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Attic Treasures Sale – St. John’s Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) 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 10th and Sat., June 11th**. 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.stjohns-fogelsville.org. We hope to see you there!

The Emmaus Chorale presents: “In The Good Old Summertime”- Join us for a concert of The Emmaus Chorale which is scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on Sun., June 12th**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, North 2nd & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus. A freewill offering will be taken. The Chorale under the direction of Laura Rabenold, will celebrate the season with a variety of selections, some with bass, guitar and drums. Included will be “Blue Skies” by Irving Berlin; “Down By The Riverside” arranged by John Rutter; “Oklahoma” by Rodgers & Hammerstein; “Brigadoon” by Lerner & Loewe and “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee arranged by Richard Nichols. For more information, contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496).

Zion’s Lutheran Church, Old Zionsville is hosting a fundraising dinner for the Ben Yorgey Foundation on **Sat. June 18th, from 4-7PM**. All proceeds are going to the foundation. The local foundation seeks to raise funds for graduating high school students with intellectual disabilities across Lehigh Valley and beyond. To learn more about the foundation, go to <http://heyiknowyou.org/the-ben-event/> For more information, call the church office at [610-966-3834](tel:610-966-3834).

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

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).

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 **Mondays 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: B00E31IHG6, Leader: Ruth Marcon, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown,
Oct. 31st: *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton ASIN: B009O35AXQ, Leader: Nelvin Vos, St. John Lutheran Church, Allentown.

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 ESL Program for individuals who desperately want to learn English. No foreign language needed. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor John Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net for class times and orientation sessions.

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).



CALLED FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST

A recent e-mail from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton introduced an initiative of the ELCA Church Council to be known as "*Called Forward Together in Christ*". In anticipation of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, it invites the 3.7 million members of the ELCA to consider what kind of church God is calling the ELCA to become.

In a related video message Bishop Eaton said, "We're asking all of us to think together and to talk together about what our priorities are going to be so we can be as effective as possible in bringing people the good news of Jesus Christ."

It's interesting that Bishop Eaton's announcement was released within days of the *Wider Outlook Works Festival* in Halle/Westphalia, Germany, which combined music and art with speakers and events to offer a transformative experience for people who were interested in initiating the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This event included a presentation by Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Tveit's presentation included the pronouncement that "It makes a lot of sense both to celebrate and to face the challenges of today...in the light of the legacy of the Reformation". Dr. Tveit continued by suggesting that our celebration of the 500th Anniversary should include a focus on "repentance". He said, "Repentance means change, change to a better direction...Repentance is an attitude open for change to what is good. It means alertness to the critical voice, understanding the dimension of tragedy, and willingness to name what is wrong. Repentance comes from hearing carefully the voice of God's total forgiveness." And he concluded with, "...we can change to focus on the needs of the other; particularly those who need more attention for the sake of justice and peace...This is about making the best values of the Reformation a living reality today."

It's unique that these two pronouncements occurred within the same time frame, since there is obviously a close relationship between what Dr. Tveit said and what our Bishop and the ELCA Church Council is asking us to contemplate during the Reformation's 500th Anniversary year. The ELCA is contemplating that the next year will include:

- Conversations across the church about the future
- Consultations on the directions and priorities that emerge
- Decisions as a church about where the ELCA is headed

In summary, the challenge coming out of both Halle/Westphalia and Chicago is that we contemplate what is involved in "making the best values of the Reformation a living reality today".

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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.

SOLD-OUT WAITING LIST ONLY

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.

SOLD-OUT WAITING LIST ONLY

July 13 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre – FOOTLOOSE

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. 4th

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

TASTE THE FLAVOR OF VERMONT – Tue, 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 approximately 4:30 PM. Cost \$80 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Sept. 22