





AUGUST 2023

United Fellowship Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>WORSHIP SERVICE</i> 9:30 AM</p> <p><i>SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 10TH WITH RALLY DAY! AND A PANCAKE BREAKFAST!</i></p>	<p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY UFLC!!</p> 	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>-A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -National Night Out 6-8pm</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>-Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm -Finance Mtg. 10am -Girl Scouts 7-8pm (FH)</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>-Council reports due -F&CB MTG 6pm</p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rented 1:30pm-8pm</p>
<p><i>6</i></p> <p>-Worship with Holy Communion 9:30am -Worship & Music Mtg</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>-AA Mtg 9am (FH)</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>-A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -Council 6pm</p>	<p><i>9</i>-Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm -Staff Mtg. 3:15pm -Youth Gathering Mtg 6pm -Wilson Bike Safety Seminar 5-8pm -Girl Scouts 7-8pm (FH)</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>-Stewardship Mtg. 6pm -Food Pantry 6-7:30pm</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p>
<p><i>13</i></p> <p>-Worship 9:30 AM with Holy Communion -Property Mtg -Touch A Truck Event 11am-1:30pm</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>-AA Mtg 9am (FH) -Food Pantry Delivery 9am -Pr. Jamie @ Synod Faith Retreat</p>	<p><i>15</i> -A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -Christian Ed. Mtg 6:30pm -Pr. Jamie @ Synod Faith Retreat</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>-NO QUILTERS -Covered Dish & Hymn Sing @ Arndt's 6-8pm -Pr. Jamie @ Synod Faith Retreat</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>-Safe Harbor meal delivered -Food Pantry 6-7:30pm</p>	<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p> 
<p><i>20</i></p> <p>-Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 AM -Baptism</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>-AA Mtg 9am (FH)</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>-A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -Evangelism Mtg 6pm</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>-Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm -Girl Scouts 7-8pm (FH)</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>-September newsletter information due</p>	<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p>
<p><i>27</i></p> <p>-Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 AM -Backpack Blessing -New Member Class</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>-AA Mtg 9am (FH)</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>-A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH)</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>-Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm -WUFLC Bible Study 12pm -Girl Scouts 7-8pm (FH)</p>	<p><i>31</i></p>	<p><i>31</i></p>	
 <p><i>September 10th</i></p>			<p><i>SS</i> Sunday School <i>CR</i> Choir Room <i>QR</i> Quilters Room <i>NS</i> Nursery School <i>O</i> Main Office</p>	<p><i>S</i> Sanctuary <i>FH</i> Fellowship Hall <i>K</i> Kitchen <i>L</i> Lounge</p>		<p>Coming soon.... -Noto's Deli Hoagie ticket fundraiser! -Veteran's Group start-up</p>



OCT 3&4
Parish Secretary
SEMINAR
Caring for You & Me in 2023
Heritage Hotel, Lancaster, PA.

<https://nepasynod.org/parish-secretary-seminar/>

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Sept. 10 2023



2023 Mission Support Memo

The eHarmony of Prison Reentry

STORYTELLING ENGAGEMENT

*As you read this story, what questions arise?
 How might you share this story with others in your ministry setting?*

A story from our Grand Canyon Synod

Over 600,000 people are released from prison every year, and as they struggle to rejoin society, they face barriers to connecting with reentry service providers. We are honored that so many of our synods and congregations are active in prison ministry; yet they know the challenge of finding reliable and effective resources to support folks once they've been released.

Our synods are supporting reentry ministry: the Metropolitan Chicago Synod helped start the work and the Grand Canyon Synod has launched the innovative online resource the **Inside Out Network (ION)**, a one-of-a-kind platform that helps returning citizens connect with the support they need for a successful reentry. The Grand Canyon Synod has made a strong commitment, awarding ION an "Adapting, Connecting, Transforming and Sustaining" grant so it can help people access ministries and service providers.

ION is a bit like eHarmony: returning citizens and service providers can find each other and exchange messages, even before release, to make sure returning citizens get the support they need as soon after release as possible. What started as a prison ministry from an ELCA church in the Chicago area is now operating in Illinois and Arizona and launching soon in Oregon, with 6,400 returning citizens and 443 service providers and ministries enrolled. ION is always free to returning citizens, and service providers participate free of charge for a year before paying a modest annual fee.

With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, ION has gone into Arizona prisons to train staff on using the platform. This has led to inmates enrolling before their release; reports indicate that as release approaches, they are less anxious, seeing ahead of time what help will be available.

ION values its partnerships with ministry and is currently developing a Reentry Congregational Initiative, gathering insights from faith communities that intentionally minister to returning citizens. Many ELCA congregations work in this area, and we welcome any insights they might provide by completing this [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLFWMLS) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLFWMLS>). ION intends to develop a guidebook called "Effective Reentry Ministry for Ordinary Congregations"; its valuable "Spiritual Survival Guide for Prison and Beyond" can be read or downloaded free of charge from the ION website at insideoutnetwork.net/resources.

RACIAL JUSTICE TRAINING FOR ROSTERED LEADERS

As per "Resolution: Anti-Racism Education Emphasis" submitted to the 2022 Synod Assembly and passed at the July 2022 meeting of the Synod Council, all NEPA Synod rostered leaders (pastors and deacons) and synodically authorized lay leaders are required to have Anti-Racism Training at least every 3 years, at the same cost as Boundary Training. To help meet this requirement, the Synod Racial Justice Team has scheduled two training events for Fall 2023, for those who were not able to attend one of the Winter 2023 sessions. ****Lay Leaders are also welcome to attend.****

Tuesday October 17, 2023
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Office
 2354 Grove Rd, Allentown, PA 18109

Saturday October 21, 2023
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
 527 Washington St, Reading, PA 19601

For more information visit the Synod website and click "events"



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GAINING STRENGTH



BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE