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

Ken Medema – World-Renowned Pianist to Play at: St. Peter's, Hanover Ave., Oct. 28-29! The 175th 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, in **OUR nave!** **Second:** Sun. Oct. 29, **Ken will play at OUR 10:45 am worship service.** There will only be **ONE SERVICE on that Sunday** so plan to be at the 10:45 service. **Finally:** Sun. afternoon, **Ken will play at 3:00 pm as St. Peter's helps Celebrate the 500th Lehigh Mission District Anniversary of the Reformation.** You are welcome to come to all three services to enjoy his performances!

St. Peter's, Allentown, invites the parishes of the LMD to participate in its Reformation Celebration. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod has commissioned a special anthem for the Anniversary of the Reformation. With the Bishop preaching at St Peter's for the LMD Reformation service on the **October 29th at 3 pm.** The feeling here at St Peter's (Janet Heckman, St Peter's Minister of Music) is that we should have a joint choir of all singing members of our LMD churches to perform this anthem. The anthem is entitled **"God is our Refuge and Strength"** and is available to download by contacting the Synod office for instructions. If members of the LMD churches are interested in joining the St Peter's choir in singing this anthem, we ask that they practice at their choir rehearsals and then have a practice session prior to the St Peter's Reformation service at 1:30 pm. Contact St Peter's [610-432-8762](tel:610-432-8762).

Reformation Celebration Concerts – St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) will be hosting a special concert in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: **Sun., Nov. 19th at 3 PM** will feature a Brass Quintet. A free-will offering will be collected. For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit www.stjohns-fogelsville.org. All are welcome, please join us!

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 **Mon., Oct. 30th, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

Enjoy a time of learning and fellowship as theological themes in selected literature are presented and discussed. To register, please contact Moravian Theological Seminary [610-861-1516](tel:610-861-1516) or www.moravianseminary.edu/continuingeducation

Book to be discussed are: Oct. 30th: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman, ISBN: 1476738025 Leader: Ruth Marcon, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown.

Rev. Dr. Walter Wagner: Reviews and responds to Michael Morwood's book...***It's Time***. Mondays, **Oct 23rd, 30th and Nov 6th, 7:00-8:30p.m.** Christ Lutheran Church, 69 Main Street, Hellertown. If you would like, you can join a carpool to Hellertown for each session. Departing from Christ Lutheran, Allentown parking lot at 6:15 p.m. Please contact Rev. Tom Lichner [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362) or tlchner@rcn.com

Holiday Craft Bazaar - Nov. 4th from 9-3 at Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church (8269 Spring Creek Rd, Alburtis), features crafts and a basket raffle. Kitchen will be open for lunch. For more information call [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215) or email churchoffice@zionlehigh.org

The Emmaus Chorale presents: "Glad Tidings We Sing" Join us for a concert of the Emmaus Chorale which is scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on Sun., Dec 10, 2017, at Faith Presbyterian Church, North 2nd & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus.** The Chorale, under the direction of Laura Rabenold, will celebrate the season with a variety of selections, some with organ, flute, piano, harp and trumpet. Included will be **"Alleluia"** by Randall Thompson; **"Mary Had A Baby"** (Spiritual) arranged by Craig Courtney; **"Then Sings My Soul (How Great Thou Art)"** by Stuart K. Hine, setting by Mary McDonald; **"The Holly and The Ivy"** arranged by John Rutter. For more information, contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496).

Crossroads at St. Paul's-Allentown: "Lord, when did we see you?" Are members of your congregation looking for an opportunity to help those in need? St. Paul's-Allentown and Crossroads has several opportunities! Crossroads is Allentown's only day shelter, where the homeless can gather out of the cold, and perhaps better their lives. **30 minutes! Mon. through Wed. from 8:30-9am breakfast is served at Crossroads.** Volunteers are needed on Mon. and Wed. to hand out food and offer a friendly smile. **60 minutes or more! Crossroads is open Mon. through Thurs. from 9am-4pm.** We have a variety of services and social opportunities to offer throughout the week, but we can always use more. Are you one of those people who can talk to anybody? Do you like to play games or do puzzles? Are there crafts that you can teach? Perhaps you have specialized training that you are willing to share. In addition to available slots on Mon. (9am-4pm), Tues. (1-4pm), Wed. (9am-4pm), and Thurs. (9am-12pm), we are hoping to expand our hours to Fri. and Sat. (9am-4pm) and Sun. (11am-3pm). No one must be there that whole time. By being there for just an hour or two, Crossroads can be a place of shelter and care. But, **we need YOUR help to make that happen.** Contact St. Paul's-Allentown at [610-435-9065](tel:610-435-9065), or email jennstpauls1st@ptd.net. Your time and your presence can make such a difference! ****See flyer posted in your church****

MISSION SUPPORT BLESSINGS

This is the season when we are challenged to make our commitments in support of the continuing mission of our Church – our local parishes, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We have recently received a letter from Bishop Zeiser inviting us to give this our serious and prayerful consideration. And for the second year in a row representatives of our synod's Mission Support Table are visiting with selected councils for the purpose of expressing the larger church's gratitude for the support which is provided through our commitments and to encourage us, if possible, to increase the level of our support.

It has been my privilege to serve as one of the members of this visitation team and I am particularly gratified by the opportunity to call attention to some of the unique ways in which our contributions support the mission of Christ's Church. We always begin by calling attention to the fact that 54 cents of every mission dollar contribution supports the work of the Synod and 46 cents supports the work of the ELCA. But, gratefully, the materials we have in front of us help us identify 6 different efforts which are supported within the Synod and 7 efforts which are supported through the ELCA. I am particularly excited about calling attention to our Synod's ministries in "Renewing Our Passion for Sharing the Good News" and "Strengthening Ministries to Youth, Young Adults and Families." And at the ELCA level I appreciate being able to call attention to our support of "Congregations and Evangelical Outreach" and "Bringing Forth Leaders" (recruiting and supporting rostered leaders).

Obviously, the experiences of these last several months have also reminded us of the challenges which are ours to reach out to our devastated brothers and sisters in Christ who are in the process of trying to recover from floods, hurricanes, and now serious fires. Of particular concern in our nation and its immediate surroundings are the people of Texas and Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico, California, and Mexico. The last three of these locations have been added to the list just since we prepared the material for our October edition of this newsletter. The thousands, indeed millions, of people affected by these crises are welcoming both our prayerful support and our gifting.

As noted in the last month's newsletter, our special gifts in support of these efforts will be welcomed. Many of our parishes are inviting gifts through their systems but personal responses will also be welcomed by **ELCA Hurricane Response** and can be sent directly to that group at **PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 28116-8009**. It should also be noted that these gifts will be welcomed well into the future, because our response teams are committed to remaining in such situations until the rebuilding is on a solid footing. Obviously, our support of these special needs will be most appreciated and will serve to remind those with these serious needs that God's love is being extended to them.

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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.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have traveled with us this past year, and look forward too many more trips with our old friends, and hopefully some new ones. Please know that traveling with Operation Sunshine is not just another "bus trip". It is a fellowship of many with a common goal – a great time with friends you may or may not have met yet.

As our 2017 remaining shows are SOLD OUT, our first trip in 2018 is scheduled for the end of March at Hunterdon Hills to see "Steel Magnolias".

We have some great shows in the works for 2018, so check back in the December Lehigh Mission District Newsletter for the 2018 Season of Operation Sunshine trips. Join our happy band of travelers as we enjoy fun and fellowship, great meals and entertainment.

Items Needed for Crossroads

****See Flyer posted in your church****

November

Antibacterial Wipes
Q-Tips
Small Towel
Comb
Hairbrush
Nail Clippers

December

Juice Box
Granola Bars
Sandwich Crackers
Candy Bars
Slim Jim's
Hand Wipes