

Prints of Peace



“What does the Reformation mean to us?”



October 31 is a very special day in the Lutheran church calendar. And not because it's Halloween! (Though that's fine too. Halloween is lots of fun, and I love chocolate candy as much as the next person.) It is said that on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 *Theses* to the church door in Wittenberg. There is some debate now about whether that nailing actually happened historically, but what is clear is that Luther wrote a document we know as the *95 Theses* and circulated it widely. This document included a list of things he thought the church of his time (the Roman Catholic

Church, which was the only church in the western world at the time) was getting wrong. These centered mainly on questions about the way bishops and priests and the pope himself were using their power, questions about the way the church proclaimed the good news of Christ, questions about the way the church was withholding forgiveness unless people paid a certain amount of money (called an “indulgence”).

What is also clear is that the writing of these *95 Theses* ignited a fire throughout western Europe that grew into the Protestant Reformation. While Luther's intent was only to help the Catholic Church to *reform*, the end result was the creation of many of the denominations of Christianity we still see to this day. The Roman church did eventually change many of these things as well, and I daresay that Luther would not be nearly so offended by the Catholic Church of today as he was in the sixteenth century.

To us who bear the name “Lutheran,” the message of the Gospel centers around the meaning of the word *grace*, which has been defined as “God's love freely given.” We celebrate that God's love is *always* free, to all of us. We need to do *nothing* to earn it – we don't need to do certain things, give a certain amount of money, even believe a certain thing. God's love is so vast and so wide and so deep that we are positively swimming in it. That's grace.

So, what do we do with the Reformation today? How do we celebrate it in October 2022? One way is to
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remember that the church is *always reforming*, and *always in need of reformation*. God’s love for us may be unchanging, but we always need to change. Just as a person grows and learns throughout life, so the church needs to continually grow and learn and become more what God intends for us. I think of a few ways the Lutheran church in the United States has been reformed in the last sixty years or so: *We recognized that women have gifts for pastoral leadership, so we began to ordain women. We recognized that worship would be richer if we had a variety of voices, so we empowered people to act as lay readers, assisting ministers, and more. We recognized that gay and lesbian people are children of God, made in God’s image, so we began to break down the walls that forced them to hide their truth. We recognized that mental illness is a real condition, not a moral failure, so we began to talk about it, and made a real dent in the stigma surrounding it.*

These are just a few examples I thought of off the top of my head. There are many more. We are a *continually reforming* church, and that’s how God made us to be. What’s the next big shift we need to

make? What’s the next way we can welcome people who have historically been unwelcome? What’s the next obstacle to sharing God’s word that we can remove? We’ll figure that out together. Happy Reformation Day, church. May we continue to be reformed in God’s image day after day.

In Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, November 20 immediately following worship (about 11:00 am)**. At this meeting, we will: consider ratification of amendments to our constitution; consider amendments to our by-laws; approve a budget for 2023; decide on “subfunds” for the Endowment Fund for 2023; and elect council members. Other business may be conducted as well. All members are asked to attend.



IMPORTANT: Please get all reports for committees, staff, etc. to Annette no later than **Sunday, October 23** for inclusion in the Annual Report.

Key Council Highlights from September 12th

- Quincy Miller will be the only confirmand for this year to be presented to council.
- Budget discussion and recommendations are under way
- Dave Karner has retired after 30 years of being a scout master. There is some great new leadership in place for the scout troops.



Please keep these people in prayer on the anniversary of their birth!

Paul Kuhs, III, October 2
Kimberley Jennings, October 3
Vivian Fahr, October 5
Lewis Lambert, October 6
Kristine Vanderpool, October 8
Tara Flyte, October 8
Jennifer Werner, October 8
Robin Labar, October 9
William Pensyl, October 9
Derek Brands, October 10
Louise Brown, October 11
Martin Yazdzik, October 12
Neil Billger, October 14
Brandon Gillow, October 14
Cheri Confalone, October 17
David Reinhart, October 17
Michelle Woolley, October 17
Carissa Emery, October 18
Candy Rissmiller, October 18
Gordon Pensyl, October 21
Tarin Wolfe, October 22
Savanna Poliskiewicz, October 24
Erinn Stanmets, October 25
Landon Horn, October 25
Kathy Kreider, October 28
Craig Hower, October 30



In-person (9:45 on Sundays)

All in-person worship services may include alterations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including (but not limited to) altered seating arrangements, the wearing of masks, and so forth. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend.

Online / Facebook / Telephone

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor). You can also call in to hear our worship each week at 877-POP-2-POP (877-767-2767). New videos and audio files will be added each Monday.

RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral: Eric Stauffer, August 11

ARE YOU GETTING PASTORMAIL?

Pastor Scholtes sends out emails to the congregation almost every day. These *PastorMails* contain information about upcoming events, about recent decisions made in the church, and generally help to keep us all connected. If you are not receiving them, please send him a note at pastorMJS@gmail.com to get added to the list, or sign up at our church website (popbangor.org). They are also archived at popbangor.org/pastormail.



NEW (OLD) COMMUNION STYLE

We have moved to a style of sharing communion much like what we did prior to COVID. All those sharing communion now receive a wafer, and wine is poured into a cup for them. There are still some “to-go cups” (the ones we used throughout the pandemic) available as well, if you would prefer to use them for any reason. Any questions, please contact Pastor Scholtes.

Communion Assistants Need! Thank you to all those who have volunteered so far! The frequency you'll be scheduled depends on the number of people who are on the list. Pastor is very happy to train you if you haven't done it before and he can answer any questions you may have.

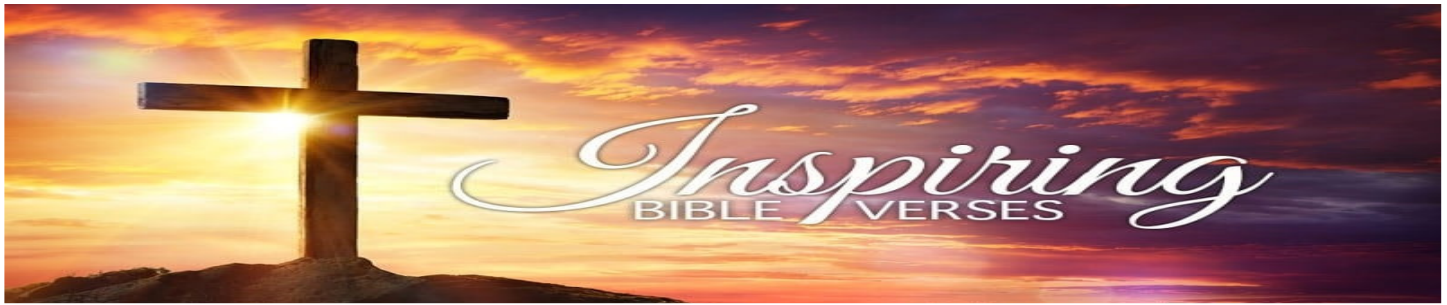
Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Acolyte	Offering Counter
Sunday, October 2	Traci Rumsey, Kale Baker	Kim Jennings	Marlene Stana	Brenda Hughes, Georgia and John Suranofsky	John Martocci	Alex Scholtes	Connie Itterly, Jim Jennings
Sunday, October 9	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Janet Martocci	Tina Johns	Traci Rumsey, Bob Gist, Kale Baker	Jim Jennings	Sarah Harrison	Scott Schipps, Jim Jennings
Sunday, October 16	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	Kale Baker	Laraine Brands	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes, Vivian Fahr	Cathy Mullen	Izzy Baker	Brenda Hughes, Jackie Horn
Sunday, October 23	Sherk and June Jones	Connie Itterly	Sarah Harrison	Marlene and Butch Stana, Sara Godshalk	Kim Jennings	Alex Scholtes	Tina Johns, Jim Jennings
Sunday, October 30	Brenda Hughes, Traci Rumsey	Mary Hendershot	Connie Itterly	Vivian Fahr, Sherk and June Johns	Antonioli Family	Sarah Harrison	Kathy Williams, Jackie Horn
Sunday, November 6	Vivian Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Isabel Baker	April Miller	John and Georgia Suranofsky, Sue Reinhart	Cathy Mullen	Landon Horn	Bob Gist, Jim Jennings

Communion assistants: 10/2: Linda Waszmer, Connie Itterly, 10/9: Laraine Brands, Brooks Baker, 10/16: Diane Hahn, Tina Johns 10/23: Jim Jennings, April Miller, 10/30: Diane Hahn, Tina Johns 11/6: Linda Waszmer, Connie Itterly

Altar Guild for October: Cathy Mullen, Phyllis Bisher
Altar Guild for November: Janet Martocci, Susan Reinhart

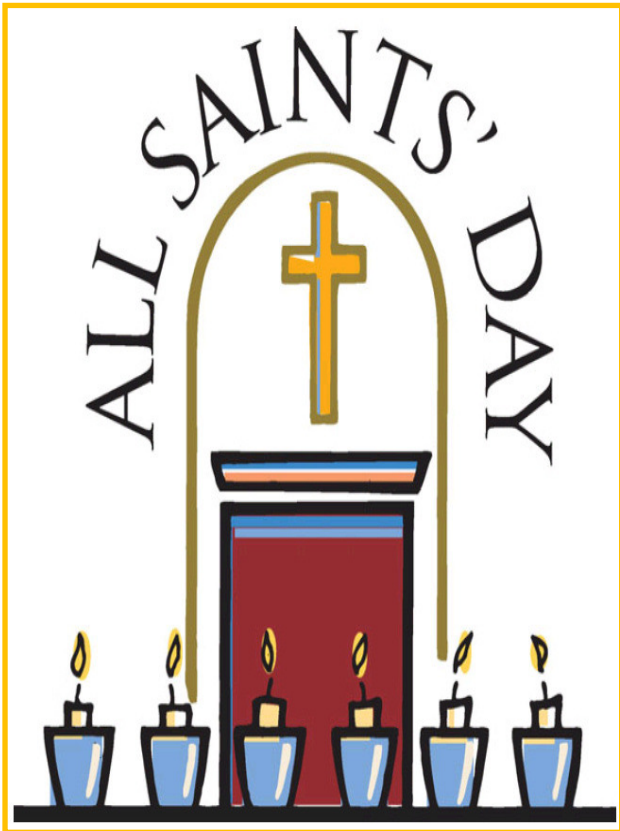
Thank you for your willingness to serve!!! If you are unable to fulfill an assignment, please find someone to take your place and let Pastor Scholtes know of the change as soon as possible. For last minute changes be sure to leave the message on Pastor Scholtes' voice mail (610-588-2355) or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.





Saturday, October 1	Psalm 37:1-9; Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 20:29-34
Sunday, October 2	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
Monday, October 3	Psalm 3; Habakkuk 1:5-17; James 1:2-11
Tuesday, October 4	Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:5-11; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21
Wednesday, October 5	Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:12-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
Thursday, October 6	Psalm 111; Leviticus 14:33-53; 2 Timothy 1:13-18
Friday, October 7	Psalm 111; Numbers 4:34-5:4; 2 Timothy 2:1-7
Saturday, October 8	Psalm 111; Numbers 12:1-15; Luke 5:12-16
Sunday, October 9	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
Monday, October 10	Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29
Tuesday, October 11	Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Ephesians 6:10-20
Wednesday, October 12	Psalm 61; 2 Kings 15:1-7; Matthew 10:5-15
Thursday, October 13	Psalm 121; Isaiah 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34
Friday, October 14	Psalm 121; Genesis 31:43-32:2; 2 Timothy 2:14-26
Saturday, October 15	Psalm 121; Genesis 32:3-21; Mark 10:46-52
Sunday, October 16	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5; Luke 18:1-8
Monday, October 17	Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:2-22; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Tuesday, October 18	Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:23-35; James 5:7-12
Wednesday, October 19	Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:36-42; Luke 22:39-46
Thursday, October 20	Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:1-16; 2 Timothy 3:1-9
Friday, October 21	Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:17-26; 2 Timothy 3:10-15
Saturday, October 22	Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 14:1-6; Luke 1:46-55
Sunday, October 23	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
Monday, October 24	Psalm 84:8-12; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19
Tuesday, October 25	Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:1-12; 1 Peter 5:1-11
Wednesday, October 26	Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:13-31; Matthew 21:28-32
Thursday, October 27	Psalm 32:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Friday, October 28	Psalm 32:1-7; Job 22:21-23:17; 2 Peter 1:1-11
Saturday, October 29	Psalm 32:1-7; Isaiah 1:1-9; John 8:39-47
Sunday, October 30	Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thess. 1:14-, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
Monday, October 31	Psalm 50; Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Read these on your computer or on your phone! Go to DailyLectio.net, where you can sign up for daily emails, or download the app for iPhone or Android!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday, November 6, is a day we remember the faithful who have died in Christ in the past year, and the newly baptized. We are reminded that all the faithful are saints. Donations may be made in memory of any who have died at any time, or in honor of any who have been baptized at any time.

This year a special All Saints remembrance document will be prepared for our announcement folders and emailed to Pastor's email loop. The remembrances will be included in the December newsletter too.

(An envelope is provided in your offering envelope box, or you may use the form below.)

The gift and your information may be mailed to
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Attn: Annette Buss
2445 Lake Minsi Dr.
Bangor, PA 18013.

**Or, email the information to poplcbangor@gmail.com and mail your donation.

The following information must be received at the church office by Sunday, October 30 to be included.

Please print, use extra paper if more space is needed.

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ Offering envelope # _____

Given by: _____

Address: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



Thursday Coffee Hour has begun!

Join us from 10 a.m. - Noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, tea, and snacks are available. We meet each week for a time of spiritual growth, discussion, and fellowship. Pastor Scholtes will lead a book study from September 29 to October 27, using the book "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton. Please contact Karen Karner if you would like to purchase this book. Other activities are being planned to nurture our spiritual growth. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Karner, Janet Martocci, or Cathy Mullen. Sunday Coffee Hours will begin in January.

Fun & Fellowship News:



Beginning the 2nd Sunday in October, Rada Knives will be on sale in the Narthex after worship. This will continue on the 2nd Sunday in November and December. When coffee hour starts in January, they will then be in the fellowship hall to purchase. The intent of the committee is to deplete our current inventory, we need you to do this. Tell your friends they may want to purchase a knife or two. Preferred type of payment are checks, unless you have the exact amount in cash. Questions: see Jackie Horn or Mary O'Meally

Social Ministry Needs Your Suggestions:



Social Ministry will soon start planning projects for 2023 and would like your help. Besides collecting items for PUMP, Slater Family, BLOOM, etc. is there an organization that you would like to suggest? Please see a member of Social Ministry with your suggestions. Thank you for always supporting our ministries.

Christmas Card Ministry:

It's that time again when we join together and bring cheer to our troops with our Christmas Cards. There will soon be a box for finished cards in the Narthex. See Holly Blakeslee for details. Due date will be close to Thanksgiving.



PUMP Update:



Prince of Peace received a letter from PUMP (Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry) asking for a monetary donation. Funds are needed to upgrade equipment and vehicles they need to collect donated items. The Post Foundation has generously offered a challenge grant opportunity to the pantry, they will match each dollar raised by PUMP up to \$30,000.00 until December 31, 2022. Social Ministry has decided to donate \$500.00 from the Joyful Noise Collection to PUMP, we are also giving you the opportunity to make a donation. You may make a donation one of three ways: visit their website: pumppantry.com, mail a check to: PUMP, P.O. Box 69, Portland, Pa. 1835, or make it through Prince of Peace. Help PUMP continue to provide necessary food assistance to our neighbors. Questions: see a member of Social Ministry

GOWAMS GROUP RETIRES

We had a good run, 15 years!! The GoWams (Golden Oldies, Wise and Mature Seniors) was formed at a meeting at POP in November 2006, with Ethel Buzzard serving as President. The last meeting was held on May 12, 2021 with Mary O'Meally as President. The purpose of the group was to provide a time for people aged fifty-five and older to gather for lunch and to enjoy fellowship. In the earlier years everyone was asked to stay after lunch to play games. GOWAM members were also involved in various service activities, such as assembling person care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Throughout any year monetary donations were also made to several organizations in the area. At Christmas, in lieu of exchanging gifts we would each give a donation and adopt a child from the Slater Family Network, some years we would make a monetary donation to an animal shelter, Salvation Army, etc..

Through the years, GOWAMS met for lunch at church, at member's homes, and various local restaurants. We remember those who are no longer with us who enjoyed coming to GOWAMS: Ruth Bisher, Ethel Buzzard, Frances & Phillip Poliskiewicz, Bertha Super, Jean Calli, Margot Zelinsky, Joan Predmore, Leona Drury, Billy & Joyce Buck, Peg Golden, Jean Turtzo, and Rosemary Traina. (Rosemary was not a member of POP but enjoyed coming to GOWAMS)

Many thanks to those who kept the GOWAMS going for 15 years!! - *Mary O'Meally*

Blessing of the Animals



Blessing of the Animals: Saturday, October 1st at 11 a.m. You are invited to bring your pets to church -- cats, dogs, hamsters, rats, whatever. All animals should be properly leashed/caged. This event will take place outside in our grove worship space.

THE NEXT FAITH BY FIRE LIGHT is scheduled for October 1st at 6 p.m. in the church grove. We are trying another format. The evening will be BYOB and bring an appetizer to share. Trivia may return! For more information, contact Connie Itterly.



More 50th Anniversary News...



* You are cordially invited to Our 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on **November 6th** immediately following worship. Special Guest: Bishop Christopher deForest. **To R.S.V.P. PLEASE SIGN THE NOTEBOOK IN THE NOTEBOOK IN NARTHEX BY: Monday, October 24th**

* **Following the Celebration Dinner, join us for a Free Concert 1:30—3p.m.** with the band Chasing Daylight (Alternative/pop/R&B/hope music). The concert is open to the public, invite your family and friends!

- * **In November** this committee plans to place the following items in a time capsule: pictorial directory, 50th Anniversary brochure, current newsletter, copies of visiting pastor's sermons, future wish list, commemorative book, annual report, synod report, and a Lutheran magazine. We welcome your ideas for other items you would like placed in the capsule, there will be a basket on the Narthex for them.
- * **Living Nativity—December 3rd, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** A Living Nativity will be here from 1 - 4 p.m., followed by treats/music inside the church.

Questions about any of the celebrations? See Jackie & Denny Horn, Brenda Stauffer, John Martocci, and Mary O'Meally



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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. — See Page 2 for details!
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- **Pastor:** Rev. Michael J. Scholtes 610-588-2314,  
PastorMJS@gmail.com
- **Minister of Music:** Martin Yazdzik
- **Bookkeeper:** Joyce Weishaupt
- **Financial Secretary:** Mary O’Meally
- **Custodian:** Brittnee Evans
- **Parish Nurse:** Justine Cesari, 610-730-7895,  
cesarijustine1080@gmail.com
- **Administrative Assistant:** Annette Buss  
**Admin. Asst’s Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday 9am–Noon Thursday: 1 to 4 pm  
Admin Asst’s email: [poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)

**Congregation Council Members:**

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Connie Itterly -President | Jackie Horn– Treasurer |
| Traci Rumsey -V-President | Tina Johns -Secretary  |
| Scott Schipps             | Georgia Suranofsky     |
| Kathy Williams            | Chip Harrison          |
| Dave Karner               | Brenda Hughes          |
| Sara Godshalk             | Max Manicke-Youth Rep. |
| Pastor Michael Scholtes   |                        |

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

*We, the people of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, will actively seek and serve Christ in all people.*

Would you like to place an article in the monthly newsletter? Highlight your ministry? Post a Thank you? Make an announcement?

**EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE APPRECIATED!**

**November 2022 Newsletter is:  
October 11th at Noon**

*You may email your submissions to  
[poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)*

*Or give a handwritten items to  
Annette Buss*

**\*\*Items received  
after the deadline  
will go into next month’s  
newsletter.\*\***



*The October Newsletter is*

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*In Memory of Pap Godshalk*

*by Sara and Bill*



# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



What's happening in NEPA Synod? ✕

Bishop Conference 2022...

Synod Assembly 2023...

Going Beyond...

Stronger Together...

Growing Young...

Learning Ministries Day 23...



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Visit [Godslove.org](http://Godslove.org)  
for up-to-date  
happenings  
around the synod

*Synod Assembly*

**GO BEYOND WITH US IN-PERSON!!**

**KALAHARI POCONOS**

**JUNE 1-3 2023**

**GOING BEYOND 2023**

**WORSHIP Play CONNECT Lead**

*The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Presents:*

**BISHOP'S CONFERENCE 2022**

*Featuring*

**Center for Congregational Health**

November 14 & 15  
Americus Hotel  
555 Hamilton St  
Allentown, PA





# \* 2023 Update on Portico Health Rates & Plan Changes

ELCA-Primary health contribution baseline rate will increase 3%, the same rate increase as last year, which was the lowest in eight years.

The 3% increase also applies to sponsored members receiving the ELCA Medicare-Primary health benefit Standard option. ELCA-Primary Gold+ option deductibles will increase to \$1,500 for member only, \$2,250 for member and child(ren) and \$3,000 for member and spouse or member, spouse, and child(ren). Coinsurance, out-of-pocket limits and prescription drug cost-share will not change.



# \* Prepare for 2023 Annual Enrollment

As you prepare to make selections in October, keep these things in mind: Sponsoring employers (congregations and organizations) will select the option they will offer their employees Oct. 3-14. Your registered EmployerLink user can access the 2023 Decision Guide and their Custom Comparison Report to help determine 2023 costs and options. Note: any organization that does not make a selection will be assigned Silver+ (A) to offer their plan members the ability to choose the coverage that works best for them. Sponsored members, watch for an email from Portico with specific information about 2023 Annual Enrollment, including when your selection period will be open.



# Save the Date!