

November 2025

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.

Jesus says in in the Gospel of John 10:10 "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full"

We have just completed an incredible month supporting Tamaqua's hunger campaign. People have been able to feed their families as a result of our generosity. Many thanks, to all who contributed their time and money to this much needed ministry for our town. Thanksgiving is right around



the corner. The continued Government shut down has made this considerably difficult for MANY people. I would ask that we all keep our eyes out for people in need. Please direct them to the food pantries in town and to our People's Pantry.

Many of us have a great deal to be thankful for and indeed we do have "life to the full." Please ensure people that they are loved by our triune God. Please let your family members and friends know how important they are to and for you. Small words of appreciation can have great meaning for people.

Let us keep in mind that many people will experience sadness this holiday. That being said, this coming Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Saints Sunday. We honor all those we have lost over the past year. This is a much beloved service at Zion. I pray we all come and support all of the people that have experienced the loss of a loved one this year. One of the joys of being a member of a church is that we do not have to be alone. It is our continued love for one another that can help provide a safe place to grieve and or be joyful in, with and under Christ. My deepest sympathies go out to all who continue to struggle with loss. May God continue to heal your broken hearts. I would love to see as many people as possible here at church this coming Sunday.

In conclusion, I would be remiss if I didn't offer up a huge thank you for our favorite chefs, cooks, cafeteria workers, wait staff and Zion's culinary team that feed us and serve us so wonderfully well. I suggest we continue to create traditions and memories around our tables this Thanksgiving season. God WAS, IS and will ALWAYS be with US.

Stay well and safe Sisters and Brothers in Christ, 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.

#### FIRST COMMUNION

Classes are held on three Sunday mornings:

Sunday, **November 2, 9, & 16, from 11:00 am** – **12:30 pm** 

Children who are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older and who have been baptized (or who would <u>like</u> to be baptized) are eligible for first Holy Communion. A parent or relative who is a member of Zion Lutheran Church is required to accompany them to classes and worship.



First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, November 23, 2025, during the 9:00 am worship service. Parents, please register your child (ren) now by calling 570-668-2180



Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, November 7<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. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE BY THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE. Thank you all for your continued support!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR CONFIRMAND – Gavin Thomas Edmonds affirmed his baptism on Sunday, October 26, 2025 through the Rite of Confirmation. Please give thanks for the commitment he is making to God and to the Church. We congratulate him on this special day and important step in his life journey.



#### All Saints Sunday 2025

The greatest hope we have, as people of God, is the hope of resurrection; the promise that the powers of death can and will not keep us from God's eternal embrace.

Since last "All Saints' Day" several Zion Church's family and friends have died and share with all the saints in that promise of salvation. On Saturday, November 1, 2025 and All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2025, we will remember each of them. During the Liturgy, a votive candle will be lit as each name is read. We are remembering the following:

Dolores Whitenight 11/28/24
James Bynon 12/15/24
Paul Pecha Jr. 3/1/25
Richard Fethers 3/17/25
Ralph R. Derr 4/19/25
Nancy L. Kabana 5/28/25
Margaret Clark 7/14/25
Thomas F. Hewitt Jr. 8/12/25
Other Zion Family and Friends

"For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The purpose of this brief commemoration is not to remind you of the sorrow nor add to the burden of grief. Instead, our purpose is to focus on the message of the Gospel:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving from the staff at Zion!





Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2025 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2025 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.60 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. 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!

# Altar Flower and bulletin sponsors are needed for November and December. Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

*Reminder:* If you have sponsored Altar Flowers or Candles, please fill out the information cards in the gathering room. The information is needed for the bulletin and the Florist. If payment for the 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.



Zion is on Instagram. Go to the website or Facebook for complete instructions or scan the QR code.

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



nnual Fiscal Meeting Announcement - The Annual Fiscal Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025 immediately following the service. The agenda items will be restricted to the establishment of a 2026 budget, and the election of Church Council members. The meeting will be brief but your participation is Very Important as a quorum needs to be met. Copies of the budget will be available in the Gathering room.

Culinary Hoagie Sale November 13<sup>th</sup> - deadline to order is November 9<sup>th</sup> - Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order at <a href="https://www.ziontamaqua.com">https://www.ziontamaqua.com</a> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!





## **Upcoming Events**

November 1 & 2 – All Saints Remembrance

**November 7** – Blessings Thrift Store

**November 13** – Hoagie Sale

November 2, 9, & 16 – First Holy Communion Classes

November 17 – Newsletter Deadline

**November 23** – Christ the King Sunday/ Frist Holy Communion

November 25 – Community Thanksgiving Service/ Trinity UCC

**November 30** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent/ Advent Breakfast

**December 7** – Annual Fiscal Meeting

**December 24** – Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 9:00 pm

January 1 – New Year Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

## CHRISTMAS 2025

#### POINSETTIA PLANTS and MEMORIAL GIFTS

Christmas poinsettia plants will decorate the Church on Christmas Eve. Plants ordered through the church office are \$10.00. December 8<sup>th</sup> is the last day to order your plants. This is a firm deadline; no orders will be taken after that date. Please return the bottom of this form with all monies no later than December 8, 2025; all checks should be made out to Zion Evangelical Church. All Plants and Monetary Christmas memorial gifts will be listed in the handout on Christmas Eve. Monetary gifts should be in the church office NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW and return it to the church office, be sure to indicate whether monetary gifts go to Endowment fund, Current fund, Cemetery, Fuel, Capital Campaign or towards the candles that decorate the sanctuary. Extra order forms are available by the bulletin Board.

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## Community Thanksgiving Service

Trinity UCC Tuesday, November 25, 2025 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the Tamaqua Ministerial Association

**Zion Constructions Update:** We have been informed that the scaffold is coming down! This phase of the project should be underway by the week of November 3. Thank you for your continued support of the project and all of Zion's ministries! Brian Lawfer, Acting Property Chairperson



Attention parents: The ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in Minneapolis, MN, June 28-July 2, 2027! The Gathering is open to all students who are entering grades 9-12 at the time of the Gathering. If your student is interested in attending, please text Brian Lawfer at (570)952-5966 before October 30. We need to know how many are interested in attending, so we can begin to plan. We do not need a firm commitment yet, just an idea of who may be interested.

#### PIPE ORGAN UPDATES

Our Austin Pipe Organ at Zion is truly a wonderful instrument. I thank the congregation for continuing to have it tuned and serviced regularly. My thanks also to Mark Pichowicz, a friend who works in moving and installing organs and maintaining them and Mark Valentine who helps me at Zion when there is a cipher and who showed Mark P. where everything is for our organ.

A little history, thanks to Mark P.'s organ archive ability. Zion had a Moeller Organ installed in the early 1900's. In the early 1920's an Austin Organ was installed in Christ Church, Warren, Ohio. In the late 1950's a group of men from Zion brought the organ from Ohio to Zion. At that time, it was a three manual organ. In 1965, the organ console was reworked as the two manual console that we have now. In 2002, our current organ tuners re-leathered all the pipe work. Several years ago, we had two single pipes re-leathered because of water damage.

While I can play the notes and use the stops for the different sounds, I have little knowledge of the mechanics of the instrument. At this time, I felt the organ needed an extensive examination. There are six notes that didn't sound at all (more about that later), some rattles, and other concerns that I felt needed to be addressed with more than simple tuning and service. Mark P. came from Winchester, VA, to look over everything and give me advice about the more challenging repairs that are needed.

The positive news is Mark P. feels our organ is in particularly good condition. He serviced the rattles and other notes while he was here. He explained that cold weather should not affect the instrument. Example, look at the cathedrals and churches in Europe that are centuries old, and are not heated. Their organs do fine. The leather work that was done in 2002 is still in decent shape and should last a long time. The organ is well in tune and will not need more than the usual twice-yearly check-up. The few flukes, like ciphers, happen to all organs because of the reaction of wood to humidity, heat, dirt, etc. Also, the few occasional console stops that stick are usually happening in the summer and are because of humidity. Those are normal organ problems.

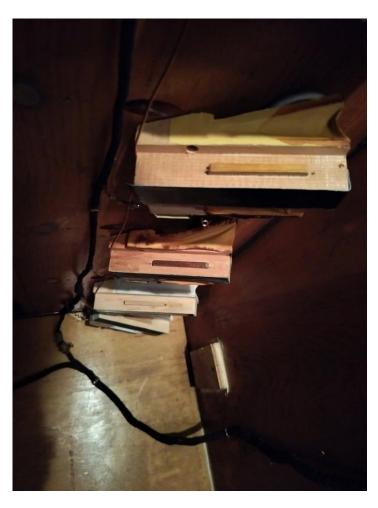
The unwelcomed news is there are six pedal pipes that do not sound because of water damage. I have known about this since 2023, but the tuners we currently have were leery to fix them until we know that the water leaks have been permanently fixed. The leaks were coming from the roof, and that was fixed when the flashing was fixed. Since then, Mark Valentine has crawled up to the pipes after every heavy rain, and there has been no further water damage or evidence of a leak.

Mark P's. advice to us was simple. He first contacted the Austin Organ Company and inquired about our current tuners. They are still affiliated with Austin, and they were highly recommended. He asked that we contact our tuners, Crossan-Savage, and get an estimate for the fixing of the pipes. Those damaged pads need to be removed, taken to the shop, re-done and re-installed. Mark P. would do it if Crossan-Savage does not, but he travels from VA, which would be two trips. I did call Crossan-Savage, and they are willing to do it. If they can get to it now, there is a chance it will be completed before Christmas.

Now, the cost, Crossan-Savage feels the re-leather work can be done for under \$1,000.00. That price seemed fair to Mark P. when I asked him. That price, however, does not include the regularly scheduled tuning and service that Zion budgets for every year.

We have money in the choir fund that they will contribute and there are gifts that have been given to Zion for organ maintenance. My recommendation is that we do this project at this time.

Thank-you, Sandy Mehalko



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.

In talking with the people John says in Luke 3:11 "Whoever has two tunics should share with him who has none, and whoever has food should do the same." This is a reminder that the People Pantry is being used heavily and in need of donations. While grocery shopping pick up an extra item to share with our less fortunate community neighbors. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7



DID YOU KNOW ...Zion is now a Tamaqua Narcan distribution site? You may be wondering what is Narcan? Narcan is a life-saving medication used to reverse the effects of accidental opioid overdoses.

This medication is good to have on hand because:

- 1. You could end up saving a friend or neighbor in need. You never know when you'll encounter someone in need of this life-saving medication. Keep it in your purse or your car for when you might need it.
- 2. Parents with teenagers are encouraged to keep naloxone in their homes.
- 3. Senior citizens can mistakenly overdose on medications. Having more of this life-saving drug in the community is important.



Narcan kits are available free of charge. Feel free to grab one off the table. Our Parish Administrator will pass on Narcan requests to Michele Valentine who is heading this ministry.

**Zion's 2025 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Amanda Hascin, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Brittany Scalfani Mary Ruth Taylor, Michelle Valentine; and Shelly Woodring; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

Please 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 <a href="http://www.ziontamaqua.com/capital-campaign/">http://www.ziontamaqua.com/capital-campaign/</a>



**Gebert Society** - If you know of someone who has remembered Zion in their will/estate with a gift (past and present), please contact the office with that information which will be used in the annual report. Names can be added to the Gebert Society at any time. Thank you.

Please Join Us!
Saturday Worship - 6:00 pm
Sunday
Worship - 9:00 am
Christian Education - 10:15 am
Confirmation - 11:00 am

#### **DEADLINE:** All information

for the **December 2025** / **January 2026 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, November 17, 2025. Please note this is a combined issue.** You may e-mail your information to 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 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.



Synod E-News -E-News is a weekly enewsletter for rostered leaders (pastors and deacons), congregational

leaders and members, and anyone interested in keeping up to date with happenings across the Synod and around the ELCA. nepasynod.org/e-news/

Office Hours ~
Monday & Wednesday
12:00 – 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please use door located on Mauch
Chunk Street, ring bell



Psalms 95:2
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!



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. Please use the swipe card, the receipt does not need to be turned in. Thank you for your participation in this program. Keep using those cards!

#### When submitting Redner's receipts:

- 1. You must have a Redner's card & swipe the Redner's card upon checkout so the save a tape amount is on the receipt.
- 2. Please do not cut the information with the save a tape code off the receipt.
- 3. Please hand in the receipt to our container in the gathering room or mail them to the church office.

If you have any questions, please see Beth Marcavage. 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** (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?



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.

## October Memorials GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE ALTAR CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of family and friends by Gerry Zeigler

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory her parents, Russ and Fern Rudenko by Debbie Rudenko

In honor of the 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Dave & Louise Schock by Lauren, Jesse, Nicholas & Kallia In loving memory of Ed Haldeman, Happy Birthday Kid Love you, Catherine Haldeman.

In honor of my loving husband, Brian Costenbader's birthday by his loving wife, Karen

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

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

Blessings on Zion as the fruits of the harvest are shared with our community in need.

In loving memory of Paul Pecha for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by his family.

In loving memory of the October 26<sup>th</sup> birthday her mother, Dorothy Collura by Ann Marie & David Hadesty & family

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Brian Fetterman by Joe and Sandy Mehalko

In honor of new members, Shane Andrew Espada, Donna Marie Yeager-Gibson, and Autwan Laquan Gibson sponsored by Joseph Ansbach

ORGAN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Sandy Melhalko's beautiful music by Bob & Gail Jones

In honor of Sandy Mehalko by Paul Wolfe

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In appreciation of Pastor Cindy's home visit from Gail and Bob Jones

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

Gift from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Lansford

Scenes from Zion's fall pumpkin party.



Blessings Thrift Update - The following items ARE being accepted at this time: coats, shoes, baby and children's clothing, toys/ games, household items in good condition. The following items ARE NOT being accepted at this time: adult spring/ summer clothing, jewelry, electronics, furniture too large to be moved by a single person. If you have items to donate, please call the church office at 570-668-2180 and leave your contact information. Someone from Outreach will contact you when we are able to accept your donations and arrange a time to meet. We kindly ask that you Do Not leave bags or boxes on the stage, at random places throughout the church or outside of the building.



CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 570-668-2180 OR GREEN DROP AT 888-944-3767

THANK YOU-ZION OUTREACH

Thank you for your cooperation. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



## 2025 Tamaqua Hunger Campaign

Initial Feed A Family days successful - Tamaqua Boyer's Market manager Brian Clemson rolls out one of several carts carrying cases of food purchased through donations during Feed A Family days at the market this past Tuesday and Sunday. It was the first time for the event at the local market. Overall, 162 Feed A Family bags were purchased and shoppers donated \$2,455 in cash which was immediately converted to cases of food that filled the back of four pick-up trucks. Clemson estimates that overall 354 bags of food

were donated. The food is being distributed to Tamaqua's four food pantries. Those pantries at American Primitive Methodist Church, Stokes Ministries, Trinity United Church of Christ and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church serve over 700 families a month. The Tamaqua Hunger Campaign continues this month with Dine Out Against Hunger days at six local restaurants Oct. 29 and 30 and ends Nov. 2 with the 14th annual Tamaqua Hunger Walk. Details are available by googling "Tamaqua Hunger Campaign."



### Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly: The Work of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania

Written by: Pastor Mike Bennethum, LAMPa Policy Council Chair

In a well-known scripture, the prophet Micah proclaims, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (NRSV Micah 6:8) It has been pointed out that we Lutherans often are more comfortable loving justice and doing kindness; that is, we find satisfaction in feeding hungry people but shy away from calling out and addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty. For the past 46 years, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) – funded in part by your mission support giving – has taken up the important, but daunting task of working to change systems that perpetuate inequity and injustice.

LAMPa's staff – Tracey DePasquale, Director, and Pastor Erin Jones, Communications and Advocacy Engagement Manager, joined this year by Hunger Advocacy Fellow, Daniella Garber – work with a Policy Council composed of representatives of



2025 Lutheran Day at the Capitol

Pennsylvania's seven synods, the United Lutheran Seminary, and a synod bishop to develop a biennial Policy Agenda that guides our church's engagement with state legislators and departments in the governor's office.

The current Policy Agenda includes the following priorities:

- Hunger: improving access to healthy, affordable food;
- Creation Care: advocating for laws that protect clean air, water, and land;
- Poverty: addressing homelessness and housing insecurity;
- Education: working toward adequate and equitable school funding;
- Healthcare: working to ensure all Pennsylvanians have access to affordable care;
- Civil Rights: working to reduce hate crime and safeguard the right to vote;
- Immigration: standing for welcome to our newest neighbors; and
- Violence Reduction: addressing the root causes of violence, including trauma and extreme poverty.

The LAMPa staff and Policy Council pursue this ambitious agenda in several ways:

- By forming and participating in coalitions with leaders of other denominations, faithbased organizations, and community groups that are passionate about these same issues:
- By engaging with state legislators and those who work in the governor's office, regardless of party affiliation, to advance measures that benefit all Pennsylvanians;
- And, most important, by equipping and supporting the members of the 1,050 ELCA congregations in Pennsylvania so that each of us becomes more confident expressing our faith in the Good News of Jesus by becoming bold advocates for a just and



Policy Council Chairs: NEPS Bishop Christopher deForest, Pastor Dillon Epler, and Pastor Mike Bennethum

compassionate society. The widely used Bonhoeffer curriculum is just one example of this.



LAMPa Council Policy Meeting

Each of you is an important partner in this ministry. Check out LAMPa's website, <u>lutheranadvocacypa.org</u>. Sign up to receive helpful Action Alerts regarding pending legislation that addresses the issues above. Follow LAMPa on Facebook and Instagram. Sign up to join approximately 250 of your fellow Lutherans at the next Lutheran Day at the Capitol (tentatively Tuesday, April 21, 2026).

At the center of Lutheran ethics is God's command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Please join in this ministry of neighbor-love by supporting LAMPa's work. Thank you for your mission support giving that helps to make this possible!

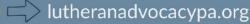
**DID YOU KNOW** that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod and ELCA like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit <a href="mailto:godslove.org/missionsupport">godslove.org/missionsupport</a>.



#### STAY INFORMED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

LAMPa's Action Alerts connect faith and public life by giving you quick, meaningful ways to advocate for justice and compassion in Pennsylvania. Each alert includes background and an easy way to contact legislators on issues like hunger, housing, and creation care.





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Return Service Requested

This Newsletter was prepared Especially for:



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