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Lutherans Together: Loving God, Loving Neighbor

Congregational Events and Information Week of October 19, 2026

NEW! Meet New Thrivent Leaders for our Area Friday, November 6

4:00 pm

Boyd's Cardinal Hollow Winery

1830 West Point Pike, Lansdale PA 19446

Thrivent has a new Financial Planner and a new Engagement Leader for our area. Please come out to the Winery on Friday, November 6 @ 4:00 pm. You will meet two fabulous people and hear about all the free resources available to your church and even sometimes how we are leaving free money on the table for our churches.

This event is free with wine and other refreshments. Please bring at least one person from your church. Please click the link below to sign up with Eventbrite. **All guests must register.**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

NEW! National Youth Gathering Registration Opens October 21

Here is a checklist of information you will need to register youth to attend the event.

1. Download the Registration Workbook, pass out the forms to participants and collect information.
2. Know if your group wants to participate in SERVE, the Gathering's new add-on experience that is limited to 4,000 participants.
3. Know who in your group will participate in the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) or the tAble.
4. Navigate the Gathering's website and know how to get to the Congregational Registration page. (Hint: It's under the Attend tab.)

5. Have your Congregation ID (#_____). If not, I've ask your pastor, church administrator or search the ELCA directory to find it.

6. Have the Congregational Details worksheet filled out and ready to enter (this can be found in the Registration Workbook). You can change this info later this winter/early spring when plans inevitably change!

7. Have access to the banking information (account number and routing number) or a credit card (and know that if you pay with a credit/debit card, you'll have to pay a processing fee!) to make the nonrefundable deposit for each participant.

NEW! Cars, Coffee & Christ **October 24**

8:30 am to 10:30 am

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
160 Fairview Road, Woodlyn

We have a lot of car enthusiasts in Delaware County and a lot of folks that believe in the Lord...and enjoy coffee, but to our knowledge this is the only event like this around which combines the three. Immanuel (Norwood) and St. Matthew (Woodlyn) Lutheran churches will host a *Cars, Coffee and Christ* event on October 24th in St Matthew's parking lot located at 160 Fairview Road, Woodlyn, Pa. from 8:30 to 10:30 am (weather permitting). It is a free event open to all makes, models and denominations, no pre-registration required. The fellowship provides a chance to chat about cars, enjoy some coffee and snacks, share experiences and things on our minds. There will be a *mailbox* with a prayer form if you'd like to add someone or a topic to our prayer lists. Any interested individuals are welcome. We hope to see you there! Please [contact Karl McClellan](#) if you'd like more information. In the event of a weather cancellation, information will be posted on Immanuelnorwood.org and the Immanuel, Norwood PA Facebook pages as soon as the decision is made.

NEW! Save The Date 2027 MLK Day of Service **Monday, January 18, 2027**

9:00 am

United Lutheran Seminary
7301 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia

Liberty Lutheran/Lutheran Disaster Response and SEPA are joining forces again to honor MLK in 2027. We'll put flood buckets and hygiene kits together as well as offer other projects and education. Save the date and join us for this day of service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

NEW! Advent Resource for Congregations

Preparing the Way: A Herstory of Hope is a comprehensive Advent resource for congregations, focusing on the five women in Jesus' family tree mentioned in Matthew 1. The breadth and depth of these resources reflect the collaborative wisdom, creativity, and faithful work of dozens of gifted contributors from across the church. [Learn more about the resource, download a sample packet, and learn about access to the full materials.](#)

NEW! Church Property Resource Hub Webinar: Disaster Response and Preparation

Thursday, November 5

7:00 pm Eastern

Congregations and their buildings play an important role in disaster response and recovery. As environmental disasters become more frequent and severe, more congregations will be affected or called upon to support their communities. Join Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) for a conversation about how congregations can prepare for disasters and use their property to support response efforts. [Register to attend.](#)

NEW! Nominate Students for Lutheran Summer Music

You're invited to [nominate a student](#) for LSM 2027! Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is a faith-based residential music academy for high school students in grades 8-12. Students come together from across the country to pursue musical excellence and build an intentional, supportive, and fun community.

LSM 2027 takes place at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, from June 27-July 25. Priority Enrollment is open through December 1, offering a \$100 tuition discount and first access to financial aid. Nominate students at LSMacademy.org/nominate, and watch and share the [LSM Experience Video](#) to learn more!

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.](#)

Free Songbooks

Mr. Michael Huffman is offering for free his collection of newer, blended and contemporary songbooks, musicals, anthems, hymnals, supplements, seasonal, church music books.

If interested, please contact: Michael Huffman, The Terrace at Phoebe, 1940 W. Turner St., Apt. 305, Allentown, PA 18104. You MUST call (do NOT text, this is a landline) 610-794-6056 or e-mail christianmch3@gmail.com

Faith Emmanuel 120 Years of Continual Ministry and 20 year Pastoral Anniversary Events

Thursday, October 22

An Evening of Musical and Spoken Praise

65 Penn Blvd., East Lansdowne

Saturday, October 24

Fundraising Dinner for Roof Replacement and Solar Installation

Special Guest: Bishop Bryan Penman

Yeadon Borough Event Hall

600 Church Lane, Yeadon

Sunday, October 25

Tree Planting and Lunch

Noon

Worship at 2:00 pm

Special Guest: Rev. Claire Burkat

65 Penn Blvd., East Lansdowne

MORE INFORMATION, Call 267-259-0538

Electronics Recycling Event

St. Paul's, Telford Green Team Environmental Ministry

In Partnership with Gigabiter announces

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Parking lot behind St. Paul's Lutheran Church

South Main St. & Lincoln Ave., Telford

(across from the Wells Fargo Bank)

All residents, small businesses, and organizations to drop off almost "anything with a cord" for proper recycling. This includes: computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, copiers, any computer related accessory (i.e. keyboard, mice), audio/video equipment (i.e. stereos, VCR's, game systems), small kitchen & household appliances, power tools, circuit boards, CD's/DVD's and ink cartridges

There is a \$20.00 charge per unit for any TV or monitor recycled, regardless of size.

You can also bring air-conditioners and de-humidifiers, BUT PLEASE, NO refrigerators, freezers, washers, or dryers!

Also collecting all types of personal wireless devices including cell phones, smartphones, tablets, iPads & iPods and digital cameras. Items can be of any age or condition.

DO NOT BRING: fluorescent bulbs or tubes, household alkaline batteries, smoke alarms, any household chemical or paint.

Trunk or Treat & Food Drive

October 25, 2026

11:30 AM

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

2545 Franklin Avenue, Secane, PA 19018

Join in the fun and bring your children to our annual Trunk or Treat, held in the parking lot from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The event is free and open to the community. We will also be collecting donations of canned and other non-perishable foods for our local food pantry.

Trunk or Treat

October 25, 4:00 pm

St. James, Limerick

93 Kugler Road, Limerick

Join us at our annual Fall celebration at St. James Lutheran Church! Stroll down our Candy Lane to see a variety of themed trunks and receive candy, trinkets or do a fun activity. Includes dinner. **FREE!**

Free Concert: Through Endless Time

November 1, 2026

4:00 pm

St. John Lutheran Church

1802 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Admission is free. A reception follows the concert.

St. John's Festival Choir & Chamber Orchestra present Scott Perkin's A New England Requiem and John Rutter's Feel the Spirit. A New England Requiem pairs the standard Requiem Mass text focusing on rest and peace for the departed with poems by four New England writers - Dickinson, Hawthorne, Longfellow, and Sigourney intended to bring comfort to the living. Feel the Spirit is a cycle of spirituals for soloist, choir and orchestra. A moving program to celebrate All Saints.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Jesus Was A Migrant Documentary

November 11, 2026

6:00 pm

Upper Dublin Lutheran Church

Ambler, PA

A documentary and discussion on faith and the border. Open to all.

[**MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION
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An Anniversary Hymn Festival: Together in Christ - Remembering, Embracing, Rejoicing

November 15, 2026

4:00 pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Glenside, PA

120 N Easton Rd, Glenside, PA 19038

The public is warmly invited to a hymn festival at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, to launch St. Paul Lutheran Church's year-long 125th anniversary celebration. Led by guest musician Andrew Senn, Director of Music at Redeemer Episcopal Church in Bryn Mawr, the event features an array of hymns, anthems, scripture and readings highlighting the anniversary theme "Together in Christ - Remembering, Embracing, Rejoicing." Those present will also be lifted in song by the church's extensively restored Moller pipe organ. A festive reception follows.

[**MORE INFORMATION**](#)

Advent, West Chester Concert Series

October 24, 2026

Berten and Nina Flute/Piano

7:00 pm

December 5, 2026

Minas Bossa Nova Ensemble

7:00 pm

January 23, 2027

Philly Pops Jazz Quartet

7:00 pm

Advent Lutheran

1601 Green Lane, West Chester, PA 19382

(Rt 352 between Rt 3 & Rt 926)

Wheelchair accessible, lots of parking, comfortable seating

Purchase tickets online/learn more at

[**www.adventwc.net**](http://www.adventwc.net) & click Concert Series

Where Does My Offering Go?

The ELCA has created an [info graphic](#) that helps explain where your offering goes. The offering the Synod receives from congregations is called Mission

Support. We share 50% of that Mission Support with the ELCA who then shares it around the world.
