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**December 2016 LMD NL news will be due November 14, 2016.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**"Journey through Grief":** Luther Crest will host a "Journey through Grief" group on **Mons**, continuing through **Nov. 7, 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, thanks to the generosity of J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home.

**Redeemer is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year:** Mark your calendars for the following dates. **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. Please call the church office [610-434-1291](tel:610-434-1291) for more information.

**Annual Chicken & Waffle Dinner** - Join us at St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) on **Sat., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**. Dinner will be served from **4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. **Cost: Adults \$15, Children \$7, under 3 are FREE.** Tickets will be sold at the door. Please join us for a homemade family-style dinner, everyone is welcome! For more info, call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit [www.stjohns-fogelsville.org](http://www.stjohns-fogelsville.org).

**Craft Bazaar at Zion Lehigh Lutheran, Alburtis**, (8269 Spring Creek Rd.). **Sat., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-3:00** - Crafts, Basket Raffle, Grandma's Attic, Bake Sale. Kitchen will be open. For more information, call the church office at [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215).

**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 at 2:30 p.m., 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 Rev. Virginia Heimer, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210).

**The Emmaus Chorale presents: "Because It's Christmas"** Join us for a concert of The Emmaus Chorale which is scheduled for **3:00 p.m.** on **Sun., Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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 piano, organ, hand bells and flute. Included will be "Breath of Heaven" by Easton/Grant; "Because It's Christmas" by Barry Manilow; selections from "Christmas Oratorio" by Saint-Saens; selections from "Frostiana" by R. V. Williams and more. For more information, contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496).

**Rehab Services and 55+ Senior Living Opportunities** at Luther Crest. If you or someone you know is in need of rehabilitation services (e.g., physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy) or would like to explore senior living opportunities for people age 55 or older (e.g., independent living, personal care, memory support, or skilled nursing), please contact Matt [610-391-8227](tel:610-391-8227), Mary Louise [610-391-8258](tel:610-391-8258), or Cathy [610-391-8256](tel:610-391-8256) at Luther Crest.

**Employment, Internship, and Volunteer Opportunities** at Luther Crest. If you or someone you know would like to explore employment, internship, or volunteer opportunities in nursing, dining services, activities, pastoral care, or other services among senior adults, please contact Luther Crest at [610-398-8011](tel:610-398-8011). For more information, please contact Rev. Virginia Heimer, 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, Bible studies, 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, Scripture Studies. For more information or to schedule a speaker, please contact Rev. Virginia Heimer, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210).

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

**Can you provide an hour or two per week** to help someone who wants to change their life? St Luke's at 417 N 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stluke@enter.net) for class times and orientation sessions.



**Muhlenberg College  
Community Engagement**

Muhlenberg College's Office of Community Engagement (OCE) engages students, employees and local communities through partnerships intended to catalyze personal, institutional and community change. The OCE provides a central location on campus for coordinating work connecting communities including service-learning, community-based work-study, weekly volunteer programs, social justice/civic clubs, Civic Fellows, community-directed research projects, the Community Internship Program and community events on/off campus. With a focus on depth of engagement, students commit to 30 volunteer opportunities that occur on a weekly basis with 16 different community partners. Each year almost 300 students spend 20 hours or more in a given semester connecting with folks in local communities.

The 2015-2016 school year marked the College's 25th anniversary of its partnership with Jefferson Elementary School in Allentown. Over the last 25 years, the College has expanded its relationship with Jefferson from a Field Day and mentoring program to seven different during and after-school programs occurring throughout the year and many visits of Jefferson students to Muhlenberg's campus. Last year faculty in physics and biology partnered with Muhlenberg students and 4th graders at Jefferson Elementary on exciting campus based science experiments. Kids looked at invertebrates in fresh water stream samples, participated in physics experiments related to vision and dissected a sheep's eye. Each year third graders came to campus for College Connect to talk about future careers and push Muhlenberg students to also think about the future. Fifth graders work with students in Muhlenberg's Circus Workshop to tumble, juggle, clown, dance and imagine. Second graders will come to campus this year for a literacy-focused event and the entire school comes for Jefferson Field Day. With focused activities for each grade level and the entire school's attendance at Field Day, each child at Jefferson will come to Muhlenberg at some point during the year. With Muhlenberg students also working in classrooms and after-school programs at Jefferson, it is our hope that the students from both schools will continue to envision each space as part of their own educational experiences.

Mutually beneficial relationships between college students and community members enhance the lives of each. Answering the tough questions of elementary school children, connecting with people with whom you don't share a language and engaging cross-generationally teaches students invaluable lessons outside of the classroom. Similarly, important, is the work of challenging ourselves to reflect on our own social positions within local communities and consider the social structures that influence us. The OCE will continue to engage on and off-campus communities in reciprocal and change-driven ways.

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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**

**November 17 (Thurs)** – Media Theatre – “A Christmas Story, The Musical”

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

**ONLY 4 SEATS LEFT**

**December 3 (Sat.) – American Music Theatre – Christmas Show Winter Wonderland** *Something new for Operation Sunshine – a trip on Saturday.* Due to the popularity of this show, even as early as March when we tried to book a performance, the best seats were available to us on Saturday. Experience the beautiful vocals, dynamic dancing, and impressive instrumentals of the critically acclaimed AMT singers, dancers, and orchestra as they perform the very best of your spiritual and secular holiday favorites. *The 2016 Christmas Show: Winter Wonderland* will be a great value, feel good holiday event filled with yuletide whimsy and winter wonder that celebrates both the magic and the meaning of Christmas. Witness a beautiful Christmas town, an enchanting trip to the North Pole, powerhouse vocals, dazzling scenery, and lots more. A delicious family style lunch awaits us at the Fulton Steamboat Inn before the show.

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 11:00 AM and will return approximately 7:00PM Cost \$98 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Nov. 3**

**December 6 (Tues.)** Operation Sunshine Traveler Appreciation Luncheon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Ave., Allentown. Full course lunch, accompanied by entertainment, fellowship and fun! You must provide your own transportation to the church. **Open to the first 60 reservations.** Call the office to reserve your space. **Open only to Operation Sunshine travelers.**

**Time: 12:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00**

**\*\*\*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 500th 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.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR 2017 TRIPS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!**