



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, July 9**

9:30 am Worship w/communion

**Monday, July 10**

7:00 pm Property Committee

**Tuesday, July 11**

"*The Newlywed Game*"  
premiered, July 11, 1966  
on ABC.



**Wednesday, July 12**

7:00 pm Summer Bible Study

**Thursday, July 13**

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, July 14**



**Saturday, July 15**



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### 2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 36th Annual Assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod was held at Susquehanna University, June 16 – 17, 2023. The theme of the Assembly was “Baptized into Christ: United, Supporting, Serving.” It was based on Ephesians 4: 1 – 3.

The Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig, United Lutheran Seminary, was the Bible Study leader. His 2-part study entitled, “Unity of the Spirit, in the Bond of Peace” and “Making Every Effort,” was based on Ephesians 4: 1 – 3. Dr. Waldkoenig stressed Paul’s message, that we are saved by Grace, all has been done by Christ. Christ made access to God possible for all – Jew and Gentle, all those who live on the margins. When Paul left Ephesus, he continued to stress that everyone, including us today, should keep unity in the spirit and the bond of peace, because Christ has done it all.

The Assembly conducted the business of the Synod.

The Assembly elected Noah Roux as Vice President, for a term of 4 years. Elections were also held for Synod Council, Consultation Committee, and the Committee on Discipline.

The Rev. Chad Hebrink, Synod treasurer, reported that the Synod ended the fiscal year, January 31, 2023, with a surplus of \$53,798.35. The results at the end of first quarter, April 30, 2023, show revenue and expenses were in line with the amended budget, ending January 31, 2024. The Assembly approved the proposed budget, for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2025.

The Assembly also approved the 2024 salary guidelines, for rostered leaders. This represents an increase of \$3057 over the 2023 guidelines.

Breakout workshops focused on discussion of how we can reach out and share our Christian faith, with neighbors and one another.

The Assembly offering was designated to be shared by the Lutheran Church in Liberia university project and the Upper Susquehanna Synod Fund for leaders.

The Synod office will move from its present location in Lewisburg, to rented space in Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton, starting July 10.

Carol Winter

July 9, 2023

### SERVICE ASSISTANTS

**USHERS:** Fred Harbaugh, Pam Eveleth, Ann Marie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker and Sue Christ; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Susan Bryan; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Sherri Holtzman; **ACOLYTE:** Ray Demarest; **ALTAR GUILD:** Marie Welter, April Gardner; **GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Don and Shirley Fullmer; **CANTOR:** Dave Bausinger; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Susan Bryan

**Attendance and Offering for Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> will be in next week's Messenger.**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Miller with love by Linda, Mike, Nathan, Tammy and their families.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Rev. Bruce and Virginia Amme' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, by their children and grandchildren.

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns** in memory of Nancy Porter.

### Bible Readings

**Sunday July 9** Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
**Monday July 10** Psalm 131; Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22; Romans 1:18-25  
**Tuesday July 11** Psalm 131; Jeremiah 28:10-17; Romans 3:1-8  
**Wednesday July 12** Psalm 131; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 13:1-17  
**Thursday July 13** Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 48:1-5; Romans 2:12-16  
**Friday July 14** Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 48:6-11; Romans 15:14-21  
**Saturday July 15** Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 52:1-6; John 12:44-50

Pastoral  
Care

**Pastoral Care Number:** Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours' office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.



**African Dresses & Britches** It's time to make Dresses and Britches again. Look for pillow cases, no white, please. Also we need colored tee shirts. Then the fun begins. If this interests you, call Ann Marie Hohman, 570-244-1226 and leave a message or call the church office at 570326-9171.

**Summer Bible Study classes this month** are Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



**Looking for someone to lead** the card committee. It isn't a difficult job, everything is done through email. Please contact Pam at the church office for more information 570-326-9171.



**Church Picnic: Sunday, August 13.** Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to come. All are welcome, whether or not you have signed up, but this gives us an idea how many supplies are needed. More details to come.

***The Eucharistic Ministers are being sent out Sunday, July 16.***

## The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children/Family - **The Bernstein Bears Say Their Prayers** - Brother Bear discovers that God answers every prayer-in his own way and time. Children will learn, along with Brother Bear, that praying isn't just for bedtime. Found in the Children's books (Bernstein Bears) section.

Adult - **For Such a Time as This - Gospels** - This devotional book has the Gospels theme. So, each Bible verse is from one of the four Gospels and these one page meditations work perfectly with the scripture verse(s). There is also a prayer at the end of each meditation. Great for using alone, with family or in a group for openings or discussion starter. This book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditations section of our library.



### **SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS for Lutheran World Relief**

Throughout the summer, we will continue to collect school supplies to fill school kits to be sent to children in need around the world. **These supplies often mean the difference between getting an education or not.**

We will track our progress in collecting supplies by placing backpacks on the paper doll children on the display in the narthex. Each backpack represents five children who can go to school, thanks to your help!

***Be a good steward*** ... Please watch for the sales to get “the best bang for your buck” and donate as you are able.

Items **we are collecting are as follows:**

- ✓ 70-sheet notebooks (wide-ruled or college-ruled, approx. 8” x 10 ½”) – 4 per backpack
- ✓ UNSHARPENED #2 pencils - 5 per backpack)
- ✓ black or blue ball point pens (STICK pens – NO gel ink) – 5 per backpack
- ✓ safety scissors      ✓ 2 ½” eraser      ✓ box of 24 crayons

**Items may be placed in the schoolhouse in the narthex from now through August 20.**

**Monetary donations are also welcome!** Make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church with LWR School Kits in the memo line and place in the offering plate or in the smaller schoolhouse at the back of the church.

***Questions? Call Sally at (570) 547-6193 or call/text Kathy at (570) 651-2802***

Thank you for your support!

**Attending Camp Mount Luther, the week of July 9:** *Weston Sherman*, please keep Weston in your prayers this week, as well as camp staff and all those attending camp! Follow the summer adventures on the camp’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mountluther>.