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**October 2016 LMD NL news will be due September 15, 2016.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**Cooking for Crowds:** A Volunteer's Guide to Safe Food Handling program helps non-profit organizations and their volunteers understand the risks involved with preparing large volumes of food and the important food safety practices that need to be implemented to ensure a safe event. The program, conducted by Penn State Extension is being held at *St. Peter's Union Church in Macungie, PA* **Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm. Register online by Wed, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at:** <http://extension.psu.edu/food/safety/events>. Contact Nicole McGeehan at 570-421-6430 or [nmd5140@psu.edu](mailto:nmd5140@psu.edu) with any questions.

**Redeemer is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year:** Mark your calendars for the following dates.

**Sun, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 am** - Anniversary Worship, Rev. Michael Bennethum preacher. Luncheon follows worship; All are invited

**Sat, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm** - Anniversary Banquet at Luther Crest, Rev. Carl Shankweiler, guest speaker. Please call the church office ([610-434-1291](tel:610-434-1291)) for ticket information.

**Sat, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6 pm** - An evening of Sacred Music featuring the choirs and musicians of the West Side Collaborative. Reception follows.

**Sun, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 am** - All Saints Worship- Redeemer Homecoming service. Reception follows. All are welcome.

**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, Tuesday's at 2:30 p.m. **Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**, Dr. William Jennings on "Religions of the Presidential Candidates", **Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**, Dr. Manfred Bahmann on "Which Sort of Jew was Jesus?", **Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**, Sundar Brown on "When Religion Turns Violent", **Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**, Jason Brocius on "What is Humanism?", **Dec.6<sup>th</sup>**, Dr. Manfred Bahmann on "What Is Family Anymore, Anyway?". For more information, please contact the Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210).

**Yard Sale at Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church** - 8269 Spring Creek Rd. Albutis, **Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-2 pm.** \$10 for individuals, \$20 for businesses for a 10 x 10 spot. Outside vendors must supply their own table. Food will be available to purchase. Any questions call the church office at [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215).

**Brain Injury Walk:** On **Sun., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee ISBN-10: 0446310786 Leader: Nelson Quinones, St. John Lutheran Church, Fogelsville, **Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>:** *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines ASIN: B00E31IHG6, Leader: Ruth Marcon, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown, **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>:** *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. 8<sup>th</sup>, 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/aloa-adult-ministry-festival-2016/>

**Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk:** **Sun., Oct. 9, 1:30 p.m.,** beginning and ending at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104, 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 tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods) and development assistance (e.g., assisting poor families with clean drinking water, seeds, tools, and irrigation). For more information, for a sponsor form, please contact your own congregation or the Lehigh County Conference of Churches [610-433-6421](tel:610-433-6421). Log on to [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org) for further information about CROP or for making online donations.

**NEW REFORMATION**  
**An Invitation**

Reformation Sunday (**October 30**) will be a very special Sunday for the churches and leaders of the Lehigh Mission District. The Mission District Council has planned a special event, focusing on the Reformation, at the **Lutheran Center** that afternoon from **2:00PM to 5:00PM** which will conclude with a free supper. Pastors and congregational leaders are encouraged to attend.

This event is intended to encourage us to examine the meaning of the historical Reformation with expectation that the celebration of its 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017 will also prompt us to vision the future of our Lutheran Church and our churches as an extension of that spirit. More than anything else, it will offer an opportunity for guided sharing of our hopes and aspirations in a congenial and creative setting.

Following an opening devotional, Associate of the Bishop, Pastor Kurt Garbe, who services our Lehigh Mission District, will set the stage for our discussion with a brief presentation which will introduce the concept of the "New Reformation." His presentation will be followed by our involvement in structured sharing groups which will be encourage to examine what this concept could mean to our congregations, our Mission District and even the larger Church. An interesting and unique event is envisioned and your participation is encouraged.

Since a meal is involved, it will obviously be necessary for us to have some idea about how many people will be involved. "Registrations" can be made by e-mailing me, your Mission District Secretary, at [stough@rcn.com](mailto:stough@rcn.com) or by calling my cellphone (484-735-3237) and leaving a message if I don't answer. In order to accommodate appropriate timing with regard to the food order, **registrations need to be placed before October 17**. It promises to be an interesting, even exciting, afternoon, so your participation is both encouraged and anticipated.

Interestingly, after we began planning this event, we became aware of the fact that the ELCA is engaged in a similar project. It is involved in a process identified as "Called Forward Together in Christ," an initiative that is asking members to consider the kind of church God is calling the ELCA to become. A paper released July 26 shares key messages discovered through conversations across the ELCA and participants are being encouraged to provide feedback on the findings that emerged. Bishop Eaton of our ELCA has said that the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation "provides a powerful focal point for reaffirming who we are as a Lutheran Church and understanding what God is calling this church to be in its ongoing reformation."

Plan on joining us at the Lutheran Center on Reformation Sunday afternoon as we take a brief look at what this might mean to our Mission District and our churches as we embark on the next 500 years of mission and ministry. Your registration will be welcomed and is anticipated.

*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.***

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

**TASTE THE FLAVOR OF VERMONT - Tues, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to Fri, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - 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.

**CUT OFF FOR RESERVATIONS IS AUGUST 26.**

**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 1940s. 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 time of reservation.

**Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM and will return approx. 6 PM**

**Cost \$89 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Sept. 29**

**\*\*\*Join us September 10-20, 2017 \*\*\* for, ON THE TRAIL of MARTIN**

**LUTHER** - Travel with Operation Sunshine and Collette faith on a trip to Germany to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation with highlights on the trip of visits to Mainz, Worms, Gutenberg Museum, Erfurt, Wartburg Castle, Lutherhaus, Eisleben, Dresden, Leipzig, St. Thomas Church, Wittenberg, St. Mary's Church and Berlin. For a flyer and pricing information, please contact the Operation Sunshine office.

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.

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