



# *The Herald*

*May 2023*

Newsletter for the Congregation  
And Friends of  
**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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***Our Mission:*** Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

Blessings Friends and families of Zion  
in, with and under Christ,

Spring is in full bloom and Zion is bustling with activity! I would first like to thank all the people that helped to make Lent through Easter a sacred a beautiful time here at Zion. Looking out at the congregation on Easter morning filled my heart with gratitude. All our voices lifted up in song and Alleluias was awe inspiring.



The month of May offers many opportunities to become involved in any of or more of our ministries here at Zion. Our new website will be launching very soon, and it will describe in detail, all that you can be involved with here. Our mission statement is “Empowered and inspired to bring others to Christ” Involved people, praising God and serving others IS indeed inspiring. Talk to anyone on our culinary team, diaper depot crew, outreach committee, Choir, Christian ed...etc.

Spring makes all things new and so does Jesus. We continue to welcome new members as a result of many things, nun the least of which is God’s grace. Our hospitality, our contributions to our community and the world does not go unnoticed. Positivity is contagious. Talk about the church where you belong. Never stop inviting people to “come and see”. WE are the body of Christ, here and now!! I pray that each one of us continues to do our part growing God’s kingdom here on earth and here at Zion. Please stay well and safe. Enjoy Spring in all of its finery. Be kind, share joy and be blessed.

With love, Pastor Cindy

**Morning Prayer on Facebook and Website:** Rev. Cindy White reads a selected Bible verse and offers a brief message or song Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Individuals with specific prayer requests can email those requests to Pastor White at [zionlutheranrev@gmail.com](mailto:zionlutheranrev@gmail.com).

# PASTA Dinner

**May 11, 2023**

**4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Cost - \$10.00**

**Menu: Pasta, Meatballs and sausage, salad, bread, dessert. Come enjoy some good food and fellowship! Hope to see you there!**



**Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.**





A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council

**ATTENTION GRADUATING CONFIRMED ZION MEMBERS: CLASS OF 2023**

Before you know it graduation will be here! Please submit a photo with information on high school graduating from, where you will be attending school or what your future plans may be, major, parents' names and how you were involved with Zion. You may submit a photo now with more information to follow later to the church office. Thank you.



*We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of:*

*Warren Schreffler, who passed away on March 27, 2023.*

*We ask God to comfort the family at this time.  
Please keep them in your prayers.*

## Upcoming Events

**May 5** – Blessings Thrift Shop

**May 11** – Pasta Dinner

**May 28** – Confirmation

**June 12-16** – Vacation Bible School



***Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2023 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2023 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$36.80 (please note price increase) and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!***



***Reminder:*** If you have sponsored Altar Flowers, Candles or Bulletins for 2023, please fill out the information cards in the gathering room. The information is needed for the bulletin and the Florist. If payment for the bulletin/candle sponsorship is not received prior to the date, the information will not be printed in the bulletin, please pay and fill out a form when you add your name on the list. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The Blessings Thrift Store Committee would like to thank the helpers, donors, and the shoppers for our continued success. The donations help fund the programs we support in and out of our community. Please note that the monies we receive are split between the Outreach Fund, which helps with our Outreach Programs, and the Current Fund, which helps pay Zions everyday bills. We thank God for all the Blessings this ministry gives us. Please continue to pray for this ministry. Thank you, Outreach Committee



**Zion's 2023 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritzy, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Carol Hartung, Darien Moyer, Kailey Richards, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

**P**lease note if you have recently become a member or feel there are changes in your membership information please fill out a membership packet located in the Gathering Room. If you need them sent to you, please contact the church office. Thank you for keeping our records up to date.

Would you like to make a gift to our Capital Campaign today? Do you need an envelope for your gift? Blank envelopes can be found in the rear of the church on either side. Please just write your name and Capital Campaign on the envelope so we can give you credit; and place the envelope in the boxes found on the wall on either side at the back on the sanctuary. For information on our Capital Campaign, please visit our website at <http://www.ziontamaqua.com/capital-campaign/>



**Saturday Worship – 5:30 pm**

**Sundays**

**Confirmation Class – 8:00 am**

**Worship – 9:00 am**

**Christian Education – 10:15 am**



**DEADLINE:** All information for the **June/ July/ August 2023 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, May 22, 2023.** Please note that this is a combined issue. You may e-mail your information to [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

**Hospitalizations** - If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office at 668-2180. Due to the HIPAA Law names are no longer published in the newspaper and we are not contacted by the hospital unless the patient requests it, when admitted, let them know you are a member of Zion Lutheran church. Zion Lutheran Church Lehigh Valley System Hospital Code is 356; If you are admitted to a hospital in the Lehigh Valley Hospital system (not St. Luke's/ Miner's) and you want our church and Pastor to be notified, provide Zion's Code # 356 when you provide admission information.

**Office Hours ~**  
Monday & Wednesday  
12:00 – 5:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Pastor's Office Hours ~**  
Wednesday  
11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Please use door located on Mauch  
Chunk Street, ring bell

*Please remember the following in your prayers Dr. Kathryn Kropp, Carolyn and Marlin Tirpak, John Eckert, Tim Phillips, Robert Dolbin, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.*

**Psalms 27:10**  
**If my father**  
**and mother forsake me,**  
**the LORD will take me up.**





## Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Grace Loretta Carter, daughter of Joshua and Mary Carter, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Grace's Godparent is Beth Marcavage. She received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Sunday, April 16, 2023 morning worship service; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparents in nurturing this child in the light of faith. Please welcome family and friends who join us to celebrate.



**Looking for a way you can help serve your church**, but don't have a lot of extra time? Are you able to commit to a half hour, on a day you will already be here? We are looking for greeters to welcome people to the church on Sunday mornings, hand out bulletins, and answer questions from visitors. We would like to have enough people to make up at least 6 teams, with 2 people per team. Please text or call Brian Lawfer at 570-952-5966 for more information.

Please continue to use your Boyer's key tag every time you shop in any Boyer's Markets. If you do not have a Boyer's tag, they are located in the Gathering room. Thank you for your participation in this program. **Keep using those cards!**

**Keep saving your Redner's receipts** and put them in the container in the Gathering room or mail them to the church office. Please note if you are turning in Redner's receipts please do not cut off the Save a tape portion of the receipt, this makes it invalid and we cannot turn them in, thank you and keep saving!





## Sharing your story

As part of an ongoing emphasis on Zion's impact, we'd like to share ways in which Zion has made a difference in the lives of its members and its community. Please respond to any **ONE** of these questions and include **your name** at the end.

Send your response to [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) (subject line "Impact story" or Zion Lutheran, 101 North Greenwood St., Tamaqua, PA 18252 Attention: Impact

1. How has Zion made a difference in your life? OR
2. What impact has Zion had on your life the last 2 1/2 years? OR
3. What is your vision for the future of Zion's ministry? OR
4. How has serving in a Zion ministry made a difference in your life?

**Please welcome our new members** Chris & Olivia Quick & Gregg, Andrea, Gavin, & Grifen Edmonds. They were received into membership on March 26, 2023. May they be blessed by their commitment to God and their participation in this faith family.



Do you like to clean? Some people really like to clean-- honest! If you do, why not join the Cleaning Angel team? We are looking for about 2 or 3 more members to add to the team. Cleaning Angels are members of the congregation who each week clean the Sanctuary, Gathering Room and Library. When two people do that cleaning, it can take 2-3 hours. Being a Cleaning Angel is not intended to be a lifelong commitment and so we thank those who have served and "retired." That means there are openings in the cleaning schedule for other members of the congregation to step up and help keep the church clean. This is a great opportunity to serve your church. The hours are flexible and there's lots of

great fellowship involved. Please contact any member of the Property Committee or Cleaning Sexton Kim Eckert or Parish Administrator Melody Gensure.

## ***March/ April Memorials***

### ***GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD***

***THE CANDLES*** are given to the *Glory of God and*

In loving memory of our son, Ells on his March 7<sup>th</sup> birthday by Ells and Gail Davis

In loving memory of our parents and grandparents by Ells and Gail Davis

In loving memory of my sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Bill Jones by Ells and Gail Davis

In loving memory of our son, Ells by Ells and Gail Davis

In loving memory of my husband John, family and friends by Sharon Haldeman

***THE ALTAR FLOWERS*** are given to the *Glory of God and*

In loving memory of the March 9<sup>th</sup> birthday of her son, Mark Rudenko by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of the March 14<sup>th</sup> birthday of son, Todd Rudenko by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of the March 16<sup>th</sup> birthday of Miriam Fegley who would have been 82, by Kris and Frank Rudy and family

In loving memory of Robert Trakes, Happy Heavenly Birthday by Kathy, Mike and Mom

In honor of Judy Brennan's dedication to the Blessings Thrift Store by daughter, Sonia Brode

In loving memory of loving father & husband, Anthony D'Alonzo, III, love, Melissa & Alexander D'Alonzo

In loving memory of friends & loved ones by Gerry

In honor of our anniversary by Mike and Kathy Miller

In loving memory of the April 14<sup>th</sup> birthday of her mother, Doris Huegel by Fern Rudenko

***THE BULLETINS*** are given to the *Glory of God and*

In loving memory of mother and grandmother, Mary L. Koch by Carol, John, Jeff, and Johnny

In honor of the March 5<sup>th</sup> birthday of my grandson, Domanic Weider and the March 29<sup>th</sup> birthday of granddaughter, Cassidy Taras by Denise Smolar

In celebration of the birthday of Frank Rudy by his family

In loving memory of Shayne T. Livingston by the family

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my recent hospitalization by Art Connely

In loving memory of loving father & husband, Anthony D'Alonzo, III, love, Melissa & Alexander D'Alonzo

In loving memory of Tom & Ardith Shea by Lori & Andy Ryan

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Wishing our daughter Katelyn a happy 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by Kris and Frank Rudy

***THE PALMS*** are given to the *Glory of God and*

In loving memory of our son, Brian by Dave and Darlene Fetterman

***THE PALM CROSSES*** are given to the *Glory of God and*

In loving memory of her son, John Carl Casler Jr. by Dave & Melody Gensure, sisters, Ashly, Alesia, and Alyssa, nieces, Aubry, Adalynn, and Ava and nephews, Bradlee and Camdyn

***SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS*** are given to the *Glory of God and*

In honor of Andrew and Mike's birthdays by Judy Brennan

In loving memory of Jane R. by Judy Brennan

***ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and***

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Gary and Peggy Lauk

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Julius & Patricia Iwantsch

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Linda & Robert Lauk

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Ells and Gail Davis

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Judy Brennan

In loving memory of Keith Berezwick by Christopher Fulmer

In loving memory of loved ones by Bill and Lori Krell

In loving memory of her father, Carl W. Koch Sr. on his April 7<sup>th</sup> birthday by John & Carol Dietrich & family

***CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and***

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Bob and Gail Jones

In loving memory of our mothers February birthdays by Paul and Irene Pecha

In loving memory of our parents, Carl and Mary Koch and Leo and Dorothy Dietrich by John & Carol Dietrich

In loving memory loved ones by John & Carol Dietrich and family

***CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and***

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Beth Marcavage

In loving memory of my dad, Hub Becker by Beth Marcavage

In loving memory of the April 15<sup>th</sup> birthday of my husband, Frank (Flip) Thompson by Nancy Thompson

In loving memory of Francis & Dorothy (Rother) Epler by daughters, Frances, Joan, and Carol

In honor of all the dedicated volunteers here at Zion. So proud to be part of this ministry by Sharon Haldeman

In loving memory of Joseph Coleman by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mehalko

***ORGAN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and***

With heartfelt thanks to everyone who remembered my mother, Mary L. Koch in any way with love and concern by Carol Dietrich and family

***HELPING HAND FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and***

In loving memory of the April 29<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mrs. Pauline Schissler by Barry & Marlene McLaughlin & sons

**A Bulletin sponsor is needed for May 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

Planning to revise your Will sometime soon? Please consider including Zion Evangelical Lutheran in that new document. Your generosity will ensure our ministries will continue to serve our members, community and beyond.
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# Easter Memorials 2023



***The Easter Floral Cross is presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of...***

Alma Fisher by husband, Robert Fisher

***The Easter Lilies are presented to the Glory of God...***

In loving memory of Miriam Fegley and Mary Rudy by Kris and Frank Rudy and family

In loving memory of Richard Dreisbach lovingly, Bob & Terri Livingston

In loving memory of McKayla Ann Wall by Mom & Dad, Nicholas & Kallia Wall

In loving memory of those who belong to heaven by Charles & Jean Linkhorst

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ben & Emily Turrano by Glenn & Lorie Fritzinger

In loving memory of Miriam Fegley & Mary Rudy by Kris & Frank Rudy & family

In loving memory of Frank (Flip) Thompson by daughter, Brenda Hill

In honor of my mom, Judy Brennan by Sonia Brode

In loving memory of Larry Brennan by Sonia Brode

In loving memory of Mary Brode by Sonia Brode

In loving memory of Kendall McLaughlin by grandparents, Barry & Marlene McLaughlin & uncles, Eddie & Chris

In loving memory of my husband, Karl C. Miller on Easter by wife, Katherine I. Miller

***Easter Memorial Gifts to the Current Fund are given to the Glory of God:***

In loving memory of McKayla Ann Wall by "Gram & Pap", Dave & Louise Schock

In loving memory of John Carl Casler Jr. by his mother, Melody, & sisters, Ashly, Alesia, & Alyssa

In loving memory of Brian Fetterman love, Ashly, Aubry, and Camdyn

In loving memory of Gary and all my family members by Beth Marcavage

In loving memory of my husband, Karl C. Miller on Easter by wife, Katherine I. Miller

In loving memory of my brother-in-law, Karl C. Miller on Easter by sister-in-law, Charlotte Scheidly

In loving memory of mother, Mary K. Hebert by Jon Hebert

In loving memory of loved ones by Paul & Irene Pecha

In loving memory of Laura, Allen, & Robert Weyhenmeyer by Charles & Jean Linkhorst

In loving memory of Dorothy & William Linkhorst by Charles & Jean Linkhorst

In loving memory of Jessica Linkhorst by Charles & Jean Linkhorst

In loving memory of Justin King by Charles & Jean Linkhorst

In loving memory of Finn Montecalvo by Charles & Jean Linkhorst

***Easter Memorial Gifts to the Capital Campaign Fund are given to the Glory of God:***

In loving memory of my parents, Carl and Mary Koch and his parents, Leo and Dorothy Dietrich by John & Carol Dietrich

In loving memory of family and friends by John & Carol Dietrich

***Easter Memorial Gifts given to the Endowment Fund are presented to the Glory of God...***

In loving memory of my mother, Shirley L. Becker by her daughter, Suzanne Cunningham

In loving memory of grandparents, Carl and Mary Koch by Jeff and Johnny

In loving memory of my parents, Carl and Mary Koch by John & Carol Dietrich and family

In loving memory of family & friends by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mehalko

In loving memory of his parents, Marvin & Agnes & her father, Stanley Karnish by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Ristila

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Follweiler from their children and their families

In loving memory of Michael Cappos by his wife, sons & families

In loving memory of Jay Follweiler by his brother and sisters

In loving memory of her parents, Dorothy & Jasper Collura by David & Ann Marie Hadesty & family

In loving memory of his mother, Gayle Hadesty by David & Ann Marie Hadesty & family

In loving memory of his parents, James & Kathleen Valentine by Mark & Charlene Valentine

In loving memory of her parents, Mary & Joseph Dakes by Mark & Charlene Valentine

In loving memory of Martha & Dan Zeigler by daughter, Gerry

In loving memory of Carl and Fannie Wolfe by daughters, Bev Agnor and Nancy Kabana

In loving memory of Larry Kabana by wife, Nancy, sons, Kevin and John and their families

In loving memory of John and Amelia Agnor by son, Bob and daughter-in-law, Beverly and their families

In loving memory of John and Helen Kabana by daughter-in-law, Nancy and her family

In loving memory of Jack and Jesse Agnor by brother, Bob and sister-in-law, Beverly and their families

In loving memory of her husband, Russell Rudenko by his wife, Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her son, Todd Rudenko by his mother, Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her son, Mark Rudenko by his mother, Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her mother, Doris Huegel by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her father, Irvin Huegel by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her brother, Stanley Huegel by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her sister, Joyce Olencki by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her mother-in-law & father-in-law, Ignatius & Mary Rudenko by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Dorothy & Thomas Daniels by Fern Rudenko



Zion's Youth Sunday School shares fellowship in their new Youth Space by building an O Scale Lionel train layout. Donations of train supplies appreciated. It is the hope that the kids can continue growing the layout while enjoying weekly fellowship together.



Zion's Bring a Friend to Breakfast, a huge success on Palm Sunday.





# Zion young people helping out at the ACS Telethon.

## Thank you for your efforts!



# Save the Date Vacation Bible School is June 12 – 16, 2023

The 2023 Theme is Cokesbury's Hero Hotline. Your continued support is appreciated.

Donations to VBS should be marked "Vacation Bible School".



## Hotline Verse:

*"So let's strive together for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up."*

Romans 14:19

## Daily Hotline Tips:

Heroes are called to **FOLLOW JESUS**

Heroes are called to **HELP OTHERS**

Heroes are called to **WORK TOGETHER**

Heroes are called to **LISTEN TO GOD**

Heroes are called to **SHOW GRACE**

In the depths of a colorful underground cave, is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere.

When Heroes in the field call in, the Professor, Super Meer, and our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world.

As kids (called Heroes) experience these stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they'll learn that Heroes are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace! And, best of all, they'll be invited to answer this call at VBS, at church, at home, and every area of their lives.

**Everyone is Welcome!! Invite a Friend!**

# ZION FINANCIAL AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

Greetings:

It has been recommended by several church consultants that a congregation be kept informed of the church's finances on a regular basis—not just once a year. Consultants suggest four times a year with reports issued months having a fifth Sunday. Here is our report to the Zion congregation for the first quarter of 2023. If you have any questions, please address a member of the Finance Committee.

## CHURCH BUDGET INCOME

OFFERING AND GIFTS	39,576.00
CULINARY EVENTS	4,675.00
BLESSING THRIFT SALES	1,945.13
ENDOWMENT	21,459.00
TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	<b>67,655.13</b>

## CHURCH BUDGET EXPENSES

SALARIES/REMUNERATION	26,931.23
OIL	8,734.88
POSTAGE	378.00
TAXES	847.02
PHONE	517.83
MAINT & REPAIR	386.25
WATER, SEWER	591.40
INTERNET	559.80
ELECTRIC	1,383.55
INSURANCE	18,244.00
OTHER MISC EXPENSES	9,858.91

**TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES 68,432.87**

Yours in Christ,

Zion Finance Committee:

Bob Jones, Chair; Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary; Dave Gensure, Treasurer; Walter Weston, Endowment Coordinator; Matt Warden; Rochelle Evanousky; Steve Ristila; Sam Caley; George Taylor.





NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

# SYNOD NEWS



## YOUR MISSION SUPPORT GIFTS AT WORK

Wednesday may be a slump day for some, but at the La Crosse LuMin Lutheran Campus it's all about grace through free cookie Wednesday. Want a cookie? Take a cookie! They just give out cookies to make folks' day better — no strings attached. As he's giving out the cookies, it's not unusual for Pastor Ben Morris to be asked, "Where do the cookies come from?" The answer is Lutheran grandmas up in the bluffs and hills made them with real butter and real love. Each week congregations throughout the La Crosse Area Synod drop off 500 cookies to be given away. Pastor Ben says, "It's like manna in the wilderness; there always seems to be enough," and these cookies taste better.

LuMin La Crosse is a place to gather in worship, connect to study, grab a cup of coffee, share a family-style meal, sit in prayer, make bread for the women's shelter, take walks together, and explore places afar in service to others. They advocate for others, share space with multicultural student groups, proudly display the pride flag, and mostly reconnect with humanity and each other. Oh, and give out cookies! Like all ELCA LuMin campus ministry sites across our synods, this ministry happens because congregations share food — yes, cookies — and also through Mission Support that is shared with our synods and churchwide organization to support these vital, transformative, grace-filled ministries with students. Mission Support is just one way campus ministry is funded, so learn more, and pray for local campus ministry by checking out [luminelca.org/](http://luminelca.org/).

# WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?



JUNE 1-3 2023 AT  
KALAHARI RESORT

**The Ministry Share Faire.** Over 20 ministry teams and partners are scheduled to be present with interactive displays and lots of opportunities to share ideas and make connections. In addition – you will have a planned area where you can meet other voting members with similar interests and struggles, to work on solutions to common problems and build new networks of support.

**The Important Elections, Deliberations, and Voting.** At this Assembly meeting, we will be nominating and voting for our Synod's next Secretary and Vice President. The office of Secretary can be filled by a lay person or rostered minister (clergy). The office of Vice President chairs our Synod Council and is the highest office in a synod for a layperson to hold. Find out more about these elections and offices at our Synod website

[www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org). We have also set aside more than 90 minutes in the agenda to address resolutions and motions at this meeting – more than any meeting before – with additional time we can make available as needed. **Come as Voting Member from your congregation and make your voice heard.**

**The Inspiring Worship and Music.** Our talented worship team has been 6 months in the planning for all elements of worship and music at this event – with more in store for this Assembly than ever. Music will be led by the celebrated group “Chasing Daylight,” with added highlights from David Scherer (known nationally as “AGAPE”). Also featured will be works of art, dance, poetry, lights and colors, and sights, and sounds to move and uplift from floor to ceiling!

**The Speakers, Preachers & Presenters.** **Never before have we been able to offer such an impressive line-up** for learning and bringing back ideas and inspirations for you and your congregations: A wide range of hands-on workshops led by local and churchwide experts.

- Joe Davis and David Scherer – nationally acclaimed speakers, recording artists and educators; and featured performers at ELCA Youth Gatherings. They plan to power up our workshops AND main sessions (AKA plenaries) – getting us on our feet, interacting, and understanding better some of the biggest challenges we face today: including engaging with young people; finding new energy in worship and ministry; and having conversations around tough topics, especially racism. T
- Bishop Michael Girlinghouse – author of the new book: *Embracing God's Future without Forgetting the Past*. Drawing on more than 30 years of research and experience – Bishop Girlinghouse will show us how we and our congregations can work through our collective grief without forgetting or devaluing our past. He will offer a practical, step-by-step process for engaging and embracing God's future for each congregation.
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

# *Join Us for a Memorial Butterfly Release!*



*When: Wednesday June 14, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM*

*Where: E. Franklin Griffiths Funeral Home  
& Cremation Services  
655 East Broad Street  
Tamaqua, PA 18252*

*Sign Up: Call 570-668-2550 by June 2, 2023  
Weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

*Butterflies represent hope, new life, peace, and a connection to nature. This event is open to the public; you need not be affiliated with the funeral home to sign up to release a butterfly in memory of loved ones or to attend.*

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Return Service Requested

This Newsletter was prepared  
Especially for:



*May 2023  
Newsletter*

*Happy Mother's Day!*