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**November 2021 LMD NL news will be due October 15, 2021.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**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 N Seventh Street, Allentown, PA 18102.**

**Basket & Gift Card Social** – Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, 535 W. Emaus Ave, Allentown, PA 18103. **Sat, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sun, October 24, 2021.** For more information or to have tickets held for you at the door, call the church office [610-797-4774](tel:610-797-4774). **Masks are required, we will be social distancing. Please see attached flyer.**

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:**

**LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING**

Lehigh Mission District Advent Christmas Ingathering. This years Ingathering will be held at Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church **535 W. Emaus Ave Allentown, PA. 18103**, Wednesday, December 1, 2021. We thank Trinity Memorial for sponsoring this year's Ingathering. Any questions please contact Penny Newhard, [newhardp@ptd.net](mailto:newhardp@ptd.net)

**DON'T SPEND ANOTHER WINTER HOME ALONE!** LUTHER CREST offers all you could ever want ... stunning accommodations | chef-prepared dining | convenient amenities exciting events--and new friends! Because Luther Crest is a Continuing Care Retirement Community, you will have peace of mind in the coming years. Don't miss out ... If you decide on this great deal now, you can move in later in the year. Come discover why our residents are fond of saying, "This is the Way to Live". \* Entrance fee starting at \$99k on one-bedroom apartment. Limited Time offers. Please contact Mary Louise Drosdak at [610-391-8258](tel:610-391-8258) or Toll free [800-606-3424](tel:800-606-3424).

The **Clothes Closet is now open again.** We are going to **still need volunteers during the week to help sort and organize our donations.** This can be as little as an hour or two per week. We want to keep this vital ministry to the community going. For more information, please contact Leslie Talago, Parish Administrator at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or email to [LETalago@StLukesLuth.org](mailto:LETalago@StLukesLuth.org). Thank you to all who help contribute things!!

**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](mailto: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.



**Dear Lehigh Mission District**

## HELP OUT

We are beginning to feel the return of fall. By this time many families have completed their vacation outings. School is back in session both online and in the classroom. By now many congregations have celebrated Rally Day at the end of the month of September.

Rally Day signals the beginning of Sunday school and church activities in the liturgical calendar year.

But the year 2021 seems a bit more like the year 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to surround us with its new Delta variant. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as of September 16, there has been 666,440 total deaths in the United States.

The continual presence of the pandemic has caused pastors and congregations to approach in-person Sunday School and other activities with caution. Like many school districts, several churches follow the recommended guidelines of wearing a face mask, social distancing, washing hands, and getting vaccines.

In a similar situation around 1527 in Germany, Martin Luther had to deal with the plague in Wittenberg.

Luther's instructions were "Use medicine; take potions which can help you; fumigate house, yard, and street; shun persons and places wherever your neighbor does not need your presence or has recovered, and act like a man who wants to help put out the burning city."

Basically, Luther's guideline was to help put out the fire of the plague in Wittenberg. This simple instruction was because the Christian community in Wittenberg was divided over whether to take the proper precautions to curb the plague.

When there have been natural disasters such as fires and floods, Christian churches have divinely extended their hands to help out.

Our Christian response now shouldn't be any different. At this time, our mission is to help put out the fire of COVID-19.

Stay safe,

**Pastor Nelson Quiñones,**  
Lehigh Mission District Dean

## OPERATION SUNSHINE

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*Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers.*

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED ON THE BUS AND AT ALL VENUES\*\***

### **October 14, 2021 (Thurs.) – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – DR. K'S MOTOWN REVUE - Dr. K's Motown Revue** takes the stage

once again with an amazing array of seasoned musicians and singers! With every performance, this talented group of performers transports you back to another era, all the while delivering a very realistic re-creation of the **Motown Sound**. Keeping true to its roots, **Dr. K's Motown Revue** combines the perfect blend of Motown era costumes with fantastic singers who complement this latter day "Funk Brothers" type band of musicians perfectly. The resulting show is nothing short of a powerhouse performance! All this plus a delicious served lunch (choose from their menu of 7 entrees including a veggie entree) plus an outstanding dessert buffet.

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM Cost \$98**  
**Payment Deadline: Thurs. September 30, 2021**

### **December 9, 2021 (Thurs.) – American Music Theatre – WINTER WONDERLAND - American Music Theatre's 2021**

**Christmas Show:** Winter Wonderland will recapture the Christmas spirit! This highly anticipated and critically acclaimed live music production will ignite your spirit and set your heart aglow! Once you step through our doors, you'll gaze upon the magical sights and sounds of the season and be transported to a wonderland of music and enchantment – from a Bavarian mountain village to the festive, holiday excitement at the North Pole. Our extraordinary costumes, gorgeous gowns, and stunning sets will make you feel like you're really there. And ... the young ones can even catch a glimpse of Old Saint Nick himself! Winter Wonderland is AMT's newest Original Show, featuring the secular and sacred holiday songs you know and love, with all-live performances by our sensational cast of Singers and Dancers, as well as the remarkable AMT Orchestra. Bring the entire family and discover a new holiday tradition! Family Style lunch at the fabulous Fulton Steamboat Inn.

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 AM**  
**Cost \$98 Payment Deadline: Thurs. November 4, 2021**