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Congregational Events and Information
Week of November 16, 2026

NEW! SEPA Young Adult Group- Are you or someone you know a young adult looking for community? Feel free to join us on Tuesday Nights for our Zoom Spiritual Exploration Group or on Wednesday Nights at Tannery Run Brew Works in Ambler for Trivia Night. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brynn (609-284-9782) or pastorbrynnya@gmail.com).

Musical Crossings - An Afternoon of Classics and Premiers
November 22, 2026
4:00 pm
St. John's Lutheran Church
355 St. John's Circle Phoenixville PA 19460

The Providence Chamber Orchestra presents a concert featuring celebrated Belgian Flutist Berten D'Hollander and superlative composer-pianist Nina Siniakova. Repertoire includes the World Premiere of As We Were Gazing at the Stars - concerto for flute, piano, and chamber orchestra by Nina Sinikova, works by by Lyadov and Dvořák, and arrangements of Traditional Spirituals. There is no admission charge however a freewill offering with a suggested donation of $10 will be received.

This is the third of seven community concerts on the 2026-2027 Concert Series.

Christ Ascension Lutheran Church To Donate Items
Christ Ascension Lutheran Church is donating the following items to any church with a preschool or Bible School that can use them:

- Changing tables
- Children's tables and chairs
- Cubbies

- Toys and supplies

Please contact office@christascension.org or call 215-247- 4233 for more information. All items are free, but need to be picked up at the church's location: 8300 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118.

New SEPA Sumud Team Forming
January 20, 2027
7:00 pm
Zoom
SEPA Sumud will have an initial meeting on Zoom on January 20, 2027.
REGISTER HERE

If you are interested in learning more, register for the Zoom meeting. Here's what the ELCA's Sumud website says:

We are a church for the sake of the world. Sumud is the ELCA's response to occupation and injustice in Palestine and Israel, which operates under the Middle East North Africa (MENA) Desk. Freed by the transformative life of Christ, the ELCA is committed to accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising with partners in the Holy Land and in the U.S. The growing Sumud network works with bishops and synods to empower ELCA communities in this call. Through the ELCA Bishops, ELCA Sumud has a network of twenty synods with Sumud Ambassadors, who serve as leaders and liaisons in their synods.

Sumud, Arabic for "steadfastness," is used by Palestinian theologians to describe nonviolent resistance to occupation through advocacy, education, social work and faith-rooted presence. Our partners in this work include the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), the only Lutheran church in the Middle East, whose ministries in education, health care, justice and leadership are vital to Palestinian society. We practice accompaniment with this Arabic-speaking community of faithful Lutherans, whom we rely on as our primary lens for understanding the realities in Palestine and Israel.

We are all Sumud, accompanying our Palestinian partners and following their lead as we bear witness to the truth that only when justice prevails can there be lasting peace for all Palestinians and Israelis.

Autism 101 for Religious Communities Training
November 16 or 19
The Autism Services, Education, Resources, and Training (ASERT) team invites you to a FREE, live virtual training for religious organizations. Learn how to create a more inclusive, welcoming environment for autistic individuals and their families.
REGISTER for November 16 (Noon)

REGISTER for November 19 (10 am)

INFORMATIONAL FLYER

Musings From Main St., Volume 2 is Released
The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Linders, Theologian in Residence at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Doylestown, PA, has launched his new book, *Musings from Main Street, Volume Two,* a compilation of his recent blog posts, essays, and reflections.

All proceeds go to Lutheran Settlement House. The book is available through St. Paul's Lutheran Church at admin@doylestownlutheran.org., and on Amazon: **Musings from Main Street, Volume Two.**

Look for the Light Retreat
Saturday December 12, 2026
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Fellowship Hall at Grace Lutheran Church in Broomall
2191 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19008
$60 includes lunch and tools for your toolbox for creating light on your dark days.

Bear Creek Launches Giving Tuesday Campaign to Renovate Space
For Giving Tuesday, we invite you to be part of our 2026 project - refreshing and updating the ballroom in the Retreat House — a space that serves as the heart of countless retreats**,** gatherings, and community weekends throughout the year. It is also used heavily during summer — offering summer staff a place to recharge, enjoy a snack, and tackle a load or three of laundry.

Thanks to the generous matching gift from **St. Andrews Lutheran Church of Audubon, PA**, every dollar you contribute will be doubled — making your impact twice as meaningful.
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MORE INFORMATION

Augustus Lutheran in Trappe Announces Advent and Christmas Observances

Advent Remembrance Doves: A Pair of Doves spiritually represent love, friendship, and peace. When two doves couple together, they enter into partnership for a lifetime. A pair of doves can signify a union of two or more people or entities with a positive outlook for the future. At Christmas, people

tend to remember those that have gone before them. If you are thinking of someone special this Christmas Season, we will be offering you two free remembrance doves in memory of that person. One to keep to adorn your Christmas Tree reminding you of their presence throughout the season, and one to leave at Augustus adorning the Christmas Tree in the nave to remind you that they are with Jesus, the one we are celebrating at Christmas. The doves will be made available on the first Sunday of Advent on November 29, 2026. Be present to receive yours!

Annual Augustus Family Christmas Party: Join the Augustus Family in preparing the House of the Lord for the Christmas Season. It takes many hands to get the church ready and we definitely need your help to make it happen! From decorating the tree in the nave, to hanging the garland and wreaths, there is lots to do in a short period of time All of the holiday enhancements around our campus entice visitors that are looking for the 'old fashioned family Christmas'. We will also be serving lunch and a light continental breakfast…because a party without food is just a meeting. Look for details in the near future and a sign-up sheet in the Muhlenberg Center. Contact Brian O'Hara or 610-489-0417 for more details. The event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee and is open to the entire Augustus Lutheran Church Family

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Sunday School Nativity Program. Nothing is more precious than watching a children's production at Christmas. You will not want to miss this event! The Augustus Lutheran Church Sunday School will perform their annual Christmas Pageant during the 10:30 AM service on Sunday December 20, 2026 in the Brick Church. This is a fantastic church service for both adults and children alike and enjoyed by all. Start your Christmas family tradition at Augustus!

All attendees to the Christmas Nativity program service will receive a special gift, courtesy of Augustus Lutheran Church!

Annual Augustus Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols. Amid the rush of the holiday season, join us in the Brick Church on Sunday afternoon, December 13 at 3:00 pm for this beloved service featuring the Augustus Chorister Academy, Parish Choir, Bell Choir, and congregational carols. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the music programs at Augustus. You'll find plenty of parking and wheelchair accessibility, so begin your family tradition at Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, PA!

Augustus Lutheran Christmas Eve Services: Start your Christmas family tradition at Augustus with our candlelit pathways, gas lamps wrapped in greens, and Candlelight Christmas Eve Services in Historic Old Trappe Church! A Living Nativity will be presented at the 5:00 PM service, a family service with carols and lessons at 7:00 PM, and a communion service in our heated and traditionally decorated Brick Church at 9:00 PM. All services in Old Trappe Church are in a 1743 unheated and unelectrified Colonial Church. Please dress accordingly and remember your flashlights!

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Save The Date! Lutheran Day in the Capitol 2027
May 3, 2027
Mark your calendars and help spread the word: Lutheran Day in the Capitol is set for Monday, May 3. Plan to bring a team from your congregation (especially youth!) for this annual day of inspiration, learning, and advocacy that makes a difference! Look for more details and registration to open in January.

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.

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!

Generations Chamber Ensemble Concert
November 22, 2026
3:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasie, PA
19 S Fifth Street, Perkasie PA 18944
Now in its 22nd season, Generations Chamber Ensemble will present works from the Renaissance era through the Classical period including Vivaldi, Mozart and Haydn plus well-known sacred songs.
Freewill offering, handicapped accessible
https://www.trinityperkasie.org

Art and Meditation with Kairos Communities
Sunday, November 22
2:00 pm
First United Church of Christ, 4th and Park, Quakertown
FREE
Join Kairos Communities for a relaxing and creative event to help prepare for the hectic holiday season! You'll experience a soothing meditation and then Barbette, who has been an art therapist and Montessori teacher for 30 years, will lead us in an art project to experience peace and balance. Leave with your own artwork and a calmer mind. **Open to ALL adults and teens!** Younger children with an adult.

No experience necessary, just bring an open mind and a willingness to unwind. Let's explore the intersection of mindfulness and creativity together. See you there!

Get tickets: **kairoscommunities.org/art**
The workshop is **FREE**
For more information: 215-660-4475 or info@kairoscommunities.org.

Advent, West Chester Concert Series
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 & 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.

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