



Bishop's Conference 2018

EXPOSING THE IDOLS: REFLECTION AND PRACTICE

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
November 6-8 – The Shawnee Inn

Registration Confirmation

YOUR REGISTRATION for the 2018 Bishop's Conference is confirmed. You are registered:

- to stay overnight (two nights)
- single triple
 double quad
- as a commuter - _____

REGISTRATION begins at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 6th, and will take place in the main lobby of the Inn. The conference starts at 4:00 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHAWNEE INN – The Inn is located at 41.0063931 latitude and 75.1106168 longitude.

THE SHAWNEE INN has three restaurants, and the Buckwood Bakery and Café. Guests are not permitted to bring their own food or drinks into the dining facilities, event spaces, meeting rooms, or public hallways.

THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THOSE STAYING at The Shawnee Inn includes dinner on Tuesday; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Wednesday; and breakfast and lunch on Thursday.

THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR COMMUTERS includes dinner on Tuesday, lunch and dinner on Wednesday, and lunch on Thursday.

CHECK OUT SHAWNEE'S WEBSITE at

www.shawneeinn.com for pictures, activities, and much more information. The Shawnee Inn is a non-smoking facility. Wireless internet access is available.

GUESTS ARE INVITED. Please also bring your favorite card and board games for fun and fellowship.

DISCUSSION GROUPS on Wednesday afternoon include:

- *Technology and Ministry*
Is there a role for technology to play in ministry beyond creating paper bulletins and newsletters? Join the conversation about applications of technology for worship, evangelism, discipleship, and pastoral care ministries.
- *Connecting with Youth and Young Families*
We are surrounded by things, places, people and idols that draw us away from connecting with God and with a faith community. How do we connect when Sunday seems to be the only day to sleep in and when youth and families are drawn into sports, video games, and social media? Join the conversation and brainstorm ways that you can help people stay connected to God and their faith journey in the midst of their busy lives.

- *Lutheran Sacred Cows*
Creating a safe space to diagnose our “Lutheran” idols while progressing toward a prescription for future changes. What is happening in the church and our world? Does the church need to evolve to be relevant? Are some of our “sacred cows” hindering our future? Everything is on the table for discussion—our theology and our understanding of heaven/hell, salvation and God, liturgy, church structure, confirmation, Sola Scriptura, worship practices...or any other idols you might struggle with.

- *Bible Study on the Lessons for Christ the King Sunday, November 25*

FREE TIME will be offered on Wednesday afternoon between 3:30 and 6:00. Information about activities will be available at the Inn.

“ROSTERED LEADERS TOGETHER” will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday for a time of spiritual reflection. The group will pick up on themes of the conference sessions to discuss evolving as the church in the here and now by finding new ways of collaborating with one another as Deacons and Pastors, guided by the Holy Spirit. The meeting will provide fodder for a retreat that will deepen the understanding of what helps and hinders us to become a renewed church of new shapes. For more information, contact a member of the group: Pr. Anja Stuckenberger - astuckenberger@gmail.com
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Pr. Scott Paradise - pastorsscottparadise@gmail.com

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND RENEWAL OF MINISTRY will be held at 7:30 Wednesday evening. An offering will be received to benefit Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA. Pr. Melinda Quivik will preach.

WITH EVERY RESERVATION – Guests staying at The Shawnee Inn contribute \$2.00 as part of their bill directly to the DELAWARE HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY, an accredited land trust organization dedicated to conserving the natural heritage and quality of life in the Upper Delaware River region.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 6

- 3:00 p.m. Registration
- 4:00 p.m. Welcome and Session One
“Idols that Challenge Sacramental Theology”
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 9:00 p.m. Compline

Wednesday, November 7

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9:45 a.m. Session Two
“Idols that Infest Society’s and the Church’s Values”
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Conversation with the Bishop
- 2:45 p.m. Discussion Groups
- 3:30 p.m. Free Time
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion and Annual Renewal of Ministry

Thursday, November 8

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Session Three
“Idols that Threaten Faith: Practicing what we Preach”
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch

**PLEASE BRING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
WORSHIP BOOK FOR DEVOTIONS.**
