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February 2022 LMD NL news will be due January 13, 2022. E-Mail any information to me at 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.**

Peace, Joy and a Healthy New Year!
Lehigh Mission District Christmas Ingathering Committee

CWS/CROP News

Thanks to Your Generosity to CWS/CROP, Tornado Victims Are Receiving Help

Thanks to your generosity to CWS/CROP, tornado victims in Kentucky and surrounding states are receiving help from Church World Service: <https://cwsglobal.org/appeals/situation-report-tornado-response-in-kentucky-and-surrounding-states/>

You can help further by donating online

at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa>

Help Victims of Tornadoes and Other Disasters ANYTIME!

Consider honoring a loved one with an Alternative Gift to

CWS/CROP at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa> for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.!

CROP Hunger Events Follow-up

Our 2021 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Events donations total \$26,428.47 as of 11/30/21. Please contact our CROP Treasurer, Linda Held, at [610-797-4242](tel:610-797-4242) or jucc3441@ptd.net, if you have not done so already. -- Call or email Linda ASAP to report your CROP 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 18103.** Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through your CROP efforts!

Luther Crest is expanding, and adding 72 new one- and two-bedroom apartments! Soon, more people will be able to enjoy senior living at its finest! Luther Crest has been the #1 choice for retirement living in the Lehigh Valley since 1983, offering seniors an active and thriving lifestyle and peace of mind knowing that additional health care services are offered right on the Luther Crest campus. Our new independent living building will be called Greenwood in celebration of our spectacular on-campus nationally accredited arboretum. Greenwood will feature 72 spacious, modern apartments ranging in size from 920 to 1900 square-feet. Floorplans include one- and two-bedroom options, all with an abundance of amenities and designer features. Call us today to find out more at [610-391-8229](tel:610-391-8229) or check out our web site at luthercrestseniorliving.org.

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. 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 / 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:434-3943) for more information.



Greetings Lehigh Mission District.

We are looking at a New Year.

In Matthew's Gospel the Magi "observed his star at its rising." Matthew 2.2.

There is a beauty in looking at the night sky. Sometimes you see a falling star or are dazzled by a bright full moon or simply admire the beauty of the dark sky with sparkles of starlight's.

Each time we look at the night sky we see something new. It is never the same night sky. The appearance of the star in the East was something new for the Magi. It was a different kind of sky.

The Magi's observation of a new star rising was an astrologer's dream. The Magi identified the Astro object as "his star at its rising." This new star guided the Magi in their journey. This star was a compass to lead them to something new -The Christ Child.

They must have been excited to follow the trajectory of this new star. They would have been excited by the expectation of what they were about to encounter. It was all new.

In this New Year, let us not be overcome by the direction of politics or the pandemic.

This New Year we can be excited and full of expectation of what is to come. We can be excited to see where God leads us into new encounters.

This New Year can become a year for our lives to grow with the life of Christ. We can see the new expectations set before us by God.

Like the Magi let us be led by the light of Christ so we can see new expectations set before us by God in our life.

Happy New Year!

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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****

Stay Tuned

2022 Schedule will be available soon!

