

STOP
LISTEN
HEAR



NWPA & SWPA

Women of ELCA Retreat at
Lutherlyn

September 25th -27th

Bible Verse: Mark 4:23

“If you have ears to hear, then hear!”

NRSVUE



Online registration link

NWPA & SWPA WOMEN OF The ELCA Retreat
September 25-27th
500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler PA 16001



Mark 4:23 "If you have ears to hear, then hear"

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Home Congregation (if applicable): _____
City: _____

SYNOD

NW Synod _____ SW Synod _____ Other Synod: _____

First time Participant Yes No

Emergency Contact: _____
Phone #: _____

Who you would like to room with: _____

Special Needs: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

CHOOSE YOUR REGISTRATION PACKAGE

___ \$100.00- Retreat SAT only (2 Saturday meals)

___ \$145.00- Retreat SAT plus FRI NIGHT LODGING (3 Sat meals)

___ \$145.00- Retreat SAT plus SAT NIGHT LODGING (2 Sat meals/Sun breakfast)

___ \$175.00- Full Weekend includes FRI/SAT Lodging (3 Sat meals/Sun breakfast)

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Please indicate which workshop you would like to attend for each session

Morning Session

☐ **Just Listen-** You'll create a beautiful nature-inspired canvas while immersing yourself in a peaceful, calming atmosphere. As soothing music fills the room, you'll paint sections of pinecones, draw graceful branches onto your canvas, and transform natural elements into a unique piece of artwork. Once your pinecones are painted, you'll attach them to your branch design, creating stunning floral-like accents. Finish your masterpiece by adding any decorative touches that inspire you and make it uniquely yours.

☐ **Stop & Relax - Tai Chi or Chair Yoga-** Is gentle, low impact exercise using meditation as motion. Type of exercise will be determined once an instructor is found.

☐ **None-** Enjoy free time

Afternoon Session

☐ **Hear with Your Hands-** Join us for a fun and interactive workshop where you'll learn common American Sign Language (ASL) phrases while gaining insight into how individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing communicate. By learning simple signs and everyday expressions, you'll build valuable communication skills, foster greater inclusion, and make a positive impact in your community. No experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to learn!

☐ **Listen to God through Nature-** Is a self-guided spiritual journey designed to help you slow down, reflect, and connect with God in a meaningful way. Walk at your own pace—whether alone, with a friend, or alongside a small group—as you immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquility of nature. For a deeper experience, begin with the **Prayer Labyrinth by the lake**, taking time for prayer, reflection, and quiet listening. Then continue your journey up **Chapel Hill**, allowing the sights, sounds, and stillness around you to guide your heart closer to God.

☐ **None-** Enjoy free time

FREE TIME

Free time may include anything from reading a good book under a tree, taking a nap in your cabin, self-guided hike or just strolling the grounds with friends, Visiting the prayer corner, walking the prayer labyrinth, sitting on the front porch with a cup of tea, or anything that strikes your fancy!

BASKET RAFFLE

Every attendee will receive 5 complimentary Raffle tickets upon check-in there will be additional ways to earn raffle tickets on Friday and Saturday by participating in workshops events and for the game winners! Tickets may also be purchased during the weekend and proceed to benefit our 2026 Lutheran Retreat. Gift basket winners will be chosen after the activities on Saturday just prior to dinner.

 I am interested in donating a raffle basket (You will be contacted by The Retreat committee with details of signing up to bring a basket individuals and groups are encouraged.)

I promise to be a respectful guest of Lutherlyn by following all the camp rules, sharing the space kindly with others, treating Lutherlyn grounds with respect and will do my part to represent WELCA in a positive manner while having a safe and fun retreat experience. I have read the Retreat information document.

Sign_____ Date_____

Important notes

- Registration will close on **August 28, 2026**. Please plan ahead of time so you don't miss this deadline. Checks must be posted marked by this date as well.
- Make checks payable to: **SWPA-SWO/WELCA**
- Questions/concerns contact Jennifer Schaefer at 724-664-2077 or Jenniferlyns@comcast.net
- Please mail pages one to three with your payment too:

Jennifer Schaefer
% WELCA Lutherlyn Retreat
1210 Beach Drive
Latrobe, PA 15650

*******KEEP THE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR YOUR RECORDS*******

My AM Workshop Request: _____

My PM Workshop Request: _____

Date Registration Mailed: _____ Check# _____ Amount:\$ _____

WELCA Weekend Retreat Contacts

Angeline Schaefer (SW-SWO) 724-787-5235

Jean Knapp (NW-SWO) 814-558-1331

In case of emergency, Lutherlyn may be reached at any time at (724)865-2161.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RETREAT:

- All weekend
- Saturday
- Sunday

Friday Evening Registration

- Those staying Friday night arrive after 5:00 p.m. on September 25th.
- Cabin assignments will be posted in Red Wood Lodge along with a map of Lutherlyn.
- Jennifer Schaefer will be in Red Wood Lodge to answer any questions upon arrival.

Saturday Morning Registration

- Registration on Saturday will take place in the entryway of the dining hall between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.
- Those arriving Saturday morning should eat breakfast before arriving at the camp.

***REFUND POLICY:**

- Full refunds will be issued **IF** a written request has been received **NO LATER THAN** August 28th
- Partial refund of \$40 will be issued **IF** a written request has been received **BETWEEN** August 29th-September 4th
 - If cancellation is after September 4th, written cancellation must be made to the SWPA President.
 - Donna Petrell (SW): swpaswopres@gmail.com
- **ALL REFUND REQUESTS** need to be submitted to Jennifer Schaefer at:
 - Jenniferlyns@comcast.net
 - Jennifer Schaefer, 1210 Beech Dr, Latrobe, PA 15650

**Please note that the refund policy has been put in place to safeguard our organization financially. Once our final head count has been submitted to Lutherlyn we get zero refunds for cancellations. This makes perfect sense as Lutherlyn has to pay employees to clean, prepare, set up, purchase food and staff the weekend. We have absorbed these costs in previous years but simply are not able to do so at this time.*

***Monetary Offerings**

- NW & SW SWO will handle their own offerings. Offering envelopes will be provided for each synod in the designated registration folders. Offerings will be collected after bible study on Saturday and during the worship service on Sunday. Each SWO will disperse their offerings as follows:
 - 50% will be sent to WELCA churchwide
 - 25% will stay with the designated SWO
 - 25% will go to the individual SWO's Outreach projects as follows:
 - NWPA: Bethesda Foundation for Children
 - SWPA: Reagan's Journey

IN-KIND COLLECTION

NWPA- Bethesda Foundation for Children- Monetary Donations

SWPA- Reagan's Journey - Baby wipes; Disposable adult bathing/cleansing wipes; and \$25 Amazon, Walmart or Sheetz gift cards

A CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO BRING!

- Offering and in-kind collection items for your SWO
- Water bottle which can be refilled in the dining hall Lobby
- Board games and cards to play during the weekend
- Bible
- Tote bag

Spending the night? Don't forget

- Pillow
- Bedding (sheets and blankets)
- Towels
- Clothes
- Extra shoes
- Toiletries
- Flashlight
- Extension cord for CPAP machines, charging devices etc.
- Chair for cabin porch or campfire

Camp reminders and Lutherlyn policies

- No food or cooking in the cabins. (no coffee makers or toasters, etc.)
- If you require medication to be refrigerated or diet specific food stored, please alert Jennifer Schaefer upon arrival
- All Lutheran buildings are designated no smoking areas. Smoking and vaping are only permitted in the main parking lot and near the back of the dining hall. Dispose of cigarette butts in proper receptacles.
- Quiet time is 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. We appreciate your courtesy to others that may be at Camp during our stay especially in shared areas or facilities and maintaining quiet while others are conducting devotions or sleeping.
- Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only. There is no parking or driving on the grass; all vehicles must be kept in the parking lot. Driving on Lutheran grounds is typically not permitted, however for our group if walking between activities is problematic then you may drive. Please carpool and help us keep cars to a minimum.
- Guests are not permitted to bring or use firearms, air rifles, archery equipment, material art equipment, slingshots, weapons, gasoline in containers, flammable liquids, explosives, poison, or power tools on the premises.
- Beds, mattresses and furniture must not be moved from one building to another without Lutheran staff approval.
- Please do not use tape other than blue painter's tape.
- Please use the trash and recycling bins located on the grounds as this helps keep the environment clean and beautiful.
- For the health and safety of our guests and wildlife, pets are not permitted at Lutherlyn other than service animals according to the Americans with Disability Act.
- Alcohol is not permitted anywhere on the grounds without written consent from Camp Lutherlyn. Persons discovered possessing or who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be reported to local authorities and be asked to leave the grounds.
- Swimming and boating are not permitted.
- Catching and releasing fish is permitted only with a fishing license.

**SWPA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
2026 RETREAT GRANT**

Grant Amount – up to one-half of the full-time registration fee
Grant application to be returned by August 15, 2026

To: Linda Reed
193 Pittsburgh Street
Derry, PA 15627
724-433-2034

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Name of Congregation: _____

Cluster/Conference No. _____ First time Participant: Y N

Why would you like to receive this grant? (Choose all that apply)

1. Financial reasons
2. Would like to become more active in Synodical Activities
3. Would like to become more aware of concerns important to women

GUIDELINES

1. Total number of Grants to be issued will depend on the availability of funds and may not be awarded to the same person more than twice in a three-year period.
2. The monetary amount of each Grant is up to one-half of the full-time cost per event to one member from each Cluster.
3. Qualifications will be based on:
 - a. Written response on application
 - b. Consideration for first time participants
4. After the deadline, award decisions will be made by the Personal & Participation Growth Committee based on the guidelines.
5. Grant applicants will be notified of award of Grant within two weeks of the application deadline.
6. Grant recipients must mail their registration, along with the reduced fee, to event Registrar.
7. Grant recipient names will not be published.