**NEWS, PRAYERS, AND LINKS**

- **Transition of two deans happened on July 1.** Stina Schaeffer is now the dean of the Middle Creek Conference. Erwin Roux is the dean of the Buffalo Valley Conference.

- **Prayers for Pastor John Koons, whose home was damaged in the flooding in the Benton area in August.** Also, prayers for Pastor Lois Martin for restoration of health.

- **Thanks to a generous gift from the Frontz family,** Virginia’s religious library now fills a corner of the lobby at the synod office. Knowing how much Virginia loved to learn, these books are now available to other learners for a simple donation per book. All donations from these resources will be designated for future continuing education events that the synod hosts.

- **The latest Clergy Guidelines for 2019 that were approved by Synod Assembly are now available on the synod website at [https://www.uss-elca.org/forms/](https://www.uss-elca.org/forms/).** This is an updated copy with the correct tables that were in error in the published materials at assembly.

- **Portico’s Annual Enrollment to elect benefits is coming soon.** For employers, information has been emailed and by September you need to make your health benefit option to offer and by October enter that selection in EmployerLink. For Plan members: October 31 – November 14 are the dates to make benefit selections. Portico’s website also has a new look so check it out!

- **The Stevenson School of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania is offering continuing education courses this fall.** Some courses include Meeting God’s Call in Sacrament and Story: Responses to Our Baptism, Sharing the Lectionary, Liturgical Theology. Check their webpage to see more and to register. [https://dioceseecpa.org/current-courses/](https://dioceseecpa.org/current-courses/)

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**GLOBAL MISSION UPDATES**

**Christmas will be here before you know it!** That means we are launching our 8th year of providing Christmas-at-Sea gift sacks for ships’ crews that come into East Coast ports during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Plastic gift sacks, with instructions, are available at the synod office. This year we are also appealing for homemade cookies or brownies, packed in tins. Inexpensive tins, though not necessarily Christmas-themed, are available at the big “Community Aid” store next to Walmart on “the strip” (Routes US 11/15) just north of Selingsgrove. Deadline for turning in both gift sacks and cookie tins is November 26.

**Calling all carpenters and general construction volunteers** to make up a small work-team to go to Liberia for 2 or 4 weeks in January 2019 to repair the ceiling of Day Memorial Church in the Liberian town of Harrisburg. Built in 1933, the church was named for Rev. & Mrs. David Day whose graves lie in the cemetery behind the Susquehanna University campus where both graduated in 1874.

**Our synod is planning another familiarization tour of Liberia for adventurous travelers** who want to experience the warmth and hospitality of fellow Lutherans. There will be visits to Lutheran congregations, schools, two hospitals, and the site where Lutheran mission work began in 1860 at Millsburg on the St. Paul River. Meet Bishop Jensen Seyenkulo, other Liberian pastors and our two ELCA missionaries in Liberia, Rev. Linda Seyenkulo and Rev. Brian Palmer. Dates are January 17 to February 4. Cost is $2000 to $2500 maximum, including airfare.

**Congregational contributions so far this year for the “Current for Curran” Hospital project** - building a solar energy facility to provide electrical power to the hospital as a replacement for expensive and unreliable diesel fuel - shows donations so far this year of only $150. In 2015, an identical campaign to provide solar power for Phebe Hospital brought contributions from USS congregations totaling $2,607. Can’t we do at least that for Curran Hospital in 2018? [These two are the only Lutheran hospitals in Liberia].
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
Updated August 20, 2018

Seeking Candidates/Interviewing
• Messiah, Mifflintown
• St. John, Belleville
• St. Mark’s, Williamsport

Served by Interim/Preparing Profiles
• Beaver, Beaver Springs
• Messiah, New Berlin
• Pine Street, Danville
• St. John, Montgomery
• St. John, Northumberland

Currently Served by Intentional Interim
• Milton Lutheran Parish (Christ and Trinity)

Currently Served by Interim Pastor
• Christ, Buckhorn/St. Paul, Danville
• East Kish Parish
• Faith, Richfield
• Grace, Point Township
• St. James, Jersey Shore
• Trinity, Oak Grove
• Trinity, Point Township
• Trinity, Shamokin
• Zion, Herndon

Two open positions at the ELCA. Applications, resume and cover letter should be submitted through the ELCA job board. Inquiries about the position may be directed, in confidence, to Gaye Lindfors of Significant Solutions, Inc., the consultant assisting in the search. ELCA Foundation Director of Gift Planning: This position is located in Chicago and reports to the Executive Vice President of the Foundation. It requires about 30% travel, visiting regional gift planners, donors, and ministry partnerships. ELCA Executive Director for Domestic Mission: Reporting to the presiding bishop, this position requires about 25% travel. It is located in Chicago.

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Buffalo Valley: Sept. 7, 9:00 a.m., Zion, Turbotville
Juniata Valley: Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m., Home of Jim Bricker
Middle Creek: Sept. 13, 9:00 a.m., Salem, Selinsgrove
North Branch: Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m., St. Luke, Bloomsburg
Tulpehocken: Sept. 5, 9:00 a.m., United, Sunbury
West Branch: Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m., Messiah, S. Williamsport

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The bishop and assistant like to make Sunday and other congregational visits. Here is the schedule:

September 2: Bishop at home congregation. Pastor Miller on vacation.
September 16: Bishop at SU with German guests.
September 22: Bishop at installation of SEPA's Bishop, Rev. Pat Davenport.
September 23: Pastor Miller at St. Peter, Kreamer.
September 30: Bishop at Conference of Bishops.

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**Volunteers Needed for CML Fundraiser in September**
Camp Mount Luther is once again participating in a local festival to help raise funds for their campership fund. The camp will staff a booth at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival on Saturday, September 22, 2018. Their booth will feature the sale of homemade whoopie pies. Volunteers are needed to make these sweet treats, as well as to staff the booth on the day of the festival. If you are interested in donating whoopie pies (of any flavor) or helping to sell them that day, contact Sarah Hershberger at 570-966-9674 or Chad Hershberger at 570-922-1587.

**Songbooks Available**
Redeemer Lutheran Church in Williamsport was gifted ELWs when Saint Matthew, Williamsport closed. If anyone is in need for green LBWs, they have 133 of them. Also, they have 116 With One Voice song books, two service books for the green hymnals and the music accompaniment book for the green hymnals. If anyone is interested in them they can email the church at redeemer144@verizon.net to the attention of Carol Johnson or they can email her directly at carolandshuman@verizon.net. They are free to anyone who can use them, they would just have to make arrangements to pick them up or for shipping.

**Director of Music Wanted**
Trinity, Hughesville, is looking for a new Director of Music. The job description is available by calling the church office at 570-584-3490.

**Grants Available**
The Campbell Foundation is excited to announce the opening of their first Chesapeake Office unsolicited grants cycle. This opportunity is open to new grantees (organizations that are not current or previous grantees of the Campbell Foundation) that would like to submit a proposal for projects that improve water quality and promote healthy communities in the Pennsylvania portion of the Susquehanna River Basin. Project award requests can be up to $25,000. Proposals are due no later than Monday, October 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. EST. Guidelines, FAQ, and instructions on how to apply are available at [http://www.campbellfoundation.org/apply/](http://www.campbellfoundation.org/apply/).

**September 1, 2018: Dandelion Trail Run at CML**
Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg will be holding a 5 and 10 kilometer trail run race at the camp on Saturday, September 1, 2018. This is an entry-level trail race on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. The start time for the race is 9:00 a.m. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5K or 10K (a double loop of the 5K) run. The 10K distance is included in the new Rocksylvania 10k race series. More details on that are available at [http://midpentrailblazers.com/links.html](http://midpentrailblazers.com/links.html). Race day registration is $25. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. on race day. Spectators are welcome as well. A kid’s fun run will also be held with two age categories: six and under and 7-10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run. Again this year, a one mile fun walk on a dirt road will be held with the same registration fees and amenities applying (or you may just walk without receiving amenities for $10). Awards will be given for overall male and female race time, three awards for each age group and an overall master’s for male and female in both the 5K and the 10K. The awards ceremony will be immediately following the race. Shower facilities are available after the race. All miles for the course will be marked and there is one water stop on the course. Timing will be electronically done. To register, visit [http://midpentrailblazers.com/trail-race-events/dandelion-run/dandelion-run.html](http://midpentrailblazers.com/trail-race-events/dandelion-run/dandelion-run.html). The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg. It was named in honor and memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn’s favorite “flower” was the dandelion. Heasley’s widow, Shirley, is also involved in the planning of the race.
September 5, 2018: Disaster Response Training
The Presbytery of Northumberland is sponsoring Disaster Response Training to help us respond to disaster. The event will be from 9:00-3:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Milton. Information is available at syntrinity.org/PDA and costs $10 per person.

September 9, 2018: “God’s work. Our hands.” Day of Service
Save the date! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday will be Sunday, September 9, 2018. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every day calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018! Access resources to guide your congregation’s planning, promotion and more at https://elca.org/Resources/GWOH-Sunday.

September 9, 2018: Liberia Organizational Meeting
Our synod is issuing a first call for anyone interested in joining either a work-team or a familiarization tour to meet the leaders of the Lutheran Church in Liberia and to tour the major facilities of the LCL, including historic churches, schools, and its two hospitals (Phebe and Curran)! A work team will repair the ceiling of Day Memorial Church and continue the renovation of small houses on the campus of the Lutheran Training Center. Don’t freeze at home this January. Visit tropical Liberia and be uplifted by God’s work in our companion synod. Learn more at our first organizational meeting on September 9, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. at our synod office, or phone Sandra Nelson (570)995-9327 or Bob Bradford (570)473-9505.

September 9, 2018: Fall Festival
St. Peter’s, Kreamer, is holding a Fall Festival on Sunday, September 9, 2018, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free activities include square dancing, cake walk, fire truck rides, games for kids, a basket raffle, and food for purchase. The event benefits the Meals for Mustangs and Meals for Seals programs. To download a flyer, click here: https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-Fall-Festival-Flyer.pdf

September 14-16, 2018: Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend
Marriage is a journey! A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Sign up TODAY to for the weekend of September 14-16, 2018, at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style retreat center with many acres of woodlands in the heart of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown, PA. Two nights lodging, five meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your 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. For further information or to sign up, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the $100 registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

September 24-26, 2018: Stewardship Kaleidoscope’s Transforming the Face of Generosity
Pastors and lay leaders are invited to attend this event at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac in St. Louis, MO on September 24-26. Keynoters will be Diana Butler Bass and Chick Lane and there will be 30 workshops covering topics such as annual stewardship, planned giving, theology of giving, current trends in stewardship, and capital campaigns. Cost is $275 before August 1, and $300 after. For more information and to register, visit www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org. There are a limited number of scholarships for first call and small church pastors!
September 25-29, 2018: Reflect, Renew, Recommit (3R)
Reflect, Renew, Recommit (3R), a week long discernment retreat, will be offered again this year on September 24-29, 2018. This experience creates a safe place for pastors and spouses to process, share, worship, embrace prayer practices, use tools for vocational support, and discover a newfound community. Deadline to register is August 15, 2018. For more information:

September 26, 2018: ENERGY STAR Pennsylvania Stewardship Tour
Join Interfaith Leaders for the ENERGY STAR® Pennsylvania Stewardship Tour. ENERGY STAR is the nation’s voluntary program helping congregations, businesses, schools, homeowners, and tenants save energy and water—and therefore money. Local Pennsylvania faith communities are hosting ENERGY STAR presentations on tools, training, and technical support freely available at www.energystar.gov/congregations. Everyone is welcome to attend. Presentations are free and reservations are suggested, but not necessary. The closest events near the Upper Susquehanna Synod include:
- 2:30p.m. – 4:00p.m. at State College Friends Meeting, 611 East Prospect Avenue, State College
- 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. at Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg

October 1, 2018: Boundary Awareness Training
The Lower Susquehanna Synod is holding a boundary awareness training on October 1, 2018, at Zion Church in Marietta. Cost is $25. For more information, visit www.lss-elca.org/event/boundary-workshop-2018-10-1/. Rostered leaders of the ELCA are required to remain current with Boundary Awareness training. As part of their continuing education rostered leaders should participate in a training every three years. Bishop Barbara J. Collins encourages all rostered leaders of this synod to take advantage of trainings offered by our ELCA and full-communion partners. Please be sure to send a copy of your certificate of completion/participation to the bishop’s office when you have completed a workshop. As we learn of opportunities we will make them known.

October 4, 2018: Discipleship Workshop – October 4, 2018, 10:00-2:00 at Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport
Go ... make disciples of all nations ...
In a time of declining membership and attendance at worship we struggle to achieve Jesus’ Great Commission. What does it mean to “make disciples” today? At this workshop, on October 4, 2018, from 10:00-2:00 at Messiah, South Williamsport, Craig Miller, Assistant to the Bishop, will help us to
- Share best practices for discipleship that maintains or increases attendance
- Learn about resources for discipleship
Register now at this link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discipleship-workshop-tickets-49397155221 or call Brenda in the synod office (570-524-9778). Lunch will be provided by Messiah Lutheran Church.

October 7-13, 2018: Disaster Recovery Work Trip
The Susquehanna Interfaith Disaster Response Network fall work trip will take place October 7-13. Our work team will go to Washington, North Carolina, to help with rebuilding after Hurricane Matthew. The Susquehanna Interfaith Disaster Response Network is an effort by the Presbytery of Northumberland and the Upper Susquehanna Synod to establish a system for addressing disasters at home and abroad. Formal establishment of the network is planned to take place In September when our synod council and the
presbytery will each vote on a resolution. We hope that this network will grow to include other denominations as well. If you are interested in participating in disaster recovery, contact Craig Miller, Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission: prcmiller@uss-elca.org.

October 8-12, 2018: Appreciative Inquiry and Transition Ministry
The Upper Susquehanna Synod will sponsor a week-long Appreciative Inquiry workshop October 8-12 at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA. This course, led by the Clergy Leadership Institute, will offer tools to lead through the rapid transitions taking place in our congregations. Special rate for Upper Susquehanna Synod leaders: $550 plus room and meals ($585 residential, $100 commuter). The synod will offer financial assistance to meet the cost of this workshop. To learn about the Appreciative Way check out www.appreciativeway.com. To register, click here: https://www.appreciativeway.com/registration/reg.cfm?prog=Halifax-Oct-18. USS Synod leaders leave the Discount Option “None” and put “HebSpX18” in the Discount Source box to receive a $200 discount per person. Contact Craig Miller for any questions about this event or for financial assistance.

October 19-21, 2018: Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend
Marriage is a journey! A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Sign up TODAY for the weekend from October 19-21, 2018, at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat center adjacent to the Olmsted Mansion in the Allegheny National Forest, two hours north of Pittsburgh. Two nights lodging, five meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your 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. For further information or to sign up, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the $100 registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

October 20, 2018: Fall Women’s Retreat and Cluster Gatherings
All local women are invited to be participants at the Fall Women’s Retreat and Cluster Gatherings, sponsored by Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women’s Organization. The day-long retreat will feature a presentation led by Friends of the Heart titled, “Just Say Yes to God.” The retreat is based on the book of Philippians and focuses on balancing work with worship. They will talk about: “Looking In,” issues that keep you from moving on in life, “Looking Up,” developing an ongoing relationship with Christ and “Looking Out,” using your talents, gifts and passion to touch the world. Skit characters are Mary, Martha, and a psychologist who helps them determine how they might best express devotion to Christ. The retreat will take place at the camp on Saturday, October 20, 2018. It will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The day will begin with refreshments. 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 October 12. 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. To view a flyer/registration form, click here: https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-Womens-Retreat-Flyer.pdf

October 20, 2018: Lay Boundary Awareness
The Penn Central Conference (UCC) is holding a lay boundary awareness workshop on October 20, 2018, at First UCC in Middleburg. Cost is $15. For more information, visit https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ef6x4q4i42dab86d&oseq=&c=&ch. This training is geared more for lay members of congregations, with their pastors attending with them. Rostered leaders of the ELCA are required to remain current with Boundary Awareness training. As part of their continuing education rostered leaders should participate in a training every three years. Bishop Barbara J. Collins encourages all rostered leaders of this synod to take advantage of trainings offered by
our ELCA and full-communion partners. Bishop Collins also encourages all ALWL’s of this synod to participate in a boundary training event every three years, just as rostered leaders are required to remain current with boundary training. Please be sure to send a copy of your certificate of completion/participation to the bishop’s office when you have completed a workshop. As we learn of opportunities we will make them known.

October 25, 2018: Karl Vaters’ Visit
Karl Vaters, pastor and founder of the New Small Church and the New Small Church Blog, will be in our synod on October 25. He will be doing a presentation, similar to our annual Bishop’s Day gathering, during the day. It will be held at Faith Lutheran, Lewisburg, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will be for rostered leaders. Then, Vaters will offer a second presentation in the evening from 6:00-8:30 for lay leaders, to which ALWLs are encouraged to attend. That will also be held at Faith, Lewisburg. A registration link will be available soon.

October 29- November 2, 2018: EQ-HR Workshop
EQ-HR Center is sponsoring an intensive four or five-day session designed to enable participants to learn about, build and practice emotional intelligence skills in a small group setting. The program provides the space for faith based leaders to openly explore their relationships with self, their communities and congregations, and experiment with new behaviors. Participants will receive multiple level feedback: in session coaching from experienced facilitators, 360 degree ESCI Analysis, group feedback, and partner feedback. As group life unfolds, participants give and receive feedback regarding the impact they have on others in the group. Participants will learn both inter-personal and intra-group communication skills. The event will take place at the Bishop Clagget Center in Adamstown, MD. Cost is $695 for early bird tuition, $750 regular, $199 ESCI Assessment (required) and $550 for lodging and meals. Payment plans are available. More information at https://www.eqhr.org/registration/5-day-maryland-2018.

November 2, 2018: 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 Jason Yoder, a local musician who sings blues and acoustic music. 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. 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/2018/08/2018-Shade-Mountain-Winery-Flyer.pdf

November 4, 2018: Luther Rose Lectures
Dr. Vincent Evener, Instructor in Reformation and Luther Studies at United Lutheran Seminary, will present the 2018 Luther Rose Lecture at Palm Lutheran Church, Palmyra. It will be from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Evener will speak on Luther, Mysticism, and the Social Order.

November 5, 2018: LARC Day of Dialog
As part of our 1993 covenant among Lutherans, Anglicans, & Roman Catholics (LARC), the Upper Susquehanna Synod participates in an annual Day of Dialogue with the Dioceses of Harrisburg (RC) and Central Pennsylvania (Episcopal) and the Lower Susquehanna Synod. This year’s Day of Dialog will take place on Monday, November 5, 9:00-3:00, at the Keeler Center in Harrisburg, with the theme A Christian Response to Violence. This event is open to all. Registration information will be made available in September.
November 9-11, 2018: Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend
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November 12, 2018: Educating Educators
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December 7, 2018: Boundary Awareness Training
The Lower Susquehanna Synod is holding a boundary awareness training on December 7, 2018, at Good Shepherd in Liverpool. Cost is $25. For more information, visit https://www.lss-elca.org/event/boundary-workshop-3/. Rostered leaders of the ELCA are required to remain current with Boundary Awareness training. As part of their continuing education rostered leaders should participate in a training every three years. Bishop Barbara J. Collins encourages all rostered leaders of this synod to take advantage of trainings offered by our ELCA and full-communion partners. Bishop Collins also encourages all ALWL’s of this synod to participate in a boundary training event every three years, just as rostered leaders are required to remain current with boundary training. Please be sure to send a copy of your certificate of completion/participation to the bishop’s office when you have completed a workshop. As we learn of opportunities we will make them known.