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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 - May 4th - Jun. 1 - Jul. 6, 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)

Contemplative Prayer - Prayer Around the Cross - You are invited to join with others for a time of contemplative opening to the Spirit of God into our lives. 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 us 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.

Attic Treasures Sale – St. John's Lutheran Church ([1028 Church Street, Fogelsville](http://www.stjohns-fogelsville.org)) will be having an indoor sale of various "attic treasures" (new and gently used items including: clothing, toys, books, jewelry, decorations, household items and more) **The sale will be held from 8 am - 2 pm on Fri, June 8 and Sat, June 9.** There will be lunch items and baked goods available both days. For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit www.stjohns-fogelsville.org. We hope to see you there!

Spiritual Care for Elder Care-Givers 2018 - In today's culture, many adults are providing care for elder parents, relatives, friends, or neighbors. Do you provide part- or full-time care for an elder? Would you like a safe place to share your joys and struggles with other care-givers?

This every-other-month gathering will provide participants with a time of guided prayer, supportive conversation, 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 on May 16 and July 18, 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).

CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun., Aug. 26, 2018, 1:30-2:30 pm, to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation. Location: St. Timothy Lutheran Church, [140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104](http://www.lehighlutherans.com)

CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 14, 2018, 1:30 pm, 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!

Ascension Day service on May 10th at St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut St. Emmaus, will hold an abbreviated worship service at **7:30 pm**. For more information, please **contact the church office by May 3rd** at [610-965-9885](tel:610-965-9885) to and speak with office admin Barbara Walck.

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 pm** We always need help. We are especially looking for people who a comfortable around computers. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net.



LESSONS IN MERCY

Fall Workshop

Let's begin by expressing our gratitude to the continuing leadership of our Lehigh Mission District. Like virtually all of our Mission Districts, we are dealing with continuing change as parishes merge and dissolve. Nevertheless our leadership is continuing to open new doors and lead us in new directions.

This happened again recently as they found themselves involved in discussion about the possibility of sponsoring a five-session workshop entitled **We Thirst: Lessons in Mercy – Christian Reflections on Addiction**. This workshop is a five-session program appropriately subtitled "Christian Reflections On Addiction," which will focus our attention on this epidemic which is paralyzing our society and the ways in which we, as followers of Christ, can respond to those who are suffering –the marginalized, the sick, and the oppressed. The five sessions are subtitled 1) Biology; 2) Psychology; 3) Sociology; 4) Spirituality; and 5) Action. This series is designed to educate and spread awareness, while also offering hope and support; mercy, faith and love, and the encouragement of community.

The leader of this program will be Nina Marie Corona, M.A., C.R.S. Nina is a graduate of Muhlenberg College. In addition, she possesses a Master of Arts in Spirituality from Loyola University Chicago and is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry at Fordham University. Nina also obtained education certification in Alcohol & Drug Counseling from Villanova and is a Pennsylvania Board Certified Recovery Specialist. She is looking forward to sharing these evenings with us!

Details: the workshop has been scheduled as a shared program of the Lehigh, Bethlehem-Easton and Northern Lehigh Mission Districts, to be held the **five Wednesday evenings in October (3, 10, 17, 24 & 31) between the hours of 7:00 & 9:00 pm (6:45 – 7:00 for coffee or tea)** at Nativity Lutheran Church, 4004 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104. Registration materials will be available in the near future and the **registration fee of \$10 per person (or \$15 per family or companion unit)** can be sent to Nativity Church (Attn. Lessons in Mercy). **Registration deadline is October 1st, although walk-ins will be welcome.**

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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!

May 22 (Tues) – Mount Airy Lodge – ELVIS JAILHOUSE

ROCK - Come spend an afternoon with not just any Elvis, but "The Worlds #1 Elvis". He was cast as Elvis in the hit musical "Million Dollar Quartet" and has 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", "Love Me Tender" and so many more. Lunch Buffet and \$15 slot play included with this trip. **Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 am and will return 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 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. Held captive by his caretaker, the archdeacon Dom Frollo, Quasimodo escapes for the day and joins the crowd, only to be treated cruelly by all but the beautiful Esmerelda. Quasimodo isn't the only one captivated by her though - the handsome Captain Phoebus and Frollo are equally enthralled. As the three vie for her attention, Frollo embarks on a mission to destroy the gypsies - and it's up to Quasimodo to save them all. Lunch at The Pressroom. **Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30 am and will return approximately 6:30pm Cost \$97.00 Payment Deadline: Thursday, May 17**

July 26 (Thursday) - Bucks County Playhouse - 42nd Street-

When Broadway director Julian Marsh falls on hard times, he helms an ambitious musical as a final production before he retires. Lead actress Dorothy Brock is torn between two loves - the show's wealthy backer, Abner Dillon, and the earnest but penniless Pat Denning -- while aspiring young performer Peggy Sawyer hopes for her big break. Lunch at the Lambertville Station Restaurant. **Lunch Choices:** Chicken Moscato (chicken breast in tomato and white wine sauce with thyme) or Maple Mustard Salmon, both served with rice pilaf and seasonal veggies; Top Sirloin with mushroom butter served with roasted red potatoes and seasonal veggies. **Please choose your entree at the time of reservation. Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 am and will return approximately 6:30 pm Cost \$99**

Payment Deadline: Thursday, June 28