close of the Rostered Leaders Event.

SynodFest Workshops begin at 2 pm and wrap up at 5 pm in time for travel to the Synodwide Worship and Commissioning Sending Service for our Youth Gathering Team, followed by a picnic dinner and outdoor concert by musician Peter Eide at Nisbet Park, Loveland, Ohio.

Dwelling in the Word

Friday, June 8, 2012 10 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd, Cincinnati

Join Pat Ellison, PhD, accomplished and dynamic consultant and trainer, for a *one-day interactive training on Dwelling in the Word*. *Dwelling in the Word is intentional Bible study designed specifically for use by lay people*. It works best in small and large groups that meet together regularly.

During the training on June 8, participants will practice, understand, and adopt in preparation for sharing with their congregations a tested process for deep listening to God, one another, and your neighbor. Dwelling in the Word is just that, dwelling, not giving His Word a cursory reading and moving on to the business of the day. Instead, groups will dwell on chosen Bible verses over a period of time using the process outlined in this training session. By living into the Bible passage over time, your group will begin to better understand God's intended mission through your congregation.

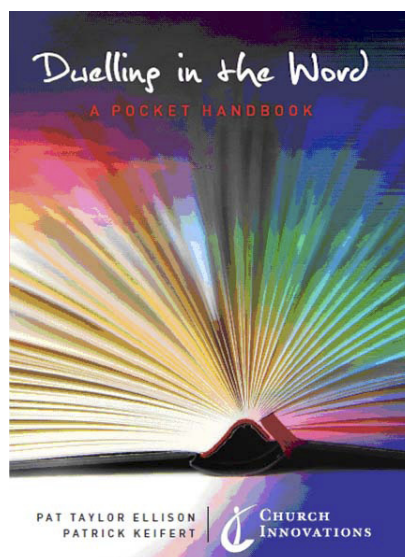
Who should sign up for this event?

- Bible study groups
- Congregational Councils
- Visioning Teams
- Youth and Family Ministry Teams
- Christian Education Teams
- Women's or Men's Groups

The June 8 training is Phase I. Participants will meet together again in the fall (Phase II), either in person or via web/conference call to share how God is using the Dwelling in the Word process to positively change the mission focus of participating congregations. Pat Ellison will also provide additional tools, if needed, for taking the Dwelling in the Word process to the next level. There is a one time fee of \$35 per person. The fee is reduced to \$25 per person if five or more people from one congregation register for the session. This fee includes Phase I and II of the training, the Dwelling in the Word book, and a boxed lunch.

Pre-registration for this event is required as books need to be ordered for each attendee.

Deadline for registration is May 23, 2012.



Southern Ohio Synod Assembly

This year we will be gather for Assembly at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio on **Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 9 am until 12:30 pm**. Our theme is *God's Work, Our Hands-Working Together*. During our time together, we will handle the business required of us as a synod and share some of the accomplishments and milestones of our congregations, rostered leaders and our various ministries. We will also hear from our ELCA representative, Mr. Kenneth Inskeep.

Registration check-in and on-site registration will begin at 7 am in the Blue Ash Room at the hotel. The registration **deadline for receiving pre-assembly materials in hard copy format is May 18**. Pre-assembly materials will be online for those registering after that date. **The pre-registration deadline is May 23**. After this date you must register on-site and will be unable to choose any of the meal options at the hotel as these must be pre-ordered.

Each congregation is entitled to send two voting members, preferably one female and one male, in addition to their pastor(s) and other rostered leaders. However, some congregations are eligible to send additional voting members as set forth in the Synod Constitution, S7.21.A97. Those congregations and the numbers of additional voting members eligible to attend are listed the left. Numbers are based on congregation

reports filed in 2010 as the 2011 figures are not yet available from the ELCA.

Congregation	City	Add'l Voting
All Saints	Worthington	3
Christ	Columbus	1
Epiphany	Centerville	5
Epiphany	Pickerington	2
Good Shepherd	Cincinnati	1
Peace	Beavercreek	1
Peace	Gahanna	3
Prince of Peace	Dublin	2
Prince of Peace	Loveland	1
St. John	Sydney	1
Trinity	Marysville	1
Zion	Hamilton	1

Please read the SynodFest materials thoroughly to learn about the meal, workshop, service projects, and area activities open to you during SynodFest 2012. Synod Assembly is only a small part of SynodFest and we hope you and your family will take part in at least one other activity during your stay in Cincinnati.

*You may register for Synod Assembly and any other SynodFest activity by completing the **SynodFest Contact Information sheet** and either the **Rostered Leader Registration form** or the **Lay Person Registration form** OR you may register online at www.southernohiosynod.org.*

Our online registration system is even easier to use this year and allows for multiple registrations, one after the other, speeding up the registration time when signing up multiple voting members. Credit cards are not accepted. Checks may be made out to the Southern Ohio Synod and mailed, along with a copy of the registration form(s) to: **Southern Ohio Synod, SynodFest 2012, 300 South 2nd Street, Columbus, OH 43215.**



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Workshops

Disaster Response

Ohio Lutheran Disaster Response

Saturday, June 9, 4-5 pm
Presenter: Mary Woodward

This educational workshop will provide an overview of training for volunteers in each participating congregation, preparing each to form disaster volunteer teams. The Synod Disaster Response Task Force assists in the formation of teams. Recognized credentials are provided when the full training program is completed.

Mary Woodward graduated from OSU with a degree in Social Work. She has worked with LSS of Central Ohio and Lutheran Disaster Response for 12 years.

Earthkeeping

Caring for Creation: Inspire Your Members with Environmental Education and Actions

Saturday, June 9, 4-5 pm
Presenter: Joanne Leussing

In this workshop, we will discuss how to restore nature in your backyard, inspire congregation members with environmental education and actions at church, and Sustainable Worthington: A model for a community sustainability program.

Joanne is chair of the Environmental Stewardship Team at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Columbus, a member of Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed and Sustainable Worthington.

Energy Stewards Initiative--More Green Going Green

Saturday, June 9, 3-4 pm
Presenter: Sara Ward, SD

The Southern Ohio Synod and three of our congregations are participating in a 2-year pilot of the Energy Stewards Initiative through Lutherans Restoring Creation. The workshop will demonstrate the benefits of this practical application of measuring a building's energy use and tracking the changes while taking actions to reduce energy use.

Sara Ward, Spiritual Director for Trinity Lutheran and Bexley Hall Seminary, also serves as the Director of Ohio Interfaith Power and Light. She is a fellow in the 2012 Class of the GreenFaith Fellowship Program. She is also the chair of the Southern Ohio Synod Earthkeeping Task Force and the Green Team for First English Lutheran Church, Columbus.

Faith Based Community Gardening: Nutrition for the Body, Mind and Soul

Saturday, June 9, 3-4 pm
Presenters: Job Ebenezer & Pr. Joene Herr

This workshop will provide an overview of regional workshops under development by Southern Ohio Synod Earthkeeping & Hunger Task Forces. Attendees will be able to develop a plan for incorporating gardening in their community, articulate the relationship between the garden and issues of hunger in the world and ways for using community gardens as an outreach component within their community.

Job Ebenezer is a member of the SOS Earthkeeping Task Force and has worked in several developing countries during the past 30 years with village technicians and communities teaching sustainable practices.

Pr. Joene Herr is a member of the SOS Hunger Task Force and was the SOS Pilot Synod coordinator for the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Eldercare

Aging in Place Philosophy: Cliche? Sales Pitch? or Real Possibility!

Friday, June 8, 3-4 pm
Presenter: Stephanie Black Brugger, RN

Join us in this workshop as we explore what it really means to "age in place." Discover the resources that are available to help. This workshop will help you explore questions like "Do I really have to downsize or move?" "What can be done to help me age in place in my own home?" "How can Home Care help?" This workshop is great for older people or the "sandwich" generation looking out for their aging parents, as well as their own children.

Stephanie Brugger leads Health at Home, an LLC affiliate of Graceworks Lutheran Services. The agency serves clients with acute medical needs and/or with aging in place needs on the campus of Bethany Village and in the surrounding Dayton area. She has been an RN for 27 years.

Workshops

Eldercare

How Can I Help My Loved Ones as They Experience Memory Loss?

Friday, June 8, 2-3 pm

Presenters: Artie Taylor LPN, Nurse Manager & Meg Wulfeck MSW, LSW

Objectives:

- To help participants identify the cognitive losses their loved one may be experiencing
- To help distinguish the differences between Dementia and Alzheimer's
- To provide information regarding the stages in Alzheimer's Disease
- To share information regarding diagnostic testing available to determine various stages
- To provide an array of care suggestions to help loved ones with Alzheimer's cope with daily life

Artie Taylor is a licensed nurse and serves as the Nurse Manager for the memory care unit at Bethany Village. She has worked in health care for 20 years, having spent the last 15 years working with Alzheimer's disease. She also teaches classes on Dementia.

Meg Wulfeck has a Master's degree in Social Work from The Ohio State University and has worked with Alzheimer's patients for over 18 years. She helps develop strategies to help nursing home residents deal with their mood and behavioral issues.

Hunger

\$65 Can Change a Life! The Ministry of Providing Potable Water to the Poor

Saturday, June 9, 2-3 pm

Presenters: Christie Brown, Jason Leupen, Ronnie Wazyniak, & Pr. Henry Zorn

This workshop will document how a congregational ministry of providing water filters to a rural location in Guatemala changed the life of an entire village. The \$65 water filtration system will be demonstrated and video and still photos will be utilized to tell the story and explain how this ministry can be easily adapted to other congregations with a desire to love their neighbor.

Pr. Henry Zorn is pastor of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Christie Brown and Jason Leupen are members of the congregation's Guatemala Task Force and participated in the water filter project. Ronnie Wazyniak was the member of the congregation who received the inspiration for the project and led the fundraising effort.

Housing, Hunger, Healing and Hope

Saturday, June 9, 4-5 pm

Presenter: Mary Lasits

A discussion about Lutheran Social Services, its mission to fulfill basic needs, and partnering with congregations.

Mary Lasits, Director of Congregational Relations for Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio (LSS), is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with pastors, staff and congregants in participating congregations as well as educating congregations on LSS programs and services and how they can partner with LSS.

Technology for the Poor--Tools for Eliminating Hunger

Saturday, June 9, 4-5 pm

Presenter: Job Ebenezer

Many technologies are beyond the reach of the poor. Technology for the Poor, a nonprofit organization, intentionally designs and disseminates simple, low cost technologies for less income people.

Dr. Job S. Ebenezer served as the Director of Hunger Education at the ELCA churchwide offices and taught at several universities. He has presented workshops on technology for the poor in Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia and Costa Rica.

Personal, Spiritual & Congregational Growth

Building a Culture of Discipleship

Saturday, June 9, 2-3 pm

Presenter: Pr. Grant Eckhart

When one begins with the church, they rarely get disciples, but if you make disciples first you always get the church. Jesus counted disciples, not bucks in the plate or butts in the pew. This workshop will examine the role of discipleship in the life of the congregation as well as practical advice on how to build a culture of discipleship.

Grant Eckhart has served Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, Ohio for over 5 years. He has worked intentionally over the last 3 years to build a leadership pipeline through discipleship and to launch missional communities through that effort.

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Personal, Spiritual & Congregational Growth

Exploding Wineskins: New Questions for an Old Church

Saturday, June 9, 2-3 pm
Presenter: Dr. Don L. Huber

Dr. Huber is retired from serving as Academic Dean and Professor of Church History at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. He is a frequent and popular instructor for courses under the auspices of the Southern Ohio Synod Lay School of Theology. Dr. Huber will speak briefly to the issues below and then open to a Q&A time.

- 1) Competition with the church for the hearts and minds of Americans
- 2) End of an era?
- 3) Do mainline churches take too much for granted in the present situation?

Following Jesus--Did Someone Say "It's Easy?"

Saturday, June 9, 3-4 pm
Presenters: Dick and Judy Reuning

An honest look at living the questions in each season of adult life – an interactive session with occasional musical surprises using true stories from LifeCrossings Resources for adult discussion groups www.lifecrossings.com. As experienced college educators, the Reunings combine their passion for creating high quality learning experiences with over 30 years of teaching in the Lutheran church.

HE=RO: A Discussion on Health, Anxiety, and Conflict in Congregations

Saturday, June 9, 2-3:30 pm
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke

Peter Steinke takes participants into a deeper exploration of the congregation as an emotional system. He outlines the factors that put congregations at risk for anxiety and conflict. Learn ten principles of health, how congregations can adopt new ways of dealing with stress and anxiety, as well as how spiritually and emotionally healthy leaders influence the emotional system.

Teach Me How to Pray

Saturday, June 9, 2-3:30 pm
Presenter: Pr. Peter Rudowski

Simply put, prayer is communication with God! Modern studies in the area of communications reveals insights on how believers can enhance their prayer life. This presentation will explore the four components in the communication process and how each component affects your prayers.

Peter Rudowski served as a parish pastor for 33 years. After leaving parish ministry, he has dedicated his time in two areas. First, he has served as a Lenten presenter in biblical studies in a number of congregations and has led Bible studies for pastors in and outside of Ohio. At present, he is working on putting the entire New Testament in PowerPoint presentations. He has also served congregations as a consultant in church administration and stewardship. Currently, he is serving Epiphany Lutheran Church, Centerville, Ohio as Interim Senior Pastor.

How to Read the Bible--Reading the Bible as a Newspaper

Saturday, June 9, 3:30-5 pm
Presenter: Pr. Peter Rudowski

Did you know that the Bible should be read as a newspaper? In this presentation, we will examine different writing styles used by biblical writers and how those styles meet various needs within the reader of the text.

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Stories? In Church? Yes!

Saturday, June 9, 10-11 am
Presenter: Joyce Geary

Stories have been part of our world and the church since the beginning of time. Do YOU use them in your church? In your life? Come learn new stories and ways to use them in a variety of settings.

Joyce Geary is an eclectic professional storyteller sharing a wide variety of stories with ages 2 - 92 wherever someone will listen!



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Workshops

Personal, Spiritual & Congregational Growth

Your Ministry...Improvised: Improvisation Principles That Help You Increase Participation, Deal with Change, and Boost Cooperation

Friday, June 8, 2-3 pm
Presenter: Pr. Mike Weaver

Like improvisation, effective ministry depends on healthy relationships. Participants will walk away with tools to help them invest in the story God is telling through their ministry, navigate change, and how to work well with others.

Mike Weaver is a pastor at All Saints, improviser, and the author of *Your Life...Improvised*.

Expecting the Unexpected

Saturday, June 9, 2-3 pm
Presenter: Kenneth Inskeep

This workshop will address how congregations can better reach out to people in the community with the Gospel message if they can learn to embrace the power of God's spirit to do the unexpected. We will focus on two short Biblical examples and explore what these texts have to do with being the church in its local expression in our contemporary society.

Kenneth Inskeep is Executive for Research and Evaluation for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Social Media

Social Media for Ministry

Friday, June 8, 2-3 pm
Presenter: Diane Schwiger-Alexander

Social Media for Ministry will be an introduction on how congregations can use social media to reach congregational members and others in their community. The workshop will focus on "how-to" tips from getting started to enhancing what you already are using to connect your ministries to the world outside the church doors. We will also discuss the challenges that new technologies bring in ministry and focus on what are good, practical practices for congregations as they strive to balance theology with technology.

Diane Schwiger-Alexander was Commissioned as an Associate in Ministry in 2005 and served in congregational based ministry the last seven years. She is passionate about using technology in ministry to expand the reach of God's Word and enhance relationships among members outside the church building.

Welcoming Your Neighbor

Miracle on Main Street--Ministering to the Mentally Ill

Saturday, June 9, 3-4 pm
Presenters: Pr. Dona Johnson and the SOS Mental Illness Task Force

Miracle on Main Street highlights our work with The Castle, a day drop-in program for the mentally ill. We will explore ways in which our faith communities can: 1) raise awareness of mental illness, 2) break down the barriers of stereotyping, myths and discrimination, and 3) organize their own community faith-based initiative.

Presented by Members of Southern Ohio Synod Mental Illness Task Force.

Welcoming the Stranger

Saturday, June 9, 3-4 pm
Presenters: Robin Kaelin and members of the SOS Women of the ELCA Board

Help your church family open its hearts to people, especially those often marginalized by society. This resource will help you identify barriers to welcoming strangers and develop a deeper understanding of the meaning of hospitality. A program of the Women of the ELCA.

Robin Kaelin, current Vice President of the Southern Ohio Women's board, past LYO Advisor, Secretary of Synod Women, and fellow pilgrim was first trained in this at the Women of the ELCA National Gathering in Philadelphia. Several members of our Southern Ohio board have also been trained and as women in our congregations we want to begin to explore ways we can open ourselves to "Welcome the Stranger."

How to Make Use of Extra Space in an Urban Setting! Includes tour of Roselawn Lutheran Church's Dental Clinic, Eye Clinic, Computer Lab and Food Pantry

Saturday, June 9, 1-3 pm
Presenters: Barbara Kley and Roselawn Lutheran Church staff and members

Workshop will consist of a tour of our clinics, food pantry and computer lab. We will share how we got the clinics and how they are used, and answer any questions.

Presenters will be church staff and members.

Lunch will be provided.

Worship

Music?? Why Bother

Saturday, June 9, 10-11 am
Presenter: Pauline Fritz

Lutherans talk about living liturgy. Faith grows through worship. Church music speaks to us differently, especially in hymn texts. How do clergy, church musicians and committees stimulate thoughtful conversation for meaningful worship?

Pauline M. Fritz has been a church musician for 60 years. Organ major from American University, Washington, DC. Served as choir director and organist in congregations in Indiana and Ohio. Member of the American Guild of Organist, Exec. Committee of the Columbus Chapter, MNTA, and Ohio Teachers Association.

Open Eyes: Seeing and Teaching Beyond the Surface

Friday, June 8, 3-4 pm
Presenter: Annie Ruth

Art is the universal language that helps us view the world more clearly. Through this engaging and inspirational session, Annie Ruth will demonstrate how to use visual art and creative writing to impart lessons of spirituality. Participants will receive free curriculum sets to share with their congregations.

Annie Ruth is an internationally acclaimed visual artist/poet, and author who builds bridges and empowers people through art. She has taken her calling a step further, using her work to teach communities how to celebrate themselves. Annie Ruth is a constant and inspiring figure in the community.

The Psalms in Our Worship Life: Why We Can't Live Without Them

Saturday, June 9, 4-5 pm
Presenter: Nancy Raabe

Sung psalmody is increasingly becoming a scarcity in the lives of congregations. We omit them at our peril! This workshop will explore the indispensability of psalms not only to our spiritual lives and our communal experience of God but also to our experience of the fullness of the lectionary.

Nancy Raabe is working at Prince of Peace (LCMS) in Columbus and is also in candidacy with the Southern Ohio Synod as an Associate in Ministry in the area of worship and music.

Youth Ministry

From Grumbling to Gratitude: Helping Children & Youth Grow a Heart of Thankfulness

Saturday, June 9, 11am-12 pm
Presenter: Gary Pecuch

Major studies on the importance of gratitude have recently been completed. The results are in. An intentional practice of gratitude increases physical, emotional and spiritual wellness. This session will identify the benefits of gratitude and offer suggestions on how to help young people develop an attitude of gratitude.

Gary Pecuch has been the Director of Youth & Family Ministry for the Southern Ohio Synod since 2008. He has also been the Director of Youth Ministry at St. John's Lutheran in Grove City since 1982.

Created Uniquely, Loved Uniquely: How to Speak the Love Languages of Your Children and Youth

Saturday, June 9, 2-3 pm
Presenter: Gary Pecuch

Of the countless ways we can show love to one another, five key categories, or five love languages, prove to be universal and comprehensive—everyone has a love language, and we all identify primarily with one of the five love languages: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch. This session will explore the basics of love languages, how to identify the love language of your children, and gain an understanding of its benefits.

Gary Pecuch has been the Director of Youth & Family Ministry for the Southern Ohio Synod since 2008. He has also been the Director of Youth Ministry at St. John's Lutheran in Grove City since 1982.



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Workshop Schedule

Friday, June 8

Below is an overview of the SynodFest 2012 Workshop Schedule. The fee for attending these workshops is included with your Assembly registration. A "Workshop Only" option is available for \$25.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Time</i>
How Can I Help My Loved Ones as They Deal with Memory Loss?	Artie Taylor, LPN; Meg Wulfeck, MSW, LSW	Lay and Rostered	2-3 pm
Social Media for Ministry	Diane Schwiger-Alexander	Lay and Rostered	2-3 pm
Your Ministry...Improvised: Improvisation Principles that Help You Increase Participation, Deal with Change and Boost Cooperation	Pr. Mike Weaver	Lay and Rostered	2-3 pm
"Aging in Place" Philosophy: Cliche? Sales Pitch? or Real Possibility?	Stephanie Black Brugger, RN	Lay and Rostered	3-4 pm
Open Eyes: Seeing and Teaching Beyond the Surface	Annie Ruth	Lay and Rostered	3-4 pm

Saturday, June 9

<i>Title</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Time</i>
Music?? Why Bother?	Pauline Fritz	Lay and Rostered	10-11 am
Stories? In Church? Yes!	Joyce Geary	Lay and Rostered	10-11 am
From Grumbling to Gratitude: Helping Children and Youth Grow a Heart of Thankfulness	Gary Pecuch	Lay and Rostered	11 am-12 pm
Roselawn Lutheran Church Tour of Church Facilities and How to Use Extra Space in an Urban Setting!	Barbara Kley and Roselawn staff	Lay and Rostered	1-3 pm
\$65 Can Change a Life! The Ministry of Providing Potable Water to the Poor	Pr. Henry Zorn, Christie Brown, Jason Leupen, Ronnie Wazyniak	Lay and Rostered	2-3 pm
Created Uniquely, Loved Uniquely: How to Speak the Love Language of Your Children and Youth	Gary Pecuch	Lay and Rostered	2-3 pm
Expecting the Unexpected	Kenneth Inskeep	Lay and Rostered	2-3 pm
HE=RO: A Discussion on Health, Anxiety and Conflict in Congregations	Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke	Lay and Rostered	2-3 pm

SynodFest 2012 Workshop Schedule

Saturday, June 9

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<i>Title</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Time</i>
Exploding Wineskins: New Questions for an Old Church	Dr. Don Huber, Lay School of Theology	Lay and Rostered	2-3 pm
Building a Culture of Discipleship	Pr. Grant Eckhart	Lay and Rostered	2-3 pm
Teach Me How to Pray	Pr. Peter Rudowski	Lay	2-3:30 pm
How to Read the Bible--Reading the Bible as a Newspaper	Pr. Peter Rudowski	Lay	3:30-5 pm
Energy Stewards Initiative--More Green Going Green	Sara Ward, SD	Lay and Rostered	3-4 pm
Faith Based Community Gardening: Nutrition for the Body, Mind and Soul	SOS Earthkeeping & Hunger Task Force	Lay and Rostered	3-4 pm
Miracle on Main Street--Ministering to the Mentally Ill	Pr. Dona Kraus	Lay and Rostered	3-4 pm
Following Jesus--Did Someone Say It Was Easy?	Dick and Judy Reuning	Lay and Rostered	3-4 pm
Welcoming the Stranger	Robin Kaelin	Lay	3-4 pm
Disaster Preparedness and Forming a Disaster Volunteer Team	Mary Woodward	Lay and Rostered	4-5 pm
Caring for Creation: Inspire Your Members with Environmental Education and Actions	Joanne Leussing	Lay and Rostered	4-5 pm
Housing, Hunger, Healing, Hope	Mary Lasits	Lay and Rostered	4-5 pm
Technology for the Poor--Tools for Eliminating Hunger	Job S. Ebenezer	Lay and Rostered	4-5 pm
The Psalms in Our Worship: Why We Can't Live Without Them	Nancy Raabe	Lay and Rostered	4-5 pm

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2012

Service Projects

Graceworks Lutheran Services – Flower Planting Project

Name and address of the ministry or work site.

St. Mark's Manor
5853 Buckwheat Road
Milford, OH 45150

Graceworks Lutheran Services offers programs and services in more than 50 locations throughout southwest Ohio, southeast Indiana and northern Kentucky. Programs include senior living, credit counseling, case management services, affordable housing for persons who are older or have disabilities, senior companion program, and housing and care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

A description of the work to be done

Volunteers will plant flowers at St. Mark's Manor.

What to wear

Casual work clothing suitable for outdoor gardening.

What to bring

Flowers and tools will be provided.

Is there a financial cost to participate?

There is no cost to participate.

Service projects time slots:

Friday, June 8: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 9: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Service Projects

Matthew 25: Ministries

Name and address of the ministry or work site

Matthew 25: Ministries
11060 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, OH 45242
(Five minutes from the Crowne Plaza Hotel)

Matthew 25: Ministries' mission is to fulfill Matthew 25: 34-40 by providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill and humanitarian supplies to the poorest of the poor. Matthew 25: Ministries was founded in 1991 and in October 2011, they shipped their 100 millionth pound of aid! In its existence, the organization has assisted more than 100 million people in need throughout the U.S and around the world.

This service project will include both learning and serving components. Volunteers will tour a replica developing-world village and receive a ten-minute orientation about how Matthew 25: Ministries is providing humanitarian assistance to some of the world's poorest people. Following the orientation, volunteers will work in the warehouse sorting and packing donated goods into large containers in preparation for shipment around the world. This service project is available to all ages.

What to wear

Casual work clothing suitable for a warehouse environment. Volunteers are allowed to bring water, drinks or snacks to be consumed during the work session.

What to bring

Volunteers do not need to bring any tools or equipment.

Is there a financial cost to participate?

There is no cost to participate. Matthew 25: Ministries will accept donations of tangible offerings including any of the following: canned goods or nonperishable food such as crackers; personal care hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, skin care lotion; and paper goods including diapers and toilet paper.

Service project time slots:

Friday, June 8: 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 9: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 9: noon to 2:00 p.m.

Service Projects

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity. There will be two work sites for both dates/times that can accommodate 15 volunteers per date per site. One site will be on the west side of Cincinnati on Boudinot Ave. The second site will be in the Evanston area. This means a potential service opportunity for up to 60 volunteers (15 at each site for Friday, plus 15 for each site on Saturday). Specific addresses will be provided later.

Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate substandard housing by building and renovating simple, decent, affordable homes to sell to low-income families in need. Cincinnati Habitat works in equal partnership with families, volunteers and donors building a sense of community as well as affordable housing. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring a “Lutheran” build in Cincinnati this year, so volunteers from SynodFest will help us build great houses for wonderful partner families and give us “Lutheran hours” to meet our commitment to Thrivent as part of their grant.

At this time, it is impossible to say exactly what phase of construction we will be in when SynodFest occurs in early June. However, the houses will be fairly early in the construction process and so it is likely that we will still be in the “carpentry phase” of building walls, putting up roof trusses on the houses and possibly even starting the siding. Volunteers do not need to have prior construction experience and there is work available for all skill levels. Anyone 18 or above is eligible to volunteer.

What to wear: Volunteers should come in “work clothes” appropriate to a construction site (jeans/shorts, t-shirt/sweatshirt, etc., closed toe shoes, work gloves, etc.)

What to bring: The only requirement is to bring a great attitude, willing heart and a smile. It is not required that you bring tools as there are tools on site. However, since there may be a limited supply of tools, if available, volunteers should bring basic construction tools such as tool belt, hammer, tape measure, carpenter square, safety glasses, etc.

Is there a financial cost to participate?: There is no financial cost to participate although we do need to raise approximately \$10,000 from the Lutheran community as part of the Thrivent Builds program. Any donations towards that fundraising goal would be gratefully accepted.

Service project time slots:

Friday, June 8 1-4pm (Lunch provided at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. See below.)

Saturday, June 9 8:30 am - 4 pm (Lunch provided by Habitat to workers selecting full-day option. Half day options available--see registration forms.)

Where to meet

June 8: Please gather at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd, Cincinnati, at 11:30 am for lunch, provided by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Volunteers will leave for the Habitat site from the church building at 12:30 pm.

June 9: Please gather in Crowne Plaza lobby. See SynodFest Hospitality Desk for worksite assignments.

Service Projects

Vida Eterna-Iglesia Luterana (Eternal Life Lutheran Church) – Mother’s Ministry Project

Name and address of the work site:

Ascension Lutheran Church
7333 Pfeiffer Rd.
Montgomery, OH 45242

Name and address of the church (for those who would like to send donations):

Vida Eterna-Iglesia Luterana
5071 Winton Road
Fairfield, OH 45014
(veil2010@ymail.com)

Vida Eterna Iglesia Luterana (VEIL), the ELCA Latino Mission Church in Butler County, is beginning a new ministry to mothers. We hope to have gatherings with devotions, Bible Study, information shared, mutual support, meals and child care. In order to encourage participation in our new Mother’s Ministry, and to show hospitality, we are compiling, for the mothers, totes full of items that we believe would be helpful. We need help collecting donated goods and assembling the totes. Please join us for this servant event!

We will be assembling tote bags for our new Mother’s Ministry while learning about some of the issues facing Latina women and children.

What to wear

There are no special wardrobe requirements for this project.

What to bring

Donations being collected for tote bags include: diapers (size 1-4), wipes, baby wash, diaper ointment, onesies (small - 18 month), burp cloths (no bibs), pacifiers (any size), lotion (for baby and mother), washcloths, one piece pajamas (6-9 months - 2 years), \$10 gift cards from Walgreens/Target/Kroger (for OTC medications for fever, colds, colic, and vitamins).

Volunteers for this service project are asked to bring at least one item for the totes and/or a free will donation to Vida Eterna Iglesia Luterana (VEIL).

Service project time slots:

Saturday, June 9 2-3 pm

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2012

SynodFest Area Events

The Southern Ohio Synod SynodFest team has coordinated three events during SynodFest in addition to the assembly, workshops, service projects, Rostered Leaders Event and Dwelling in the Word training. To allow us to properly plan for refreshments, materials and group pricing, we request the courtesy of a response to the invitation to attend these events, even if a fee is not required. Please complete the SynodFest Registration Contact Information sheet, and either the Rostered Leader Registration form, Lay Person Registration form or the Synod Council Registration form. Mail, along with a check for Reds tickets, to:

Southern Ohio Synod
SynodFest
300 South 2nd Street
Columbus, OH 43215

You're Invited!

SynodFest Triple Play...

Join us Friday evening, June 8 at Nisbet Park in Loveland, Ohio for an evening worship service beginning at 5:45 pm. Bishop Holloway will be presiding and will include a special commissioning for those heading to the National Youth Gathering this summer. Then stay for a buffet picnic dinner in the park, followed by a 7:30 pm concert by Peder Eide. Peder has been composing and performing heartfelt music for over 20 years with a mission to unite church members of all ages. With a Lutheran background, Peder has performed at Lutheran conferences, camps, festivals, at the ELCA Extravaganza and in congregations all across the nation. Peder is more than a great musician, he is a great communicator. You'll be glad you came! And best of all, the entire evening is FREE!

SynodFest Day at King's Island...

Gather up the thrill seekers, the water people, and those who love great entertainment and head to King's Island for a SynodFest Day of fun in the sun. Our Big Day this year is Saturday, June 9. We will host a special SynodFest Meet & Greet from 5:30-7:30 pm at one of the Kings Island picnic shelters. Stop by for some bottled water and to chat with the Bishop. Tickets can be purchased online at discounted prices at www.visitkingsisland.com. There are also special prices for groups of 15 or more. Contact Gary Pecuch in the Synod Office at gpecuch@southernohiosynod.org with questions about this event or to let him know that you plan to attend, but won't be registering for any other SynodFest activities. He will keep you up to date with details (like shelter location) and can help you to connect with other Synod congregations while at Kings Island and/or help you form a group of 15 or more so you get the best price.

Lutheran Day at the Reds...

Bring the family and come on out to the ballpark for an afternoon of hits, runs and errors and maybe a hot dog or two on Sunday, June 10 starting at 1:10 pm. We have reserved View Level Box -- Sections 434-436 for Southern Ohio Synod and Indiana-Kentucky Synod members. The Reds will take on the Detroit Tigers for a game that's sure to be worth your time. Tickets are only \$16 if you order by May 10, 2012. A link to online ticket ordering will be provided for those who do not order by May 10. Late purchase tickets will be more expensive. Prices for the "late purchase" tickets will be posted to the synod website (www.southernohiosynod.org) once the information is available. Reds Stadium is called the *Great American Ball Park* and is located at 100 Joe Nuxhall Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202, 513-381-REDS or 877-647-REDS, <http://cincinnati.reds.mlb.com/cin/ballpark/index.jsp>.

Questions about tickets or seating? Contact Donna Tallent, congregation member at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Cincinnati: d.tallent@zoomtown.com.

Remember to sign up for these events using the Rostered Leader or Lay Person registration forms in this packet!

Worship - - Area Congregations

The following local congregations invite you to join them on Saturday, June 9 and/or Sunday, June 10 for worship. Please consider worshipping with one of the area congregations to complete your SynodFest experience.

Friendship Lutheran Church

300 White Oak Rd.
Amelia, OH 45102

Sunday, June 10

- 10 am Contemporary Worship Service

Hope Lutheran Church

4695 Blue Rock Road
Cincinnati, OH 45247
Website: <http://www.HopeOnBlueRock.org>

Sunday, June 10

- 9 am Contemporary Worship (with Communion and Nursery available)
- 11 am Traditional Worship (with Communion and Nursery available)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

5841 Werk Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45248
<http://www.gloriadeielca.org>

Sunday, June 10

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service (with Communion and Nursery available)
- 10:30 am Celebration Worship Service (with Communion and Nursery available)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

7701 Kenwood Rd
Cincinnati, OH
Website: <http://www.goodshepherd.com>

Saturday, June 9

- "Woven Worship" - 5:00 pm (Weaves together many music traditions)

Sunday, June 10

- "Traditional Worship" - 8:00 am (ELW based but using hymns for portions of liturgy)
- "Family Worship" - 9:00 am (30-minute service for kids grade 3 and under, and their families)
- "Contemporary Worship" - 9:30 am (Bands and upbeat music from Christian top 40)
- "Traditional Worship" - 11:00 am (ELW liturgies, Chancel Choir, Handbells...)

Trinity Lutheran Church

1553 Kinney Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45231
Website: <http://www.trinitymthealthy.org>

- Sunday, June 10 8:30 am and 10:45 am worship services

Worship - - Area Congregations

The following are other Cincinnati area congregations you may wish to visit while at Synod-

All Saints Lutheran Church
445 Craig Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45244
<http://www.lutheransonline.com/allsaintscincinnati>

Ascension Lutheran Church
7333 Pfeiffer Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45242
<http://www.ascensionlutheranchurch.com>

Atonement Lutheran Church
305 Cameron Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Augsburg Lutheran Church
11676 Hamilton Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45231
<http://augsburlutheran.org>

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
212 S. Broad St.
Middletown, OH 45044
<http://www.blcmiddletown.org>

Christ the King Lutheran Church
7393 Dimmick Rd.
West Chester, OH 45069
<http://www.ctkluth.org>

Faith Lutheran Church
420 S. Campus Ave.
Oxford, OH 45056
<http://www.faith-oxford.com>

Faith Lutheran Church
421 E Vine St.
Wilmington, OH 45177
<http://www.lutheransonline.com/flcwilmington>

First Lutheran Church
1208 Race St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
http://www.firstlutherancincy.org/learning_center.html

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
5071 Winton Rd.
Fairfield, OH 45014
<http://www.fairfieldlutheran.org>

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
6329 Tylersville Rd.
West Chester, OH 45069
<http://www.lol-lutheran.com>
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
1950 Nagel Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45255
<http://www.lcresurrection.org>

Peace Lutheran Church
231 Harry Sauner Rd
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Peace Lutheran Church, Arnheim
10581 Arnheim-Day Hill Rd.
Georgetown, OH 45121
<http://www.lutheransonline.com/peacarnheim>

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
101 S. Lebanon Rd.
Loveland, OH 45140
<http://www.princeofpeaceelca.org>

Resurrection Lutheran Church
1270 N. Broadway St.
Lebanon, OH 45036
<http://www.rlc-lebanon.org>

Roselawn Lutheran Church
1608 Summit Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45237
<http://roselawnlutheran.org>

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Darrrtown
4411 Walter Smokey Alston Hwy 177
Oxford, OH 45056
<http://www.saint-matthew-lutheran.org>

St. Paul Lutheran Church
500 E. Second St.
Franklin, OH 45005
<http://www.lutheransonline.com/stpaulfranklin>

St. Paul Lutheran Church
502 Pearl St.
Lynchburg, OH 45142

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Reading
106 Maple St.
Reading, OH 45215
<http://www.stpaulreading.org>

St. Peter Lutheran Church
311 N. Miami St.
Trenton, OH 45067
<http://stpeterrenton.org>

Zion Lutheran Church
10 N. Breiel Blvd.
Middletown, OH 45042
<http://www.zionluthchurch.org>

Zion Lutheran Church
212 S. Front St.
Hamilton, OH 45011
<http://www.zionhamilton.org>

Food and Beverage

Area Activities

Because SynodFest is a “come and go as you please” event, meals can be on-your-own or you may pre-order some meals if you prefer to remain in the hotel during your time at SynodFest.

Meals

Pre-ordered meals will be available the following dates and times:

June 8 Lunch Buffet (12-2 pm)

June 9 Breakfast Buffet (6 am-9 am)

June 9 Lunch Buffet (12:30-2 pm)

Each meal is \$13.00. You may order meals for unregistered guests, as well as yourself.

Please note that participants in the **Rostered Leaders Event** and the **Dwelling in the Word Training** are provided some meals as part of their registration. The meals included with these events are detailed below and in the event descriptions.

- Rostered Leaders Event registration includes dinner on June 7 and breakfast on June 8.
- Dwelling in the Word Training registration includes lunch on June 8.

Beverages

Coffee, tea and soda will be available on June 8 and 9 during SynodFest events at the hotel. Water will be available in the meeting rooms.

There are many activities for all members of the Southern Ohio Synod to do while participating in SynodFest. Some are coordinated through the Southern Ohio Synod like workshops, service projects and Assembly, but others are waiting to be discovered. Here's a few examples:

- Kings Island (Synod Meet & Greet from 5:30-7:30 pm June 9 at picnic shelter)
- Great Wolf Lodge
- The Beach
- Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens
- The Newport Aquarium
- The National Underground Railroad Museum
- The Taft Museum
- The Boyhood Home of William Howard Taft
- The Museum Center (Union Terminal) houses these museums:
 - The Museum of History
 - The Cincinnati Historical Society Museum
 - The Children's Museum
 - The Omnimax Theater
 - The Cincinnati Art Museum and Krohn Conservatory
- During SynodFest *A Day in Pompeii* exhibit will be open at the Cincinnati Museum Center (www.cincymuseum.org)
- Riding on the Ducks (a craft that goes from land to water), board in Newport

Check the SynodFest page on the synod website (www.southernbiosynod.org) for more details. Updates from the Cincinnati Tourism Bureau will be posted as they become available.

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2012

Accommodations

Crowne Plaza Hotel

5901 Pfeiffer Rd

Cincinnati, OH 45242

513.793.4500

<http://www.crowneplaza.com>

\$91 per night (1-4 people)

Cutoff Date: May 25, 2012

Courtyard by Marriott, Cincinnati Blue Ash

4625 East Lake Forest Dr.

Blue Ash, OH 45242

513.733.4334

www.marriott.com/cvgba

\$94 per night (1-4 people)

Cutoff Date: May 21, 2012

Restaurant in hotel

Embassy Suites Hotel

4554 Lake Forest Drive

Blue Ash, OH 45242

513.733.8900

\$114 per night (1-4 people)

Cutoff Date: May 15, 2012

Breakfast included

Hilton Garden Inn, Cincinnati-Blue Ash

5300 Cornell Rd.

Blue Ash, OH 45242

513.469.6900

\$119 per night (1-4 people)

Cutoff Date: May 7, 2012

Breakfast available, for additional fee

Red Roof Inn, Cincinnati Northeast-Blue Ash

5900 Pfeiffer Rd

Blue Ash, OH 45242

513.793.8811

800.733.7663 (Reservations)

\$63.99 per night (1 person)

\$67.99 per night (2 people)

\$71.99 per night (3 people)

\$75.99 per night (4 people)

Use Group Rate Code: B103SSYNOD

Children 17 and under are free with adult

Cutoff Date: May 8, 2012

*Area Campsites may be reserved at:
http://greatparks.org/rec_camping/camping.shtm*

SynodFest Registration Rostered Leader

Please select the activities you and any unregistered guests will be attending.

(Unregistered guests are individuals not participating in the Rostered Leaders Event, Dwelling in the Word, Assembly or SynodFest Workshops.)

Rostered Leaders Event Thursday, June 7 starting at 1 pm; Closing at 10:30 am Friday, June 8

Rostered Leaders Event - June 7 - 8 (\$60.00)

Includes Rostered Leader Event workshops, snacks, dinner (June 7) & breakfast (June 8)

Optional Pre-Event Activities, Thursday, June 7

Please check the optional activities below in which you wish to participate. Use the "Quantity" field to indicate the number of people, including yourself and any unregistered guests, who will be participating in the activity.

These activities are only open to Rostered Leaders attending the Rostered Leaders Event and their spouses, guests and family.

Contemplative Experience - June 7 - 10:00AM (FREE) Qty: _____

Canoeing - June 7 - 9:00AM - 11:30AM (\$13.00) Qty: _____

Golf Anyone? - June 7 Morning Qty: _____

Pre-registration will determine the amount of the greens fee.

Synod-wide Worship, Picnic, and Outdoor Concert - Friday, June 8 - 5:45PM - 9:00PM

This is a free event open to all Southern Ohio Synod members. We do ask that you use the "Quantity" field to indicate the number of people, including yourself and any unregistered guests, who will be attending the worship service, picnic dinner and outdoor concert so we can provide enough food, beverages, and worship materials.

Synod-wide Worship, Picnic Dinner and Outdoor Concert Qty: _____

2012 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly - Saturday, June 9 - 9 am - 12:30 pm

2012 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly - With Call/Voting (\$50.00)

2012 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly - Retired/On Leave of Call/Non-Voting (\$45.00)

Retired Clergy Voting Privilege Request (Check this box to request voting privileges)

SynodFest Workshops are included with your Southern Ohio Synod Assembly registration fee. This includes Rostered Leaders, Lay Voting Members and Non-Voting Members. You may choose from any of the workshops listed below offered Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9.

Select your workshop choices below

Helping Loved Ones Deal with Memory Loss - June 8 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Social Media for Ministry - June 8 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Your Ministry...Improvised - June 8 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM

Aging in Place Philosophy - June 8 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM

Open Eyes: Seeing and Teaching Beyond the Surface - June 8 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM

Roselawn Lutheran Church Tour and Workshop - June 9 - 1:00PM - 3:00PM

\$65 Can Change a Life! - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Created Uniquely, Loved Uniquely - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Expecting the Unexpected - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2012

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SynodFest Registration

Rostered Leader (Continued)

Select your workshop choices below

- HE=RO: A Discussion on Health, Anxiety and Conflict - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- Exploding Wineskins: New Questions for an Old Church - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- Building a Culture of Discipleship - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- Energy Stewards Initiative - June 9 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Faith Based Community Gardening - June 9 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Miracle on Main Street - June 9 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Following Jesus--Did Someone Say It Was Easy? - June 9 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Disaster Preparedness and Forming a Disaster Volunteer Team - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM
- Caring for Creation: Inspire Your Members - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM
- Housing, Hunger, Healing, Hope - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM
- Technology for the Poor - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM
- The Psalms in our Worship - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Select Service Projects

Please check the service projects below in which you wish to participate. Use the "Quantity" field to indicate the number of people, including yourself and any unregistered guests, who will be participating in the service project.

- Graceworks Planting Project-June 8- 2:00PM - 4:00PM Qty: _____
- Graceworks Planting Project, June 9 - 1:30PM - 3:00PM Qty: _____
- Matthew 25 Ministries- June 8 - 2:00PM - 4:00PM Qty: _____
- Thrivent Builds-Habitat for Humanity June 8 - 1:00PM - 4:00PM Qty: _____
- Thrivent Builds-Habitat for Humanity June 9- 1:00PM - 4:00PM Qty: _____
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- Lutheran Day at the Reds - June 10 - (\$16.00) Qty: _____

SynodFest Meal Options

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SynodFest Registration

Lay Person

Please select the activities you and any unregistered guests will be attending.

(Unregistered guests are individuals not participating in the Rostered Leaders Event, Dwelling in the Word, Assembly or SynodFest Workshops.)

Dwelling in the Word Training-Friday, June 8 -10 AM - 4 PM

Includes training, book and boxed lunch

- Dwelling in the Word (4 or less congregation registrants) (\$35.00)
- Dwelling in the Word (5 or more congregation registrants) (\$25.00)

Please write any special needs you have, including food restrictions, in the space below

Synod-wide Worship, Picnic and Outdoor Concert - Friday, June 8 - 5:45PM - 9:00PM

This is a free event open to all Southern Ohio Synod members. We do ask that you use the "Quantity" field to indicate the number of people, including yourself and any unregistered guests, who will be attending the worship service, picnic dinner and outdoor concert so we can provide enough food, beverages, and worship materials.

- Synod-wide Worship, Picnic Dinner and Outdoor Concert Qty: _____

2012 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly - Saturday, June 9 - 9 am - 12:30 pm

- Lay Female Voting Member (\$50.00)
- Lay Male Voting Member (\$50.00)
- Assembly Visitor-NonVoting (\$25.00)

SynodFest Workshops are included with your Southern Ohio Synod Assembly registration fee. This includes Rostered Leaders, Lay Voting Members and Non-Voting Members.

If you are not a voting member or registered non-voting visitor to the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly, you may select "SynodFest Workshops Only" below. The fee is \$25. (See pages 9-12 for workshop descriptions.)

- SynodFest Workshops Only - June 8 & 9 (\$25.00)

Select your workshop choices below

- Helping Loved Ones Deal with Memory Loss - June 8 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- Social Media for Ministry - June 8 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- Your Ministry...Improvised - June 8 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Aging in Place Philosophy - June 8 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Open Eyes: Seeing and Teaching Beyond the Surface - June 8 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Music?? Why Bother? - June 9 - 10:00AM - 11:00AM
- Stories? In Church? Yes! - June 9 - 10:00AM - 11:00AM
- From Grumbling to Gratitude - June 9 - 11:00AM - 12:00PM
- Roselawn Lutheran Church Tour and Workshop - June 9 - 1:00PM - 3:00PM
- \$65 Can Change a Life! - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- Created Uniquely, Loved Uniquely - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- Expecting the Unexpected - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- HE=RO: A Discussion on Health, Anxiety and Conflict - June 9 2:00PM - 3:00PM

SynodFest Registration Lay Person (Continued)

- Exploding Wineskins: New Questions for an Old Church - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- Building a Culture of Discipleship - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:00PM
- Teach Me How to Pray - June 9 - 2:00PM - 3:30PM
- Energy Stewards Initiative - June 9 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Faith Based Community Gardening - June 9 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Miracle on Main Street - June 9 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Following Jesus--Did Someone Say It Was Easy? - June 9 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Welcoming the Stranger - June 9 - 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- How to Read the Bible--Reading the Bible as a Newspaper - June 9 - 3:30PM - 5:00PM
- Disaster Preparedness and Forming a Disaster Volunteer Team - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM
- Caring for Creation: Inspire Your Members - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM
- Housing, Hunger, Healing, Hope - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM
- Technology for the Poor - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM
- The Psalms in Our Worship - June 9 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM

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Please check the service projects below in which you wish to participate. Use the "Quantity" field to indicate the number of people, including yourself and any unregistered guests, who will be participating in the service project. (See *Service Project descriptions on pages 17-20.*)

Note: Some service projects will be held during other scheduled SynodFest activities. Please pay close attention to the dates and times of each service project.

- Graceworks Planting Project-June 8- 2:00PM - 4:00PM Qty: _____
- Graceworks Planting Project, June 9 - 1:30PM - 3:00PM Qty: _____
- Matthew 25 Ministries- June 8 - 2:00PM - 4:00PM Qty: _____
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