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November 2019 LMD NL news will be due October 17, 2019. E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

- *** LMD Congregational Finance Committees and Pastors *****
- **Please see attached note from Richard Skelly, LMD Treasurer**
 - **Please see attached LMD Pastor Meeting schedule from the Dean**

Fall Basket Social - Fall Basket Social – St. John’s Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) will be holding a basket raffle on **Sat., Sept. 28th** from 10 AM-2 PM. ‘Basket Preview Night’ will be on **Fri., Sept. 27th** from 6-8 PM (only raffle tickets will be sold, no food). For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or www.stjohns-fogelsville.org. All are welcome!

St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Breinigsville will be hosting – Pet Blessing Oct. 6th, Trunk-or-Treat Oct. 16th, Moravian Choir Performance Nov. 10th. **See attached flyer.**

***NEW - Book Study at Luther Crest: Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I’ve Loved**, by Kate Bowler. Luther Crest (800 Hausman Road, Allentown) will host a 5-week book study on **Thurs., Oct 10th - Nov 7th, 2:30-4 p.m.**, in the Fuellenbach Room, led by Rev. Dallas Bradel, Interim Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Allentown. Bring your thoughts and questions about suffering, grief, and grace. Participants are asked to purchase the book and read the first two chapters prior to the first meeting.

Centering Prayer - the first Friday of the month – 10:30-11:30am. 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 tlichner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran - African American spirituality retreat – Sat., Oct 12th. **Evening of Taize** – Sun., Oct 20th. **Open House and Reception** – Sun., Nov 17th, following the 10:30 worship service.

***NEW - Homemade Thanksgiving Sides Sale** - Looking to add some St. John’s, Fogelsville favorites to your meal? Place your orders for the following: 3lbs. potato filling in a conveniently packaged, oven ready aluminum baking pan for \$7.00. (Remove the lid, put the container in the oven, bake, and enjoy!) Applesauce will be available in quarts for \$5.00 each. Bacon dressing is available to order in a pint for \$4.00 or a quart for \$6.00. We will be taking orders from Oct. 13th until Nov. 14th – contact Carol Moyer at [610-398-0569](tel:610-398-0569). **PICK UP:** Sat., Nov. 23rd from 9 AM to 12 PM. For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit www.stjohns-fogelsville.org.

40th Annual Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 13, 1:30 p.m., beginning and ending at St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104, with registration starting at 1 p.m. For a sponsor form, please contact your own congregation, or log on at www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa for more information about CROP and for making online donations. Walkers are encouraged to register online, and those who raise \$150 or more earn a free CROP Hunger Walk T-shirt. Walkers are also asked to bring non-perishable food to the CROP Hunger Walk for the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank. The CROP Hunger Walk is a great fellowship and service event for families, youth groups, adult groups, and congregations. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the Greater Allentown 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).

****** PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYERS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ******

- 1 – 2019-2020-First Friday** – Learning to Understand One Another. Muhlenberg College, Oct 4th, 12:00 to 1:00pm www.muhenberg.edu/IJCU.
- 2 – The Gospel of Thomas Series** – First and Third Wed. of the month starting Sept 18th. Questions or to register contact Mary Howe, mhowe@rcn.com or [610-821-4007](tel:610-821-4007).
- 3 – Wisdom Way of Knowing** – Last Fri. of the month starting Sept 27th. RSVP: marcellak2@aol.com
- 4 – Welcome to SoulCollage Fall Series** – Starting Fri., Sept 27th, at Center for Spiritual Awakening.
- 5 – Basket Social** – Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, Allentown. Sept 29th, 12:00-3:00pm. For more information call the church office, [610-797-4774](tel:610-797-4774).
- 6 – Healing for Our Troubled Times** – Oct 2nd, at Center for Spiritual Awakening.
- 7 – Huge Indoor Yard Sale** – Oct 4th & 5th, ELC of the Redeemer.
- 8 – Bingo** – Oct 12th, and **Trunk or Treat** – Oct 19th, at Jerusalem, Eastern Salisbury.
- 9 – Come get a Taste...and See** – Oct 23rd, at Center for Spiritual Awakening.
- 10– St. Paul’s, Breinigsville** – Pet Blessing Oct 6th, Trunk or Treat Oct 16th, and Moravian Choir Performance Nov 10th.
- 11 – Passing the Word** – Muhlenberg College, Oct 27th & 28th, 3:30-8:00pm. For more information and to register go to: www.muhenberg.edu/passingtheword.
- 12 – Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo** – Presented by St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church. Fearless Fire Company, Allentown, Nov 10th, 11:30. For more information or questions: Lori Young [610-390-2107](tel:610-390-2107) or Robin Daw [717-926-7045](tel:717-926-7045), standrewssummit@aol.com.

Greetings from the Dean

I want to report that the Lehigh Mission District Rostered Leaders met on September 12th at The Lutheran Center in Allentown. The LMD Rostered pastors gathered and planned the program for the 2019-2020 calendar year. We welcomed Pastor Spencer Steele to the LMD. He is an associate pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus. The pastors' organizational meeting was one that can be summarized in three words: Concerns. Insights. Discernment.

Among the concerns was to continue the discussion of what it means to be a sanctuary denomination. The recent Churchwide Assembly's decision to be a national sanctuary denomination brought questions to local churches. To this end, earlier in the month, Synod Bishop Samuel Zeiser held three sessions to address any concerns about the designation of being a sanctuary church.

In that same insightful spirit, LMD pastors want to understand better our Christian position as a sanctuary church for both people in need and our congregations. The former San Martin de Porres Lutheran Church declared itself a sanctuary church while at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Allentown for people from Latin America. In addition, St. John's, Allentown provided sanctuary space for Uganda Muslim families. This is one of our Lutheran stories of being a sanctuary church in the Lehigh Mission District.

In the fall, we continue with a discussion on Justice and Advocacy from one of our community agencies. During the Advent Season in December we come together at Muhlenberg College's Chapel for worship and a meal as we *awake* for Christmas

The start of a new year brings us to the topic of healthcare with the movie: *Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point*. As we prepare for Easter, a presentation of *Messages from the Gospel of John for Lent* prepares us from this season of self reflection and towards a spirit of new life. We continue with this spirit of reflection in being *Mindfulness* towards our self care to better serve the church in body, mind, and spirit.

As new life springs upon us, some recent church closings and mergers have brought a spirit of discernment as to what to do with a church's historical and parish records. The *Lutheran Archives and Lutheran Historical Society's* presentation will advise us as to how to care for these documents. And more importantly, how to keep church's records as we continue to make histories in our communities.

We round off the 2019-2020 calendar program by meeting with Bishop Zeiser as we seek discernment in preparation to the Synod Assembly in June and the election of a new bishop.

Finally, on Thursday, May 21, 2020, a prospective Ascension Day worship service by the LMD at 7:00 P.M. is being discussed for all congregations in the mission district at The Lutheran Center.

I look forward to meeting with you throughout the year!

Blessings,

Pastor Nelson Quiñones, LMD Dean

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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.

ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT FOR ONCE!

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? We will be having lunch at the new restaurant on site where you will choose your entrée from the following choices: Roast Chicken Breast, Crispy Skin Salmon, Braised Short Ribs. Please specify your choice at time of reservation.

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

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

SNEAK PEAK AT 2020

NOT YET ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS

February 27 – Paper Mill Playhouse

UNMASKED – MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBER

March 25 - Dutch Apple Theatre

GRUMPY OLD MEN, THE MUSICAL

April 9 – Bristol Riverside Theatre

CABARET

May 4 – Revere Tavern (New Venue)

MURDER MYSTERY LUNCHEON

June 25 – Fulton Theatre

JERSEY BOYS

July 23 – Sight & Sound

QUEEN ESTHER

Aug. 19 – Doolan's Shore Club

RED HOT MAMA'S OF SONG

Sept. 17 – Westchester Broadway Theatre (New Venue)

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL