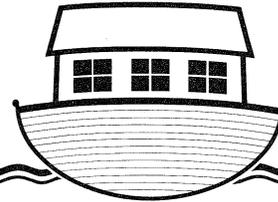


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News of God's People in Action

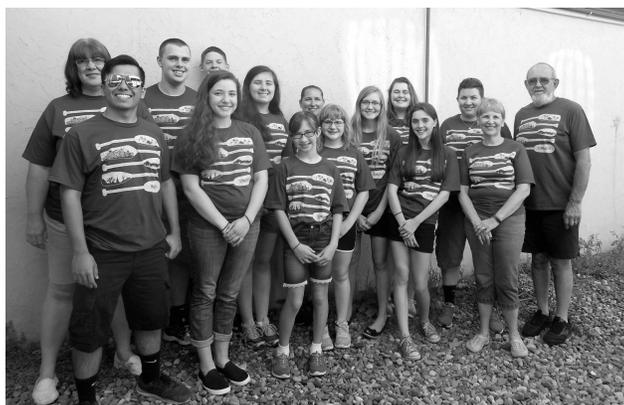


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## Volunteering for a Good Cause

Youth and adult members and friends of Himmel's, Dornsife, recently traveled to volunteer for "TEAMeffort" at their Blue Knob, PA, location. The group did outdoor clean-up at a home, lots of scraping and painting at a church and some work for a Food Bank. The theme for this year's camp was Isaiah 9:6 talking about different names for God. Each evening they attended chapel services to sing worship music and to hear the counselors give their testimony. The group had an awesome, rewarding week working and having fun together! If you are interested in more information or would like to join the group next year, contact Coordinator Sarah Snyder at 570-863-8612. The group included: Wesley Long, Sadie Walshaw, Cassie Snyder, Kylie Troutman, Kayla Bohner, Arletta Ney, Crystal Bohner, Dillon Bohner, Cody Ebersole, Emily Shepley, Traci Troutman, Kaitlyn Troutman, Autumn Bohner, Sarah Snyder, and Bill Ney.



***In the spirit of celebrating Gods Work, Our Hands,*** have you considered volunteering for a mission trip here in the U.S? Mission Builders is looking for volunteers. In the past, they have provided men's/women's and youth group work opportunities across the country. For more information, visit <http://www.uss-elca.org/elcabuilders/>

## Leaving a Legacy

When a congregation merges into another congregation it is normal for the receiving congregation to receive all the assets and liabilities of the merging congregation. This has to do with laws regarding non-profit organizations of which churches fall under. However, in October of 2013 when Trinity Lutheran, Avis, merged into St. John Lutheran, Jersey Shore, Pastor Kerry Aucker, the congregations worked together to create an Endowment Fund that would continue the ministry and legacy of Trinity Lutheran, Avis, into perpetuity. St. John did not receive any funds. Instead all the assets of the sale of the building and any remaining funds were placed into an Endowment fund. A committee of former Trinity members and St. John members was created to establish the rules of the Endowment and administer the distribution of funds. Ten percent of the interest from the Trinity Lutheran, Avis, Endowment Fund will be given to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg to support theological education for the education of clergy. This year a check for \$1,408 was sent to the Seminary. Seventy percent of the interest of the fund will go to college scholarships. On May 21, the first two college students received \$1,000 each that will be sent to the college they attend for their future tuition. College students must have completed their first year of education, declare a major, and maintain a "C" or above average. It was also decided that the fund would reimburse students from the four Lutheran Churches in the Jersey Shore area who enroll and complete training to become Authorized Lay Worship Leaders. As time progresses we expect the fund will grow allowing more and more students to benefit from the legacy of Trinity Lutheran Church, Avis. For more information, contact Pastor Aucker at 570-916-1317

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## Up and Down the Valleys



**Rev. Cheryl Berner** (*on leave from call*) has been granted retirement status by Synod Council, effective May 1, 2017.

**Rev. Stina Schaeffer** was installed as pastor of Salem Lutheran on June 25.

The ordination of **Rev. Justin Lingenfelter** (United In Christ, West Milton) took place on June 10 and he started on July 2.

**Deacon Gary Schaeffer** is now serving on a part-time basis as a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM) at St. Matthew, Shamokin Dam. Schaeffer is pursuing his coursework toward ordination. His start date in the congregation was July 9, 2017.

**Rev. Viking Dietrich** (St. John, Montgomery) has accepted a call to serve Global Mission at the desk in Berlin, Germany. His last Sunday was July 2.

**Rev. Rosalie Smith** has resigned as interim pastor of St. Paul, Allensville. Rev. Jan Moody will serve as their interim.

**Help invite students to Campus Ministry!** When college students you know head to campus, you can help introduce them to Lutheran Campus Ministry. Use this link to share contact info with Lutheran Campus Ministry most anywhere!  
<http://lumin-networkreferral.org/student-referrals/>. You will find an online form that will help you send student names and contact information to the ministry or congregation closest to their campus. Contact Alicia Anderson at [ara2@psu.edu](mailto:ara2@psu.edu) if you have questions.

At their July meeting, **Synod Council** enjoyed having dinner, sharing fellowship and devotions with the campers at Camp Mount Luther. Outgoing Council members were recognized and incoming members welcomed. Pastor Joshua Reinsburrow and Shelby Wyland were elected to the Executive Committee of Council.

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# Upper Susquehanna Synod Events Calendar

## **Bags Available**

Christmas-at-Sea gift bags for the crew members of ships coming into ports from Providence to Philadelphia are now available at the Synod Office. They are delivered to the docks by Lutheran port chaplains during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Instructions are in every bag. In winter, these seamen face the same dangerous conditions on the high seas as we saw in two recent hurricanes.

## **Getting Ready Material for ELCA Youth Gathering Now Available**

The Getting Ready Material is now available and on the Gathering website for youth leaders to download. The web address is [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering) where you can also sign up for gathering news. Registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering opens on September 15 and continue until November 15 for the early bird discount. Late fees go into effect on February 15. The gathering will be held in Houston, TX, from June 27- July 1, 2018, with MYLE and the tAble being from June 24-27. Now is the time to set a budget and begin fundraising efforts. The gathering staff suggests budgeting between \$900-\$1200 to get youth to and from Texas. This includes a range in the cost of hotel rooms of \$99-\$150. On July 15, financial aid registration opened on the Gathering website. No congregation is too small to send kids. For congregations who do not have youth attending the gathering – consider helping to support other youth of our synod by sponsoring a youth participant from a neighboring congregation. After all – we are church together! The average size group at the Gathering is 3-7 kids. If you are concerned about not having enough youth, you can also join in with a nearby congregation. More questions? Want more information? Check out [www.elca.org/YouthGathering](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering), join the Facebook group USS ELCA Youth Gathering Leaders (for adult leaders only) or contact Charlene Rineer at [ckrorange@yahoo.com](mailto:ckrorange@yahoo.com) or 717-880-2872.

## **Ministry Opportunities in the Synod**

Do you have a passion for a particular area of ministry such as Advocacy, Congregational Health, Disaster Relief, Ecumenical Relationships, Global Partnerships, Mission, Outreach, World Hunger, or Youth? We are looking to engage more leaders from across the synod, with a number of these areas of ministry that take place within our synod, in order to grow and empower leaders. If you would like to be more involved in any of these areas of ministry, please contact Bishop Collins at the synod office ([bpcollins@uss-elca.org](mailto:bpcollins@uss-elca.org)).

## **Youth Leader Position Available**

St. Luke Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg is accepting applications for part-time (up to 10 hrs/week) Youth Leader. We are looking for an energetic person to engage with our youth and be a role model of living a life in relationship with Christ. A successful candidate must have a flexible schedule to attend scheduled youth activities and be available for Sunday morning worship. The position will consist of planning and implementing youth activities, along with our Youth Committee. For full job description, contact the office at [stlukelc@ptd.net](mailto:stlukelc@ptd.net). Hard copies of resumes may be sent to St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9 St. Luke's Way, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

## **Mission and Senior High Youth Director Position Available**

A Mission and Senior High Youth Director is being sought by St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1400 Market St., Williamsport, PA, 17701. The position would support parents in their work with youth programming, as well as encourage mission for all age groups. Expected time commitment would be 8-10 hours a week. If interested, please request a job description from the St. Luke church office (570-323-7309). Applicants must be over 21 years of age. Those who are applying may also request an application form from the office and will need to submit a resume with the completed form.

## **September 23, 2017: Volunteers Needed for CML Fundraiser**

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### **September 28, 2017: Concert at Bucknell University**

"Reformation 2017: Repertoire of the English Reformation," featuring Byrd's Mass for Four Voices, and English anthems by Tallis and Weelkes will be held on September 28, 2017, at the Weis Center on the campus of Bucknell University. The concert starts at 12:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

### **October 1, 2017: Susquehanna University Crop Walk**

A CROP Walk will be on Sunday, October 1, 2017, starting at Susquehanna University's Weber Chapel. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Horn Lobby with the walk starting at 2:00 p.m. Sponsors can pay for each mile you walk or by a lump sum. This is a great way for your organization to do service hours. Contact Liam Fyfe '20, Event Coordinator, ([fyfe@susqu.edu](mailto:fyfe@susqu.edu)) to sign up for this year's CROP Walk.

### **October 1, 2017: WELCA Blanket Sunday**

Blanket Sunday for Women of the ELCA in the Upper Susquehanna Synod is October 1, 2017. There will be a collection of Lutheran World Relief donations on October 14 ONLY at The Common Building at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village in Lewisburg from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please pack items in boxes, not plastic bags will be accepted. To download a report form: <http://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Blanket-Sunday-Report-Form.doc>. Envelopes are available at the synod office for monetary donations.

### **October 4, 2017: GROW Writer's Retreat**

Anyone wishing to come and write devotions for Camp Mount Luther's First Light Digital Devotions is welcome to join other writers on October 4, 2017. The retreat will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Center. It will be a day of writing and sharing resources for devotional writing. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the camp office at [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org) or 570-922-1587 before September 30, 2017.

### **October 6-8, 2017: United Lutheran Seminary Offers The Weekend**

Thinking about your calling in life? Wondering about seminary? Wanting a brief retreat to explore it? Know someone who is thinking about these questions? Check out three upcoming times set aside for "The Weekend" at United Lutheran Seminary. Recommend "The Weekend" to someone you know. The next one begins October 6<sup>th</sup> in Gettysburg. (We would love for you to spend a little time with us.) <https://www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/weekend>.

### **October 6-8, 2017: Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Have you signed up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their marriage. The next event will be held on October 6-8, 2017, at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, a hidden gem overlooking Laurel Lake – an hour north of Hartford, CT. Two nights lodging, five meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website: [www.Godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.Godlovesmarriage.org) and paying the registration with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

### **October 7, 2017: Fall Women's Retreat**

All local women are invited to be participants at the Fall Women's Retreat, sponsored by Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization. The day-long retreat is in place of the fall cluster gatherings and will feature a presentation led by Christine Mabon titled, "Renew, Restore, Revitalize: The Five Essential Friendships That Enrich Our Lives and 101 Ways to Nurture Yourself." The day will be spent looking at how to embrace the unique gifts friendships bring to our lives and how to sustain these friendships. And, we'll look at how we might love ourselves more by nurturing our body, mind, and spirit. The retreat will take place at the camp on Saturday, October 7, 2017. It will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will begin with refreshments and end with singing and prayer.

The cost of \$22.00 per person includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch, and the program. You are encouraged to bring a friend! Registration deadline is September 26. To register, contact Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Checks should be made payable to Camp Mount Luther. If you have questions, call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or e-mail [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). To view a flyer/registration form, click here: <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017-Womens-Retreat-Flyer.pdf>

Copies of the presenter's book, 101 Ways to Nurture Yourself, along with "friendship" aprons, pot holder/oven mitt sets and note cards will also be available for sale.

### **October 12, 2017: Lecture at Bucknell University**

"The Reformation as Disruption: How Cheap Print Destroyed Latin Christendom and Made the Modern World" is the title of a lecture that will be held on October 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the LC Forum on the campus of Bucknell University. The speaker is Philip Gorski, Professor of Sociology, Yale University.

### **October 15-20, 2017: Children, Youth & Family Ministry Certification School.**

Vibrant Faith ([www.vibrantfaith.org](http://www.vibrantfaith.org)) is a great ministry that has been at work for many years building up the church through leadership development and research. Bear Creek Camp (BCC) near Wilkes-Barre is hosting Vibrant Faith's 75<sup>th</sup> certification school in October. The CYF Training School changes lives, equips leaders and helps transform ministries in effective and creative faith formation. It's a 9-month program for the participants that begins with five days of group training at BCC and continues with one-on-one training via phone, blogs, videos, and webinars. Youth leaders, pastors, volunteers, other interested adults are the perfect folks who could benefit from a program like this. It's typically a \$2,000 fee, but, the camp is offering the program for \$1,600. To sign up or get more information visit [www.bearcreekcamp.org/vibrant-faith-training-school/](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org/vibrant-faith-training-school/)

### **October 20, 2017: Concert at Bucknell University**

"Reformation 2017: Reform/Revolt," featuring J.S. Bach's Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80; and songs of revolution and reform from across the globe, will be in October at Bucknell University. The concert is October 20 at the Weis Center starting at 6:30 p.m. with a pre-concert lecture and the actual concert starting at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

### **October 21, 2017: WELCA Action Day**

The Mission Action Committee of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, announces its Action Day at the Synod Office. Action Day will be Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. Speaker will be Ryan Versulusu, discussing Stephen Ministry. More information will be forthcoming.

### **October 21, 2017: Building Youth Group Event at Camp Mount Luther**

Keep your youth group strong and growing by laying a foundation for its future members! Bring your youth to Camp Mount Luther for BYG, a fun community building time. We'll work with you and your youth to facilitate relationship-building experiences. Youth leaders, pastors, and parents should bring as many as you can in this age bracket to help build comfort and trust within your future youth group. Come

along- bring the youth leader, pastor, or parents with your kids. Camp Mount Luther invites you to bring one adult free for every seven kids you bring to camp. Additional adults come for half of the participant's fee. We'll have team building, reflection time on God's Word, Frisbee golf, ropes course, and fellowship. Our theme this year is "Pray!" Cost for the program is \$22.00, which runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Each participant is asked to bring a bag lunch.** To register, call the Camp Mount Luther office at 570-922-1587 or e-mail [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). Click here to download a flyer/bulletin insert: <http://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/BYG-Day-Long-Flyer-2016.pdf>. **Deadline to register is October 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**

### **October 22-23, 2017: LARC Vespers and Day of Dialogue**

Bishop Barbara J. Collins invites you to celebrate our Ecumenical relationships with the Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (LARC) dialog with the LARC Vespers on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at the United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg Campus) Chapel. The liturgy for the evening will follow the order used at Lund, Sweden, to celebrate the ecumenical strides made between Roman Catholics and Lutherans. Worship begins at 4:00 p.m. and will be followed by refreshments in the seminary refectory. The LARC Day of Dialogue will be Monday, October 23, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cardinal Keeler Center. The events will take special note of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as well as our progress on the path to Christian Unity. Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod Bishop Emeritus Donald J. McCoid, who as Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) had a key role in developing the document Declaration on the Way, will be the speaker for the Day of Dialogue. A registration form is available here: <http://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017-LARC-Registration-form.pdf>

### **October 31, 2017: Looking Back and Called Forward—ELCA 500**

All are welcomed to register and attend "Looking Back & Called Forward: ELCA500" the ELCA's Reformation anniversary commemoration event on October 31 in Washington, D.C. As a member of a surrounding area synod and congregation, you are invited to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event. The day's event will include speakers and a service, held at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will co-host and will be joined by co-hosts Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, ELCA Vice President Bill Horne and Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod Bishop Richard Graham. Registration is free, however, you will be responsible for your own travel and accommodations. Lunch is included in your registration. Visit <https://community.elca.org/elca-reformation-anniversary-event> to reserve your seat. For those unable to attend in person, you may watch the event online at [elca.org/livestream](http://elca.org/livestream).

### **November 3, 2017: Evening at Shade Mountain to Benefit Mount Luther**

Come to Shade Mountain Winery to share fellowship, entertainment, and enjoy locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. The event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Bernie Rich, a local musician who sings contemporary folk music and Christian anthems. The menu will include heavy appetizers, dessert, and one glass of wine per person. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please make your reservations with the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, a portion of the proceeds will be given to Mount Luther. We ask all participants to make a donation to the camp that evening, equal or greater to the food and entertainment provided. Download a flyer/bulletin insert here: <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-Shade-Mountain-Winery-Flyer.pdf>

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"Genuine Love in the Reformation" is the title of a lecture on November 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Bucknell University. It will be held in the LC Forum and feature Peter Iver Kaufman, George Matthews & Virginia Brinkley Modin Chair in Leadership Studies, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond.

**November 29- December 1: Ecumenical Stewardship Center's Generosity NEXT**

Generosity Next takes place November 29 - December 1 in Nashville, Tennessee. It explores how current culture informs faithful stewardship and generous giving. This year's topic is Stewardship & Generosity: Are We Doing All We Can? Engage with keynote speakers Steve Manskar and Anne Burkholder as we explore John Wesley's well-known sermons about money and their relevance for generous stewards of the 21st century. Connect with Christian sisters and brothers who share a passion for faithful stewardship and generous giving. Be inspired through meaningful worship, insightful presentations, and thoughtful conversation. Become better equipped to lead others in their discipleship journeys of becoming faithful stewards and generous givers. Contact Pastor Craig Miller in the Synod Office for information on ELCA sponsored registration. Information about Generosity NEXT and registration can be found at <https://stewardshipresources.org/generosity-next>

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**Straight From the  
Camel's Mouth**  
By Kyros T. Camel

What a great night for the first annual Circle of Faith Giving Club dinner on June 4. We had a great turnout to celebrate our partners in ministry and we gave out the first Cloud of Witness Award. It was presented to Chris Sands, board president, to recognize him for his time, talent, and treasure to the camp. Later that evening, a mortgage burning was held to celebrate the paying off of the Evergreen Center loan.



As part of the summer curriculum, "Water of Life," we collected donations from our campers, staff, and friends to donate to the ELCA World Hunger's "Walk for Water" campaign. Monies raised went toward supplying clean water to those who need it, particularly women and children, who take up considerable time in some countries collecting their daily water needs. We were able to raise \$374 for this effort.

Our golf tournament in May garnered nearly \$15,000 for the camp. Over 100 golfers were in attendance. Thanks to all who golfed and sponsored this important fundraiser.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dandelion Run was held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Runners got in their race before rains from Hurricane Harvey started. Final totals for proceeds are still being calculated. There were a few less runners than last year.



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**Evening at Shade Mountain  
Benefits Camp**

Come to Shade Mountain Winery to share fellowship, entertainment, and enjoy locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. The event runs on November 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Bernie Rich, a local musician who sings contemporary folk music and Christian anthems. The menu will include heavy appetizers, dessert, and one glass of wine per person. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please make your reservations with the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, a portion of the proceeds will be given to Mount Luther. We ask all participants to make a donation to the camp that evening, equal or greater to the food and entertainment provided. A flyer for this event is available on our website.



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