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SEPA Synod News Week of November 9, 2026

SEPA Synod Staff Announcement
Read an announcement from Bishop Penman regarding a staff transition
HERE

Come celebrate with us!
Upcoming Installation

Rev. Stacey Kyle Rea
November 15
3:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
1141 W. Chester Pike, Havertown

Seminarian Kendyll Ward will serve as preacher, with Rev. Marie Sager, Delaware Conference Dean and Pastor of St. Timothy's, Aston presiding.

Clergy are invited to process. The color of the day is red.
A light reception will follow.

NEW! 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

The ELCA's website has many more resources and information about Sumud, but here is some initial information. If you are interested, register for the Zoom.
"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.

Register Today! Love Revolution Fall Synod Learning Day: Loving Our Neighbors
November 21, 2026
8:30 am - Noon
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
132 E Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia
MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER

Save the Date! Faith Alive Cohort Launch
January 9, 2027
If your congregation is interested in being part of the Faith Alive cohort and working together to welcome children into worship, **COMPLETE AN INTEREST FORM**

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.

Save The Date! Council Officers Gathering
February 20, 2027
9:00 am
United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia Campus
7301 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia

Council officers from all congregations in the Synod are invited to a morning of learning, connecting and fellowship. Mark your calendar for this informative event. More information will come soon.
