

SHARE **Spring 2025**



Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization

President's Prose

A warm winter greeting to y'all,
Since I was last in touch 32 ladies and gents went
on a bus trip to the United Seminary in
Gettysburg. It was such a hit that there is talk of
doing another trip somewhere this fall as well.
Stay tuned.

In the meantime, the amazing Board has made
many decisions for the Day of Learning and
Renewal and for the Convention.

**The Day of Learning and Renewal is set for
April 26th at Salem Lutheran Church,
Selinsgrove PA. The theme for the day is
Brushstrokes of Faith and Strength.**

Participants will be led by Christian artist Judy
Mummau in painting a picture of 3 crosses which
they will take home with them. There will also
be a Women at Risk Survivor Pop-UP Store with
items to purchase during break times throughout
the day. Cash and Credit cards will be accepted.

**The cost to attend is \$25 and the deadline to
register is April 1st.**

**The Convention will be held on July 26th at
Faith Lutheran Church in Lewisburg PA with the
theme of For All the Faithful Women. There
are details about the Convention included in this
newsletter.**

Until we meet again, may God's peace be with
you.

*Your USSWO President,
Kathy Whitesel*



Letter Of Call To:

You are invited to attend the Thirty-seventh
Annual Convention of the Women of the
ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, July 26,
2025 at Faith Lutheran Church, 2349 Old
Turnpike Rd, Lewisburg, PA 17837 Please
plan to attend this one- day Convention. It is
an excellent opportunity for you to unite with
our sisters from neighboring churches as we
engage in the business of the Women of the
ELCA.

This year we will be putting together Period
Packs which will be sent to CWS for
distribution. Each WELCA group attending
the Convention is asked to bring either
regular Tampons, Super absorbency Tampons
or packs of 12 Pads (unscented, long super
ultra-thin). The plan is to pack 200 kits. Any
extra items will go to a local shelter. All
other items needed for the kits will be
supplied by the USSWO.

In light of all the natural disasters the In-
gathering offering will be sent to Lutheran
Disaster Response. Checks should be made
payable to USSWO.

Convention Theme:

For All the Faithful Women

Scripture Text: Luke 1:45

Convention Hymn:

For All the Faithful Women



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Women Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

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BLANKET SUNDAY ★ **October 5, 2025**
Information and Forms in the Fall issue of SHARE

USSWO Day of Learning and Renewal

Brushstrokes of Faith and Strength

Saturday, April 26, 2025,

The USS Women's Organization invites you to join us on Saturday, April 26th at Salem Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove for a day of Learning and Renewal while helping Women at Risk Survivors. The event will begin with registration at 9:30 am. Following an opening at 10:00 am, Judy Mummau will lead everyone in painting a picture of three crosses on a hillside during sunset (see picture on flyer). Lunch will be provided. After lunch, Judy will paint a picture and tell a Bible story. The day will end around 2:00 pm with a closing. Throughout the day, there will be a pop-up shop open where you can buy items and gifts that will support the Women at Risk Survivors International. The cost for the day will be \$25.00 which includes all your painting supplies and lunch. Pre-registration and payment are due by April 1st.

Picture of Painting Project:



Directions to Salem Lutheran Church - From Route 15, turn onto Route 522 (red light at Ford Motors in Selinsgrove). From Route 522, turn onto Salem Road. Church is located at 899 Salem Road, Selinsgrove.

About the Artist: Judy Mummau is a Christian artist from central Pennsylvania. Her enthusiasm for art and encouraging people with the love of Jesus is evident in her painting classes and ministry. Judy is a pastor's wife, has three teenage children and helps on their family farm. Having led over 770 classes, she regularly travels to lead painting party classes for all ages. Judy proudly says, "Anyone can be an artist. It's not fine art, it's fun art."

Women at Risk International unites and educates to create circles of protection around those at risk through culturally sensitive, value-added intervention projects. This pop-up will help raise awareness about the struggles that women & men face. Items for sale may include jewelry, ornaments, and spa items of various prices. Cash or credit card will be accepted at the event. If you would like to learn more about this organization, you may visit their website: www.warinternational.org

To register for the Brushstrokes of Faith and Strength event, please complete this form and return it and your \$25 registration fee (checks can be made out to USSWO) to Sue Baylor, 364 Kaseville Rd, Danville PA 17821. Registrations must be received by April 1st to ensure supplies are available for the event!

Name _____ Congregation _____
Address _____
Preferred Telephone Number _____
Email _____
Dietary Restrictions _____

Fall Bus Trip to Gettysburg Seminary

On Saturday, October 12th, 2024, thirty-two travelers boarded a bus (picking up at three locations along the Rte 15 corridor) and headed for Gettysburg Seminary.

The trip was planned in lieu of our Fall Retreat and found us enjoying a beautiful fall day. We arrived at the Chapel where our Seminary Student tour guide (a native of the Port Royal area) introduced us to the series of windows surrounding the sanctuary offering biblical and historical remembrances from both Old and New Testament and Gettysburg-related leaders.



We continued our visit with a walk down the block to view the exterior of the Schmucker house (complete with a cannonball still lodged in the wall). After lunch in the cafeteria, we stopped in the Library where the Archivist offered us the opportunity to see up close several items from the distant past (mid 1500s and 1700s) – Bibles, Concordia, and Hymnals, which are maintained by this Archive. We continued with a visit to the Seminary Museum where multi-floor exhibits showed how the buildings were utilized during the Civil War for hospital needs.

After a buffet supper at The Barn Resort (former Boyd's Bear Barn) we headed for home – all in all, an enjoyable respite on a pleasant fall day.



Registration Form
Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization
Thirty-seventh Annual Convention
Faith Lutheran Church
2349 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837
"For All the Faithful Women"
July 26th 2025

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____

CONGREGATION NUMBER _____

CONGREGATION ADDRESS _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

CLUSTER (Please check one):

Buffalo Valley _____ Juniata Valley _____ North Branch _____

Middle Creek _____ Tulpehocken _____ West Branch _____

Is this YOUR first time to attend a convention? _____ Yes _____ NO

I will be attending the Convention as (Please check one)

Delegate _____ Participant _____ Board _____ Officer _____

_____ My Congregational Unit is a member of the Women of the ELCA

_____ My Congregational Unit is not a member of the Women of the ELCA

Special Food Needs _____

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$40.00 PAYABLE TO:

Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization (or USSWO)

Return Registration form and full payment by June 15, 2025

Robin Latsha- 507 Slutter Valley Rd., Dornsife, PA 17823

Phone: 570-758-4610(home) 570-556-7691(cell)

Email: rlatsha@tds.net

NO REFUNDS AFTER July 15, 2025

Nomination Form for Executive Board
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization

This form is to be used for nominees to a position for the Women of the ELCA Upper Susquehanna Synod. The individual nominated must consent to serve if elected. Each nominee must be a participant of a Congregational/Intercongregational Unit and a member of the ELCA.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____

CONGREGATION NUMBER _____

CONGREGATION ADDRESS _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

CLUSTER (Please check one):

Buffalo Valley _____ Juniata Valley _____ North Branch _____

Middle Creek _____ Tulpehocken _____ West Branch _____

EXPERIENCE that would help this person serve in this position:

Please indicate up to four experiences, offices and/or other responsibilities over the last ten years for the following:

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (include congregational unit, cluster, synodical women's organization, churchwide. May include experience in previous church bodies)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

ELCA (include congregation, conference, synod and churchwide. May include experiences in previous church bodies.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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ECUMENICAL (interchurch related activities. Include local, state and national/international)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (Please indicate offices, volunteer service and/or other responsibilities)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

VOCATIONAL/OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCES (Include full or part-time)

AGE CATEGORY: 20-29 ____ 30-39 ____ 40-49 ____ 50-64 ____ 65 and over ____

Consent of the Nominee has been secured? ____ Yes ____ No

Submitted by: _____

Congregational/Intercongregational Unit

Mail by July 1, 2025 to:

Elizabeth Baylor
364 Kaseville Rd
Danville, PA 17821

**UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SWO
THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Faith Lutheran Church
2349 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg, PA 17827
“For All the Faithful Women”
July 26, 2025

DELEGATE CERTIFICATION

DELEGATE’S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(Street) (City) (Zip)

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____

CONGREGATION NUMBER _____

CONGREGATION ADDRESS _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

CLUSTER (Please check one):

Buffalo Valley _____ Juniata Valley _____ North Branch _____

Middle Creek _____ Tulpehocken _____ West Branch _____

Is this the DELEGATE’S first time to attend a Convention? _____ Yes _____ NO

(It is very important that this form be sent as well as the registration form in order to form the Committees of Convention)

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED IN ORDER TO CERTIFY YOUR DELEGATE!!!

Return form by July 1, 2025 to:

Elizabeth Baylor
364 Kaseville Rd.
Danville, PA 17821
Phone 570-279-4766
sueb123@ptd.net

Responsibilities of the Delegate:

1. Attend all Business Meetings and
2. Report on the Convention to Congregational/Intercongregational units concerning the actions and events of the Convention.

