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September 2019 LMD NL news will be due August 19.

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***NEW** - Please check out our Mission District website: www.lehighlutherans.com - and send changes or additions to Pastor Samantha Drennan, sldrennan1@gmail.com

***NEW** - During the months of July and August, the Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church Allentown will continue to hold Centering Prayer on the first Friday of the month and will also be available for Individual Spiritual Direction. New and resuming programs will begin in September.

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! **VBS will be held July 8-12, 9 am – 12 pm daily.** Blast off and explore where God's power can take you! Classes for nursery through 5th grade. **Registration is going on NOW, 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).

***NEW – Paint & Sip Party – July 13th, 4:00–7:00pm** - Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church of Alburtis is having a Paint & Sip Party for a fundraiser for church repairs. Food available for sale, basket raffle also. **Lehigh Lodge #326, 2120 Rt. 100 South, Macungie, PA. Cost is \$35.00 and tickets must be purchased by July 7th.** Contact church office for information or tickets. [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215).

***NEW – St Luke's very own custom made VBS "PEACE"**- Monday through Friday - July 29, 30, 31, August 1, 2. Light supper at 5:30 pm - ages 6-12. Bible Stories, Songs, Crafts and Activities Volunteers needed! Call [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943).

***NEW – Rummage Sale – Sat., June 29th, 10-4:00pm.** St Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N 7th St, Allentown. Kitchen will be open. For questions call [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943).

***NEW - The Invitational Christian, by Dave Daubert - Sunday Sept 22nd from 2 to 5:00 pm** at the Lutheran Center you are invited to attend the book discussion on The Invitational Christian by Dave Daubert. If you would like a free copy of Daubert's book please contact Pastor Nelson Quiñones, LMD Dean, at [610-653-5858](tel:610-653-5858).

Come Away to A Quiet Place – Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer. A portion of each one-hour gathering will include some discussion about centering prayer, so 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, Allentown.** Parking in Lot across Hamilton St. from Church. Enter on 13th Street, look for the sign "Schantz House/Ruhe Annex". **RSVP if you will be joining us.** Inquiries to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, tllichner@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 7th St, Allentown still has 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. **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 pm. We always need help. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net

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 pm at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown

CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun, Aug 25, 1:30-2:30 pm to receive materials for yourself and your congregation, at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown.

For more information, go to www.crophungerwalk.org

MEET OUR NEW LEADER
Dean Nelson Quiñones

From a very early age living in Puerto Rico, I can remember the church being an important part of my life. Then, when we moved from Puerto Rico to the US I rebelled against the church. I didn't want anything to do with the church. I was a teenager. What teenager wants to move and leave friends behind? There were no gadgets like cell phones to face time with my friends. I was upset and carried the faces of mis amigos in my head to remember them.

Soon enough I acclimated to my new surroundings and found myself back in the arms of the church. It was kind of like being mad at someone -- you didn't remember why and then you started talking again. I had fun being in the church. Since my childhood I can remember that I wanted to be a pastor.

I was born in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. I lived in Allentown most of my life. I attended Harrison-Morton Jr. High School in Allentown. I graduated from Louis E. Dieruff High School. I am an Eastsider with Husky Pride. Right out of high school I enlisted in the U.S. Navy where I held the rank of Petty Officer Third Class as an Electronic Technician. I had the opportunity to be under the command of Chaplain Richard Stough in the U. S. Naval Reserves.

While in the U.S. Navy Reserves, I graduated from United Wesleyan College, Allentown with a Bachelor of Science in English Bible & Theology degree. I worked at Lehigh County Prison as a Translator/Correctional Counselor. I left LCP to pursue graduate work at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia where I graduated with a Master of Divinity degree.

I was installed and ordained at St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown. I was honored to have my pastor and professor The Rev. Dr. Walter W. Wagner place the stole on my shoulders at my ordination service. I am a son of the congregation at Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown. I served as Asst Pastor at St. John's with my mentor and supervisor The Rev. Lyn Langkamer.

Then went on to serve Christ Lutheran Church, Easton and San Martin de Porres Lutheran Church. I assisted in the ecumenical endeavor of the Iglesia La Hermosa in Easton. I am currently serving and celebrating 6 years as pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, Fogelsville.

My beautiful wife, Jessica, is an elementary teacher in the Northampton Area School District. We have a handsome son, Nicolas Victor, who is a high school student going onto his junior year and an awesome runner and hurdler. We live in Northampton.

It was on the Sunday of Cinco de Mayo at the Lutheran Center that I was elected to serve as your Dean in the Lehigh Mission District. In the opening days of June, I along with other newly elected Deans was installed by Bishop Samuel Zeiser at the Synod Assembly held at Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

I believe the church is an integral part of our lives. Together, as God's Church, it is my hope and prayer to serve you with the sacred privilege and responsibility that you have bestowed and entrusted to me in the office of Dean.

In faithful assurance,

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Lehigh Mission District Dean

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***Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship
opportunity within our Mission District.***

September 17 (Tues) – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse –

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK - Neil Simon manages to take the silly squabbles of a young married couple and make them absolutely hilarious! Corie, the young bride, sees their tiny new apartment as cozy and romantic. Paul, the groom, only see five flights of stairs, a gaping hole in the skylight, and heat that doesn't work. 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. We will be having lunch at the new restaurant on site where you will choose your entrée from the following choices: Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast, Pan Seared Icelandic Cod or Braised Boneless Short Ribs. Make your choice at the restaurant. **Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 am**

Cost \$108 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Oct. 17