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**Philadelphia Hand Bell Ensemble** is interested in purchasing a used set of hand bells. Contact [roblamb17@gmail.com](mailto:roblamb17@gmail.com).

**There's Room for You in a Centering Prayer Group -**

Centering Prayer is a form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. So, whether you never heard of it, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, all are welcome. **First Friday of each month - Jun. 1<sup>st</sup> - Jul. 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 [tllichner@rcn.com](mailto:tllichner@rcn.com) / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

**Attic Treasures Sale** – St. John's Lutheran Church ([1028 Church Street, Fogelsville](http://1028ChurchStreet,Fogelsville)) 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<sup>th</sup> and Sat, June 9<sup>th</sup>.** 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](http://www.stjohns-fogelsville.org). We hope to see you there!

**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://1245W.HamiltonSt.,Allentown,PA18102). Parking is available in a lot across Hamilton Street from the church. **Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 [tllichner@rcn.com](mailto:tllichner@rcn.com) OR [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

**CROP Kick-Off Pizza Party!** You and your family are invited to the CROP Hunger Walk [Kick-Off Pizza Party](http://Kick-OffPizzaParty) 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](mailto: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://140S.OttSt.,Allentown,PA18104), with registration starting at 1 p.m. The CROP Hunger Walk is a great fellowship and service event for families 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., communities in the US and around the world devastated by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods) and development assistance (e.g., clean drinking water, seeds, tools, and irrigation). For a sponsor form, please contact your own congregation, or see [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org) for further information about CROP or for making online donations.

**"We Thirst, Lessons in Mercy" Christian Reflections on Addiction - Nativity Lutheran Church in Allentown** will host a five-week educational retreat series on addiction within the context of the Christian community. The event will be held **October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2018, from 6:45 – 9:00 PM.** This event is being sponsored by the Lehigh, Northern Lehigh Valley, and Bethlehem/Easton Mission Districts. All are welcome and encouraged to attend including the afflicted, their loved ones, all members of the community including counselors, nurses, chaplains, social workers, pastors, those in the criminal justice system, first responders, educators, etc. [More information, including registration forms to follow.](#)

**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. 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 [tllichner@rcn.com](mailto:tllichner@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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.** Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or [stluke@enter.net](mailto:stluke@enter.net)

## REFLECTIONS LMD ASSEMBLY 2018

The Lehigh Mission District met in Assembly on Sunday, April 29, at The Lutheran Center. The 51 people present represented 14 congregations and 2 special organizations (the Synod and Good Shepherd Home). There was a good spirit, encouraged in no small way by the tone set by the leadership, by the creative devotions led by Elizabeth Leibenguth, and the delicious meal which has become a tradition at these Assemblies.

The meeting began with the sharing of brief reports regarding the special programs associated with the Mission District. Ron Mordosky reported that Operation Sunshine continues as a very popular program and the number of participants is growing. In the absence of a representative from Diakon, Dean Gade noted that this organization is in the process of celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Chaplain Kelly Brooks of Good Shepherd followed by observing that it is celebrating its 110<sup>th</sup> year of service. She also noted that it is in the process of opening new facilities, but unfortunately there is still a two-year waiting period for getting into its residential care. The Dean reported that it was his understanding that Muhlenberg College was about to name a new chaplain. The Dean also welcomed Luke Swanson back from his service year in Argentina and celebrated that he was about to become a seminarian. Cathy Mordosky concluded this portion of the Assembly by calling attention to a program entitled *We Thirst: Lessons in Mercy (Christian Reflections on Addiction)*.

These presentations were followed by the recognition of deacons and pastors celebrating synodically-recognized anniversaries of service. Pastor E. Frederick Holst (60 years) and Pastor David Hill (50 years) were present, received celebratory boutonnieres, and were applauded. Others celebrating but not present were Pastor E. Wayne Dreyman (40), Deacon Jane Elliott (40), Pastor Bradley Carroll (25) and Pastor Steven Shussett (25). Congregations celebrating anniversaries were Grace Church, Allentown (125 in 2019), St. Luke's, Allentown (130) and Friedens Church, Center Valley (225).

Elections on this occasion included Catherine Mordosky as a Lay Female Representative to the next Assembly of the ELCA; Elizabeth Leibenguth as a first 3-year term member and Ronald Mordosky as a second 3-year term member of the Mission District Council; Dick Skelly for another 1-year term as Council Treasurer; and Catherine Mordosky for her first 1-year term as Council Secretary (replacing Pastor Dick Stough who chose to "retire" after serving in this position for many years). Dean Gade and Pastor Kurt Garbe, our Synod Staff Liaison, continued with a report of those pastors who were new in our district and noting that three of our congregations would be closing in the near future – San Martin de Porres; St. Paul's, Allentown; and Grace, Allentown. The proposed budget for 2019 was approved.

Pastor Nelson Quinones concluded this session with a report of the unique mission and ministry of San Martin de Porres during its 30-year history. His presentation was well received and included a significant amount of information of which the group was unaware.

**Pastor Richard Stough**

## 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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### **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. Held captive by his devious caretaker, the archdeacon Dom Claude Frollo, Quasimodo escapes for the day and joins the boisterous crowd, only to be treated cruelly by all but the beautiful gypsy, Esmerelda. Quasimodo isn't the only one captivated by her free spirit, 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 9:30am and will return approximately 6:30pm**

**Cost \$97.00 Payment Deadline: Thursday, May 17**

**August 14 (Tues) – Sight and Sound – JESUS -** While Jesus' story may be familiar, his actions are unexpected. He befriends outcasts and heals the hurting. He challenges social norms and confronts hypocrisy. He sets sail with fishermen and reasons with religious scholars. And the lives he touches will never be the same. From the streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, there's no place - and no person - that His love can't reach. Lunch at Shady Maple Buffet.

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

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

**NEW TRIPS COMING SOON!**