



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly

April 17-18, 2010

Redwood Falls Area Community Center, Redwood Falls

What is a Synod Assembly?

About 900 persons from throughout the synod will meet to *worship* God, in whose name we gather; to *deliberate* carefully and faithfully on the business of the synod; to *learn* from God's Word about the life and mission God has given us; and to *enjoy fellowship* with God's people from across southwestern MN.

The Assembly will begin with registration on Saturday, April 17, at **7:00 a.m.** in the **Link** at the Redwood Falls Area Community Center in Redwood Falls. Assembly plenary sessions will be held in the Field House. The assembly is scheduled to conclude on Sunday afternoon, April 18.

What is the theme for our 2010 Synod Assembly?

Theme: God's work. Our hands.

Theme Text: John 21: 1-19

Theme Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW #708)

Who will be on the program?

Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, Coordinator for the ELCA Lutheran Malaria Initiative & HIV/AIDS Strategy, has been secured as our Bible Study leader and our churchwide representative. We are excited to announce the band, *Dakota Road*, will be with us the entire assembly to lead us in gathering music, worship, and other surprises throughout the assembly.

Lastly, you will be on the program. The Synod Assembly Planning Committee is excited to announce you'll have the opportunity to do God's work with your hands at this year's assembly. On Saturday afternoon, service projects will be offered in addition to traditional workshops. More details will be provided in the Pre-Assembly book.

How can our congregation participate?

The enclosed materials will assist you in registering members of your congregation for the assembly. The *registration information sheet* gives complete instructions for filling out the *registration forms* and paying the appropriate fees.

Please make sure that these materials are given to the proper persons in your congregation: pastors and associates in ministry under call, as well as lay voting members elected by your congregation.

NOTE: *you are responsible* for making your own housing/breakfast arrangements. Information regarding hotel room blocks is included.

**Register by *Friday, March 5* to receive the early bird rate
which is \$50 less per registration.**

Questions?

If you have questions about the 2010 Synod Assembly that are not answered in the materials in this packet, please call Liza Eekhoff at the synod office at 507-637-3904 or email her at liza.eekhoff@swmnelca.org.

* All of this information is posted on our website at www.swmnelca.org under the *Events* tab. *