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**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., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**, Dr. Manfred Bahmann on "What Is Family Anymore. Anyway?", **Jan. 24, 2017**, Sundar Brown on Theoterrorism: Further Discussion about Religion and Violence. For more information, please contact Rev. Virginia Heimer, Chaplain for Luther Crest at [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).

**Re-awakening to a Loving God** - Guided Prayer and Scripture a 5-week Session beginning Jan. 16, 2017. For further information and to register, contact Rev Virginia Heimer, Chaplain for Luther Crest at [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210).

**Rev. Dr. Manfred K. Bahmann** has just published the second volume of his collected lectures (held at St. Peter's, Scranton and at Luther Crest). The title is: "Two Different Promises: A Christian Perspective on Judaism." The book is available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and will be in a few weeks at Barnes & Noble, or contact him for a signed copy at [mkbmeb@verizon.net](mailto:mkbmeb@verizon.net) (\$10+postage).

**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).

**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.

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## NEW REFORMATION

It was an interesting afternoon! As we prepare to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, about 50 representatives from approximately 10 parishes in the Lehigh Mission District spent Reformation Sunday afternoon 2016 at the Lutheran Center. In most cases, they were accompanied by their pastors. This gathering was at the invitation of the Mission District Council, which made the decision that it would be helpful for the leadership of our congregations to share where things were for them as they approached this unique celebration.

Following devotions led by Dean Gade, Pastor Kurt Garbe, Associate of the Bishop, whose responsibilities include relating to our mission district, introduced the subject of the afternoon by noting that interestingly there have been unique developments associated with the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations since early history. He followed by asking the group to identify some of the issues which it perceived are part of the scene as we move on into our celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

Early on it was observed that we are at a point where we need to contemplate what it means to be with people where they are! It was noted that the world has changed dramatically during the last 100 years, let alone the last 500 years, and that the issues with which God's people are dealing have become increasingly complicated. And that the tools which are being used to share both our faith concerns and God's response have also become increasingly complex.

The group continued its discussion by observing that it would obviously be helpful for us to embark on more openness in sharing our experiences! The fact is that the issues with which we are dealing from one parish to another are uniquely similar and our wrestling's with them could probably be facilitated by our sharing's.

In particular, it was noted that the concerns of our children and young people have become increasingly complicated and there is good reason for us to be cooperating to develop new ways of reaching out to their needs. This conversation led to the suggestion that we should be more committed to reaching out and asking them how we can be of more help as they wrestle with relating more meaningfully to the faith world to which we are trying to introduce them.

There was also brief discussion about the fact that we need to be looking for additional positive use for our buildings, many of which were constructed in an era when we were serving many more parishioners than is true today. Several parish groups reported positive uses they had developed and it was clear that others were encouraged by what they were hearing.

It was agreed that we should plan to continue these discussions in the new year and as we proceed with our celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Meanwhile, your mission district council wishes you all the best for a blessed Christmas and a good New Year!

**Pastor Richard Stough**  
LMD Secretary

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**March 14 (Tues.) – Hunterdon Hills – BORN YESTERDAY -** A “business man” named Harry comes to Washington DC to make crooked deals with government officials. He brings his charming but uneducated ex-chorus girl girlfriend, Billie, along for the trip. Harry is worried that her lack of social graces and seemingly feeble brain won't impress the bigwigs he's trying to swindle. But Billie proves to be a quick study—learning about history, politics...and what Harry is really all about. This famous comedy enjoyed one of the longest runs in Broadway history and gave Judy Holliday the role that made her a star!  
**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 AM and will return approx. 4:30 PM**  
**Cost \$86 Payment Deadline: Tues., Feb. 28**

**April 6 (Thurs) – Bristol Riverside Theatre - JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR -** Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar, which changed the face of musical theater when it debuted on Broadway in 1971, is a remarkable retelling of the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth as seen through the eyes of his betrayer, Judas Iscariot. This powerful musical, filled with emotional intensity and explosive theatricality, features chart-topping songs such as “Everything's Alright,” “I Don't Know How to Love Him,” “Gethsemane,” and the high-octane title song. See the groundbreaking rock opera that reinvented musical theater for the modern age! Lunch at the King George II Inn with your choice of Roast Turkey Junior Club, French Dip on a Long Roll, and Quiche of the Day served with Soup du Jour and Vanilla Ice Cream and Cookie. Please indicate choice at time of reservation.  
**Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 10 AM and will return approx. 6 PM**  
**Cost \$94 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Mar.9**

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

**\*\*\*Join us September 20-30, 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 flyers and pricing information on these trips, please contact the Operation Sunshine office.**