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Christ Lutheran invites you to an evening of: Guided, Quiet, Reflective Prayer using various forms with the theme of **Freedom**, sponsored by The Spiritual Directors of the Greater L.V. **Mon., July 11th, 6-8 p.m.** at Christ Lutheran Church, 13th & Hamilton, Allentown, PA 18102. Any questions contact Pastor Tom Lichner at [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362) or tlcichner@rcn.com.

Saturday Night Worship in the Grove: This summer, Saturday night services are a joint venture of the three Macungie area Lutheran congregations - Grace, Zion's, and St. Peter's. **Services are held at St. Peter's Church Grove on St. Peter's Road, every Saturday in June, July, and August at 5:00 pm, except July 23 when the service will be held at Grace.** Services are open to the whole community and will be held outdoors (weather permitting; indoors if need be) so please invite your friends. Bring your own lawn chairs for seating. Services will include communion, both contemporary and traditional hymns, and the pastors of all three churches will lead services as this becomes an alternative for your summer worship/communion experience at this very busy time of the year.

Presentations at Luther Crest - The public is cordially invited to attend the following presentations in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104: **Tues., July 19th, 2:30 p.m.** Dr. Manfred Bahmann on "In Bondage to Sin? Luther's Concept of Free Will", **Tues., Sept. 20th, 2:30 p.m.** Dr. William Jennings on "Religions of the Presidential Candidates", **Tues., Oct 18th, 2:30 p.m.** Sundar Brown on "When Religion Turns Violent". For more information, please contact the Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210).

Second Annual Community Fair and Open House: Grace Lutheran Church, 28 W Main Street, Macungie, will hold its Second Annual Community Fair and Open House on **Sat., July 23, noon to 3:00 pm.** A Car Wash will be held in conjunction with the Fair with **donations accepted.** Tickets for a quilt raffle, with a quilt made by the ladies of the sewing circle, will be sold. Come see the results of our major renovations and enjoy free food and events. We are serving hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, drinks, and make-your-own sundaes. The Macungie Ambulance, Fire and Police have been invited. There will be displays, live music, games for the children and a free cake walk. Come join us for what should be a great time of outreach and fellowship!

Journey through Grief at Luther Crest: Luther Crest will host a "Journey through Grief" group on **Mons., Oct. 3rd - Nov. 7th, 10:30 a.m.-noon.** For more information or registration, please contact Lutheran Congregational Services, [610-770-9205](tel:610-770-9205). This 6-week series is open to all; and there is no fee.

CROP Kick-Off Pizza Party: Sun., Aug. 28, 1-2 p.m.: You and your family are invited to the CROP Hunger Walk Kick-Off Pizza Party on **Sun., Aug. 28, 1:00-2:00 pm** at St. Timothy's Lutheran (Ott & Walnut Streets, Allentown, PA 18104). Enjoy free food and fellowship, learn about hunger, and pick up your congregation's CROP materials. **RSVP by Wed., Aug. 24,** to Rev. Dianne Kareha, karehad@gmail.com.

Save the Date -- Brain Injury Walk: On **Sun., Sept. 25th,** Good Shepherd joins forces with The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania to sponsor the Sprint, Stroll & Roll 5 K/1 Mile Walk at Lone Lane Park in Macungie. **The run starts at 9:00 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:15 a.m.** For more information on how you can participate or support this worthwhile cause, visit www.biapa.org/SprintStrollRoll2016.

Luther Crest Hosts "Theology, Literature, and Coffee" - Luther Crest will host a Moravian Theological Seminary-sponsored course, "Theology, Literature and Coffee" (TLC), which will be held at Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, on **Mons., Oct. 3rd, 17th, and 31st, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** Enjoy a time of learning and fellowship as theological themes in selected literature are presented and discussed. **Cost for the series is \$20 with early registration discount before September 19 (\$25 after 9/19/16),** beverages will be provided. To register, please contact Moravian Theological Seminary [610-861-1516](tel:610-861-1516) or <http://www.moravianseminary.edu/continuing-ed>

Books to be discussed are:

Oct. 3rd: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee ISBN-10: 0446310786
Leader: Nelson Quinones, St. John Lutheran Church, Fogelsville,
Oct. 17th: *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines ASIN:
B00E31HG6, Leader: Ruth Marcon, First Presbyterian Church,
Allentown,
Oct. 31st: *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton ASIN:
B009035AXQ, Leader: Nelvin Vos, St. John Lutheran Church,
Allentown.

ALOA Adult Ministry Festival: Where: Nativity Lutheran Church, 4004 Tilghman St, Allentown, PA, **When:** Oct. 8th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Cost: \$15 (includes lunch). Keynote speaker, The Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Wengert, professor emeritus of Reformation history at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, will speak on "Luther's Catechisms for Adults: Tasting Them Again for the First Time." Join us for a day of engaging speakers, inspirational music, and creative workshops presented by ALOA in partnership with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries. Attendees will glean "take home" ideas and starter material for personal faith development as well as intergenerational and adult programs for congregations. For more information or registration: <http://nepasynod.org/event/aload-adult-ministry-festival-2016/>

LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT
Mid-Year Update

As we pass the mid-point of 2016, it seems appropriate that we pause for a moment to update what's happened in our LMD during the first half of the year and to project a bit of what's expected for the remainder of the year. This seems even more appropriate since this newsletter will be released just as we have concluded hosting this year's Synod Assembly at the PPL Center in downtown Allentown.

Obviously our reflections on this past year should begin with calling attention to the fact that Pastor Jerel Gade was all but unanimously re-elected to a second three-year term as Dean of our Mission District at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 22nd, at Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church, currently celebrating its 275th anniversary. Other votes included the re-election of Joshua Fink to another three-year term as a member of the Mission District Council. Also, Dick Skelly was re-elected Treasurer and Pastor Dick Stough was re-elected Secretary. These are one-year continuously re-electable terms.

Other actions at this meeting included the recognition of Pastor Laura Stoneback's 25th anniversary of ordination; Pastor Fred Foerster's 55th anniversary; and Dr. Frank Sherman's 60th anniversary. There was also, of course, the regular business of affirming the Financial Report for the past year and confirming the Budget for the new year. There were also brief institutional reports from Operation Sunshine by Dick Skelly and from Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries and Luther Crest by Chaplain Dianne Kareha, who also noted that she would be retiring as Chaplain of Luther Crest by mid-summer.

Of particular interest was a brief report from Luke Swanson, son of Pastor Mark Swanson and Pastor Laura Csellak who will be serving as a Young Adult in Global Mission in Argentina and Uruguay beginning in mid-August. As a result of his comments, Pastor Marty Milne moved and the group affirmed supporting him with a \$750 grant from the Budgeted Mission Fund of the Mission District. The group wished him well with his venture and he agreed to be available for congregational presentations about it both before and after his experience.

Dean Gade and Synod Staff Liaison Pastor Kurt Garbe noted that approximately half of the more than 25 congregations in the Lehigh Mission District are in some state of change – whether simply in the process of calling a new pastor or making decisions about their futures. They invited our prayers for these situations. It was also noted that the Mission District Council is in the process of developing a special program for Reformation Sunday (October 30) 2:00PM to 5:00PM, including a light supper.

This was a well-attended assembly with 48 people representing 24 congregations and representative from two institutions and the ELCA's Global Mission Program.

Pastor Richard Stough
LMD Secretary

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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.

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*****

ONLY TEN (10) OPENINGS REMAINING!!!

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.

October 13 (Thur.) – Penn's Peak – Bill Haley's Comets - The Comet's Rock and Roll Show is an energetic entertaining show featuring fun, comedy, dance and music that keeps the crowds laughing, clapping and singing along to all the oldies and classic rock favorites. With the harmonies and choreography of the two poodle skirted and car hop uniform. All luncheon shows come complete with a family style meal including the ever popular Penn's Peak Pot Roast, all non-alcoholic beverages (alcohol available for purchase).
Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 AM and will return approx. 4:30 PM
Cost \$80 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Sept. 22

November 17 (Thurs) – Media Theatre – "A Christmas Story, The Musical"
– Get in the mood for Black Friday shopping and the upcoming Christmas season along with Ralphie and his family as they weave their way through life from the "major award" of the lady's leg lamp to the "adorable" but embarrassing footed bunny pajamas for Ralphie. See how Ralphie tries to convince his parents, his teacher, and a grumpy department store Santa that a Red Ryder B.B. gun really is the perfect gift for a kid of the 1940's. Prior to the show enjoy a delicious lunch at Ristorante Gennaro where you will choose from Chicken Parmesan, Meat Cannelloni, Baked Salmon or Baked Eggplant Parmesan along with a choice of soup or salad, soft drinks, coffee and a choice of Gelato or Tiramisu for dessert. Please advise your meal and dessert choice, and soup or salad at the time of reservation.
Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM and will return approx. 6 PM
Cost \$89 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Sept 29th