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**July/August 2017 LMD NL news will be due June 16, 2017.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**“India: A Country of Considerable Contrasts”** The public is cordially invited to attend the photographic presentation on **Tues., June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m.**, by John and Dianne Kareha Deisinger in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

**The Emmaus Chorale presents: “Feel The Spirit”** - Join us for a concert which is scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on Sun., June 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 present a variety of selections, some with soloists and drums. Included will be “Ev’ry Time I Feel The Spirit” arr. by Dawson, “Shenandoah” arr. by Williams, “Irving Berlin Medley” arr. by Huff, “Elijah Rock” arr. by Hairston and “God of Our Fathers” arr. by Kirkland and more. For more information, contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496).

**Presentation at Luther Crest:** Tues. June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:30–3:30 p.m. “Matthew Fox—Internal War in the Church” by Rev. Dr. Manfred Bahmann. Contact Rev. Heimer, Luther Crest Chaplain at: [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210) or [heimerv@diakon.org](mailto:heimerv@diakon.org).

**The 2017 schedule for Lutheran Congregational Services’ Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training** is now available. Trainings will be held **Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>** (Christ Lutheran, Hellertown) and **Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** (St. John’s, Stroudsburg). **Details and registration information at [www.lutherancongregationalservices.org](http://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!

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</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 18<sup>th</sup> (\$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](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/continuingeducation)

**Books to be discussed are:**

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

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

**Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>: A Man Called Ove** by Fedrik Backman, ISBN: 1476738025 Leader: Ruth Marcon, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown.

**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.

**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.



**LMD ASSEMBLY**  
**30 April 17**  
**Positive Reflections**

The Lehigh Mission District met in its Annual Assembly on Sunday, April 30, beginning at 5:00PM at The Lutheran Center. The spirit of the group was quite positive. The session began with a sung opening prayer led by Elizabeth Leibenguth on behalf of Lutheran Youth Fellowship. Following prayer, the group was welcomed to a full-course dinner prepared by Janelle's from the Bowers area. Included in the group were nearly 50 people representing 18 congregations and representing at least three special interest groups.

During dinner, the group was informed about the activities of several groups which are associated with the Mission District or serve on its territory. The first of these presentations involved ALIM (Adult Lutherans in Ministry) and was offered by Nancy Eckert. Their annual special event is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, at Nativity Lutheran Church and is titled *Church: Still Reforming*. Her comments were followed by a review of Operation Sunshine by Dick and Paula Skelly. Now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, this program is doing quite well and continues to attract about 45 participants for each of its trips. The group thanked Dick and Paula for their continuing leadership. Chaplain Kelly Brooks from Good Shepherd shared a few comments about this special mission which, of course, has its primary facility on our territory. In the absence of Chaplain Callista Isabelle, who was leading worship at Muhlenberg College, Dean Gade expressed gratitude for the meaning which the college's presence adds to our mission.

In the spirit of these sharing's it also became increasingly obvious that the group was pleased to have an active relationship with the Lutheran Youth Fellowship. Although there has been a space for a representative of this program on the Mission District Council, Elizabeth is the first representative in a long time to occupy it. Gratefully her efforts also prompted contributions from the congregations in the amount of a little more than \$1059 in support of this summer's LYF Assembly at Muhlenberg College (actually this amount was doubled with funds from the Lehigh Mission District). LYF also selected and processed elastic bracelets bearing the Luther Symbol and the words "NEPA Synod Reformation 500" which were distributed to all attendees.

Following dinner, the group responsibly processed the necessary agenda of this annual meeting in a relatively brief time period. Included was the recognition of those who present who were celebrating anniversaries, including Pastor Nelson Quinones who was celebrating 15 years of ordained ministry and Pastor Richard Stough for 55 years of service. It was also noted that St. Peter's Church, Hanover Avenue, Allentown, is in the process of celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This portion of the evening also included the election of Pastor Quinones to a three-year term as our representative to the Synod Council and Treasurer Dick Skelly and Secretary Pastor Stough to additional one-year terms in these capacities. And both the Financial Report and the proposed Budget were approved.

The evening concluded with a well-received presentation by The Rev. Dr. Walter Wagner entitled *Luther and the Changing Church* in the spirit of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

*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.*

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**August 3 (Thurs) – Shawnee Inn and Playhouse – OKLAHOMA -**

The high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background against which Curly and Laurey play out their love story. With these two headstrong romantics holding the reins, love's journey is as bumpy as a surrey ride down a country road! Hit songs include "Oh What a Beautiful Morning," and "Surrey With the Fringe on Top". Lunch will be at the Shawnee Inn. **Please indicate your entrée and dessert choice at time of reservation. Entrée choices:** Chicken Cordon Bleu, Grilled Salmon with Honey Barbecue glaze, Roast Loin of Pork with Apple and Dijon Demi-Glace, or Tri-Color Tortellini Primavera. **Dessert choices:** Chocolate Cake or a Duet of Sorbets.

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 am and will return approximately 5:30 pm. Cost \$74 Payment Deadline: Thurs. July 20**

**September 13 (Wed) – Bird In Hand Family Restaurant and Stage – MAGIC AND WONDER -**

Experience something new and different for Operation Sunshine, a theatrical event starring illusionist Brett A. Myers. You will be amazed at the grand illusions in an act that incorporates live animals and comedy. This new show will celebrate the holiday season, and help you rediscover the wonder and true magic of Christmas. Enjoy a delicious lunch Smorgasbord at the Bird In Hand Restaurant.

**Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30 am and will return approximately 4:15 pm Cost \$80 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Aug. 7**

**October 17 (Tues) – Penn's Peak – LIVE AT THE SANDS, SAMMY, DEAN AND FRANK -**

Be dazzled and transported back to Sinatra's sun-kissed world of wine, women and song. When Michael Dutra performs with his full Live at the Sands, Frank, Dean and Sammy ensemble, you'll swear Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. are in the room! Enjoy the great family style meal served by Penn's Peak before the show. If we are lucky, we may see the beautiful colors of the Fall Foliage on our way!

**Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 am and will return approximately 4:30 pm**

**Cost \$82 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Sept. 19**