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Come Away To A Quiet Place – Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer. Taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault, a portion of each one-hour gathering will include some discussion about centering prayer. Regardless of your experience level, all are welcome. **First Friday of each month 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. 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: RSVP to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, Director Center for Spiritual Awakening, tllichner@rcn.com / 610-533-9362.

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, with **registration starting at 1 pm.** The CROP Hunger Walk is a great service event for congregations and families. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the CROP 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 and development assistance. For a sponsor form, please contact your own congregation, or log on at www.crophungerwalk.org for further information.

****NEW - Annual Chicken & Waffle Dinner*** - Join us at **St. John’s Lutheran Church** (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) on **Sat., Nov. 3rd. Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Cost: Adults \$15, Children \$7, under 3 are FREE. Tickets will be sold at the door. Please join us for a homemade family-style dinner, everyone is welcome! For more info call 610-395-5535 or visit www.stjohns-fogelsville.org.

****NEW - Fall Film Fest – The Seven Faces of Dr. Lao – Oct 29th,*** 1-3:00 p.m. or 7-9:00p.m. Center for Spiritual Awakening, Christ Lutheran, 1245 W. Hamilton St, Allentown. Light refreshments available at no charge. Direct questions to Rev Tom Lichner and let us know you will be coming, tllichner@rcn.com.

****NEW - A Guided “Creation Walk” – Sat., Nov. 3rd, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm*** at Jacobsburg State Park, Bushkill Township, PA. Co-Sponsored by: Christ Lutheran, Allentown and Hellertown.

****NEW - A Celebration of St. Paul’s - Oct. 28th, 4:00 pm.*** Join us for an organ concert in celebration of the Church’s music ministry; sure to be a memorable occasion as gifted organists and singers celebrate the gift of music that has long marked the church’s history. There is a sadness that comes with knowing that this historic church will close at the end of the year. But in witness to the Resurrection, and to celebrate this Church’s life well-lived, we will truly be “pulling out all the stops.” Several former organists will be playing, and we anticipate many other old friends will be in attendance. Be with us for a musical experience no one will soon forget!

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. Alburdis, PA 18011**, for more information call 610-395-1215.

“We Thirst, Lessons in Mercy” Christian Reflections on Addiction – Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown will host a 5 week educational series. The event will be held **Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, from 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Contact Nativity Lutheran Church at 610-395-5062

Set of Bells Wanted - St. Mark, Allentown, is starting a bell choir and is looking to purchase a set of bells from a congregation that may no longer need them. If you can help, please contact John Harkins at dubbabad@aol.com.

**COOPERATION IS NOT
A DIRTY WORD**

Since its beginning the Church has always had an emphasis on doing ministry together. Jesus himself had twelve others to assist him. And let us not forget that the disciples were sent out in pairs! Ministry is done with others – in community. For us, part of that community is the relationship we have with other congregations in our Lehigh Mission District. Together we are greater than any of our separate congregations. With our ever dwindling resources this becomes even more important.

My hope, as Dean, is that more of us would reach out and join hands in partnership. Some of those partnerships will be new ones, while others have been in existence for years. Some will involve only a few minutes of our time, or dollars; while others will entail a more substantial commitment on our parts. Yet each, in its own way, will invite others to know and experience the amazing grace of God.

As rostered ministers we will be meeting monthly to build relationships, as well as engage in programs that will add to our ministry skills, both as individuals and as a Mission District. As a Mission District we will continue to support those congregations already engaged in the process of doing ministry together. And to those who are thinking about entering a partnership, know we are there to help – both with monetary and people resources!

We are blessed in our Mission District to have a diverse combination of congregations, leaders, and ministry opportunities. Some of those combinations, or partnerships in ministry, even involve a different denomination than our own ELCA. Cooperation is not a dirty word! In the coming months may the Holy Spirit show us the way to continue to do ministry in His name, to bring others to know Jesus, in an ever changing society.

Pastor Jerel Gade
Dean

***Updated - 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 **always** has a need for volunteers to assist as tutors or substitutes for our ELL Program for individuals who desperately want to learn English. No foreign language needed. Days and hours: **Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 am** this part of the program is in JEOPARDY due to insufficient volunteers. **Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** We especially need people who are

comfortable with computers. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at 610-434-3943 or stluke@enter.net

OPERATION SUNSHINE

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Paula & Dick Skelly Co-Trip Coordinators

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.

Mar. 21 (Thurs.) – Bristol Riverside Theatre – THE SUNSHINE BOYS

– Al and Willie, a famous vaudeville

team, haven't spoken to each other in over a decade.

When a big TV network seeks to bring the two legendary

(and cranky) comics together one last time, it turns out to

be easier said than done. Neil Simon's "The Sunshine

Boys" is a touching story full of memories, regrets and the

laughs that accompany a lifelong friendship. Lunch at the

King George Inn includes a House Salad, Entrée and

Cheesecake Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream and Walnut

Streusel for dessert. Choice of entrees: Home-style

Meatloaf, Fish and Chips or Grilled Chicken Breast **Please**

indicate your choice of entrée at time of reservation.

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

approximately 6:30 pm

Cost \$98 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Feb. 7

Apr. 24 (Wed.) – Media Theatre – SATURDAY NIGHT

FEVER - Tony Manero doesn't have much going for him

during the weekdays. He still lives at home and works as a

paint store clerk in his Brooklyn, N.Y. neighborhood. But he

lives for the weekends, when he and his friends go to the

local disco and dance the night away. When a big dance

competition is announced, he wrangles the beautiful and

talented Stephanie to be his partner. As the two train for the

big night, they start to fall for each other as well. Return to

the 70s where disco dancing became an art form. Lunch at

Spasso Italian Grill which includes a salad, dessert sampler

and one of the following entrees: Chicken Marsala, Grilled

Fresh Salmon, or Fettuccini Pomodoro. **Please indicate**

your choice of entrée at time of reservation.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10AM and will return

approximately 6 pm

Cost \$85 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Feb. 21