



# Northeastern Ohio Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## UNIFIED NEWSLETTER

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**Please note:** The Lutheran Center continues to operate under modified hours. Office Administrator **Sony Gilroy** (330-929-9022, ext. 21) is in the synod office on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** and Resource Specialist **Karen Kaufman** (330-929-9020) is in the Resource Center on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Essential individual appointments may still be held at the participant's discretion, but ALL group meetings will be held electronically. The pastoral team and support team will be working remotely except for those days and times listed above and you will have electronic access to any pastor or support team member via email and voicemail. All pastoral staff visits to congregations are cancelled until further notice.

The pastoral team continues recording weekly sermons for your use during this time. They are available on the Northeastern Ohio Synod YouTube channel, [NEOSynod](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNEOSynod). Please refer to our [COVID-19: Updates & Resources for Congregations](#) page on the website for helpful information. We will continue to update our website and social media sites as new information becomes available.

**2020 Assembly Update.** The 2020 Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly has been rescheduled for September 11 and 12, and registration is now open. The Call & Notice, registration instructions, and answers to common questions about this assembly can all be found on the Assembly page of the synod website: <https://neos-elca.org/2020-synod-assembly/> and in the weekly e-news.

This will be a virtual assembly, conducted online through Zoom. Registration is now open and will be open until August 13. Even if you already registered for the original June dates, you will have to RE-register for September. We are not able to transfer previous registrations. Please read the [registration instructions](#) carefully before you register. We have included a one-page summary flyer with this Unified.

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**Resource additions to the synod website.** Earlier this year we added a COVID-19 resource page to the synod website, and we have updated the resources available there on an almost-weekly basis. Among many other useful links, you will find a page of guidelines for safely conducting in-person worship, and sample protocols for in-person worship that have been shared by some of our synod congregations. Check this page regularly: <https://neos-elca.org/covid-19-resources-for-congregations/>

We have also begun to compile a list of websites and resources for congregational study and conversations about racial justice. The Racial Justice resource page can be found here: <https://neos-elca.org/racial-justice/>

**Temporary Expanded Licensing for Streaming Worship Services.** Augsburg Fortress is extending through July 31, 2020, its temporary permission for worshipping communities to include Augsburg Fortress administered liturgical text and liturgical music copyrights in a livestream or podcast. You have permission to livestream or podcast all liturgy and music content under copyright to or administered by Augsburg Fortress when that content is being used for worship. No reporting is required. The following content is included:

- All liturgical text and liturgical music under copyright to or administered by Augsburg Fortress
- All service music, hymns, and songs under copyright to or administered by Augsburg Fortress
- Augsburg Fortress choral, keyboard, and instrumental music

For detailed information, visit the Augsburg Fortress website: <https://tinyurl.com/y9czcmtq>

## ABBREVIATED SYNOD CALENDER

*You can find updated synod events on the website calendar page, along with more details about the events below (where appropriate): <http://neos-elca.org/events-calendar/>*

### AUGUST

- 3 **Assembly Committee Meeting**, 1:00 PM, via Zoom
- 5 **Bishop's Clergy Meeting**, 10:00 AM, via Zoom (contact [mmatevia@neos-elca.org](mailto:mmatevia@neos-elca.org) for link)
- 11 **Stewardship Committee Meeting**, 10:00 AM, via Zoom
- 17 **Worship Committee Meeting**, 1:00 PM, via Zoom
- 20 **Discipling & Evangelizing Committee Meeting**, 1:30 PM, via Zoom

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Bishop's Clergy Meeting**, 10:00 AM, via Zoom (contact [mmatevia@neos-elca.org](mailto:mmatevia@neos-elca.org) for link)
- 8 **Conference Deans Meeting**, 1:00 PM, via Zoom
- 11-12 **Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly**, via Zoom (see details above and on the synod website)

### OCTOBER

- 7 **Bishop's Clergy Meeting**, 10:00 AM, via Zoom (contact [mmatevia@neos-elca.org](mailto:mmatevia@neos-elca.org) for link)
- 17 **Synod Council Meeting**, details to be sent to Synod Council members