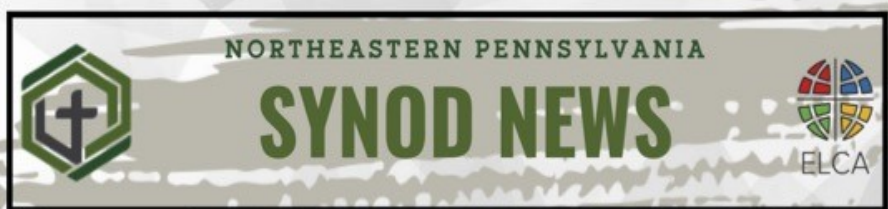


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>WORSHIP SERVICE</i> 9:30 AM</p> <p><i>SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER WITH RALLY DAY!</i></p>	<p><i>S Sanctuary</i> <i>FH Fellowship Hall</i> <i>K Kitchen</i> <i>L Lounge</i></p>	<p><i>SS Sunday School</i> <i>CR Choir Room</i> <i>QR Quilters Room</i> <i>NS Nursery School</i> <i>O Main Office</i></p>				1
2 Worship 9:30am at Hay's Cemetery—Bring a chair!	3 -AA Mtg 9am (FH) -VBS Mtg 6pm	4 -A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH)	5 -Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm -Girl Scouts 7-8pm (FH)	6 -Fellowship & Community Building meeting 6pm -VBS Mtg 6pm	7	8
9 -Worship 9:30 AM with Holy Communion -VBS Volunteers Installation -Property Mtg -Social Ministry Mtg	10 -AA Mtg 9am (FH) -Food Pantry Delivery 9am -VBS 5:30 dinner 6-8:30 pm VBS	11-A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -NO COUNCIL MTG -VBS 5:30 dinner 6-8:30 pm VBS	12-Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm (QR) -Finance Mtg 10am -Staff Mtg 3pm -VBS 5:30 dinner 6-8:30 pm VBS	13 -Food Pantry 6-7:30pm -VBS 5:30 dinner 6-8:30 pm VBS	14 -Mission District Iron Pigs game -VBS 5:30 dinner 6-8:30 pm VBS	15
16 -Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 AM -Worship & Music Cmte Mtg	17 -AA Mtg 9am (FH)  <b>Pr. Jamie Vacation</b>	18 -A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH)  <b>Pr. Jamie Vacation</b>	19 -Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm (QR) -Girl Scouts 7-8pm (FH)  <b>Pr. Jamie Vacation</b>	20-Safe Harbor meal Delivered -Food Pantry 6-7:30pm -August newsletter information due <b>Pr. Jamie Vacation</b>	21  <b>Pr. Jamie Vacation</b>	22  <b>Pr. Jamie Vacation</b>
23 -Worship 9:30 AM  <b>Pr. Jamie Vacation</b>	24 -AA Mtg 9am (FH)	25 -A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH)	26-Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm (QR) -Ladies' Bible Study 12pm -Girl Scouts 7-8pm (FH)	27	28	29
30 SERVICE OF HEALING & CHURCH PICNIC AT MEUSER PARK 10:15 AM -Executive Committee Mtg	31 -AA Mtg 9am (FH) -GSCNS Board Mtg 6pm (L)		<b><u>SAVE THE DATE</u></b> Hymn Sing & Covered Dish at Arndt's Wednesday, August 16th @6pm			



## OF NORTHERN STITCHES, CONTAINER SHIPS, PORT CHAPLAINS AND SEAFARERS: A JOURNEY OF HOPE THRU SIH

BY PASTOR SUSAN TJORNEHOJ, SIH BOARD MEMBER AND SUSTAINER, CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BEMIDJI, MN

It is a Thursday morning at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN. Canada is just 107 miles away. The winter morning is brisk, 7 degrees, with a stiff breeze out of the north. This means it feels like way too many degrees below zero. For the 8 to 10 women who are here, cold temps, icy winds, even blowing snow can't keep them home. The call to serve others through the art and craft of quilting is too compelling. Colors surround them, blues and greens, browns and oranges, reds, yellows, floral and stripe, squares and scraps, piecing together discarded fabric into warmth which becomes shawls and tents, blankets, a wedding dress, maybe even a death wrap for those fleeing war or the ravages of climate change. But here in the north, it is simply the joy of community and service.

Today I imagine the journey the quilts will take, from the cold north to a warehouse, into a container bound for a need somewhere in the world. Ukraine or Lebanon? Mali or Burkina Faso? I imagine them loaded onto a train or truck on its way to a port, part of the *Seafarers International House (SIH)* network. Baltimore? Newark? *Seafarers International House (SIH)*, the ELCA seafarers' ministry, has been that intersection where quilters from Bemidji, connect to a port chaplain, a seafarer, a dock worker loading up a container ship bound for somewhere across the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal, to places known and unknown.



For 150 years, hospitality and the welcome of strangers, support for seafarers and newcomers and refugees and immigrants, asylum seekers, this ministry has been a tapestry, a quilt, a piecing together of connection, support and a wayside rest. Perhaps some of the ancestors of these quilting women were assisted by SIH as they disembarked at Battery Park or Ellis Island, bound for a new home in a new land.

This is what interests me on a cold Thursday morning, how the stitches of these women, intersect with a dock worker, a seafarer, a port chaplain, an asylum seeker. This is why I continue to financially support this ministry and serve on its board with great joy, imagining and underwriting the hope, the intersections of strangers around the globe, all uniquely made possible through SIH. 🙏



The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod met in assembly from June 1-3, 2023 at Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. We gathered around Word and Sacrament, Song, Service, friendship, and food. We prayed together, worshipped together, and conducted the business of Christ's church for the first time, in-person, in three years!

In our time together we adopted changes to our constitution from the ELCA, elected a new Secretary, Rev. Ken Melber Jr, elected a new Vice President, Nancy Reichelt, and we adopted three new resolutions concerning money management in congregations, chaplaincy at Diakon home, and land acknowledgment concerning first peoples'. These can be found on the Synod website at [www.godslove.org/assembly23](http://www.godslove.org/assembly23)

