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[April 2021 LMD NL news will be due March 15, 2021.](#) E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

****REOPENED** – Thursdays 9:30-11:30am. Clothes Closet** - St. Luke's, 417 N 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18103. **Volunteers are needed to come in 1 or 2 mornings a week to organize donations for two hours (Tuesday or Wednesday mornings).** There is a great need for at least one bi-lingual volunteer. For more information, please contact Leslie Talago at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943).

COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE... A Brief Pause for Prayerful Renewal in Centering Prayer. 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** led by Ferd Piccuiro and hosted by Pastor Maritza Dolich via Zoom, **10:30 - 11:30 AM** (Sessions held via **Zoom** temporarily until we can all meet together again in person at the Center for Spiritual Awakening). **Please contact Ferd to be placed on the email list with the Zoom information.** ferdpiccuiro@ptd.net / Cell: [908-310-4228](tel:908-310-4228), Home: [610-737-7871](tel:610-737-7871)

Save These Dates!

Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 10, 2021**, 1:30 p.m., 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. 29, 2021**, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation) at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104.

For more information about Church World Service/CROP, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/page/about-the-walk>

SUSPENDED - St. Luke's ELL and Naturalization Test Study groups have been **SUSPENDED** due to cautions regarding large gatherings during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Please contact Leslie Talago at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) for more information.

OPERATION SUNSHINE

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Open: Mon 11-3 and Wed. 11-3

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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.

WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT DUE TO CANCELLATIONS OF PERFORMANCES BY OUR VENUES, AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR TRAVELERS, ALL OPERATION SUNSHINE DAY TRIPS FOR 2020 HAVE BEEN CANCELED.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRAVELING WITH YOU AGAIN IN 2021. WE PLAN TO STARTUP OPERATION SUNSHINE AGAIN IN JUNE 2021.

SAVE THE DATES!

MAINE – JUNE 7-10, 2021

Includes Kennebunkport and the Portland Lighthouse 3 Nights lodging, 3 full course dinners including a "Downeast" Lobster Bake, Narrated Harbor Cruise of Casco Bay, Boothbay Harbor Tour, Eartha Revolving Globe, Maine Narrow Gauge Railway, LL Bean and Dexter Factory Outlets, Nubble Lighthouse, taxes, and gratuities included.

Call the Skelly's at [610-433-6878](tel:610-433-6878) for a complete itinerary and pricing.

Financial Gifts

Dear LMD Colleagues & Congregations.

I want to express my gratitude for your financial gifts that support the ministry endeavors in the Lehigh Mission District.

Financial gifts can be sent to our new mailing address to the attention of our new Lehigh Mission District Treasurer Leslie Talago at:

**Leslie Talago, LMD Treasurer
St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
417 North Seventh Street
Allentown, PA 18102**

Leslie Talago was elected as LMD Treasurer this past fall at the Mission District Assembly. Early this year the financial books were transferred to our new treasurer. *We bid Godspeed to Richard Skelly who served 24 years as treasurer.*

Talago has been a LMD Council Member. She along with council members planned and organized the LMD Spring Assembly. Welcome, Leslie Talago, to your new position.

I am aware of the challenges our congregations in the Mission District are facing with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Congregations have adjusted their worship services to new experiences.

Congregations have provided worship in parking lots, worship via some form of online streaming, and hybrid virtual worship combined with in-person gathering. Pastors and lay delegates even elected a new bishop virtually last fall at our Online Synod Assembly 2020.

This March marks a year since the COVID-19 pandemic began to spread in the United States. As of February 11, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), reported 470,110 death from COVID-19 in the United States. Every facet of our daily life has been affected by the pandemic.

Together we know how the pandemic has placed a hold on in-person gatherings for worship in sanctuaries.

It is for this reason that I want to express my gratitude for your generous financial gifts in these challenging times. Thank You! Your financial support shows your congregations' faithfulness and commitment to the Mission District.

Grace be with you.

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, LMD Dean



Holy Week

March 28 – April 2,
2021