**NEWS AND LINKS**

- **Synod Assembly Reminders:** The 2019 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will take place on the campus of Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, on June 14-15, 2019. All rostered leaders and voting members from every congregation are expected to attend. Clergy need to write an excuse to the bishop if you cannot attend. This year's theme will be “On the Way Together: United, Supporting, Serving.” Rev. Ruben Duran, who serves as the Director for Congregational Vitality. **Live Tweet from Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly:** We will live “tweet” and invite others to as well using this hashtag: #usselca19. If you'd like to see what is happening at assembly, search for the Twitter hashtag or visit www.facebook.com/usselca. **Along the Way Bookstore:** Sandy Grier will operate her bookstore at assembly. She’ll have cards, gift items, books, bulletins, flower charts, Sunday School attendance charts, CDs, DVDs, plays, church supplies, Bibles, Sundays and Seasons and much more. Visit her in the Degenstein Campus Center. **Bulletin of Reports:** Reports are uploaded as they become available, so please check back to see what’s new! https://www.uss-elca.org/assembly/.

- The following prayer petitions are prepared and sent by the Upper Susquehanna Synod Liberia Committee. Please use them in your congregation to lift up our companion synod program; for example, include them in your intercessory prayers, print them in your bulletin or newsletter. The committee welcomes suggestions for petitions. https://www.uss-elca.org/liberian-prayers-may-august-2019/

- Augsburg Fortress is happy to announce that beginning with Year A, 2020, Worship Planning Calendar will now be shifting to a smaller format of 5" x 8". This spiral-bound planner will continue to provide two-page spreads for each week and retain many of the features that enhance worship planning. Space is provided to record appointments and reminders for each day. For more information, visit https://tinyurl.com/yxsjgcpp.

- The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will take place Aug. 5-10 in Milwaukee, Wis. Each congregation of the ELCA may register one congregation observer. Congregation observers will be seated in the observers’ section of the plenary hall and have access to the ELCA Guidebook app as well as materials distributed on the plenary floor to voting members. Are you interested in serving as a volunteer at the assembly? In the upcoming months, the Greater Milwaukee Synod will be recruiting about 600 volunteers to greet guests at the airport, help with worship services and work as microphone pages. More information: http://www.cwa19.org/volunteer-positions/

**MILESTONES**

With thanks to God for their ministry, we celebrate with these children of God the anniversaries of their ordination or consecration (note: anniversary years listed are in multiples of five only):

- **55 years:** Frederick Bigelow (retired) 6/28/1964
- **50 years:** Gary Owens (Christ, Brick and White, Middleburg) 6/12/1969; A. Donald Main (retired) 6/15/1969
- **45 years:** Frederick Faust (retired) 6/23/1974; Theodore Cockley (retired) 6/23/1974; Thomas Livernois (retired) 6/23/1974
- **40 years:** Robert Driesen (retired) 6/17/1979
- **15 years:** Vickie Brown (St. Peter’s, Kreamer) 6/13/2004
- **5 years:** Marylou Byerly (Chaplain, UPMC Williamsport) 6/20/14; Rick White (Zion, Kratzerville) 6/21/2014
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
(Updated May 23, 2019)

We publish these long-term interim situations twice per year in Headwaters, unless there are changes. For more ministry opportunities, visit https://www.uss-elca.org/ministry-opportunities/

Long-Term Interim
- St. Mark, Alfarata, and St. John (Ridge), McClure
- Centre, Mifflintown
- Christ, Buckhorn/St. Paul, Straubs
- Christ, Canby
- Emmanuel, Thompsonstown
- Freeburg Parish
- Grace, Jersey Shore
- Grace, Pt. Township/Trinity, Pt. Township
- St. Paul, Allensville
- St. Paul’s, Erdleys, and St. Paul, Middle Creek Dam
- St. Paul, Numida
- St. Peter, Aristes
- St. Peter, Columbia Hill
- St. Peter, Grovania
- St. Peter, West Cameron
- Trinity, Cowan
- Trinity, Sunbury
- Zion, Trevorton

Without Interim, Synod Staff Covering
- St. Luke, Sunbury
- St. Mark, Dormantown

CONFERENCE MEETINGS
All conferences will next meet in September

Clergy Shirts Available: There are various women’s clergy shirts, size 24 in variety of colors available for the taking in the lobby of the synod office.

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

June 2: Bishop at Garman and Grace, Jersey Shore. Bishop and Pastor Miller at LARC Vespers
June 9: Bishop at Zion, Kratzerville
June 23: Bishop and Pastor Miller at St. Luke, Williamsport
June 30: Bishop away for ordination

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June 2, 2019: LARC Vespers
The Lutherans-Anglicans-Roman Catholic (LARC) Vespers will take place this year on June 2 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Liverpool. This annual service is a time for us to gather in celebration of the growing unity we share with brothers and sisters in Christ in the Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches. Our synod continues to live into the covenant we signed in 1993 with the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Harrisburg and Scranton, and the Lower Susquehanna Synod. While registration is not required for this event, we ask that you indicate by emailing info@uss-elca.org with the number of people from your congregation expected to attend in order that we can plan for sufficient refreshments following the vespers. The time for the event is 4:00 p.m.

June 9, 2019: Summer Camp Kickoff and Circle of Faith Dinner
On Sunday, June 9, 2019, Camp Mount Luther will have a worship service at 7:00 p.m. at which time they will kick-off the 2019 Summer Camping Season. The worship service is open to anyone who would like to attend to support our synod’s outdoor ministry and this year’s summer staff. The service will be held outdoors, if the weather permits, so please bring a lawn chair. The worship will be immediately following the annual Circle of Faith Giving Club Dinner, which is by invitation. If you would like information on the Circle of Faith Giving Club, contact chad@campmountluther.org.

June 14-15, 2019: Synod Assembly
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Looking Ahead to Summer at Mount Luther
Camp Mount Luther is gearing up for the summer camping season for 2019 and are accepting registrations for all programs. Late fees will begin to be accessed on June 2, so register soon to avoid the late fees! The summer camping session will be in full swing in June! This summer’s staff will arrive on June 2\textsuperscript{nd} for their two weeks of training. June 16, the first campers for this year will arrive for the season, for Scooby Doo Week, solving the Mystery of the Swashbuckling Pirate. This includes campers for a weeklong Day Camp. From June 23-28, programs offered include Night Owls (where campers stay up late and do nighttime activities), Fishing Adventure (with a trip to the Eastern Shore of Maryland), and Mini-
Junior Base Camp. Senior High X-Teen begins that week as well. Senior high aged campers can choose to come for ten days, a week, or three days. From June 30- July 3, Family Camp and LEADS, a leadership camp, will also be in session. Some highlights of programs in July and August include:

- Paws and Tracks, our programs where you pick extra activity time around several specialties.
- Craft, Lego, and Wild Sports (CLAWS) camp, doing more of those three activities.
- Pick-A- Day Day Camp when you pick how many days you want to come from 9:00 to 3:00.
- Classic Juniors and Intermediates for campers who want to experience the best Mount Luther has to offer.
- Intermediate Ten Day for middle schoolers who want to stay longer!
- SURE for campers who want to Survive Using the Resources of the Environment.
- High Adventure, featuring some climbing and bouldering and a high ropes course.
- Mini-Base Camps, a half week camps for our youngest campers.
- Intern for our senior high campers who want to learn what it’s like to be on staff.
- Tour de Crème, a bike trip taking rides to local ice cream establishments.
- Buffalo Gap Adventure, a small hiking trip to the state forest near camp.

For more information, visit the camp website at www.campmountluther.org or call 570-922-1587. Stay connected to camp this summer and find out what is happening during our various programs, visit Facebook (www.facebook.com/mountluther), Twitter (@mtluther) and our blog (www.campmountluther.wordpress.com). We try to update these daily but please realize that our staff is quite busy and if updates are not posted, it’s because the campers and staff are so busy that they can’t get an update posted. And, don’t forget, our daily First Light devotions will continue to be posted each weekday. Check them at www.cmlfaithformation.weebly.com.

**June 24-26, 2019: From Crib to Cross (Lutheran-Episcopal Retreat)**

Explore the Lutheran-Episcopal full communion partnership in a relaxed, scenic setting in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia through conversations with participants of each tradition. It will be held at the Shrine Mont Retreat in Orkney Springs, Virginia, with keynote speakers Dr. Alyson Barnett-Cowan and Dr. Timothy Wengert. Register online (and get more information) at www.virginialutheranepiscopal.wordpress.com.

**July 2, 2019: Celebrate LOM’s 100th!**

July 5 is the date of the 100th anniversary of Lutheran Outdoor Ministry. In 1919 on that day, the first Lutheran camp was held near Zelienople, PA. The Camp Mount Luther staff invites everyone to come to camp on Tuesday evening, July 2, 2019, to celebrate. As part of our annual Family Camp, we’ll be having a campfire and worship service to commemorate the birthday. It all gets underway at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so bring a lawn chair. To help us plan, it would be helpful to have an RSVP to chad@campmountluther.org or call 570-922-1587.

**July 13-20, 2019: Theological Education with Youth**

This program, sponsored by United Lutheran Seminary, is open to youth in grades 9-12 (completed as of June 2019). The program will focus on how Lutherans read the Bible and engage in response and dialog about our beliefs and how these beliefs meet the needs of our world. Leadership components will build on how to approach advocacy and practice through the Lutheran lens. Registration and more detailed information will be available soon.

**July 14-20, 2019: Theological Education with Adults**

This program, sponsored by United Lutheran Seminary, is open to all people interested in the topic matter. Registrations are available for one day, part of the week, or the whole week. The theme for 2019 will center around Biblical Hermeneutics (interpretation of the Bible and texts) using historical and cultural knowledge, reading through the Lutheran lens. Registration and more detailed information will be available soon.
July 20, 2019: USSWO Convention
The Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women’s Organization Annual Convention will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at the Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, beginning with registration at 7:30 a.m. Women are asked to be present for this one-day convention as it brings an excellent opportunity for you to meet your sisters from neighboring churches and become informed about the workings of the Women of the ELCA. The theme for this year’s convention is “Go Forth in Faith,” based on 2 Corinthians 5:7. Pastor Jerri Carlin is the worship leader. The ingathering offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief and an in-kind offering will be items for Camp Mount Luther as suggested by the camp. Registration forms are available at http://www.uss-elca.org/upper-susquehanna-synodical-womens-organization/

August 12-14, 2019: Misconduct Training
The following is a link to information on a valuable and timely training opportunity for rostered ministers: "Misconduct in Congregations: Moving from Hurt to Wholeness," August 12-14, 2019, Stow (Akron), Ohio. For event information, flyer links, and the online registration form link: https://conta.cc/2K3iobE. Workshop presenters include Barbara Keller, therapist and ELCA consultant for the prevention of misconduct; Beth Marie Halvorsen, intentional interim pastor and National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors faculty member; and Marcus Lohrmann, interim pastor, Memorial Lutheran Church, Toledo, OH, former interim bishop, Florida-Bahamas Synod (2017), retired after 18 years as bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod.