

The Rev. Nelson Quinones, Dean
The Rev. Jean L. Huber, Assoc. of the Bishop

610-653-5858
610-704-5133

Elizabeth Leibenguth, Mission District Chair
Mrs. Linda Smith, Newsletter Editor

484-550-0057
610-437-9927

May 2021 LMD NL news will be due April 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).

LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:

The Mission District Spring Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, April 25th, 2021, starting at 6:00 P.M. The speaker for the evening is our new Bishop Christopher deForest. The ZOOM Invite will be provided as we get closer to the event.

CHRISTMAS INGATHERING UPDATE:

Last year it was decided to postpone the 2020 Christmas Ingathering. This year it was the hope of the Christmas Ingathering Volunteers to host the Christmas Ingathering in July. Unfortunately, the passing of one of the co-chairpersons, along with only a few congregations open for in-person worship due to the pandemic have made this event challenging. At this time, the Christmas Ingathering is postponed until further notice. Christmas Ingathering Committee

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)

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

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>

The CROP Hunger Walk Pages are Live!

Please find your NEW Walk page on our new OneCause Platform at www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa

Another great opportunity coming up is our Annual Northeast CROP Hunger Walk Leadership Day! March 20th – this live ZOOM event will give you a chance to meet other CROP Hunger Walk Leaders in the Northeast and to share your ideas and ask questions. Please invite your team captains and walk planning team members.

Thank you for all that you do! Last year, even during the Pandemic, we had over 500 CROP Hunger Walks across the nation.

Here are the Top Walks in our Area. **Please see attached flyer**



Christ
is
Risen!

Dear Lehigh Mission District.

On behalf of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the
Lehigh Mission District

Council, you are invited to mark your calendars.
ZOOM Lehigh Mission District Spring Assembly
Sunday, April 25th , 2021

6:00 P.M.

Speaker: Bishop Christopher deForest
The Synod Office will be sending out the ZOOM invite as
we get closer to the date.

One Year

What do we make of this one year mark of the
Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States? It sounds
crazy to think of this pandemic as an anniversary. However,
we do tend to mark our life by a timeline. For some people
that mark was a surgery they had. For others it was the
death of a loved one. Still for others that may have been a
war or a natural disaster.

One year later on March 14, 2021, according to the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports
531,766 deaths in the United States as a result of COVID-
19. Certainly, this tragedy marks a time in our life time to
be remembered into future generations.

Why do we mark our years based more on tragedies in
life? We don't seem to have that same affinity when it
comes to remembering wedding anniversaries and birthday
celebrations. We now can take comfort in being reminded
by modern technology via a text reminder of a festive
anniversary.

This Season of Lent marks the time of preparing with our
discipline of prayer, fasting, and praise. To this end, we
come to our Lenten journey to meet the One who allowed
his body to be marked. That's why Thomas wants to see
the marks of Jesus' body. Thomas remembers that
tragic day. He saw the nails making a mark. He saw the
spear making a mark. Jesus was marked. Thomas was
marked. We have been marked in baptism: marked with the
cross of Christ forever.

Jesus' resurrection is the mark of the beginning of life. His
marks didn't impair Jesus from going out to seek his
disciples, to eat fish with them, to walk again with them.
Jesus walks from death into life.

Wishing you a Happy Easter,
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, LMD Dean

OPERATION SUNSHINE

1933 Hanover Ave.
Allentown, PA 18109
Phone: 610-435-9155
Open: Mon 11-3 and Wed. 11-3
E-mail: LMDopsunshine@aol.com
Web site: www.LMDopsunshine.com
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.

