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**October 2017 LMD NL news will be due September 15, 2017.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**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.

**Save the date: Tues. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**, to join old friends and new at St. Luke's Lutheran Church for a casual dinner. **Doors open at 5:30 pm** ~ Tickets and prizes are FREE for all, call [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) for your reservation. Sponsored by St. Luke's Church and the 8th Ward Neighborhood Group. Special guest presentation by Allentown Fire Department.

**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).

**Spiritual Care for Elder Care-Givers:** In today's American culture, many adults are providing full-time or part-time care for their elder parents, relatives, friends, or neighbors. Elder-care-giving can certainly be challenging, presenting both joys and frustrations to elders and their care-givers. This every-other-month gathering will provide participants with a time of guided prayer, supportive conversation around joys and struggles, and sharing new ideas for offering care. Come and go to these gatherings as you might need and desire. Each gathering will be led by Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, specially trained in Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction. Meetings will be held at the Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18102. Please direct your interest to Pastor Tom Lichner at [tllichner@rcn.com](mailto:tllichner@rcn.com) OR [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

**Basket Social at Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church**, 535 W Emaus Ave., Allentown Pa 18103, **Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$5.00 for a sheet of 25 chances. If you purchase tickets before September 22<sup>nd</sup> they are 5 sheets for \$20.00 (a \$5.00 savings). For more information call please contact the office, [610-797-4774](tel:610-797-4774). **PLEASE SEE YOUR CHURCH FOR A FLYER.**

**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.

**Fall Basket Social – St. John's Lutheran Church** (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) will be holding a basket raffle on Sat., Oct. 7th from 10 AM-2 PM. 'Basket Preview Night' on Fri., Oct 6th from 6-8 PM (only raffle tickets will be sold, no food). Drawings for the 75+ different themed baskets and gift cards will be at 1:30 PM on the 7th, you do not need to be present to win. Various consultants and products will also be on hand. There will be lunch items and baked goods available, as well as jars of homemade chow-chow. For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit [www.stjohns-fogelsville.org](http://www.stjohns-fogelsville.org). All are welcome!

**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.

**Ken Medema – World-Renowned Pianist to Play at: St. Peter's, Hanover Ave., Oct. 28-29!**  
The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has planned an exciting weekend featuring Ken Medema at the piano. He will play THREE FREE CONCERTS! **First:** Sat. Oct. 28, 4:00 pm. **Second:** Sun. Oct. 29, **Ken will play at the 10:45 am worship service.** This will be the only service on that Sunday. **Third:** Sun. afternoon, **Ken will play at 3:00 pm as St. Peter's helps Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Lehigh Mission District Anniversary of the Reformation.** You are welcome to come to all three services to enjoy his performances!

## VISIONING FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Welcome back! Hopefully you had a good summer break and are prepared to accept the challenges of a new year of mission and ministry! Obviously one of uniquenesses as we vision 2017-2018 is that we are moving beyond the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. It has indeed been a privilege to be part of this observance. Admittedly it included our being reminded of the fact that Martin Luther was not absolutely right on with every decision and projection he made, but, more importantly, we found ourselves giving thanks for the leadership he provided in establishing the faith tradition of which we are a part and for which we give thanks. And, consequently, there have also been numerous responses projecting where this heritage may take us in both the immediate and the long-range future. In this changing world, it will be interesting to see what there is to be said about this even a decade from now, let alone when our world and the church moves into the next century!

As the door is opened to fall 2017, we look forward to celebrating the 501<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation with Pastor Elizabeth Langensiepen and the members and friends of St. Peter's Church, Hanover Avenue, Allentown, as they celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of their parish. The Lehigh Mission District Reformation Service will be held in this context and obviously at St. Peter's on Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00PM, followed by dinner, and featuring guest pianist Ken Medema. Mr. Medema was well received when he performed at a recent Synod Assembly. He is also scheduled to offer a concert at 4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon, October 28<sup>th</sup>, to which all are invited. It is to be anticipated that this special weekend will set us in a good spirit as we launch mission year 2017-2018

Obviously, the new year will also include the usual monthly meetings of pastors. We can anticipate that this schedule will be released within the next month. This tradition has a long-standing status in the Lehigh Mission District and includes both a significant opportunity for fellowship and also a setting for some unique learning experiences.

The new year will also include an up-graded Lehigh Mission District Website. We are very grateful for the efforts of Pastor Samantha Drennan, now pastor of Grace Church, Macungie, in the maintenance and development of this project. We suggest that you review the materials from your own parish which appear on this exhibit and that you be in touch with her if changes are in order ([sldrennan1@gmail.com](mailto:sldrennan1@gmail.com)).

And, as we begin the new year, let's give thanks for the faithful and dedicated service of our Dean, Pastor Jerel Gade, our Associate of the Bishop, Pastor Kurt Garbe, and those who serve on our Mission District Council, beginning with Joshua Fink, who serves as its Chairperson. Under their leadership, we can anticipate another meaningful year for LMD. Obviously, your involvement is anticipated and will be most appreciated!

**Pastor Richard Stough**  
LMD Secretary



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### OPERATION SUNSHINE

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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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**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**

**November 16 (Thurs) – Media theatre – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** - The stage version includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity. Lunch will be at Spasso Italian Grill. Lunch Choices are Chicken Misto (Chicken sautéed with fresh chopped tomato and asparagus topped with mozzarella), Bassa Scampi (Delicate white fish sautéed in a cherry tomato white wine sauce) or Linguini Primavera. **Please indicate your meal selection at time of reservation.**

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

**Cost \$85 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Oct. 5**