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June 2017 LMD NL news will be due May 15, 2017. E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

“Bhutan: A Kingdom of Sexy Happiness” and “India: A Country of Considerable Contrasts” The public is cordially invited to attend the following photographic presentations by John and Dianne Kareha Deisinger in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104:

Tues., May 2nd, 2:30 p.m.: “Bhutan: A Kingdom of Sexy Happiness”
Tues., June 6th, 2:30 p.m.: “India: A Country of Considerable Contrasts”

The 2017 schedule for Lutheran Congregational Services’ Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training is now available. Trainings will be held **May 13th** (St. Michael’s, Sellersville), **Sept. 16th** (Christ Lutheran, Hellertown) and **Oct 7th** (St. John’s, Stroudsburg). **Details and registration information at www.lutherancongregationalservices.org.** Your congregation may also schedule a special training for \$250 + facilitator mileage. Thrivent Action Team grant funding can be used for educational trainings like this! Questions? Call Pastor Jennifer Ollikainen at [610-425-2981](tel:610-425-2981).

Save These CROP Dates!

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger **Walk: Sun., Oct. 8, 2017, 1:30 p.m.**, with registration beginning at 12:45 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104.

CROP Recruiters’ **Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun., Aug. 27, 2017, 1:30-2:30 p.m.** (to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation) at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104. Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need locally and around the globe!

Available for Lease: St. Peter’s Hanover Ave., Allentown, is looking for a non-profit organization who would like to lease our former parsonage (also former offices of Lutheran Congregational Services) located next to the church at 1923 Hanover Ave. Please call the church office at 610-432-8762 to set up an appointment to discuss your needs. We are open to creative ideas to use this property in a cooperative effort to the benefit of those in our society who need assistance.

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).

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. 2nd, 16th, and 30th, 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 18 (\$25 after 9/18/17),** and beverages will be provided. To register, please contact Moravian Theological Seminary ([610-861-1516](tel:610-861-1516)) or www.moravianseminary.edu/continuingeducation

Books to be discussed are:

Oct. 2nd: *Of Love and Other Demons* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, ISBN: 1400034922 Leader: Nelson Quinones, St. John Lutheran Church, Fogelsville

Oct. 16th: *Silence* by Shusaku Endo, ISBN: 125008227 Leader: Nelvin Vos, St. John Lutheran Church, Allentown

Oct. 30th: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, ISBN: 1476738025 Leader: Ruth Marcon, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown

THANK YOU!! - to those who have contributed their time, talents, and donations of goods and money to the Crossroads Day Shelter at St. Paul’s-Allentown. This ministry is possible only because of people like you! From **May 1st until October 31st,** Crossroads will only be open at certain times, due to the lack of volunteers and staffing. If you are interested and able to donate a few hours a week, perhaps we can be open a bit more. In the meanwhile, contributions are always welcome! Call St. Paul’s at [610-435-9065](tel:610-435-9065).

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 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 for class times and orientation sessions.



**UNLEASHED
For Reformation 2017
NEPA Synod Assembly**

Having celebrated Easter 2017, it's time for us to contemplate and prepare for the next major celebration in our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. **Our 30th Annual Assembly is scheduled for June 2-3 at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Pocono Manor.**

Assemblies are always special events, but **this one has the added distinction of including our major celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.**

This means that **the major Eucharistic Celebration of this event on Friday at 4:30PM will be our Synod's primary worship event dedicated to this remembrance. Bishop Zeiser will be preaching and Mark Mummert will be providing the musical support.** Even if you are not registered as a delegate or even a visitor to this Assembly, please be encouraged to include this very special event in your schedule.

Obviously, **there will also be several special presentations regarding the Reformation and its relationship to our present church world and expectations for the foreseeable future. This consideration will be in the hands of The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans.** Dr. Kleinhans is a Professor at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. Her teaching responsibilities focus primarily on Christian theology and church history, with a special emphasis on Martin Luther and the theology and history of the Reformation. She is well-known for her presentations on the relevance of Luther and the Reformation today – especially in light of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation this year (2017). Her presentations are scheduled for mid-afternoon Friday and Saturday morning. **It is anticipated that her contributions will challenge us to reflect on our present stance in relationship to the Reformation and to vision where our worlds may be evolving during the next 50 or more years.**

This will obviously be a very special Assembly and it is anticipated that it will include some special projections for the future in the spirit of the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. If you are among those who are expected to attend this event and you haven't yet registered, please be reminded that discounted registrations must be filed no later than Friday, May 12, and that the final deadline for registrations is Friday, May 19. **Although there is no fee, visitors are also expected to register. Registration forms and additional information is available from Debbie Frey in the Synod Office (610-266-5101 or debbie@nepnsynod.org).**

We are privileged to be celebrating a half-century since Martin Luther stepped forward to lay the groundwork which ultimately led to the establishment of our Lutheran Church and, more importantly, the documentation from which our tradition has evolved across those 500 years. This year's Synod Assembly will certainly remind us of this celebration and affirm our intention to follow in this tradition. Our involvement will certainly be welcomed.

Pastor Richard Stough
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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.

June 21 (Wed.) – Paper Mill Playhouse – MARY POPPINS - Based on the stories by P.L. Travers and one of the most popular films of all time! Mary Poppins takes us on a magical and memorable adventure. It's an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs, breathtaking dance numbers, and a little bit of magic. This is a show that received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards, including best musical. It's a **SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS** musical adventure! Lunch at Charlie Brown's Fresh Grill.

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30 AM and will return approximately 6 PM
Cost \$98 Payment Deadline: Thurs., May 18**

July 12 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre – NEWSIES - The toast of Broadway for over two years, *Newsies* is based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899. Day in and day out a young group of scrappy and spirited newsboys carry the banner, hoping for a major headline so they can sell enough "papes" to survive the harrowing streets of New York City... until they become the headline! Lunch at The Pressroom. Please call the office for lunch menu choices at the time of reservation.

**Bus leave St. Timothy's at 10 AM and will return approximately 6 PM
Cost \$97 Payment Deadline: Thurs., June 8**

****MULTI-DAY TRIPS****

June 5 (Mon.) to June 8 (Thurs) – ARK ENCOUNTER AND CREATION MUSEUM, Williamstown, KY with an overnight in Wheeling, WV (4 Days-3 Nights) Join Operation Sunshine on a tour of Biblical proportions! Travel with us to tour a full-sized replica of Noah's Ark, built to specifications from the Bible and then a day at the 70,000 square-foot Creation museum that brings the pages of the Bible to life. Travel for a night in Wheeling, WV before arriving at our home base in Cincinnati for nights 2 and 3. Dinners include a German dinner with entertainment at the first authentic Hofbrauhaus in America and a scenic riverboat dinner cruise.

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 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Now on a First-Come First Served basis.

For a flyer and pricing information on these trips, please contact the Operation Sunshine office.