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October 2018 LMD NL news will be due September 14, 2018. E-Mail information to lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

Come Away To A Quiet Place – 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 discussion 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 Sept. 7 / Oct. 5 / Nov. 2 / Dec. 2, 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 in Lot across Hamilton St. from Church. Enter on 13th Street, look for the sign “Schantz House/Ruhe Annex”. **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).

Fall Basket Social – St. John’s Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) will be holding a basket raffle on **Sat., Sept 29th from 10 AM-2 PM.** ‘Basket Preview Night’ on **Fri., Sept 28th from 6-8 PM** (only raffle tickets will be sold, no food). Drawings for the 75+ different themed baskets and gift cards will be at 1:30 PM on the 29th, you do not need to be present to win. There will be lunch items and baked goods available, as well as jars of homemade chow-chow. For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit www.stjohns-fogelsville.org. **All are welcome!**

Pilgrimage as Spiritual Practice – Come...learn about an ancient spiritual practice that can change your life...Oct. 6th, 9:00am-12:00pm. Christ Lutheran Church, **1245 W Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18102.** P Inquiries to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, Director Center for Spiritual Awakening tlcichner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church presents Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo – Oct. 14th, doors open at 11:00am. Fearless Fire Company, 1221 S Front St., Allentown, PA 18103.

Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church Holiday Bazaar – Nov. 3rd, 9:00 – 3:00. Crafts, Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, Grandma’s Attic and Kitchen will be open to purchase food. Zion Lehigh, **8269 Spring Creek Rd. Alburtis, PA 18011**, for more information call [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215).

**Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk:
Sun., Oct. 14, 1:30 pm**

beginning and ending at St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church, [140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104](http://www.140S.OttSt.com), with registration starting at 1 pm
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.

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 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
Christian Reflections On Addiction
Fall Workshop

WE THIRST: LESSONS IN MERCY (Christian Reflections on Addiction) is scheduled for Wednesday evenings in October. As noted on the form, the deadline for registration is September 15. This project is a shared effort of the Lehigh, Northern Lehigh and Bethlehem-Easton Mission Districts.

This program is 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, but unlike other secular programs of this nature, this Christian series offers Hope and Support, Encourages Community, and Fosters Mercy, Faith and Love.

Nina Marie Corona, M.A., C.R.S. will lead this program, which has been well-received at various sites in our area. Nina is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, has 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 uses her artistic gifts in painting, drawing and sculpting to express herself and the experiences that have brought her both joy and pain. Nina also obtained education certification in Alcohol & Drug Counseling from Villanova and is a Pennsylvania Board Certified Recovery Specialist. She is looking forward to these evenings with us.

This very special program is scheduled Wednesday evenings in October (3, 10, 17, 24 & 31) between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm (come at 6:45 for coffee or tea). It will be held at **Nativity Lutheran Church, 4004 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104**. As noted on the registration materials, the total participation fee is \$10 per person (or \$15 per family or companion unit). Participants for one session will be welcomed for simply \$5 which can be paid the evening of involvement, though it is hoped that the form and a check for the fee will be sent to Nativity Church before the September 15th deadline. Checks may be payable to Nativity Lutheran Church (Attn. Lessons in Mercy). For additional information, call Nativity [610-395-5062](tel:610-395-5062).

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 insights and skills and will prepare us to respond positively to these challenges. Our involvement is invited and encouraged.

Pastor Richard Stough

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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.

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

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, a Tribute to Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons before we leave for home. You may also enjoy the Villa Roma grounds and activities in your free time, which include bocce ball, 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

November 13 (Tues) – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – Christmas in the Air - This season Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is offering an original holiday musical which promises the best Christmas celebration ever! Featuring all new original songs, classic and traditional favorites, hilarious comedy sketches, and spectacular dance numbers, "**Christmas in the Air**" is their most beloved and popular show of the year! With an ensemble cast of multi-talented performers all backed by a live onstage orchestra, its Christmas like you remember all wrapped up in a show you'll never forget! Delicious table served entrée, dessert buffet and soft drinks included.
Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM and will return
approximately 5:30 PM
Cost \$96 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Oct. 18