

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod

30th Annual Convention - May 18, 2019

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lehighton, PA

Gathering and registration - 8 AM Delegate orientation - 8:30 AM

Worship begins at 9 AM

I Love to Tell the Story



Reflections from the Vice President

Thank you so very much for your support.

This year we decided to go in a little different direction, we went with one of our favorite hymns, "I Love to Tell the Story". I can remember singing this hymn as far back – well, you know, you too can probably remember that far back, and more!

Stories are the backbone of our life and the life of the Bible. Today we will be writing a short story. I hope that this sets you upon the road to a bigger story, and that you don't forget the story of Jesus that brought us all here today.

Blessings – Kathleen Mathews, VP

Travel Directions

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 175 South Third Street, Lehighon, PA 18235
610-377-4303

NORTHEAST EXTENSION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE: to Mahoning Valley Interchange, EXIT 34. Go 209 South approximately 3 miles ... cross bridge to Route 443 West ... passing Pizza Hut on left. Continue through traffic light to next traffic light and turn right ... you are on Route 902 West or Ninth Street. Continue to Iron Street (one block before traffic light) turning right onto Iron Street and continuing to Third Street.

INTERSTATE 80 EAST: Exit on Route 93 South to 209 North to 1st light on First Street in Lehighon, turning right onto North Street. Go to top of hill by park, Third Street, turn left and continue 2 blocks to Iron Street.

INTERSTATE 78: Route 61 North to Route 895 East (exit after Port Clinton) to Route 443 East ... continue on Route 443 East past Carbon Plaza Mall ... car wash ... Century 21 ... at traffic light turn left ... Route 902 West or Ninth Street. Continue to Iron Street ... turn right onto Iron Street and continue to Third Street.

STROUDSBURG AREA OR INTERSTATE 80 WEST: Route 33 South to Route 209 South to bridge at Lehighon. Cross bridge to Route 443 West ... see Pizza Hut on left ... continue through traffic light to next traffic light turn right Route 902 West or Ninth Street. Turn right at Iron Street (one block before traffic light) and continue on Iron Street to Third Street.

INTERSTATE 81 SOUTH: Exit 38 ... Northeast Extension of Turnpike, South. Follow directions above for Northeast Extension of Pennsylvania Turnpike

From South - Rt 145/Rt 248 to Lehighon. At the end of Rt 248, L on Rt 209S, cross bridge, turn R at traffic light, pass Dunkin Donuts, go approx 1/4 mile, turn L on South Maiden Lane (you will see Hi-Rise on your left), go one block, at traffic light turn L in S. First Street (which is also Rt 209N), at next traffic light turn R on Iron Street, Continue 2 blocks to Third Street. Church on Right Corner. Parking on-street or see sign just before the church for parking lot in rear.

Rt 309 North, R on Rt 443E to Lehighon, pass Wal-mart, Giant, Lowes, At 4th traffic light on Rt 443 turn L on South 9th Street, R on Iron Street, continue to Third Street. Church on Left corner. Parking on-street or continue 1/2 block and turn L to church parking lot

Reflections from the President

So, let me tell you a story. How many of us say that from time to time?



When I was little, my dad either read me stories, or told me stories at bedtime. Many children went off to dreamland with the “Pokey Little Puppy” or “The Little Engine That Could”. My dad read stories from Egermier’s Bible Story Book. He read them with such drama, that I could almost hear the water lapping at the sides of the Ark, or feel the fur from the lions with Daniel. I remember being fascinated as those few loaves and fishes fed all those people, and I was practically on a best friend basis with Queen Esther. I so admired her courage and boldness (I still do!).

Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

What is your favorite Bible story? Why? Think about this. Do you tell others or share this with family or friends? It’s important to share. The Bible speaks to us in many ways. Have you felt lost? I wonder how those Israelites felt wandering for forty years. Do you feel alone? Read of Jesus the night his friends all left him. Do you feel disheartened by a current political situation? Read Esther’s story and take some of her boldness into your heart. The Bible is full of stories to help us with everyday life. Read them with your children and grandchildren. Read them as a Bible Study. Then...

Tell the story of our amazing God to others.

Your Sister in Christ,

Lenna

President, NEPA, WELCA

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610-377-4303*

PLEASE READ THIS MATERIAL CAREFULLY AND SHARE IT WITH WOMEN WITHIN YOUR CONGREGATION. All women are invited and welcome to attend whether there is an active Congregation Unit (CU) or not. Any material in this packet may be copied for distribution, especially registration.

THEME: **I love to tell the story**
I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
Text by Katherine Hankey

ATTENDEES: Each congregation shall send one Voting Member, and all other women are invited as learner/participants.

DEADLINES: Voting member and all other registrations are due no later than May 15, 2019.

COSTS: Registration fee is \$30.

DRESS: Dress comfortably, but in good taste. Building is air-conditioned so plan accordingly (bring a sweater, if you wish).

REMEMBRANCES: Memorials honoring active members who have died since May 2018 may be submitted and will be announced at the convention if received by May 18. A form is included in this packet.

CONVENTION OFFERINGS:

In this mailing you will find one offering envelope for presenting your Congregational Unit's (CU) offering during the opening worship. Please provide the information requested on the envelope and write one check to **NEPA WOMEN OF THE ELCA**. The CU# is the same as your congregation's synod number. Ask your church office if you do not know it.

The **DESIGNATED OFFERING** will benefit our 2019 Stewardship emphasis supporting Lutheran World Disaster Relief.

The **CHURCHWIDE OFFERING** is sent to Chicago.

The **TRIENNIAL OFFERING** will be taken to the 11th Triennial Convention in July 2020.

We encourage each congregational unit of Northeastern PA Synod to send your offering along with your voting member to our NEPA Synodical convention; or your unit can send in its offering in advance to Linda Ballew-Johnson, our Synodical WELCA Treasurer: Linda Ballew-Johnson, 8560 Oak Hollow Ln, Macungie, PA 18062

Your personal offerings received during morning worship will be used for the work of the Synodical Women of the ELCA.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND (FINANCIAL AID GRANTS):

SPECIAL GIFTS to the NEPA Woman of the ELCA Scholarship Fund are always appreciated. These funds will assist women in the NEPA Synod to attend the events of the Women of the ELCA, such as the convention and Triennial convention. It is a perfect way to honor someone on a special occasion or as a Memorial gift. Gifts, payable to the NEPA Women of the ELCA, may be given at convention, or at any time by mailing to Treasurer Linda Ballew-Johnson, 8560 Oak Hollow Ln, Macungie, PA 18062

RESOLUTIONS:

Information for submitting resolutions to be considered by the Convention are in this packet. This is a means for getting concerns and issues not included in the Agenda onto the Convention floor.

The form may be copied, filled out and sent, prior to the Convention, to Kathleen Mathews, 52 Oak Drive, Easton PA 18042-7014

There will also be time for submitting resolutions during the Convention. If you have a concern, but need help, talk it over with your pastor.

IN-KIND GIFTS:

The In-Kind Gift Collection will be canned goods to support the Trinity Food Pantry.

CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WELCA

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Joy Michalicek

Executive Board Member, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Joy Michalicek was elected to the executive board of Women of the ELCA in July 2017. She serves on the board's programs and communication committee and the executive committee.

She also works with the "Current for Curran" solar campaign and, prior to that, the "PV for Phebe" campaign.

Before being elected to the executive board, she served as a triennial gathering promoter for the Tenth Triennial Gathering (2017). Previously, she served one term as the synodical women's organization (SWO) president for Northeastern Minnesota (3E) and two terms as a SWO board member. Joy served two years as a synodical scholarship advisor working with younger women.

"This gave me a passion for getting younger women involved in Women of the ELCA," she said.

In addition to her duties on the churchwide executive board, Joy serves as the council president for Kenwood Lutheran Church in Duluth, Minnesota. She also sings with the praise team, rings hand bells and serves on the personnel and fellowship boards.

Joy works at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, as a project specialist in facilities management. She and her husband, Kevin, have two sons, two large lazy dogs and an independent cat. Joy likes to walk trails, swim, walk along Lake Superior, bargain shop and watch murder mysteries.

REGISTRATION FORM

Northeastern PA Synod Women of the ELCA May 18, 2019

Trinity Lutheran Church

175 S Third St, Lehigh, PA 18235

Voting Member SWO Officer/Board Participant Guest Youth

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cluster _____ Congregation/City _____

Participants will receive a subscription to "The Flame"

Would you prefer to have the Flame emailed to you? Yes No

If you answered yes, please provide your email address _____

Registration Fee: \$30

Are you a first timer? Yes No

Age Bracket: 12-18 19-29 30-39 40-49 50-64 65+

IF YOU ARE A VOTING MEMBER, HAVE THE LEADER OF YOUR UNIT SIGN THE FOLLOWING:
This is to certify that the above person has been duly appointed to represent the Congregational Unit at the Annual Convention of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Women of the ELCA.

Leader of Congregational Unit _____ Date _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: May 15, 2019

Send completed registration form and check payable to **NEPA Women of the ELCA** to:

Suzan Andrews
4530 Virginia Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017
(610)866-2459
Email: suzan_andrews@hotmail.com

RESOLUTIONS

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Resolutions are a means for units and delegates to introduce issues that they wish to have addressed by the convention and some type of action taken. The issues may be related to the organization or to ministry concerns beyond the organization. The normal format usually includes several "WHEREAS clauses" to describe the issue, concern, problem and basis or need for the resolution.

Following the "whereas clauses" RESOLVED clauses clearly state the proposed solutions and define requested action. RESOLVED clauses clearly define

- What should be done;
- To whom the request for action is addressed;
- What the action may cost and how it is funded;
- When the action should be done; and
- To whom the results are to be reported.

If a resolution suggests a change involving the Constitution or By-laws of the organization, the proposed wording should be included in the resolution.

Resolutions should be tested against questions like these:

- Is the information complete and accurate?
- Does this matter pertain to the life and program of the organization?
- Is this a matter of significance requiring consideration by the organization?
- Can the action requested be appropriately and effectively implemented by the organization?
- Is the proposed action consistent with the policies and constitution and by-laws of the organization?

RESOLUTIONS not mailed to the Resolution Committee in advance are to be submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee by a certain time that is announced at the beginning of the Convention. The Committee will review the Resolution and report to the Convention its recommendation (s). Convention delegates will vote on the Committee's recommendation(s) regarding adoption, defeat, postponement, or referral.

FORM FOR SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS IS ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE. FORM MAY BE COPIED for use as needed. Resolutions may be submitted prior to Convention by sending a copy to:

Kathleen Mathews
52 Oak Drive
Easton, PA 18042

Mail no later than May 11, 2019 or bring to the Convention.

RESOLUTION FORM
Northeastern PA Synod Women of the ELCA
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Date _____ Resolution # _____ (assigned by Committee)

Delegate's Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Women of the ELCA Unit:
Congregation _____ Town _____

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: _____

WHEREAS:

RESOLVED:

Signature(s) of Delegate(s)

SHARING YOUR CONGREGATIONAL UNIT'S EVENTS

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We invite you to bring a display of your Congregational Unit's history or share your Congregational Unit or Cluster's success story of an event, project, or program during the past year. We encourage the following types of displays (please circle what type of space you will need, including electrical outlets, number of tables, etc:)

Table top display 1/2 table _____ 1 table _____
Poster I have an easel _____ I need an easel _____
Demonstration (would need to be done during lunch break)
Idea of your choice _____
Electrical Outlet _____ Other needs _____

MAIL TO: Kathy Mathews
52 Oak Drive
Easton, PA 18042

Deadline: Saturday, May 11, 2019

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Cut

REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of members of the Congregational Units in the NEPA Synod Women of the ELCA who have passed away since May 2018. Please complete this form:

Names will be read at the convention.

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Congregational Unit _____ Town _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Mail to: Kathy Mathews
52 Oak Drive
Easton, PA 18042

Deadline: May 18 2019

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Northeastern PA Synod Women of the ELCA
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EXPECTATIONS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

-Attendance at Board meetings (4 per year); present excuse if unable to attend
- ...Officers meet as needed during the year
- ...Fulfill assignments on time and to the best of your ability
- ...Attend Synod-wide events, cluster events, training sessions as much as possible
- ...Be a vocal advocate for Women of the ELCA
- ...Bring issues/questions to attention of the Board, if unable to respond on your own
- ...Be familiar with resources available and their source
- ...Promote women's events, plus encourage use of *Gather Magazine, Interchange, Cafe, and the Stewardship Resource Book.*
- ...Ask questions, suggest projects and programs, develop new skills
-Support your co-board members along the way and offer assistance when needed
- ...Most of all PRAY, PRAY, PRAY and ENJOY, ENJOY, the NEPA Synod Women of the ELCA

POSITIONS AND TERMS FOR NOMINATIONS AT THE 2019 CONVENTION:

President	(2019-2021)	(2 year term)
Vice President	(2019-2021)	(2 year term)
Secretary	(2019-2021)	(2 year term)
Treasurer	(2019-2021)	(2 year term)
7 Board Positions	(2019-2021)	(2 year term)

NOMINATIONS INFORMATION

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SELECTING NOMINEES

The Nomination Form for submitting names of possible nominees for election as Board members is included in this mailing. This information and the form may be copied as needed.

IN ALL CASES, A WOMAN TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NOMINATION MUST BE A MEMBER OF A LUTHERAN CONGREGATION AND AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN A WOMEN OF THE ELCA UNIT. A nominee for a position requiring particular skills should be reasonably qualified.

Positions to be filled in the Northeastern PA Synodical Women's Organization are Board members. All Congregational Units (CU's) are to submit names for consideration. **It is okay to submit your own name** for consideration by the Nominations Committee. Stepping out of your comfort zone is part of growing in faith. God will answer your call for assistance and support, as will your fellow Board members.

Talk to persons whom you feel have skills to contribute to the workings of the Synod-wide Board. **DO NOT DECIDE YOURSELF THAT SOMEONE WILL NOT SERVE WITHOUT TALKING WITH THEM. ASK THEM, LET THEM MAKE THE DECISION.**

Pray about the need for elected leadership and include those individuals who you feel would serve well. Talk about supporting someone from your congregation and then give assistance, if elected.

ACT BOLDLY on your faith in Jesus Christ!

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact: Kathleen Mathews
52 Oak Drive
Easton PA 18042
kathleen.mathews@rcn.com

Excerpts from CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS of the NEPA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH in AMERICA

ARTICLE VI...CONVENTIONS

Section 4: Nominations and Elections

- Item 1. The Board shall establish a process for appointing a nomination committee of at least three members to serve for each regular Convention. It shall nominate two persons for each vacancy. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations have been made.
- Item 2. The nomination committee shall give consideration to names submitted by the units.
- Item 3. The nomination committee in selection nominees for the officers and board members of the synodical women's organization and for the delegates to the triennial convention shall follow these guidelines:
 - a. As nearly as possible, at least ten percent of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.
 - b. No more than one person from a congregational, intercongregational or special unit.
 - c. Consideration shall be given to geographic location, variety of ages, and diversity of experience.
- Item 4. All elections shall be by ballot.
- Item 5. In all elections, a majority of votes cast shall elect, except in the election of delegates to the triennial convention.

ARTICLE VII... BOARD OF THE SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Section 4: Duties of Officers

Item 1. The president shall

- a. preside at all conventions of the synodical women's organization and at meetings of the board and executive committee;
- b. ensure that the constitution and bylaws of the synodical women's organization are duly observed and that the actions thereof are carried into effect, and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for;
- c. be an ex-officio member of all committees of the synodical women's organization except the Nominating Committee;
- d. submit a report to each regular convention of the synodical women's organization concerning her work, with observations and recommendations affecting the synodical women's organization as she may deem important;
- e. serve as liaison with the churchwide women's organization and attend the meetings of the Conference of Synodical Presidents;
- f. represent the synodical women's organization at, or appoint representatives to, inter-Lutheran and ecumenical associations and councils in which the organization participates; and

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ARTICLE VII... BOARD OF THE SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Section 4: Duties of Officers

Item 2. The vice-president shall:

- a. act in the absence, disability, or resignation of the president. She shall assume the duties of the president. She shall assume the duties of the president until the vacancy is filled by the Board of the synodical women's organization at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- b. perform such other duties as requested by the president of the Board.

Item 3. The secretary shall:

- a. be the secretary of the board and the executive committee of the synodical women's organization;
- b. be responsible for recording and distributing minutes of the synodical convention, the board, and the executive committee;
- c. give the units notification of the regular convention at least three months in advance and of a special convention at least one month in advance;
- d. keep a correct register of the roll of units, along with the names of the officers of these units;
- e. secure from the units such reports as from time to time may be required;
- f. perform such other duties as the board may from time to time direct; and
- g. provide for the gathering and preserving of historical records and documents

Item 4. The treasurer shall

- a. provide for the keeping of all records and be accountable for all funds;
- b. be responsible for disbursing funds in accordance with the financial policies of Women of the ELCA and the budget of the synodical women's organization; and
- c. present a complete report, including an accounting compilation or review to the synodical women's organization convention and an interim report to each board and executive committee meeting.

Section 7: Board Duties

Item 1. Transact necessary business and make programmatic decisions between Conventions.

Item 2. Carry out resolutions and promote the interest of the synodical women's organization.

Item 3. Set policies required for effective and efficient functioning.

Item 4. Supervise and coordinate the work of all committees that the Board may appoint.

Item 5. Identify board members for networking between the churchwide organization and the unit in both programmatic and organizational concerns.

Item 6. Determine the time and place of each convention.

Item 7. Prepare the proposed agenda, rules of procedure and program for adoption by each Convention.

Item 8. Report its actions to each regular convention.

Item 9. Recommend the budget to the regular convention.

Item 10. Fill vacancies in the offices and board membership until the next convention and determine the fact of the incapacity of an officer or board member to perform her duties.

Item 11. Act as constitution and by-laws committee.

Item 12. Act in such other matters as may be delegated to it by the convention of the synodical women's organization.

ECUMENICAL (Include local, state, national and international organizations)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (Please indicate offices, volunteer services and/or other responsibilities for local, state, national, and international organizations)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

VOCATION/OCCUPATION (Include full or part-time); if retired indicate work experience.

What vision do you have for the Women of the ELCA?

If you are nominating someone other than yourself:

+Has this individual agreed to serve if elected? _____

+What is your name: _____

+Address: _____

+Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 18, 2019 TO:

Kathleen Mathews
52 Oak Drive
Easton PA 18042
kathleen.mathews@rcn.com

**NEPA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
NOMINATION FORM FOR TRIENNIAL VOTING MEMBER
2020 CONVENTION, PHOENIX, ARIZONA
July 14-16, 2020**

Congregational Units: Please complete the information requested before returning this nomination form

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Congregational Unit/Cluster _____

(The following information is needed to help us in filling our openings per Churchwide By-Laws.)

AGE RANGE: under 25 _____ 26-35 _____ 36-50 _____ 51-64 _____ 65+

RACE: American Indian: _____ African American _____ Asian: _____

Pacific Islander: _____ Caucasian: _____

____ First time voting member

EXPERIENCE: Please indicate up to four examples of experience in the following areas over the last five years:

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (Include Congregational Unit, Cluster, Synodical Women's Organization, Churchwide)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

ELCA (Include Congregation, Mission District, Synod, Churchwide)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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NOMINATION FORM FOR TRIENNIAL VOTING MEMBER
2020 CONVENTION, PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (Please indicate offices, volunteer services and/or other responsibilities for local, state, national, and international organizations)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

VOCATION/OCCUPATION (Include full or part-time); if retired indicate work experience.

I do hereby consent to having my name submitted as a nominee, and if elected, I will accept the responsibilities of the office to which I am elected.

Nominee's signature: _____

Date: _____

Unit Submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Telephone Number _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Thank you for completing this form. **Please mail by May 11, 2019 or bring to the convention**

Lenna Harris
55 W 4th St Apt A1
Nazareth PA 18064-2440