

I want to thank everyone for taking a courageous leap of faith by stating their intention to contribute to Mission Support in 2022. Even though this past year has been filled with challenges and uncertainties, your thoughtful, generous, and consistent contributions to Mission Support enabled you to give hope, encouragement, and dignity to many. By giving to Mission Support through your church, you became a partner in many different synodical and churchwide ministries and programs. These ministries and programs can only happen through the generosity and support of many. Together we can do wonderful things by being the presence of Jesus in today's world. I invite you to read about some of the ministries made possible through your support that have also expressed their appreciation to you and are included in this letter. Then, just imagine all the good that will happen in 2022 because of your involvement in contributing to Mission Support. Thank you and God Bless.

-Debbie Skinner, Mission Support Coordinator-Northeastern PA Synod

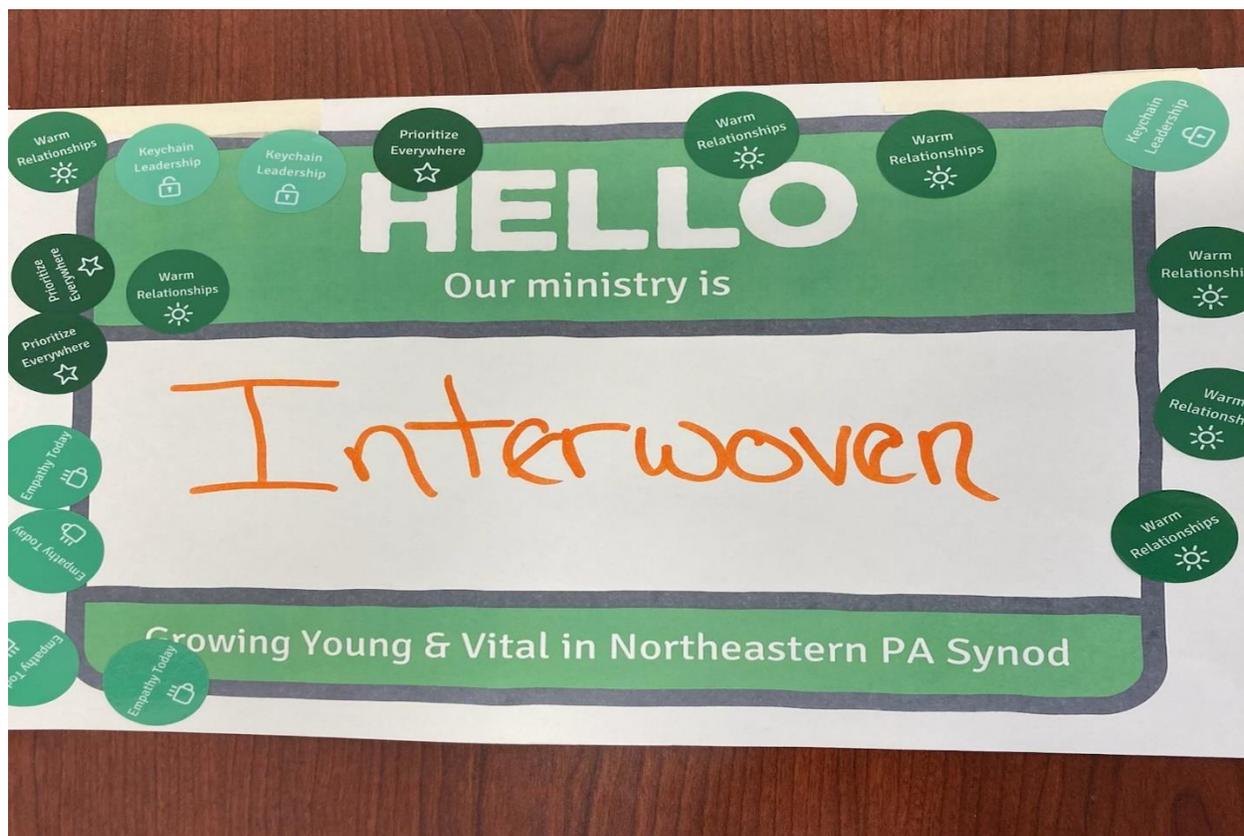
WE LOVE...

The goal of the "We Love" event was to build safer and more welcoming congregations for LGBTQIA+ youth and families which we hope to accomplish through a day of engaging with people and topics who are part of, or allies to, the LGBTQIA+ community. This is done by creating safe spaces to explore a variety of related topics and questions through inclusive worship, fellowship and workshop spaces.

Without the support of the Witness and Service Team Ministry grant we received we would not have been able to make the day happen in a way that was financially viable and inclusive of everyone. The 2021 event hosted over 40 people from around the synod, including several high school youth. We are so very thankful for the financial support. Here's a testimony regarding one of the high school participants by a parent who sent their youth to join "We Love"... for the day. "That Sunday she approached me to tell me what a wonderful experience it was for her child. She told me they ask her every day how school was and what she learned and received minimal response. When the question was asked about "We Love"...her child became extremely animated, sharing about the workshops she participated in and all that she learned, sharing with her parents how happy she was to be part of the day and show she can't wait for next year's event" -Kristen Kelly, Director of Youth and Mission, Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We truly hope individuals and congregations will continue to support the Witness and Service Team Ministry grant program so as a Synod we can continue to grow into our calling from Christ to love, serve and include ALL of our neighbors.

*-Deacon Diana Pelletier, We Love Event Co-Chair
St. John's Lutheran Church, Sinking Spring*



To all who have contributed to Mission Support, Interwoven thanks you! Interwoven is an intergenerational ministry here at Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church that meets once a month. All are welcome to join us for a meal, and an activity-sometimes we gather to take a hike, watch a holiday movie, or play volleyball. Other times, our focus is service in our community. Due to your donations to Mission Support, Interwoven has been able to gather to make and provide meals for Opportunity House, make dog toys and blankets for our local animal shelter, make holiday cookies to spread cheer to a local therapy group for veterans, and so much more! Thank you for your continued support-we wouldn't be successful without you!

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