



**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Synod Assembly**  
**Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA**  
**June 1-3, 2023**

**2023 Synod Assembly Program** (05/26)

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

**5:00 - 6:00 PM Meal Break**

**6:15 - 7:15 PM Plenary Session One**

Introduction  
Order for Opening  
Adoption of the Agenda  
Words of Welcome, Leadership/Support Roles  
“Going Beyond ... 1:1”  
Elections - Nominations from the Floor  
Lutheran Refugee and Immigration Service  
Racial Justice Task Force  
Joe Davis & Dave Scherer  
Announcements

**7:30 - 9:00 PM Festival Worship**

**Friday, June 2, 2023**

**8:45 - 12:30 PM Plenary Session Two**

Opening Worship  
Women of the ELCA  
“Going Beyond Death to Life”  
Constitution Committee  
Committee on Reference & Counsel 1  
Growing Young  
Report of Bishop  
United Lutheran Seminary  
Report of the Treasurer  
Presentation of 2024 Spending Proposal

Mission Interpreters  
ELCA World Hunger  
Bishop Michael Girlinghouse Keynote Part 1  
Director For Evangelical Mission Introduction  
Joe Davis & Dave Scherer  
Announcements

**12:30 - 1:30 PM Meal Break**

**2:00 - 5:30 PM Workshops, Ministry Share Fair, and Vitality Cafe**

Choir Rehearsal TBD between 1:30 & 3:00 p.m.

**5:30 - 6:30 PM Meal Break**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM Plenary Session Three**

Joe Davis & Dave Scherer  
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Pennsylvania  
ELCA Representative  
Committee on Reference & Counsel 2  
Bear Creek Camp  
Meet Election Candidates - VP  
Prayer & Elections  
Announcements

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

**8:45 - 12:00 PM Plenary Session Four**

Worship with Bishop deForest & Community Choir  
LGBTQ+ Task Force  
Election Results  
Committee on Reference & Counsel 3  
Bishop Michael Girlinghouse Keynote Part 2  
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation  
Portico Benefits  
New Clergy, Retirements, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries  
Action on Compensation Guidelines  
Ministry Moment - Hope's Table  
Joe Davis & Dave Scherer  
Announcements

**12:00 - 1:00 PM Meal Break**

**1:30 - 3:00 PM Plenary Session Five**

Joe Davis & Dave Scherer

Bishop Michael Girlinghouse Keynote Part 3

Report of the Secretary

Lutheran Congregational Services and Disaster Recovery Update

Installation: Newly Elected Deans, Synod Council Members and Officers

Unfinished Business

Thank Yous

Order for Closing an Assembly