

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

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**January LMD NL news will be due December** .  
 Please e-mail information to [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  
**Leslie Talago, LMD Treasurer, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 417 N Seventh Street, Allentown, PA 18102.**

**LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING**

Lehigh Mission District Advent Christmas Ingathering - This year's  
 Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church  
**535 W. Emaus Ave Allentown, PA.** Wednesday, December  
 We thank Trinity Memorial for sponsoring  
 this year's Ingathering Any questions please contact Penny Newhard,  
[newhardp@ptd.net](mailto:newhardp@ptd.net) **NOTE:** This will be a Covid safe event this year.  
 will be a **DROPPING OFF OF THE GIFTS ONLY Limited Small Items** Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk:**

**Photos and Videos**  
 Check out the Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk/Car Parade collage of photos and sponsor logos on our website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa/>! (Thanks to Patrick Walker of CWS for putting the collage together!)  
 Post your CROP Hunger Walk photos and videos on social media!  
 And thanks to all who have already shared your photos!  
**Help End Hunger ANYTIME!**  
 Consider honoring a loved one with an Alternative Gift to CWS/CROP <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa/> rChristmas, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.!

**Walk Follow-**  
 If you have not done so already, please contact our CROP Hunger Walk Treasurer, Linda Held, at 610- - [jucc3441@ptd.net](mailto:jucc3441@ptd.net).  
 Call or email Linda ASAP to report your team's online donations, and to let her know if someone from your team would like a CROP t-shirt - free for anyone who has raised \$150 or more!  
**Send checks for "CWS/CROP" ASAP** to Linda Held, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown, PA 1810  
 Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through your CROP Hunger Walk/Car Parade efforts!

**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 starting at \$99k on -bedroom apartment. Limited Time offers. Please contact Mary Louise Drosdak at [-391-8258](tel:610-391-8258) or Toll free 800-606 .

**Muhlenberg College**, Update on the annual Advent Candlelight Carols Service, from Rev. Janelle Neubauer, Chaplain.  
 Candlelight Carols will return live and in-person this year! The 2021 services will take place on **Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The third production will be live-streamed and available to the general public.** To continue to protect our Muhlenberg community from the spread of COVID-19, we will take certain precautions that have proven effective strategies to stop the spread of the coronavirus. These precautions will include reduced-capacity seating at each service by 26%, requiring all attendees to wear masks for the entirety to

To ensure access to our community, attendees may reserve only three tickets. For more information on this year's Advent Candlelight Carols, visit the Muhlenberg website [www.muhlenberg.edu](http://www.muhlenberg.edu)

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 - - or email [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 temporarily until we can all meet | Awakening)

**Please contact Ferd to be placed on the email list with the Zoom Information** [ferdpiccuiro@ptd.net](mailto:ferdpiccuiro@ptd.net) / Cell: - - Home: - -

**SUSPENDED - St. Luke's ELL and Naturalization Test Study groups** have been **SUSPENDED** gatherings during the COVID- 19 (coronavirus) pandemic Please contact Leslie Talago - - for more information.

## Lehigh Mission District Christmas Ingathering 2021

As you read this newsletter, I am excited with anticipation to participate in the blessing of the Christmas Ingathering donations. The blessing of the Christmas Ingathering gifts is going to take place at Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church in Allentown followed by a luncheon.

I am also excited to personally congratulate Trinity Memorial on celebrated in October.

The Christmas Ingathering gifts are an effort put forth by congregations and organizations in our mission district. These Christmas donations help bring joy to the people who receive them. We are excited that this year the Christmas Ingathering is taking place.

ations posed a major challenge. Christmas  
-Chairs Penny Newhard and Kathy  
Reyher, along with me leaned on the side of caution to postpone the event. It was noted in a letter by the Co-Chairs, "We cannot in good conscience follow through with this program this year. Too many churches have not opened their doors yet for worship. The volunteers are 65+, and the group that we used to help unload the gifts donated are no longer available."

In February 2021, Kathy Reyher died. Her leadership will be sorely missed by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Lutheran Congregational Services of the Lehigh Valley, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, the Lehigh Mission District Christmas

We continue to be surrounded by the pandemic. Still, many congregations have opened their doors in the mission district, and many church members have joined in the celebration in spirit of Christmas giving. Thank you to all of you in the mission district for making this worthy cause take place. I want

who continue to support the Christmas Ingathering. I want to thank Trinity Memorial for hosting the Christmas Ingathering.

I am excited as I look forward to the blessings of these Christmas people involved in the one spirit of God.

Merry Christmas,

**The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,**  
Lehigh Mission District Dean

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

## Stay Tuned

2022 Schedule will be available soo

