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**September 2017 LMD NL news will be due August 14, 2017.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**WOW: St. Timothy** extends a special invitation to all. Please join us at our **Wednesday Outdoor Worship** gatherings during the summer months. St. Timothy Evan. Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104. Call or email, [610 435-6512](tel:610-435-6512), Ext.200, e-mail: [office@sttimothy.org](mailto:office@sttimothy.org). **Please see your church for a Flyer.**

**Allentown Public Theatre Presents – Peter Pan: July 21<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, Fri 6 p.m., Sat/Sun 2 p.m.** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N 7<sup>th</sup> St., Allentown. Free for children under 12, all others pay what you will! Free workshops on Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. [allentownpublictheatre.com](http://allentownpublictheatre.com). **Please see your church for a Flyer.**

**Summer Harmony Concert:** The public is cordially invited to attend the free Marlene Merz Memorial Concert on **Fri., Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, 3231 Tilghman St., Allentown, PA 18104, featuring the Summer Harmony men's chorus. Honoring Marlene's wish for a benefit concert and her passion for Malawi, a freewill offering will be received for First Presbyterian Church-Allentown's Mission to Malawi. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

**VBS 2017 at St. Luke's Church:** "Jesus Comes to Us", Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., students K-6. St. Luke's Church, 417 N 7<sup>th</sup> St., [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943).

**Peach Festival:** Friedens Evan. Lutheran Church, Lower Lawn Area, 2451 Saucon Valley Rd. **Sat., Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Proceeds to St. John's Community Outreach Benefit, with Supplementary funds from Thrivent Financial.

**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.lutherancongregational-services.org](http://www.lutherancongregational-services.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).

**Great Allentown 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

**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. For more information or to register, go to [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org). Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need locally and around the globe.

**Food Bank drive at the Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk:** Sun., Oct. 8, 2017. The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank serves 40-60 families each day. Please help by donating these items desperately in need: tuna fish, beans, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, peanut butter, rice, Jell-O, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce. A Food Bank truck will be at the CROP Hunger walk to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued support. Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, 534 Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18102 [610-821-1332](tel:610-821-1332)

**Luther Crest hosts "Theology, Literature, and Coffee".** 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. 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)**, 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 Fredrik Backman, ISBN: 1476738025 Leader: Ruth Marcon, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown.

**Good Shepherd seeking gift shop volunteers:** Allentown, PA - The Volunteer Department is recruiting volunteers for the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital gift shop. The gift shop is located in the main lobby on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the hospital, 850 S. Fifth St., Allentown. Convenient parking is available in the parking deck across from the hospital. Gift shop volunteers will interact with Good Shepherd's patients, staff, volunteers and visitors. Volunteers will assist customers, sell merchandise and stock shelves. The gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mon. – Fri. Shifts can be arranged according to each volunteer's availability. Volunteers must have the ability to understand, remember, and follow verbal and/or written instructions. They also must be able to differentiate between currency types and make change, be customer friendly and be dependable. Training will be provided. For more information or to volunteer, contact JoAnn Frey, volunteer coordinator, at [610-776-3125](tel:610-776-3125) or [jfrey@gsrh.org](mailto:jfrey@gsrh.org).

## SUMMER NEWS RECREATION AND RE-CREATION

Please be reminded that our tradition is to publish only one Newsletter during the months of July and August. So, this is that edition. And I have chosen to use it to remind us that this is the season of *Recreation* and to encourage readers to use it also as a season of *Re-Creation*.

The activity year 2016-2017 has been a good one for our Lehigh Mission District. Obviously, we have continued to benefit from the conscientious leadership of Dean Gade and Associate of the Bishop Kurt Garbe, supported by a very responsible Mission District Council, under the leadership of Chairperson Joshua Fink. And, yes, I'll start by encouraging this faithful support team to use the summer to accomplish significant *Re-Creation*.

This year has, of course, included laying the groundwork for the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. For our Mission District that began on Reformation Day 2016 (October 30<sup>th</sup>) when we met at The Lutheran Center to focus attention on the continuing emphasis of the Reformation as we move on into the future – the next 500 years! Following opening devotions, Pastor Garbe set the stage for what was an engaging discussion of these matters. And the group was treated to a delightful supper.

And this year's Annual Meeting (April 30<sup>th</sup>) was also an enthusiastic and unusual event which followed through on the Reformation Sunday experience. Contrary to previous such meetings, this one began during a cafeteria-style dinner. Uniquely, too, the event was initiated with a brief but special opening devotion led by Elizabeth Leibenguth, the Lutheran Youth Fellowship's new representative on the Mission District Council.

Meanwhile, the year has included the regular once-a-month meetings of our clergy, including the usual special event at Muhlenberg College at Christmas time. And there has been our continuing special interest in both Muhlenberg and the Good Shepherd Home and Rehabilitation Program, which, although it has spread its mission into some other areas, continues to function out of its primary location in our Mission District. These relationships continue inviting us to appropriate experiences in *Re-Creation* during our *Recreation* time.

And, finally, let's give thanks for the continuing "mission" of Operation Sunshine, which is in the process of celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It continues to attract the interest of a substantial group in our area and a bit beyond. Its special contribution to the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation is its participation in a 10-day trip *On the Trail of Martin Luther* in late September. We appreciate the volunteer leadership of Dick and Paula Skelly in support of this program. Please feel encouraged to use this season of *Recreation* as a time for *Re-Creation*!

**Pastor Richard Stough**  
LMD Secretary

**Enjoy your Summer!**



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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. **Entrée choices** are 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** are Chocolate Cake or a Duet of Sorbets. **Please indicate your entrée and dessert choice at time of reservation. Cost \$74 Payment Deadline: Thurs. July 20**  
**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 AM and will return approximately 5:30 PM**

#### **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 and his act 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. **Cost \$80 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Aug. 7**  
**Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30 AM and will return approximately 4:15 PM**

#### **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**