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April 2016 LMD NL news will be due March 16th. E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

Presentations at Luther Crest: The public is cordially invited to attend the following **free presentations at 2:30 p.m.** in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104:

* A panel discussion and responses with Rev. Dr. Manfred Bahmann, Dr. William Jennings, and Rev. Dianne Kareha on "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People": **Tues., March 15th.**

* Viewing and discussion of "Locked in a Box", an award-winning short documentary that follows the stories of individuals held in the U.S. Immigration detention system and those who visit them: **Tues., March 22nd.**

* Revs. John and Dianne Kareha Deisinger on "South America and Antarctica": **Tues., March 29th.**

For more information, please contact Rev. Dianne Kareha, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210).

Ministry with Our Elders (Senior Adults): For Clergy, Parish Nurses, Secretaries of Congregations, Pastoral Care Visitors, and Other Caregivers.

Luther Crest (800 Hausman Road, Allentown) will host a Moravian Theological Seminary course on **Mons., April 4-May 9th, 1:30-4:30 p.m.** This six-week course is designed for clergy and laity who want to become more effective in ministry with the senior adults with whom they serve. Participants will have an opportunity to improve their skills of communication with older adults, as well as gain an understanding of the life issues that confront them. The course will cover the following topics: grief, dynamics and issues of dementia and aging, caring for the caregiver, life review, spirituality and faith, visitation and communication skills, effects of aging on family systems, and community resources. **Cost for this 1.8 CEU course is \$60** (payable to Moravian Theological Seminary, 1220 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018-6650); **early bird registration is \$50 (by March 28, 2016).** For more information, please contact Luther Crest's Chaplain Dianne Kareha [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210) or go to <http://www.moravianseminary.edu/continuing-ed>

LCS Journeys Through Grief groups this spring:

* **April 5-May 10th,** at Emmaus Moravian Church, 146 Main St., Emmaus on **Tues. evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.** No fee will be charged thanks to the generosity of Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral, Homes, P.C. and Schantz Funeral Home, P.C.

* **April 4-May 9th,** at Luther Crest, Fuellenbach Room, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown on **Mon. mornings from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** No fee will be charged thanks to the generosity of J. S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Allentown.

To register for either group, please contact Kathy Reyher at [610-770-9205](tel:610-770-9205) or kathy@lutherancongregational-services.org.

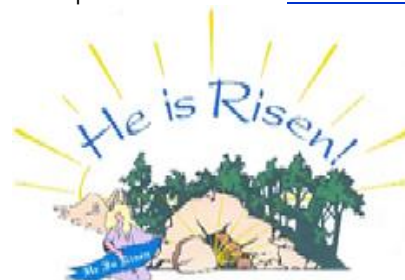
Luther Crest to Host Model Passover Seder Dinner: Would you like to experience the beautiful traditions and the distinctive foods of a Passover Seder? (As you may know, Passover is a Jewish commemoration of deliverance from bondage. According to the gospels, the "Last Supper" that Jesus shared with his disciples occurred around the time of the celebration of Passover). On **Tues, April 19th, 3:30-5:30 p.m.** in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, Katyah Gohr will lead a model Seder service, which will include a full, buffet-style meal. **Cost is \$11.00.** For reservations or questions, please contact Rev. Dianne Kareha, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210) by **Tues., April 12th.**

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network offers a variety of support groups and classes to help individuals dealing with chronic illness and injuries. Throughout the month, multiple classes focusing on conditions including multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury, stroke, concussion, brain injury and others are available. Many sessions are free and open to the public. Please call [1-888-44-REHAB \(73422\)](tel:1-888-44-REHAB(73422)) or visit GoodShepherdRehab.org/events for more information

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. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net for class times and orientation sessions.

Church Council Retreat or Meeting at Luther Crest: We invite your congregation's Church Council to hold a retreat or one of its meetings at Luther Crest. To learn more or to schedule your retreat or meeting at Luther Crest (meals optional), please contact Rev. Dianne Kareha, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210).

Speakers Available: Luther Crest has a variety of speakers available to speak to congregations, adult Sunday school classes, organizations such as women's and men's groups, Bible studies, senior groups, and youth groups. Topics include: Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia, Depression, Elder Care, Caring for the Caregiver, Housing Options, Continuum of Care, Living with Loss/Grief Support, Communicating during Times of Conflict, Prayer, and Scripture Studies. For more information or to schedule a speaker, please contact Rev. Dianne Kareha, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210).



LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES
God's Work! Our Hands!

The Lehigh Mission District is privileged to host three major institutions of our Church – Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, Muhlenberg College, and Lutheran Congregational Services. Over the past few months, we've highlighted Good Shepherd and Muhlenberg. This month we'll take a brief look at what it means to share in the mission and ministry of Lutheran Congregational Services (LCS).

LCS's roots can be traced to 1971 when congregations of the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod formed Lutheran Chaplaincy Services of the Lehigh Valley to provide pastoral care and visitation to persons confined in hospitals, nursing homes and local institutions. Lutheran Services of the Lehigh Valley became Lutheran Congregational Services in 1999 as a reflection of the broad spectrum of ministries and services provided. In 2010, LCS joined Liberty Lutheran Services, a larger "umbrella" Social Ministry Organization with its roots in southeast Pennsylvania, thereby economizing costs and expanding our reach beyond the Lehigh Valley and northeast PA.

Throughout our history, LCS has maintained a mission to support and serve congregations and communities with flexibility focusing on areas of greatest needs. LCS is committed to faithfully responding to and supporting those in crisis or need. Over 45 years, LCS has provided a wide variety of programs including the grief groups, teen suicide prevention, refugee resettlement, ministries with those who are deaf, substance abuse education, disaster response, Lay Eucharistic Visitor training, Marriage Preparedness classes, distributing surplus household goods, and more.

Today, LCS provides education and facilitates collaboration and coordination of ministries that strengthen human relationships and build capacity to serve the most vulnerable in our congregations and communities. In 2012, LCS, through its connection to Lutheran Children and Family Service in the Liberty family, became the sole refugee resettlement service provider in the Lehigh Valley. Currently, LCS welcomes approximately 100 refugees per year from around the world and most recently, from Syria, with the assistance and generosity of congregational and community volunteers.

LCS accompanies congregations and communities in response to crisis and disaster as the local affiliate for Lutheran Disaster Response. We support teams serving children who have survived disasters in partnership with Camp Noah, a program run by Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. On behalf of the ELCA, we have been piloting a new program of Disaster Spiritual Partners who reach out to communities and congregational leaders to accompany the congregation's response to the crises within their own community.

We continue to offer programming like Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training, Marriage Preparedness Series, Workshops for Confirmands, and our Share Our Surplus Warehouse ministry. With a small staff and a nimble structure, LCS relies on volunteers and support from congregations and individuals to share the love of God through our ministries and programs. Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to the new things God is doing through our ministries bringing life and hope to the most vulnerable in our communities.

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phelps Ollikainen
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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.

Apr. 13 (Wed.) – Bristol Riverside Theatre, Bristol, PA –RUMORS -

Join us at a **NEW VENUE** and see how hilarity abounds as guests arrive at the New York City Deputy Mayor's townhouse to find the host has shot himself (though it's only a flesh wound), his wife is missing, and there isn't any food! The party guests are desperate to hush up the scandal, if that's what it is, that surrounds their unseen host. As the confusion and miscommunication mount, the evening soon spins out of control in this non-stop laugh-out-loud **Neil Simon** farce. Lunch will be at the historic King George II Inn on the waterfront, and will include soup, dessert, beverage, and your choice of one of the following, **Quiche of the Day, Tavern Cheeseburger, Turkey Junior Club.** **Please indicate your meal choice at the time of reservation.**

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM and will return approximately 6:00 PM.

Cost \$89 Payment Deadline: Thur., Mar. 17

May 11 (wed.) Sight & sound – Samson – Join Operation Sunshine on our 2nd trip this year to see "SAMSON", the newest show added to the Sight & Sound lineup, done as only Sight and Sound can. Lunch will be at the best buffet in town, Shady Maple.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM and will return approximately 7:00 PM.

Cost \$99 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Apr. 7

May 24th (Tues) Mt Airy- Vintage Vegas- Join your fellow travelers and experience a touch of comic camp, good old fashioned razzle dazzle, nostalgic song and dance numbers of the 1950's and 60's, with this exciting live stage show offering audiences a classic showroom / nightclub experience, with the glamour and flair of Vintage Las Vegas! Along with the show, enjoy a fabulous lunch buffet and free slot play.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30 AM and will return approximately 5:30 PM.

Cost \$62 Payment Deadline: Thurs., May 5

***** **NEW MULTI-DAY TRIP** *****

Taste the Flavor of Vermont: Tues, Sept. 13 to Fri, Sept 16 – 4

Days/3 Nights in the Killington area of Vermont. Experience the tastes of a Maple Sugar Farm, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, Cabot Cheese, Woodchuck Hard Cider and visit a Marble Museum, Danforth Pewter, an Alpaca farm and the popular Vermont Country Store. 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners, 1 with entertainment and 1 live cooking demonstration. Call the office for flyer.

Cost \$600 pp based on double occupancy, \$670 for singles.