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Synod News for
Upper Susquehanna
Leaders



HEADWATERS

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News



Stories of Faith in Action



This annual publication illustrates how God is at work across the ELCA through your generosity. It highlights how a portion of your offering, called Mission Support, advances the ministry of our church — particularly the ways the ELCA nurtures vital congregations, raises up leaders and grows the global church. Most importantly, it's one way we say thank you for your faithful generosity to your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — by showing your offering at work.

[Dive into the latest edition](#), which is now available digitally and includes: A special message from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; Nine inspiring stories from around the country and world.; Your 2019 financial report on Mission Support — the portion of your offering your congregation shares with your synod and your synod shares with the churchwide organization; A story-based devotional for use at Bible studies or committee meetings.

Coming soon: "Stories of Faith in Action" is getting a new website that will utilize some of the most immersive techniques in digital storytelling. We are excited to debut this platform and share how your contributions have made ministry possible. Look for more details in future ELCA communications!

Additionally, you can visit ELCA.org/SOFIA today to download:

- A printable PDF (black-and-white or color) of "Stories of Faith in Action" for use in your congregation.
- Nine one-page black-and-white story printables to share in meetings, in newsletters or via social media.
- [Three videos](#) associated with stories from this publication.

Portico Health Benefit Options

In response to a resolution from the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA Church Council is recommending not one but two ELCA-Primary health benefit options for next year. Organizations can prepare to select their 2021 health benefit option this fall by learning about the [recommended options](#) and accessing their [Custom Comparison Report](#) on EmployerLink.

Hunger in the Time of COVID-19

Download this newsletter at <https://www.uss-elca.org/headwaters/>

Milestones

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

20 years:
Pastor Lisa Barnes
(United in Christ
Parish, Snyder and
Juniata County)
9/30/2000

Conference Meetings

Buffalo Valley: First Thursday of the month, 9:00 a.m., Site TBA

Juniata Valley: The third Thursday of the month at 10:00 to noon with lunch following, Site TBA

Rick Steves, guidebook author and travel TV host; the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); and the Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA, invite you to a virtual benefit — the first of its kind — for ELCA World Hunger. This Zoom virtual event will take place Thursday, Sept. 24, 8 p.m. **Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to confront hunger in the time of COVID-19.** We are called by God to share hope in this time of challenge. There is still time to register for this extraordinary event to face this global hunger crisis head-on and to continue moving toward a just world where all are fed. Please spread the word among your congregations and communities.



[Register now](#) or visit <https://www.elca.org/hungerfundraiser> to learn more.

CARES Payment

Under the coronavirus response CARES Act, individuals are eligible to receive a one-time payment of up to \$1,200, with an additional \$500 available for each dependent. Five million eligible Americans who did not automatically receive checks/funds need to file to receive their payment. Our churches have an important role to play in reaching out to their communities in the next weeks before the close of the program to let people often already struggling with poverty know how to apply and access this support.

Next Zoom: October 7

The next monthly Zoom meeting with the bishop will take place at 11:00 a.m. Here's the login information: <https://www.uss-elca.org/bi-weekly-zoom-instructions/>



Weekly Online Gathering for ELCA Leaders

This week's gathering from ELCA Coaching has not been announcement. Their website is listing it as "TBA."

<https://wp.me/p9Gqgm-1kk>

CML Whoopie Pie Sale

Everyone is invited to participate in Camp Mount Luther's latest pandemic fundraiser. Whoopie Pie orders will be taken until September 30, 2020. You then pick-up your order at the Evergreen Center from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Cost is \$2.00 per Whoopie Pie. This is to replace the normal Whoopie Pie stand at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival. Order online at <https://forms.gle/SUwkjzXJ5NBnt2Mc8>. Flavors to choose from:



- Chocolate with Vanilla
- Chocolate with Peanut Butter
- Red Velvet with Cream Cheese Icing
- Pumpkin with Cream Cheese Icing
- Snickerdoodle with Coffee-Flavored Icing
- Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing
- Lemon
- Drunken (Chocolate with Guinness and Bailey's Irish Cream Icing)
- S'Mores
- Oatmeal

ELCA Level 1 Coach Online Trainings

Questions: Contact Craig Miller at prcmiller@uss-elca.org or (347) 327-3777. Our synod desires to cultivate a culture of coaching and create pathways and partnerships for coaching to support the ministry in which we engage! If you think you have gifts to serve as a coach and you would like to start, please let me know. The ELCA coach network firmly believes that valuing, prioritizing, and deploying coaching as a leadership style of accompaniment, synod-by-synod, is a strong strategy for developing a well-governed, connected, and sustainable church.

Here are the details for ELCA Level 1 Coach Launch Trainings for 2020: Cost: \$375/participant
Note: this is a tremendous cost savings for our denomination as participants do not have to add

Middle Creek:
Second Wednesday
of month, 10:00
a.m., Site TBA

North Branch:
Fourth Wednesday
of the month, 9:30
a.m., Site TBA

Tulpehocken: First
Tuesday, 10:00
a.m., Site TBA

West Branch:
Second Tuesday of
the month, 9:30
a.m., Messiah,
South Williamsport

additional funds for travel/housing for the typical 2-day face-to-face training and host synods do not have to allow for venue and food costs for hosting!

Cohort Dates and Registration Links: Tuesdays September 29, October 6, 13, 20 (triad), 27, November 3, 10, 17 (triad) Mondays & Wednesdays November 2, 4, 9, 11 (triad), 16, 18, 30 and December 2 (triad) All these sessions run 4-6 p.m. Eastern. Participants MUST attend the triad sessions LIVE; outside of the live triads, participants can miss attending up to 2 sessions live and catch up by watching a recording. Pre-work from CoachNet and from ELCA Coaching Ministry is required (a series of short videos and a 30-minute session with the Coordinator of ELCA Coaching). All are open for registration NOW. There is a 30 person cap on each one. Registration closes 10 days before the start of each cohort.

Prayers



Prayer Petitions

Upper Susquehanna Global Ministry Team offers prayer intercessions for your weekly worship services or personal devotions. Our mission is to provide opportunities to learn more about and uplift prayers for our ELCA global partners: Ansbach/Wurzburg in Bavaria, Lutheran Church in Liberia, Lutheran World Federation; Young Adults in Global Mission; Global Health Ministries; Camp Mount Luther; and Seafarer's International.

Click here for prayers: <https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Intercessory-Prayer-9.2020.docx>

For the following congregations in our synod and their pastors:

- Trinity, Cowan (Interim Pastor Paul Kampa)
- St. Paul, Allensville (Interim Pastor Mike Sigler)
- St. Matthew, Shamokin Dam (Vicar Mindy Bartholomew)
- Trinity, Danville (Pastor Trevor Hahn)
- St. Peter, West Cameron (Pastor Fred Faust)
- St. John, Jersey Shore (Pastor Kerry Aucker)

We randomly list congregations from our synod each time in Headwaters.

Links



Worship Resources

Worship resources available from Lutheran Summer Music During this time of physical distancing, Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) has developed a resource page that includes interactive worship resources unique to LSM as well as inspiring faculty performances and helpful practice tips.

<https://www.lsmacademy.org/resources>

Free Webinar

A one-hour free webinar is coming up on Sept. 24, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. on *Addiction & Race: Generations of Trauma*. Addiction and drug policy in America are inextricably linked to race. In this seminar, we'll dive into the dynamics of racial injustice, trauma, and oppression that contribute to addiction rates. We'll also look at the ongoing racial disparities in policing and incarceration that perpetuate inequality and fail to address the root causes of addiction and the potential negative consequences of drug use. If you are working to lead your congregation or community through issues of racial justice, this webinar will be a valuable resource. The link to register for the Sept. 24th webinar

is https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9416001257644/WN_ZtYXWEOnTaCJMmbdV6sPGA

Effective Transitional Leadership

If you are serving as a leader of an organization during a transition, this course is designed for you! More than ever, leaders of faith communities and organizations need skills to navigate these days of turmoil and change. Effective Transitional Leadership is a virtual workshop designed to teach and apply the essential skills needed to be an effective transitional leader. In these times, executive leaders must understand the opportunities transition creates for organizations and faith communities. This workshop covers the essential characteristics of this specialized work and

strategies to support those engaged in it. "The workshop is a PRIMER for those who are new to transitional leadership and a REFRESHER for those transitional practitioners seeking to update their skills." TWO CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM: OCTOBER 20, 21, 27, 28, 2020 1:30 to 4:30 Each Day Eastern Time DECEMBER 2-3, 2020 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Each Day Eastern Time AFFORDABLE PRICING: TUITION: \$365 CURRENT IMN MEMBER TUITION: \$249.00
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Continuing Education

- Now through Oct 1, Fuller Formation is FREE:
<https://formation.fuller.edu/>
Check out the latest offerings from the Stevenson School for Ministry here:
<https://diocesecpa.org/ssfm/>
 - Check out the latest offerings from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center of their course and webinars at <https://lmpeacecenter.org/>
 - Check out the latest offerings of the Interim Ministry Network here: <https://imnedu.org/>
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