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July/August 2019 LMD NL news will be due June 14, 2019.
E-Mail all information to lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

“Endings and Beginnings” - The Emmaus Chorale’s Spring concert. Sun., **June 9 at 3:00 pm** Faith Presbyterian Church, North 2nd & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus. The Chorale, under the direction Janet Davis, new director, will present a program which will include: The Word Was God, Polly-Wolly-Doodle, If I Fell and Yesterday (Beatles), Love Walked In, and Another Op’nin. There will be a free will offering and refreshments will be available after the concert. For more information, contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496).

***NEW – 2019 Vacation Bible School** - Join us at St. John’s Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) for our 2019 Vacation Bible School program “To Mars and Beyond”. It will be held jointly with the congregation of St. John’s UCC, and everyone is welcome to join us! **VBS will be held July 8-12, 9 am to 12 pm daily.** Blast off and explore where God’s power can take you! Classes for nursery through 5th grade. **Registration is ongoing, forms may be found on our website:** www.stjohns-fogelsville.org. Call the office with any questions at [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535).

Support Our Neighbors in Need: Please Save These Dates!

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct 13, 1:30 pm with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104
CROP Recruiters’ Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun., Aug. 25, 1:30-2:30 pm - receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need locally and globally! For more information, go to www.crophungerwalk.org

The Gospel of Thomas Series - The 1st and 3rd Wed. of the month **1:30 to 3:00 pm:** Center for Spiritual Awakening, Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton St, Allentown. Discovered in a cave in Egypt in 1945, the Gospel of Thomas is a collection of 114 sayings of Jesus. Rather than being narratives, they are more like koans or riddles. You are invited to attend ongoing gatherings to explore this gospel using the prayer form of *lectio divina* (Latin for Divine Reading). Direct questions and registration to Mary Howe: mhowe@rcn.com

Come Away to A Quiet Place – Centering Prayer is a form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. A portion of each 1 hour gathering will include discussion about centering prayer. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, all are welcome. **First Fri., of each month 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**. 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 tlichner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

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 St Allentown still has an ongoing need for volunteer tutors or substitutes for our 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. this part of the program is in JEOPARDY due to insufficient volunteers.** Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. 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

****** OTHER EVENTS ******

1 – A Guided “Creation Walk” - Sat., June 1st, 9 am -12:00 pm. Jacobsburg State Park, Bushkill Township, PA.

2 – Space to Breathe: Renewal for Counselors and Therapists – Sat., June 15, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. Register by texting Jane at [484-226-5073](tel:484-226-5073) or email jane.williams.phd@gmail.com.



**2019 ASSEMBLY
CELEBRATION AND TRANSITION**

The annual meeting of the Lehigh Mission District was held on Sunday, May 5, at the Synod Office. Following Opening Devotions, an enthusiastic group of pastors and lay leaders enjoyed a delicious dinner and then began working through an agenda which began with the recognition of seven pastors who are celebrating major anniversaries of service, including three who were present – David Godshall (60 years), John Deisinger (55 years) and John Kuschel (40 years). Although absent, the following pastors were also recognized – Richard Elliot (40 years), Donald Schwartz (40 years), Elizabeth Langensiepen (25 years) and Maritz Dolich (15 years).

Next was a significant election process. Results: **Pastor Nelson Quinones was elected Dean** and will begin serving the first of potentially two 3-year terms in this position in early June. Next was the election of **Elizabeth Leibenguth as the new Chairperson**, followed by the re-election of **Dick Skelly as Treasurer** and **Catherine Mordosky as Secretary**. Both of these positions are one-year re-electable terms. Dean Gade concluded this process by asking **Pastor Samantha Drennan** to accept responsibility for the final year of Pastor Quinones' current three-year responsibility as the **Mission District representative to Synod Council**.

Later in the evening Pastor Gade and Joshua Fink were thanked for their service as Dean and Chairperson of the Mission District. Although not present, Linda Smith was thanked for her continuing service as Editor of the LMD monthly newsletter. Obviously, the spirit of the group also included gratitude to Catherine Mordosky for her continuing service as Secretary and to Dick Skelly for his willingness to continue serving as Treasurer. And Sister Janet Stump concluded the evening by leading an interesting group discussion.

Lastly, to devote some **special attention to the treasurer responsibilities** of the Lehigh Mission District. Dick Skelly's service in this position is approaching a quarter of a century. That's a long time! He assures us that it is not a complicated responsibility and provided the following description which I agreed to share as an encouragement for someone to accept this challenge. This position includes:

- Becoming an active member of the LMD Board, especially involving finances
- Monthly receiving, recording, and depositing of checks from congregations
- Reception and processing of requests for payments (avg 25 checks per year)
- Monthly reconciliation of checkbook and bank statement
- Report financial circumstances to board meetings (approx. 6 per year)
- Record and coordinate financial aspects of LMD Ingathering during fourth quarter
- Prepare Treasurer's Report for presentation and prepare yearly Budget for approval at to annual LMD Spring Assembly.

If you are willing to consider serving your Mission District in this capacity, please contact Dean Quinones nlsqns@gmail.com or [610-653-5858](tel:610-653-5858) to indicate your interest. Obviously, Dick Skelly and the LMD will both be very appreciative.

God Bless!
Pastor 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 17 (Tues) – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – BAREFOOT IN THE PARK – BAREFOOT IN THE PARK

- Neil Simon takes the silly squabbles of a young married couple and makes them absolutely hilarious! Corie the young bride sees their tiny apartment as cozy and romantic. Paul, the groom, sees only see five flights of stairs, a gaping hole in the skylight, and heat that doesn't work. Add oddball neighbor, Victor Velasco, and Corie's well-meaning mother into the mix, and it's a recipe for non-marital bliss! Enjoy a wonderful lunch followed by the famous Hunterdon Hills Dessert Room! **Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 am Cost \$92 Payment Deadline: Thurs, Aug. 26**

October 16 to 18 (Wed. to Fri.) - WINE AND DINE IN SCENERY

DIVINE! – FINGER LAKES, NY – Call the Operation Sunshine office for a flyer and pricing.

November 20 (Wed.) – Bucks County Playhouse – ONCE

- The Tony Award winning romantic musical isn't your typical boy meets girl love story. It is an eccentric musical based on the award winning 2006 film. "Once" features a cast of actor-musicians who unveil a deeply moving folk-rock score full of laughter and tears. A heartbroken Dublin musician meets a Czech immigrant with a complicated past and a broken vacuum cleaner. When an opportunity arises in America for Guy, will Girl let him know how she truly feels? You will choose your entrée from the following at the restaurant: Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast, Pan Seared Icelandic Cod or Braised Boneless Short Ribs. **Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 am Cost \$108 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Oct. 17**

December 12 (Thurs.) – American Music Theatre – JOY TO THE WORLD

- An American Music Theatre original. The ringing of church bells in a quaint town square set the scene for Joy to the World, AMT's newest holiday spectacular. Evoking holiday nostalgia of hometowns all across the US, our stage will transform into a small-town winter carnival brimming with family and friends. Featuring scenes with entertaining elves, dramatic dancing, sensational singing, and grand moments galore. The incredible AMT Singers, Dancers, and Orchestra will perform Christmas favorites. Lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord. **Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 Cost \$100 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Nov. 7**