



# Upper Susquehanna Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*United as Christ's Disciples, we Support one another; and Serve God in the World*

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## Office of the Bishop

7 April 2025

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6*

Dear Friends,

Our synod will gather June 13 & 14 at Camp Mount Luther under the theme “*Living into the Good News*.” This theme reminds us of our baptismal calling to bear witness to the faith we profess as priests anointed by the Holy Spirit. Our witness comes out of our life together in the church in which we “hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper” and from which we learn to “serve all people, following the example of Jesus” (*Affirmation of Baptism*, ELW p. 237).

The Assembly Planning Committee is preparing for our two days of gathering for worship, edification, and the business of the synod. In our limited time together, voting members and visitors will have opportunities for workshops focused on ministries in our congregations, to hear from partners within or affiliated with the church, and to learn about the work happening in our synod.

A highlight of our assembly will be our festival Eucharist, this year on Saturday morning. Being in an alternative location this year means we will get to try out some different ways to worship while honoring the traditions of our Lutheran Church. The Worship Team is considering options to take advantage of the location for a fulfilling worship experience.

I hope that many will take advantage of this opportunity to witness to the unity we have under our Lord Jesus.

In Christ,

 Bishop Craig A. Miller