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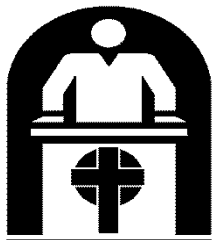


“IF A HOUSE
is divided
AGAINST ITSELF,
THAT HOUSE
cannot STAND.”

MARK 3:25, NIV

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Dear Members and Friends,

We are in the season of the church year called Pentecost. On Sunday, May 20th, we celebrate Pentecost. Four of our students will affirm their baptism or as we traditionally say they will be “confirmed.” They will make promise before God and the congregation will promise to pray for them. So in one sense Pentecost is about promises.

In the rush of a mighty wind and with tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit of God entered into the world on the Day of Pentecost. The Spirit’s presence had immediate effect. The disciples preached with confidence. People eagerly listened to the message of the Gospel. Thousands were baptized. Promises Jesus had made were coming true in the Holy Spirit. And we are still feeling the power of those promises coming to pass in this post-Pentecost world.

We are feeling the promise of comfort. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Comforter, who will “bring all things to your remembrance. Whenever we are in discomfort, the Holy Spirit surrounds us with peace and reminds us of Jesus’ words: “do not worry about anything,” “Do not be afraid.” “I will heal,” and “Come to me, and I will give you rest.”

We are feeling the promise of presence. Jesus says that the Spirit of truth “abides with you and will be with you.” The Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost is always present with us. We are not left alone to fend for ourselves in this world. The Holy Spirit is our constant companion through the ups and downs and twists and turns of life. Even in the most trying of times, the Spirit keeps us strong in our faith, and keeps pointing us to Jesus, as a forever friend would.

We feel the promise of words to speak. When we are called to defend our faith, we don’t need to be concerned about what to say. “The holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say,” Jesus says. The Holy Spirit helps us to express from the heart what our relationship with Jesus means to us. The Spirit fills our mouths with words that touch hearts and minds with the Gospel.

We feel the promise of help in prayer. The Bible says, “The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.” So with the arrival of the Holy Spirit we are also given a partner in prayer. When our thoughts may get muddled or we have trouble finding exact words to explain to God how we are feeling, the Holy Spirit steps into fill in the gaps for us. The

Holy Spirit enriches our prayer life and draws us into a closer relationship with our God. May the promises of God be realized in your life.

Pastor Miller

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Four of our young people affirmed their baptism (were confirmed) on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. They were: Baileigh Mount, Aubrie Pavlacka, Wells Rampen, and Meredith Schmoyer. May God bless these young people as they discern their life of discipleship in serving their Lord and Savior.

WORDS FOR TODAY, FROM 1968

For America, this marks the 50th anniversary of a turbulent year, which included high-profile assassinations, the Vietnam War and civil rights protests. Five decades on, turmoil still abounds.

May we take hope and inspiration from Robert Kennedy, who, on the night of Martin Luther King's death, replaced a presidential-campaign speech with these words:

“What we need in the United States is not division; ... not hatred; ... not violence and lawlessness, but ... love, and wisdom, and compassion toward one another; and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or ... black.”

Kennedy added: “We will have difficult times in the future. ... But the vast majority of white people and ... black people in this country want to live together ... and want justice for all human beings. ... Let's dedicate ourselves ... to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world ... and say a prayer for our country and for our people.”

PRAYER SHAWL NEWS

A great big THANK YOU to all who contributed their time and talent by making prayer shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets. We had a blessing on May 13 of **32** shawls/lap robes! For members of the congregation – if you know of anybody who could benefit by having a prayer shawl – please see Pastor Miller, Peg Kern, or Steph Wagaman.

For the summer, we are switching gears to a lighter project – making soap sacks for charity. This is a small crocheted (or knitted) sack made out of cotton which holds one bar of soap. We will collect these soap sacks and soap, then donate them to a shelter. A video of this ministry can be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/23997dHFI18>

You can find the soap sack pattern on the Lion Brand Web site (<http://www.lionbrand.com>), or see Peg or Steph for a printed copy.

Again, thanks to all who are helping in this effort!



BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

The church council has decided to have our church participate in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day. The church will be selling passes for \$5.00 a piece which gives you a 25% discount at Boscov's stores on one day which will be October 16, 2018. The church receives the full \$5.00 for every pass sold. There are a few limitations on certain brands and limited number of categories of merchandise such as Nike gear and some jewelry which are not included in the discount. But these are listed on the pass. The passes will be available on the First Sunday in May (May 6th) and will be available in the office thereafter.

CARD MINISTRY



Here at St. Paul's we send cards to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of a cheerful word. These cards are on the table in the narthex. When you are here on a Sunday, or during the week, check the table to see if there is a card. Please sign your name and help bring a smile to a fellow member.

ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR 2018

Your sponsorship of the flowers and the bulletins is a great way to pay tribute to someone special in your life and also to help offset the cost of these weekly items for the church.

The prices will stay the same. Altar flowers – for one vase is \$22 or both vases at \$44. The cost for the bulletin sponsors will remain at \$20 per week.

The new flower chart and bulletin chart are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to call the church and reserve a spot for a date, please feel free to do so.

PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE



A note to let you know that if anyone is in need of additional prayers for someone in your family or someone you know, please call Judy Walker at 610-351-6040 or cell # 610-573-7117. She will start the prayer chain by calling the people who serve on that committee. They in turn will keep extra prayers going for that person. All we need is a name of someone in need of prayer, a reason does not have to be given as to why you want the extra prayers.

If you would like to become a member of this committee, just let me know. I am contacting the Prayer Chain Committee electronically using text messages and email from my cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone or computer, we can still contact you by phone. So if you want to be of service to those who need extra prayers, just contact me using the numbers above or see me at Church. This only takes a brief amount of time and there are no meetings to attend! We all need extra prayers and they do not take a lot of time but are of great comfort.

TWO IRONPIGS TICKETS AVAILABLE

We again will be in the PenTele Data Box. Those who attended the game last year enjoyed the fact we were the only ones in the box. We were under cover and the food was great. Mark your calendars.

The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Are you getting Spring Fever? Think about getting out to help a neighbor in need. Consider volunteering for SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice. Make Friendly visits, help in the office making copies and doing data entry. Bake Bread for our families. For more information please call Cathy Sweeney, Volunteer Coordinator at 570-459-6778.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

Since only 3 attendees were at our May 9th meeting, it reminded me immediately of: Matthew 18:20, For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. We had a lively discussion on the bible study: *All are welcome*. Our invitation can reflect the hospitality of Jesus by Julie A.Kanarr.

Upcoming W-ELCA Events:

29th Annual Convention

Scheduled for June 2, 2018 in West Berks. Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, 250 Church Lane Rd, Reading, PA 19606. 610-779-3480. Gathering and registration – 8 a.m.; Delegate Orientation – 8:30 a.m. Convention is based on John 13:34 *Love One Another as I have loved you*. Registration fee \$30. Keynote speaker: Karen Voris, Executive Board member.

Sharon Bortz, Joyce Eisenhard, and Sandi Wagaman plan on attending.

Memorials were submitted for: Kay Balliet and Deloris Kline

Fall Cluster Meeting

October 20, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 9 a.m. Topic: Water Crisis in America

Soup 'n Sandwich Lunch 2019 Speaker

Shirley Binkley, a parishioner of St. Paul's and published author, will be the speaker on January 7, 2019. Please mark your calendars and join us after worship.

July & August no meetings.

Join us on June 13th at 9:30 a.m. for our next meeting and Bible Study.

Submitted by Sharon Bortz

JUNE

FOOD BANK ITEMS OF THE MONTH

The congregation has donated to the Food Bank throughout the year but the needs of those less fortunate continue. So please continue to bring nonperishable food items along to worship.

Each month we plan to feature a food item, but any item will be acceptable.

THANK YOU to all who brought in tuna and canned meats during our monthly collection for the food bank.

During June our “food of the month” will be noodles and macaroni.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 24 At 9AM on June 24th, there will be a potluck breakfast before worship. It will take place inside. Following worship, there will be a Fellowship Committee meeting; anyone interested in joining the committee should stay.

July 8 IronPigs Game

October 16 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School 2018

July 16th-20th

FOUND

A ring has been found in the church. If you are missing a ring, please call Cindy in the church office at 610-398-7000 and describe it.

EMMAUS CHOIR

Just a quick note to let you know our Spring concert scheduled for June 10th has been cancelled due to the illness of our director. Hope to see you at our December 9th concert.

THANK YOU NOTE

Prayer Shawl Committee & My Church Family,

A big ole Thank U for the lovely prayer shawl. Been praying on it daily for a speedy recovery.

Also thank you to Pastor Miller for the visit. Thank you all for your prayers

Judy Szukcs

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The family of Wally Fenner will have a celebration of life on Sunday, June 17th starting at 1:00 p.m. at 10204 Trexler Road, Breinigsville. All are welcome.

A CHURCH OR A CLUB?

Rev. Theodore Wedel, a former canon of the National Cathedral, once told a parable about congregational life. It began: “On a dangerous sea coast where shipwrecks often occur, there was a crude little life-saving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea.”

Some neighbors and people who’d been rescued began donating time and money, thinking the station needed better furnishings and equipment. As the station grew as a gathering place, members hired lifeboat crews to do the dirty work of saving lives. Those who disagreed with that approach broke away to form their own stations.

The parable concluded: “If you visit that sea coast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.”

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Linford Bastian
Ellen Mesko
Judy Szukics

Doris Fenner
Sophia Mesko
Marilyn Thomas

Helen Kessler
Heather Sedlak
Irene Wenz

Bill Knoll
Kathy Shryock



1 Matthew Bruchak	12 Ellen Mesko
1 Zoe Henichek	12 Cathy Waltemyer
2 Paige Inman	14 Sandy Bennighoff
3 Sharon Bortz	16 Christine Nemeh
3 James Kresley	19 Baileigh Mount
5 Sandy Huegel	19 Keith Theodore
6 Paul Trainor	21 Linda Krotzer
8 Heather Caricari	21 Sydney Mesko
9 Vanessa Eiswerth	25 Jerry Sedlak
9 Sandi Wagaman	27 Shirley Binkley
11 Bill Knoll	29 Becky Theodore
11 Fahed Sallit	30 Mari Eiswerth



3 Moses & Cecilia Ajamu
4 Robert & Betty Bastian
4 George & Brittany Reeger
5 Kelly & Michelle Kirn
9 Jim & Cindy Krasnansky
11 Carey & Nancy Miller
13 Paul & Denise Trainor
15 Jeff & Cathy Waltemyer
15 Dick & Nancy Steltz
16 Steph & Bill Wagaman
17 Ed & Daisy Pearson
18 Frank & Sandy Bennighoff
18 Frank & Judy Szukics
20 Ada & Charles Bennicoff
22 Bruce & Sandi Wagaman
26 Jeffrey & Melody Pavlacka
29 Gretchen & Dan Gotthard
30 Bob & Kim Bruchak

FUNERAL

Pastor Carey officiated at the memorial service for Rev. Richard Spengler on May 19th.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of Jack Parmer:

Lincoln Parmer
Mark Parmer
Becky Theodore

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of Paul Xander:

Kathy Hinton
The Kisling Family
Lehigh Lodge #326 F & AM
Sheila Specht
Edward & Dorothy Telesky
Charles & Nan Xander
William Xander
Donna Warner

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of Rev. Richard Spengler:

William & Ina Knoll
Nancy & Bruce Spengler
Nelson Quiñoes

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of Kay Balliet:

St. Paul's WELCA

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS

JUNE 10, 2018

PLEASE HAVE YOUR
ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY THIS DATE.



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Organist/Choir Director Ms. Judy Noll
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz
Parish Secretary Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky
Sexton Mr. Charlie Meitzler

JUNE 2018 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Those Who Serve for June 2018

Council Person: Carol Weiser 610-967-5534

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please notify the council person of the month or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Altar Guild: Amy Brenfleck

Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman

Greeters: Keith and Rebecca Theodore

Reader: Marilyn Thomas

Communion Bread: Jen Schmoyer

Communion Assistant: Rosemary Lehman

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Brooke Brumbach, Carlene Brumbach,
Bob Nickisher, Aubrie Pavlacka

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson

Greeters: Ken and Janine Ritter

Reader: Joyce Eisenhard

Communion Bread: Bob Nickisher

Communion Assistant: Calvin Fetherolf

Ushers: Anita Eisenhard, Rosalie Gallagher, Ken Ritter,
Larry Schneider, Mary Schneider

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Altar Guild: Mary Schneider

Lay Assistant: June Kellogg

Greeters: Stan and Mitzi Younger,

Reader: Jeff Waltemyer

Communion Bread: June and Tom Kellogg

Communion Assistant: Sharon Bortz

Ushers: Amy Brenfleck, Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman,
Martha Lindenmuth, Bruce Wagaman

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Altar Guild: Patrice Walters

Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer

Greeters: Jeremy and Hannah Schmoyer,

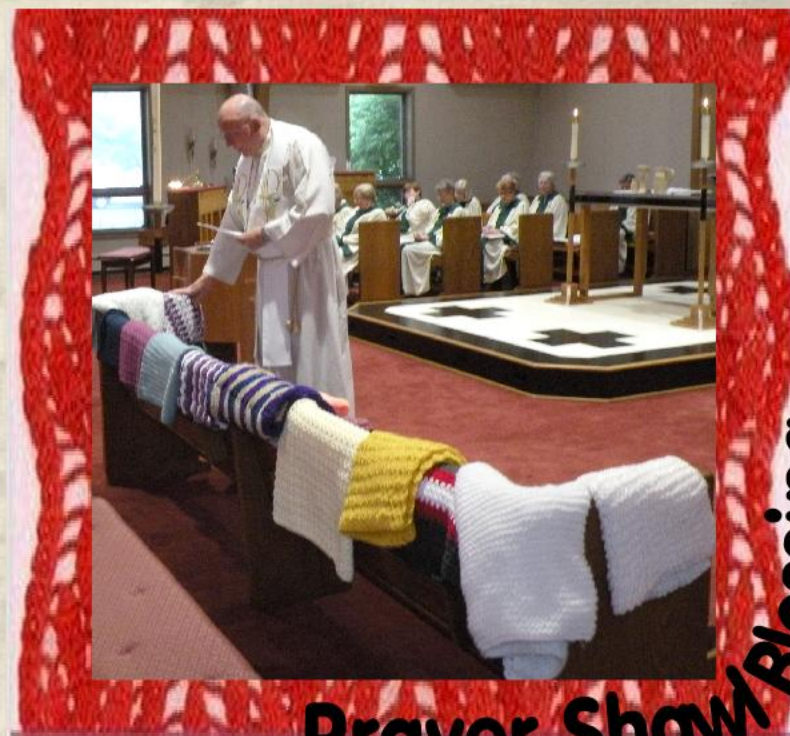
Reader: Michele Rampen

Communion Bread: Melody Pavlacka

Communion Assistant: Bob Bruchak

Ushers: Diane Kropf, John Kropf, Madeline MacMechan,
Frank Szukics, Judy Szukics

Church Music Sunday



5/13/2018

Prayer Shaw/Blessing

Sunday

School Wrap-Up



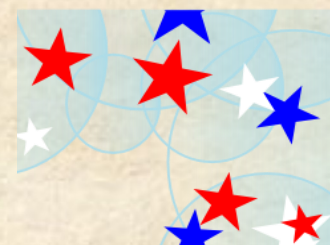
Confirmation



Red, White, Blue Luncheon



May 20, 2018



SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Rally To End Racism



On Wednesday, April 4, the National Council of Churches led a rally in Washington DC to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A small group from Hope, Cherryville, led by Pastor Brian Rajcok, joined the Lehigh Valley Council of Churches' bus trip down.

They left at 4:00 A.M. and arrived at the National Mall around 8:30. The official rally began at 9:00, but there had been a worship service going on since 8:00. They heard prayers from a variety of faith traditions, including a Zoroastrian priest. This portion ended with a Confession for the church's complicity in dealing with issues of racism.

The rally's M.C. was an African American pastor from Chicago. Speakers discussed a variety of issues including systematic racism, police brutality, white privilege, and mass incarceration. Some notable speakers included the current pastor of MLK's church, the Rev. Raphael G. Warnock; actor Danny Glover; Black Lives Matter leader, DeRay Mckesson; and Ben Cohen & Jerry Greenfield, who gave a moving speech on white privilege.

One powerful phrase from DeRay Mckesson stood out: that racism is able to adapt and manifest itself in different ways: from to slavery, to Jim Crow laws, to present day mass incarceration. Others reminded the crowd of what MLK called the triple evils of our society: poverty, racism, and militarism; and they called on the church to do more in confronting these evils.

Pr. Rajcok writes: "I left the rally feeling particularly drawn to educating myself and others about mass incarceration and doing my best to help deconstruct this current manifestation of systemic racism. I was honored to be present that day. It was a day I will never forget."

Confirmation Day at the Synod



On Sunday, April 22, over 90 youth and 42 adults gathered at The Lutheran Center for Confirmation Day at the Synod. Organizers Anja Stuckenberg, Inge Williams, and Seth Noggle were excited about the size of the response, with nearly twice the expected number attending. This year's theme was "One Church under one God."

Taking advantage of the wonderful spring weather, the event began with a time outside dedicated to getting acquainted. This was followed by the keynote presentation from Pr. Kurt Garbe, Associate of the Bishop. Pr. Garbe spoke about the four companion synods to our Northeastern PA Synod: Argentina and Uruguay, Saxony, Slovenia, and the South Central Diocese in Tanzania.



Next the attendees rotated among five groups for a time of experiential learning. Four of the groups dealt with each of the four companion synods; and the fifth group was devotional, providing time for meditation and writing prayers. Then Bishop Zeiser presided at a Service of Holy Communion. The event ended with dinner, consisting of 300 empanadas with a side of rice and beans.

Think about bringing confirmation students from your congregation next year. Confirmation Day at the Synod provides a unique opportunity to celebrate our faith with many other young Lutherans!

Our Iceberg is Melting



On Sunday, April 15, the Pocono Mission District Assembly met at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor. A significant portion of the meeting focused on developing a vision for the future of the church and practicing how we can impact the people around us and reach out to others.

Pastor Niels Nielsen, Associate of the Bishop, shared *Our Iceberg is Melting*, a book by John Kotter. This parable takes place on an iceberg inhabited by penguins. They are filled with a sense of urgency because their iceberg is melting. The penguins decide change is needed, and they set out to find a new iceberg.

The assembly experimented with working together to find "a new iceberg," that is, a new way to be the church in the future. Two common ideas were: being more kid-friendly and being more open to new people. The Assembly then broke into discussion groups to share stories of compassion from their own faith communities.

Many of the stories were very moving and personal. There were stories of times of tribulation, when people were transformed by an act of kindness or compassion. There were stories of tough financial times, divorce, and illness. People shared how they were changed by the kindness given to them from their church and individuals.

The experience demonstrated how even the smallest acts of kindness and compassion can make a big difference, and how we need to tell these stories of faith to people outside the church.

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July/August 2018 LMD NL news will be due June 15, 2018.
E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

The Philadelphia Hand bell Ensemble is interested in purchasing a used set of hand bells. Contact roblamb17@gmail.com.

There's Room for You in a Centering Prayer Group - Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, all are welcome. **First Friday of each month - Jun. 1st - Jul. 6th, 10:30 - 11:30 AM.** Led by Rev. Maritza Dolich and Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner. Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Parking available in Lot across Hamilton St. from Church. **Please let us know if you will be joining us.** Inquiries to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, Director Center for Spiritual Awakening tlcichner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

Attic Treasures Sale – St. John's Lutheran Church ([1028 Church Street, Fogelsville](https://www.stjohnsfogelsville.org)) will be having an indoor sale of various "attic treasures" (new and gently used items including: clothing, toys, books, jewelry, decorations, household items and more) **The sale will be held from 8 AM-2 PM on Fri, June 8th and Sat, June 9th.** There will be lunch items and baked goods available both days. For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit www.stjohnsfogelsville.org. We hope to see you there!

Spiritual Care for Elder Care-Givers 2018 - In today's American culture, many adults are providing full-time or part-time care for their elder parents, relatives, friends, or neighbors. Elder-care-giving can certainly be challenging, presenting both joys and frustrations to elders and their care-givers. Meetings will be held at the Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, [1245 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18102](https://www.christlutheranchurch.org). Parking is available in a lot across Hamilton Street from the church. **Wednesday July 18th, 1:30 - 3:00 pm.** Led by Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, specially trained in Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction. Please direct your interest to Pastor Tom Lichner at tlcichner@rcn.com OR [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

CROP Kick-Off Pizza Party! You and your family are invited to the CROP Hunger Walk [Kick-Off Pizza Party](https://www.crophungerwalk.org) on **Sun., Aug. 26, 1:30-2:30 pm** at **St. Timothy's Lutheran** (Ott & Walnut Streets, Allentown, PA 18104). Enjoy free food and receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation. **RSVP by Wed., Aug. 22**, to Linda Held, jucc3441@ptd.net.

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 14, 1:30 p.m., beginning and ending at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, [140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104](https://www.sttimothylutheranchurch.org), with registration starting at 1 p.m. The CROP Hunger Walk is a great fellowship and service event for families, youth groups, adult groups, and congregations. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the CROP Hunger Walk returns to the Lehigh Valley to support the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and the Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen. The remaining 75% is used by Church World Service for disaster relief (e.g., for communities in the United States and around the world devastated by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods) and development assistance (e.g., assisting poor families with clean drinking water, seeds, tools, and irrigation). For a sponsor form, please contact your own congregation, or log on at www.crophungerwalk.org for further information about CROP or for making online donations.

"We Thirst, Lessons in Mercy" Christian Reflections on Addiction - **Nativity Lutheran Church in Allentown** will host a five-week educational retreat series on addiction within the context of the Christian community. The event will be held **October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2018, from 6:45 – 9:00 PM.** This event is being sponsored by the Lehigh, Northern Lehigh Valley, and Bethlehem/Easton Mission Districts. All are welcome and encouraged to attend including the afflicted, their loved ones, all members of the community including counselors, nurses, chaplains, social workers, pastors, those in the criminal justice system, first responders, educators, etc. [More information, including registration forms to follow.](https://www.nativitylutheranchurch.org)

Contemplative Prayer - Prayer Around the Cross - You are invited to join with others for a time of contemplative opening to the Spirit of God in and around us. We invite God's Light to shine in our hearts and to awakening our consciousness to live lives of mercy, justice, and love. Please join together in this brief time of sacred reading, silent reflection, poetry, chanting, candle lighting, intercessory prayer, and ample space for quiet reflection. **Third Sat. of each Month, 5:00 - 5:45 PM** at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa, 18102. Parking lot across street from church. Address inquiries to Rev. Tom Lichner at tlcichner@rcn.com.

Can you provide an hour or two per week to help someone who wants to change their life? St Luke's at 417 N 7th St, Allentown still has an ongoing need for volunteers to assist as tutors or substitutes for our growing multi-level ELL Program for individuals who desperately want to learn English. No foreign language needed. **ELL days and hours are, Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** We always need help. We are especially looking for people who are comfortable around computers. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net

REFLECTIONS LMD ASSEMBLY 2018

The Lehigh Mission District met in Assembly on Sunday, April 29, at The Lutheran Center. The 51 people present represented 14 congregations and 2 special organizations (the Synod and Good Shepherd Home). There was a good spirit, encouraged in no small way by the tone set by the leadership, by the creative devotions led by Elizabeth Leibenguth, and the delicious meal which has become a tradition at the opening of these Assemblies.

As usual, the meeting began with the sharing of brief reports regarding the special programs associated with the Mission District. Ron Mordosky reported that Operation Sunshine continues as a very popular program and the number of participants is growing. In the absence of a representative from Diakon, Dean Gade noted that this organization is in the process of celebrating its 150th anniversary. Chaplain Kelly Brooks of Good Shepherd followed by observing that it is celebrating its 110th year of service. And she noted that it is in the process of opening new facilities, but that, unfortunately, there is an approximately two-year waiting period for getting into its residential care. The Dean continued by observing that it was his understanding that Muhlenberg College was about to name a new chaplain. He also welcomed Luke Swanson back from his service year in Argentina and celebrated that he was about to become a seminarian. Cathy Mordosky concluded this portion of the Assembly by calling attention to a program entitled *We Thirst: Lessons in Mercy (Christian Reflections on Addiction)*.

These presentations were followed by the recognition of those pastors and deacons celebrating synodically-recognized anniversaries of service. Pastor E. Frederick Holst (60 years) and Pastor David Hill (50 years) were present, received celebratory boutonnieres, and were applauded. Others known to be celebrating but not present were also noted – Pastor E. Wayne Dreyman (40), Deacon Jane Elliott (40), Pastor Bradley Carroll (25) and Pastor Steven Shussett (25). Congregations known to be celebrating anniversaries were Grace Church, Allentown (125 in 2019), St. Luke's, Allentown (130) and Friedens Church, Center Valley (225).

Elections on this occasion included Catherine Mordosky as a Lay Female Representative to the next Assembly of the ELCA; Elizabeth Leibenguth as a first 3-year term member and Ronald Mordosky as a second 3-year term member of the Mission District Council; Dick Skelly for another 1-year term as Council Treasurer; and Catherine Mordosky for her first 1-year term as Council Secretary (replacing Pastor Dick Stough who chose to "retire" after serving in this position for many years). Dean Gade and Pastor Kurt Garbe, our Synod Staff Liaison, continued with a report of those pastors who were new in our district and noting that three of our congregations would be closing in the near future – San Martin de Porres; St. Paul's, Allentown; and Grace, Allentown. And the proposed budget for 2019 was approved, representing no major changes from the past few years.

As planned, Pastor Nelson Quinones concluded this session with a report of the unique mission and ministry of San Martin de Porres during its 30-year history. His presentation was well received and included a significant amount of information of which the group was unaware.

Pastor Richard Stough

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Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers. Please join us and invite your friends as we enjoy a variety of venues together.

June 27 (Wed) – Fulton Theatre - Hunchback of Notre Dame-

The musical begins as the bells of Notre Dame resound through the famed cathedral in 15th-century Paris. Quasimodo, the deformed bell ringer who longs to be "Out There," observes all of Paris reveling in the Feast of Fools. Held captive by his devious caretaker, the archdeacon Dom Claude Frollo, Quasimodo escapes for the day and joins the boisterous crowd, only to be treated cruelly by all but the beautiful gypsy, Esmerelda. Quasimodo isn't the only one captivated by her free spirit, though - the handsome Captain Phoebus and Frollo are equally enthralled. As the three vie for her attention, Frollo embarks on a mission to destroy the gypsies - and it's up to Quasimodo to save them all. Lunch at The Pressroom.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30am and will return approximately 6:30pm

Cost \$97.00 Payment Deadline: Thursday, May 17

August 14 (Tues) – Sight and Sound – JESUS - While Jesus' story may be familiar, his actions are unexpected. He befriends outcasts and heals the hurting. He challenges social norms and confronts hypocrisy. He sets sail with fishermen and reasons with religious scholars. And the lives he touches will never be the same. From the streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, there's no place - and no person - that His love can't reach. Lunch at Shady Maple Buffet.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30 AM and will return approximately 7:00 PM

Cost \$105.00 Payment Deadline: Thurs., July 12

NEW TRIPS COMING SOON!

