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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. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, all are welcome.

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 tlichner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

Spiritual Care for Elder Care-Givers 2018 - 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. 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). Parking is available in a lot across Hamilton Street from the church. **Wednesday July 18th, 1:30 - 3:00 pm.** Led by Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, specially trained in Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction. Please direct your interest to Pastor Tom Lichner at tlichner@rcn.com OR [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 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 tlichner@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

CROP Kick-Off Pizza Party!

You and your family are invited to the **CROP Hunger Walk Kick-Off Pizza Party** on **Sun., Aug. 26, 1:30-2:30 pm** at St. Timothy's Lutheran (Ott & Walnut Streets, Allentown, PA 18104). Enjoy free food and receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation. **RSVP by Wed., Aug. 22,** to Linda Held, jucc3441@ptd.net.

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 14, 1:30 p.m., beginning and ending at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, [140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104](http://www.lehighlutherans.com), with registration starting at 1 p.m.

The CROP Hunger Walk is a great fellowship and service event for families, youth groups, and congregations. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the CROP Hunger Walk returns to the Lehigh Valley to support the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and the Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen. The remaining 75% is used by Church World Service for disaster relief (e.g., for communities in the United States and around the world devastated by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods) and development assistance (e.g., assisting poor families with clean drinking water, seeds, tools, and irrigation).

For a sponsor form, please contact your own congregation, or log on at www.crophungerwalk.org for further information about CROP or for making online donations.

LESSONS IN MERCY
Christian Reflections On Addiction
Fall Workshop

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer and registration form involving the special workshop titled **WE THIRST: LESSONS IN MERCY (Christian Reflections on Addiction)** which is scheduled for the five Wednesday evenings in October. This project is a shared effort of the Lehigh, Bethlehem-Easton and Northern Lehigh Mission Districts. We hope you will help to spread the word and encourage registrations.

As noted, this is a five-session program appropriately subtitled **Christian Reflections On Addiction**. It will focus our attention on the epidemic of addiction which is paralyzing our society and the ways in which we, as followers of Christ, can respond to those who are suffering – including the marginalized, the sick, and the oppressed. It is designed to educate and spread awareness, and also offer **Hope and Support, Encourages Community, and Fosters Mercy, Faith and Love**. The five sessions are subtitled 1) Biology; 2) Psychology; 3) Sociology; 4) Spirituality; and 5) Action.

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. Her degree from Muhlenberg focused on Studio Arts and when not teaching, presenting or writing, she utilizes her artistic gifts in painting, drawing and sculpting to express herself and the experiences that have brought both joy and pain to her life. 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.

This very special program is scheduled for the five Wednesday evenings in October (3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 between the hours of 7:00PM and 9:00PM (6:45 – 7:00 for coffee or tea). It will be held at Nativity Lutheran Church, 4004 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104, which was deemed an accessible site for all those who have been invited and encouraged to participate. As noted on the registration materials, the participation fee has been set at \$10 per person (or \$15 per family or companion unit). Participants for one session will also be welcomed for simply \$5 which can be paid the evening of involvement. Obviously, as also noted on the registration form, it is hoped that this form and a check for the fee will be sent to Nativity Church. Checks may be payable to Nativity Lutheran Church (Attn. Lessons in Mercy). **For additional information, call Nativity at 610-395-5062** and your call will be returned as soon as possible by someone involved in the program.

This is obviously a very unique opportunity in a day and age which is, unfortunately, becoming increasingly stressed by various addictions. Even if we are blessed by not being directly involved, there are opportunities for us to be helpful to those around us. Involvement in this program will help us develop the

insights and skills which are needed to respond positively to these challenges. Our involvement is invited and encouraged.

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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.

August 14 (Tues.) – Sight and Sound - JESUS – Lunch at Shady Maple Buffet. **LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE.**

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30 AM and will return approximately 7:00 PM

Cost \$105.00 Payment Deadline: Thurs., July 12

September 20, (Thurs.) – Dutch Apple Theater – SISTER ACT Lunch Buffet and show. **LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE**

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM and will return approximately 5:00 PM

Cost \$91.00 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Aug. 30

NEW...NEW...NEW

October 15-16 (Overnight) – VILLA ROMA RESORT AND BETHEL WOODS MUSEUM – Operation Sunshine wants to

take you back in time with a visit to the Bethel Woods Museum in Bethel, New York where The Woodstock Music Festival took place in 1969. Come check out all the memorabilia through rooms of exhibits and movies about one of the greatest festivals of all time. After our private viewing in the museum, we head to beautiful Villa Roma Resort for an overnight stay which includes: Coffee and Cake upon arrival, a full dinner our first evening, evening music and variety show, breakfast, 4-course lunch and a 2 PM show starring The Unexpected Boys with their Jersey Boys show (Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons) before we leave for home. Of course, you can enjoy the Villa Roma grounds and activities in your free time at the resort, some of which are bocce, shuffleboard, ping pong table games, indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi and a fitness center.

Bus Leaves Cedar Church at 10:00 AM and will return approximately 7:30 PM.

CALL THE OPERATION SUNSHINE OFFICE FOR PRICING AND DETAILS – 610-435-9155