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Lenten Morning Reflections...Paying attention to God – Sat. Feb. 24, 2018, 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18102. For more information contact, Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, tlcichner@rcn.com or [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

There's Room for You in a Centering Prayer Group - Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. A portion of each one-hour gathering will include some teaching about centering prayer. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, all are welcome. **First Friday of each month - starting Mar. 2nd - Apr. 6th - May 4th - Jun. 1st - Jul. 6th, 10:30 - 11:30 AM.** Led by Rev. Maritza Dolich and Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner. **Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18102.** Parking available in Lot across Hamilton St. from Church. **Please let us know if you will be joining us.** Inquiries to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, Director Center for Spiritual Awakening tlcichner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362)

Spiritual Care for Elder Care-Givers 2018 - Do you provide part time or full-time care for an elder? Would you like a safe place to share your joys and struggles with other care-givers? Would you appreciate companionship in nurturing your spirit? 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. There is no need to make a commitment to each one.

Parking is available in a lot across Hamilton Street from the church. Meetings will be held at the Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, [1245 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18102](http://www.lehighlutherans.com). **1:30 - 3:00 PM Wednesday's: March 14th, May 16th, July 18th, 2018.**

Each gathering will be led by Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, specially trained in Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction. Please direct your interest to Pastor Tom Lichner at tlcichner@rcn.com OR [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

Roast Beef Dinner – Sat., March 24th, 4:00-6:30p.m., Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2451 Saucon Valley Rd, Center Valley, PA. Call [610-865-4144](tel:610-865-4144) for more information. Proceeds to benefit Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County.

Contemplative Prayer - Prayer Around the Cross - You are invited to join with others for a time of contemplative opening to the Spirit of God in and around us. We invite God's Light to shine in our hearts and to awakening our consciousness to live lives of mercy, justice, and love. Please join together in this brief time of sacred reading, silent reflection, poetry, chanting, candle lighting, intercessory prayer, and ample space for quiet reflection. **Third Sat. of each Month, 5:00 - 5:45 PM** at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa, 18102. Parking lot across street from church. Address inquiries to Rev. Tom Lichner at tlcichner@rcn.com.

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. **ELL days and hours are, Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We always need help. We are especially looking for people who are comfortable around computers.** Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net.

Crossroads at St. Paul's-Allentown: "Lord, when did we see you?" Crossroads is Allentown's only day shelter, where the homeless can gather out of the cold, and hopefully improve their lives. Thanks to our partners, we are pleased to announce that Crossroads is now open **Monday-Thursday - 9am-4pm, Friday - 11am-4pm and Saturday - 11am-3pm! Additionally, a lite breakfast is served Monday-Wednesday - 8:30am. Just 30 or 60 minutes can make such a difference!** Contact St. Paul's-Allentown at [610 435-9065](tel:610-435-9065), or email jennstpauls1st@ptd.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 14, 2018, 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:45 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, [140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA](http://www.lehighlutherans.com)

Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need locally and around the globe

**CROSSROADS
ST. PAUL'S IN ALLENTOWN
Continued....**

Last month's Pastoral Article concluded with a paragraph that noted "Crossroads opened four years ago...starting as simply a place to be out of the cold, but growing year by year, now hosting up to 60 people a day. Thanks to partners like those in the Lehigh Mission District, St. Paul's has expanded the drop-in center in a variety of ways." Following is the conclusion of his article.

Crossroads is the anchor for a multitude of ministries to care for body, mind, and spirit, from Sacred Heart Parish Nurses and nursing students from throughout the Valley and from Lehigh Valley Medicine to mental health and other health care providers. Stephen Flowers of Suddenly Samantha Salon in Easton cuts hair at least once a month and Synergy Services for Homeless Youth is onsite weekly.

What was once a Monday through Thursday ministry just expanded to include Friday and Saturday, thanks to our partners at Ripple Church (who worship at St. Paul's on Sunday afternoons). Ripple provides service opportunities for those staying with us, so they are giving, not just receiving. And all the while, contributions from Ingathering and other benefactors allow us to provide food and health care items to the many who have so little, to the point that we now provide a light breakfast on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

We could not do what we do at St. Paul's without the help of those who contribute goods, time, and energy. The seeds were planted long ago, but watering by our many partners means the world when it comes to bearing fruit. And in so many ways our cup runs over, thanks to the One "who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20).

God is doing more than any of us could have imagined! Since it began at St. Paul's, the overflow shelter has moved several times, from one rented space to another. No place is perfect, and while there have been annual improvements, the instability has meant everything was looked at as temporary.

St. Paul's is moving to bring that uncertainty to an end. The Council of St. Paul's agreed to use our Education Building as the next, and theoretically last, warming station. This building has more space than any of the previous efforts, enough to increase women and family space. Moreover, being permanent means that capital improvements can be made with an eye toward the long term. With the help of our partners, the third largest city in Pennsylvania will come a step closer to providing all of its citizens with the resources they need.

The seeds were planted long ago, and so many people, from St. Paul's and beyond, have watered in common purpose.

Thank you to all who work alongside us as God's servants, working together in God's field, creating something unique in God's special "home."

Pastor Steven Shussett
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Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers.

Tuesday, May 15 to Thursday, May 17 – RIDE THE RAILS OF WEST VIRGINIA – This exciting trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners and not one, but two train trips, the Cheat Mountain Salamander with lunch on board the train and the Durbin Rocket. On day three we will visit the Seneca Caverns before heading home. Contact the Operation Sunshine office for a flyer with the full itinerary and pricing. Travel Protection is available and suggested.

May 22 (Tues) – Mount Airy Lodge – ELVIS JAILHOUSE ROCK - Come spend an afternoon with young Elvis. Not just any Elvis, but "The Worlds #1 Elvis". Performing all over the world, he was cast as Elvis in the hit musical "Million Dollar Quartet". Our Elvis won multiple Elvis competitions around the world. This high energy Elvis Tribute is filled with all your favorite hits such as: "Jailhouse Rock", "Blue Suede Shoes", "Don't Be Cruel", "Love Me Tender" and so many more. Our Elvis has the looks, the charisma, and the moves that will leave you all shook up! Lunch Buffet and \$15 slot play included with this trip.
Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 am and returns approximately 5:30 pm Cost \$ 64.00 Payment Deadline: Thurs., May 3

June 27 (Wed) – Fulton Theatre - Hunchback of Notre Dame-
The musical begins as the bells of Notre Dame resound through the famed cathedral in 15th-century Paris. Quasimodo, the deformed bell ringer who longs to be "Out There," observes all of Paris reveling in the Feast of Fools. He escapes for the day and joins the boisterous crowd, only to be treated cruelly by all but the beautiful gypsy, Esmerelda.

Lunch at The Pressroom.
Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30am and will return approximately 6:30pm
Cost \$97.00 Payment Deadline: Thursday, May 17