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Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
Lutherans Together: Loving God, Loving Neighbor

SEPA Partner Ministry News and Events **Week of October 12, 2026**

NEW! Congregation as Polling Place Video from LAMPa

If your congregation is a polling place in the upcoming election and you did not get to participate in the webinar from LAMPa, you can view the recording [HERE](#). Use passcode: #saG+69U

This webinar provides practical guidance on welcoming voters, supporting accessibility, maintaining a nonpartisan environment, and helping ensure polling places are safe, inclusive, and prepared to serve their communities. Andrew McGinley, Vice President of Policy for the Committee of Seventy, and Tim Benyo, C70's senior elections advisor, lead this important discussion. [Learn more or contact the Committee of Seventy here](#). Learn more and [contact Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania \(LAMPa\) here](#).

Equipped to Serve: Real Ways to Help During a Crisis **October 15, 2026**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Free Webinar. The Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security is offering a community-focused webinar on strengthening emergency preparedness, building partnerships with local responders, and learning how faith communities and other organizations can provide meaningful support before, during, and after a crisis.

Designed for houses of worship and safety teams, this session also welcomes nonprofits, schools, and community organizations committed to serving their communities. Gain practical tools and resources to help your organization respond with compassion, coordination, and confidence.

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Upcoming Opportunity! Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training

Eucharistic Visitors are members of the congregation who are selected by their pastor and trained to bring the communion meal from worship to ill and homebound members of their congregation who are unable to attend service.

Lutheran Congregational Service's training ministry engages learners in the Biblical and theological background of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and teaches potential Eucharistic Visitors about visitation and administration of the sacrament.

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:30 am-4:00 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingston PA

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Applications Open! Apply now!

ELCA World Hunger: Daily Bread Grants

ELCA World Hunger Daily Bread grants provide daily bread for neighbors experiencing hunger while also serving as a catalyst for garnering additional financial support. Daily Bread grant funding is available in the form of one-time \$500 grant and is meant to supplement existing public serving food-based ministries. **The application window is October 1 - 21, 2026!**

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Lutheran Diaconal Association Expands Opportunities for Lutherans Called to Christian Service

The Lutheran Diaconal Association (LDA), which prepares Lutherans for a lifelong calling to Christian service as deaconesses and deacons, is expanding opportunities for people to pursue that calling. The organization has introduced a new program pathway for people with previous education and ministry preparation and received recognition allowing the LDA to endorse its deaconesses and deacons interested in pursuing board certification as professional chaplains. [READ MORE](#)

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Your Feedback Needed: "Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment" Social Message

All ELCA members are invited to share feedback on draft revisions to the social message "Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment," first adopted in 1990. At the request of the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA Church Council authorized a reconsideration for possible substantive revision of a section of the social message.

Visit [ELCA.org/homelessness](https://elca.org/homelessness) to read the draft reconsidered social message and to submit your feedback via a survey before Nov. 30. Feedback, questions and concerns can also be sent to DraftSocialMessage@ELCA.org

ReconcilingWorks Monthly Bible Study

ReconcilingWorks is starting a monthly online Bible Study, meeting every third Thursday of the month, led by a rostered leader. Upcoming dates include **October 15**, November 19 and December 17. The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants two days in advance. The text for the study is for the Sunday 10 days after the Zoom gathering. Sermon notes will also be available on the website. [Learn more and register](#).

Reconciling Works: Lutherans for Full Participation advocates for the welcome, inclusion and equity of LGBTQIA Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregation, and community. The study is free to participate, as is a [book club](#) series.

Equipping the Church to Dismantle White Supremacy: A 5-part Webinar Series

In partnership with the ELCA Strategy for Authentic Diversity, the Albert “Pete” Pero, Jr. and Cheryl Stewart Pero Center for Intersectionality Studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and the ELCA Association of White Lutherans for Racial Justice, presents a 5-part webinar series running May 12, 2026 - January 12, 2027 surrounding the topic of equipping the church to dismantle white supremacy. Register for these remaining webinars:

- **Webinar 4: November 10**
Now is the Time: Living into our Church’s Declarations and Statements
- **Webinar 5: January 12**
Commemorating the Emmanuel Nine and George Floyd: Sacred Memory as Call to Action

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