

2010 BISHOP'S RETREAT

a continuing education event for rostered leaders of the Upper Susquehanna Synod

May 6-7, 2010 at the Penn Wells Hotel and
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wellsboro, PA

"Lutherans and the Bible: Past, Present, and Future"

Featuring keynote speaker Dr. Erik Heen

Professor of New Testament and Greek at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Dr. Heen will look at the way North American Lutherans have engaged the Bible in the last century, identify current challenges and resources for the ELCA, and suggest new ways forward. (See more under "About Erik Heen".) In addition, participants will celebrate the Eucharist together, have conversation with Bishop Driesen, and enjoy fellowship among colleagues and personal free time.

Room registration begins at the Hotel at 9:00 a.m. (you may register in the afternoon instead). The retreat opens with Worship at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 10:00 a.m., and concludes with lunch at the same location on Friday. All of our sessions will take place at the church, across the green from the Tioga County Courthouse. (Emergency #s—Hotel phone: 800-545-2446; St. Paul's Episcopal Church phone: 570-724-4771; Beth Ann Stone's cell phone: 570-768-5645).

Cost per person = \$110.00 double occupancy (add \$25 for a single room)
Commuter cost = \$75.00 (includes all meals, program; no housing)

Registration DUE by **March 24** – rooms not guaranteed for registrations received after this date

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip code: _____

Commuter _____ (\$75 reg.) Single room _____ (\$135 reg.)

Room with _____
(please confirm before sending)

Office Use Only

Date Rec'd _____

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____

Please check the meals you will need:

Thurs. lunch _____ Thurs. Dinner _____ Fri. Breakfast _____ (Friday Lunch not provided)

Special dietary needs?: _____

Make checks payable to: Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA, PO Box 36, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

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AGENDA

Thursday, May 6, 2010

- 9:00 am Room Registration, Penn Wells front desk (*you may register in the pm instead*)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary, St. Paul's Episcopal Church (*Turn right out of the hotel, go about 4 blocks. Church is on the other side of the Green across from the courthouse on Pearl Street.*)
- 11:15 am Conversation with Bishop Driesen – Sanctuary, St. Paul's
- 12:00 noon Lunch – Hotel Dining Room
- 1:00 pm Free time
- 4:00 pm Session One led by Dr. Erik Heen, Professor of New Testament and Greek, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia - St. Paul's Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 pm Dinner – Hotel Dining Room
- 7:15 pm Session Two led by Dr. Erik Heen - St. Paul's Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 pm Evening Prayer – Sanctuary, St. Paul's

Friday, May 7, 2010

- 7 – 9:00 am Breakfast - Hotel Dining Room (*please check out before going to the church*)
- 9:30 am Morning Prayer – Sanctuary, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- 10:00 am Session Three led by Dr. Erik Heen – St. Paul's Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 am Closing Comments and Prayer

About Erik M. Heen

Erik M. Heen was born in Montana and grew up in South Dakota in a family long dedicated to the church affiliated with Norwegian Lutheranism (ELC, ALC). He is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Divinity School (MDiv), Luther Theological Seminary (MTh), and Columbia University (PhD). He was a member of the New Testament Seminary at the University of Uppsala (1982-85). He has taught at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia since 1996 where he is currently Professor of New Testament and Greek.



Dr. Heen is interested in the role of Scripture in the contemporary church as well as what the New Testament can tell us about the origins of Christianity. Increasingly, the history of biblical interpretation has also been a focus of his research. Together with Phil Krey, President of LTSP, he edited the Epistle to Hebrews volume in the Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture series (InterVarsity, 2005). He is currently researching the use of the Bible among Lutherans in North America in the 20th century. As part of his interpretation studies, he seeks to learn all he can about how the Bible is being actually read in parishes and homes in the United States today. He's always eager to hear about innovative approaches to parish-based Bible study, including those that explore "the Lutheran understanding" of Scripture.

Dr. Heen's specific New Testament research interests include Paul, the Gospel of John, and the Book of Revelation. His 1997 dissertation, "Saturnalicius Princeps: The Enthronement of Jesus in Early Christian Discourse" (UMI Microfilm Number 9728216), investigated the motif of Jesus' enthronement in the New Testament as well as the manner in which it critiqued the local imperial cults in the cities of the Ancient Greek East. His publications include: *New Proclamation: Year B, 2009* (Fortress, 2009); Hebrews in the *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture* series (IVP, 2005; with Phil Krey); and *Anton Fridrichsen: A Bibliography* (University of Oslo, 1993).

ABOUT HIS 2010 BISHOP'S RETREAT KEYNOTE:

Dr. Heen will look at the way North American Lutherans have engaged the Bible in the last century, identify current challenges and resources for the ELCA, and suggest new ways forward. He will consider the "Theological Investigation of Scripture" movement in biblical studies, which seeks to blend the best of higher criticism (for example, narrative and rhetorical criticism) with confessional theology, in a way that was not always encouraged when historical criticism was the dominant method of inquiry. In addition to the great ecumenical tradition informed by the councils of Nicea and Chalcedon, and the reformation tradition that emphasizes justification and the law/gospel dynamic, Dr. Heen suggests that the theology of the cross also be foundational to a contemporary re-statement of the Lutheran understanding of Scripture.