

2023 Synod Assembly Announcements:

CONGRATULATIONS to the New Synod Officers:

- ♦ Nancy Reichelt elected as new Vice President to Synod Council
- ♦ The Rev. Kenneth Melber Jr. elected as new Secretary to the Synod Council

GODSPEED

We bid Godspeed to Synod Council Officers V.P. Kristen Edelman-Weiner and Secretary Carl Shankweiler. Thank you for a job well done!

The adopted resolutions, recordings, and other resources can be found on the NEPA Synod website at <https://nepasynod.org/assembly23/>



The logo for this year's synod assembly features a phoenix. The phoenix is a mythical creature that burns up, dies, and resurrects to new life, over and over again. This synod encapsulated our theme of going beyond death to life. We are a people of resurrection, resilience, and perseverance.



September 2023 LMD NL news will be due August 14, 2023.

Please email any information to lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com

← Photo taken from NEPA Synod Facebook post

2023 Synod Assembly Highlights

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

After three years, the 36th Annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met in person at Kalahari Resorts in the Poconos with over 400 voting delegates present.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Assembly:

RESPONSIBLE MONEY MANAGEMENT IN CONGREGATIONS

Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in assembly recommends to all of its congregations that

1. There be a complete disclosure to the members of those congregations the assets and liabilities of the congregations so that there is transparency concerning what the congregations own and what the congregations owe;
2. There be safeguards in the way money is handled in the congregations so that, for one example, at least two unrelated persons count all incoming money;
3. There be safeguards in the way money is spent, such as requiring two signatures on every check with those signatures being added after the checks have been prepared;
(There are an additional 4 more points under this resolution. Due to space in this newsletter this author invites readers to read the remaining points found on the synod website.)

CHAPLAINCY AT DIAKON FACILITIES

Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in Assembly urge that Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries Agency of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America commit to providing full time Chaplaincy in each of its Senior Living & Housing facilities.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Resolved, that this statement be placed on display prominent location at the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod office, on the Synod website, and in appropriate Synod publication, as well as read at the beginning of Synod-wide gathering; and be further

Resolved that all congregation camps, institutions of learning, and other partner organizations affiliated with Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod be encouraged to likewise adopt and use this or a similar statement; and be it further

Resolved that this assembly commits itself and strongly advises all those within this church body to become aware of and involved with the ELCA Truth and Healing Movement, and to use these opportunities to learn the true history and ongoing realities of indigenous people.

~The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Lehigh Mission District Dean

2023 Worship on Wednesdays

7:00 PM at St. Timothy
Lutheran Church
(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)
*at the pavilion or inside during
inclement weather*

WE WELCOME ALL OUR
FRIENDS OLD AND NEW
It is always a JOY to worship together !

Music begins at 6:45 PM:

July 5- Valley Collective

July 12- The Dulcimer Boys

July 19- River of Grace Gospel
Group

July 26- The Blend, The Barn
Faith Community, Allentown

August 2- Union Praise Band,
Union Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Schnecksville

August 9- The Cedar Routes,
Orchard Hills Church,
Breinigsville

August 16- Grace Notes
Gospel Big Band, Lehigh Valley

August 23- St. Timothy Lutheran
Church **ANNUAL PEACH
FESTIVAL (6-7:30 PM)**

EACH WEEK A FREEWILL
OFFERING WILL BE GIVEN TO A
CHOSEN ORGANIZATION.

The first 5 are supporting community
organizations engaged in senior
citizen assistance matters;
the second 5 are supporting
community organizations engaged
in environmental concerns.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR GOOD
MUSIC, THE WORD &
FELLOWSHIP!!!

See flyer for details.



Community Free Dinners
St. John's Lutheran Church
(1028 Church Street, Fogelsville)

Dinners will continue the 3rd Friday, every
other month (except November, when it will
be held on the 2nd Friday) from 5-7 PM.
Next meal: July 21st. Free dinners are
served "to-go", while supplies last.
All are welcome.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Wednesday, December 6th



St. John's Lutheran Church
(501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA)



Thank you for your support with this ministry!



THE CLOTHES CLOSET

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
(417 N. 7th Street, Allentown)

Offers free clothing to those in need in our
community, every Thursday from
9:30-11:30 am. Help is always needed.
For more information, please contact the
church at 610-434-3943.

Thank you to all who help or donate!!



OPERATION SUNSHINE

1933 Hanover Ave, Allentown, PA 18109
Phone: 610-435-9155

Open: Monday 11-3 and Wednesday 11-3
Email: LMDopsunshine@aol.com

Website: www.LMDopsunshine.com
Paula & Dick Skelly, Co-Trip Coordinators
*Operation Sunshine is a non-profit
fellowship opportunity within our Mission
District, run solely by volunteers.*

Aug. 4 (Fri.): Shawnee Playhouse –
**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING
TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**
*The biblical story of Joseph and his coat of
many colors comes alive in the musical retelling.*

September 17 to September 23, 2023
CHICAGO WITH 2 OVERNIGHTS IN CLEVELAND
*Please think about joining us for a fun trip to the
Windy City and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
Call the office to receive a full itinerary and
pricing. Final payment is due by July 31st.*

Oct. 17 (Tues.): The Waterfront at
Silver Birches – **GERMANFEST!**
*What could be more German than a Strudel
making demonstration, a 3-hour included Open
Bar of Wine, Draft Beer and soda, a buffet of all
your favorite German delicacies like Mushroom
Soup, Beet Salad, Chicken Schnitzel with warm
Potato Salad, Braised Bratwurst with red
cabbage and more!*

**See website or attached newsletter
for more details.**

GREATER ALLENTOWN CROP HUNGER WALK:

Sunday, October 22, 2023,

1:30 pm., with registration beginning at 1:00 pm.
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)

Register, donate, or find more information about the
life-saving work of Church World Service:

www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa

Please REGISTER your CROP Hunger Walk TEAM A.S.A.P.



Thanks to the 9 teams that have already registered!

CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off:

Sun., Aug. 27, 2023, 1:30-2:30 pm
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church,
(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)

Receive materials, ideas, and inspiration
for yourself and your congregation!

RSVP by Thurs., Aug. 24 to Linda Held
(jucc3441@ptd.net or 484-553-8922)



Like our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AllentownCROPWalk/>

**Distribute our Walker/Donor and Sponsorship
BROCHURES (see attached)!**