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June 2016 LMD NL news will be due May 18, 2016. E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

LCS Journeys Through Grief groups this spring:

* **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.

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

Wittenberg Gospel Choir – Returns to Southeast Pennsylvania – The Gospel Choir from Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany will be on tour early May. The choir will begin their second American tour with a concert at Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown on **Fri, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m.** Other venue locations can be found on the flyer provided to your church. Tickets are not required, a free-will offering will be taken at the concerts. For more information, contact Vincent M. Ryan, [215-256-9941](tel:215-256-9941) or music@adventharleysville.org.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network is hosting a free Stroke Screening Event on **Mon., May 9th, 9:00 a.m. to noon** at the Health & Technology Center, 850 South 5th Street, Allentown. Stations will be available to assess fall risk, glucose and cholesterol, blood pressure, height and weight values, as well as health and wellness education. Please call [1-888-44-REHAB \(73422\)](tel:1-888-44-REHAB) for more information and to make an appointment.

Luther Crest Hosts Panel Discussion - The public is cordially invited to attend a panel discussion on the topic "*Does God Exist? Either Way, How Do We Know?*" at **2:30 p.m. on Tues., May 17**, in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104: For more information, please contact Rev. Dianne Kareha, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210).

HOPE: Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education: Please join Zion's Lutheran Church, 5901 Kings Highway So., Old Zionville, PA, **May 18th at 7:00 p.m.** HOPE was developed in response to the growing concern around the heroin and opioid epidemic in the Lehigh Valley, as well as throughout the state of Pennsylvania. After attending this program, participants will be able to identify what HOPE is all about. For additional information contact, Lisa Wolff, Program Manager, at [610-443-1595](tel:610-443-1595).

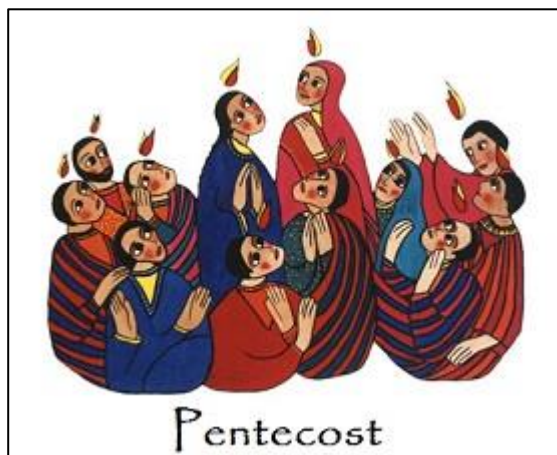
Lehigh Mission District Spring Assembly is scheduled for:

Sun. evening, May 22nd, at 6:30PM at Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown, 18103. In addition to the regular agenda and reports, this meeting will include information about the up-coming Synod Assembly which, of course, will take place on our territory, and the election or re-election of a Dean. **Pastors and lay delegates to the Synod Assembly are expected to attend.**

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 Church Council retreat or meeting at Luther Crest (with 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's groups, and youth groups. Topics include: Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia, Depression, Elder Care, Caring for the Caregiver, Senior 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).



NEPS ASSEMBLY 2016

We Need You!

On Friday and Saturday – June 17th and 18th – over six hundred representatives of our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will be gathering for our Annual Assembly at the PPL Center in downtown Allentown. This will be our first experience at that site!

To insure that it is a success, **we need YOUR help!** As those who live in the Lehigh Valley, we are being asked to provide hospitality and to serve as greeters and guides. If you are able to spare a few hours on that Friday and/or Saturday, we need you to step up and volunteer. We especially need people on Friday the 17th from 7AM to 9PM and on Saturday the 18th from 8AM to Noon. A **training session** will be held on **Sunday, June 5th from 2-3PM at the Lutheran Center**. Even if you're not sure about volunteering, consider coming out on the 5th just to see what it is all about!

Remember, to insure that those attending this year's Assembly *will have an enjoyable time* – we **DO need you to volunteer!** Obviously it would be helpful to know of your availability. If you can help, please send me an e-mail at stpeters@ptd.net or leave a message on the St. Peter's phone at [610-966-3030](tel:610-966-3030). Please include your name, an e-mail or phone contact, and, if you have a feel for it, the day and 2 to 3 hour period when you think you could help. The Mission Districts immediately surrounding our Lehigh Mission District will also be involved.

Let me also add that, as part of the agenda, time has been set aside on Friday evening from 4-7:30PM for a **"Taste and See the City"** event. This will include a Prayer Walk highlighting the needs and concerns of our urban area but it will also afford the opportunity to view the benefits that a city like Allentown has to offer. This period will also include special rates and discounts at a host of restaurants, museums, and other attractions near the PPL Center. So, even if you're not a delegate or volunteer, it would be fun to join us for this portion of this year's Assembly.

This will be our first experience at the PPL Center, but considerable planning is being done to assure that it is a positive and memorable experience. Parking will, of course, be available in the PPL lots, but plans are in process which will offer other alternatives. These will be announced in the follow-up communications with your pastors and delegates to the Assembly, so you can check the options with them at least by early June. Once again, **your help will be most appreciated!**

Pastor Jerel Gade
LMD Dean

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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 29 (Wed.) - Doolan's Shore Club, Spring Lake, NJ – FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION – SOMETHING NEW FOR OPERATION SUNSHINE TRAVELERS!!

Enjoy a fantastic meal at a beautiful location when you join Operation Sunshine at Doolan's Shore Club for their 4th of July Celebration. USO madness with comedy and music of America from Broadway to San Francisco, from Texas to the Heartland. Veteran's Flag Salute, Bob Hope humor and more. Complete luncheon, one hour open bar, salad, choice of three entrees, dessert, coffee/ tea & wine/soda during lunch.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:15 AM and will return approximately 5:30 PM. Cost \$88 Payment Deadline: Wed., June 8

August 25 (Thurs.) – Rainbow Comedy Playhouse – IS THERE LIFE AFTER 50?

Three couples, all past fifty, have been friends forever. Once a year they get together for a mini vacation and to catch up with their lives. This year, the ladies have chosen a health spa for their destination, what a fun time. Oops, they haven't told the husbands yet!

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 AM and will return approximately 6 PM. Cost \$84 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Aug. 4

*****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, \$690 for singles.**