

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans



Dr. Kleinhans is Professor of Religion at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. She joined the Wartburg

faculty in 1993 as the first woman teaching full-time in Religion.

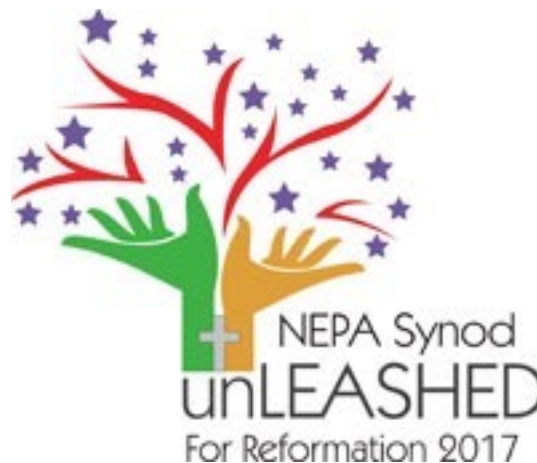
Her teaching responsibilities are primarily in Christian theology and church history, with an emphasis on Martin Luther and the theology and history of the Reformation.

She writes and speaks frequently on the relevance of Luther and the Reformation today - especially in light of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation in 2017.

Dr. Kleinhans is an ordained pastor of the ELCA. Before coming to Wartburg, she served as one of the pastors of the Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Atlanta, Georgia.

She has served the ELCA at the national level in several capacities. Currently she is a member of the Women and Justice Task Force, and a member of the Entrance Rite Discernment Group for the ELCA's proposed Word and Service roster.

Dr. Kleinhans will speak on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.



Synod Assembly 2017

June 2-3

**Kalahari Resort & Convention Center
Pocono Mountain, PA**

Ever been to an Annual Synod Assembly?

It's the largest gathering of Lutheran congregations in northeastern Pennsylvania...

...and all members of every congregation in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod are invited.

Every congregation elects two voting members to take part in the official business of the assembly.

But there are plenty of seats for visitors.

So, if you're not elected as a voting member of your congregation, come to the assembly and be enriched

by the supercharged spirit of life together in Christ. (You must register for meals with the synod office.)

Let your imagination be stirred by ministries on display in God's Playground.

Gain insight from our keynote speaker about Lutherans "unleashed" for ministry in challenging times.

Add your voice to the hymns, prayers, and acclamations lifted up during the Service of Holy Communion on June 2.

To learn more about the 2017 Synod Assembly and the schedule of assembly events, go to <http://nepasynod.org/synod-assembly-2017>.

Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly

June 16-18
Muhlenberg College



“Love in Action” is the theme of this year’s Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly which will be held at Muhlenberg

College from June 16-18.

The theme for this year’s assembly is taken from Romans 12:9-21. Pastor Nelson Quinones will serve as the chaplain.

Workshops, worship, group games, a dance, and more are all part of the weekend which also includes plenary sessions (meetings) for discussing issues that matter to youth.

Registration and additional information about the assembly are on the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/event/lutheran-youth-fellowship-2017>.

Lutheran Day at the Capitol

May 22 - Trinity, Camp Hill

With the political divisions and hostilities of today, it is critical that our voice, as the people of God, be heard as a reminder that all are made in God’s image. How can we be Church Together, for the sake of the world, in Pennsylvania? For more information and to register, visit <http://www.lutheranadvocacy.org> and scroll down to “Events.”

Kalahari Resort & Conventions



This year’s venue for Synod Assembly offers a unique opportunity for your whole family to enjoy the experience, whether you are a delegate or a visitor to the Assembly.

Kalahari has America's largest indoor waterpark at 220,000 sq. ft. It features a retractable roof, stand-up surfing or body boarding on the FlowRider, the twists and turns of the Anaconda and Swahili Swirl waterslides, relaxing lazy river, and indoor/outdoor family hot tub. Ride the waves in the wave pool or experience tons of activities for the little ones and much, much more!

The Resort has set aside a block of rooms for the Assembly. Rates are for up to four guests per room. To make a reservation call 888-742-9099 and identify yourself as attending the Northeastern PA Synod Assembly. Luggage can be stored with the resort until 4:00 p.m. check-in time.

The cost of the room includes admission to the park for the four people staying in the room beginning at noon the day of your arrival and ending when the park closes the day you check out. Guests can be family members or friends not attending the assembly.

Check out www.kalahariresorts.com for more information.



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