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May 2022 LMD NL news will be due April 14, 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.

Jesus Christ Superstar returns for its 11th Annual Performance!

St. Luke's Synoptic Players and the JCS Band present musical selections from Jesus Christ Superstar. The performance is Palm Sunday, **April 10 at 3:00 PM** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church 417 N. 7th Street Allentown. Admission is free. Doors open at 2:30 PM. **As of this writing, masks will be required.** Free will offering will benefit St. Luke's Raise the Roof fund and church-wide mission. For information, please call [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943). See attached Flyer.

ZOOM Lehigh Mission District Spring Assembly (2 Delegates) Sunday, May 1, starting at 4:00 P.M. - Our guest speaker this year is Dr. John Paul with his presentation on: **Fethullah Gulen and Martin Luther: Reformers across Contexts and Traditions, but a Shared Spirit.** Jon Paul is the Peter Paul and Elizabeth Hagan Professor of the History of Christianity at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg/Philadelphia. He has also taught at Valparaiso, Temple, and Princeton Universities. Jon received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School, and is the author or editor of seven books, including the first critical biography in English of the controversial Muslim preacher Fethullah Gulen, entitled *Fethullah Gulen: A Life of Hizmet--Why a Muslim Scholar in Pennsylvania Matters to the World*. Jon teaches mostly on-line these days, and lives on a lake in Clintonville, Wisconsin with his wife of 39 years, Lisa, where he enjoys gardening, spending time with extended family and friends, and sitting in on the sax with jazz bands and gospel choirs.

ZOOM Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly (2 Delegates) - Friday, June 10, starting at 1:00 P.M. - Saturday June 11, ending at 3:00 P.M.

CROP Thank You

Thank you for helping our 2021 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise over **\$30,000** (\$30053.81 as of 2/7/22!) to help Church World Service assist our neighbors in need locally and around the globe, including victims of the **humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.**

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen will each receive over \$3700 for their vital ministries.

Please Save These Dates!

Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 9, 2022,** 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. 28, 2022, 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://cwsglobal.org>

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 or check out our web site at luthercrestseniorliving.org.

The Clothes Closet is open. 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!!



**Dear Lehigh Mission District
Christ's Resurrection Accents A New Life**

As we move towards the Easter celebration, we are set with the expectation that Christ our Lord Lives! We know how The Three Days story ends. We've already looked it up and read the ending.

The 40 days of Lent are over. Bring out the basket filled with chocolate bunnies, candy eggs, Peep's marshmallow candy, and jelly beans. Let us dine with Easter hams, paska breads, and sweet potatoes. The comfort food will later bring us to a nice nap.

It was not so for the disciples. They didn't know what was going to happen after Jesus was placed in the tomb picked by Joseph of Arimathea. Sure, Jesus told them that on the third day he will rise again. But seriously - who would have paid any attention to his words after they saw him being arrested, beaten, and crucified?

I, too, would have taken shelter in fear that the authorities would seek me out next for being a Jesus disciple. Not my rabbi. No comprendo Greek. Today it is easy to reflect after the fact and shout, "Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!"

We shout these words with little imagination to the life of the disciples who walked with Jesus. Image being stopped because your accent fits a description. That's how the women and bystanders identified Peter, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." (Matthew 26.73) Busted.

Our Easter celebration comes to us wrapped in a historical cultural context of fear and doubt to - SURPRISE!!! LIFE!!! No really, HE LIVES!!! That's the good news.

Life emerges in Christ to bring hope of a new mañana (tomorrow) for the disciples. In this new life in Christ, we find new doubts and fears. We can relish the new moment trusting in God's expectation to a new life.

As we anticipate the Easter celebration, may we see God's new life in Christ and in the witness of the disciples.

Happy Easter!!!

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

May 11, 2022 (Wed.) – Bristol Riverside Theatre – A FEW

GOOD MEN – You can't you handle the truth? Who can forget that line from Jack Nicholson in the movie of the same name? From the creator of *The West Wing* and *The Newsroom*, comes *A Few Good Men*. One woman fighting for her place in a world of men, two teenage marines accused of murder, and a world in which lives and nations hang on the precision of orders followed. But if lives depend on following orders, where do you draw the line? See the hard-hitting drama that launched Aaron Sorkin's brilliant career. Lunch at Georgine's.

**MENU CHOICES – PRIME RIB AU JUS, GRILLED
NORWEGIAN SALMON, CHICKEN PARMESAN,
BONELESS STUFFED CAPON**

**Please indicate your choice at the time of booking your trip.
Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM**

Cost \$96 Payment Deadline: Thurs. April 14, 2022

June 8, 2022 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre – MAN OF LA MANCHA

Man of La Mancha is one of the world's most popular and adventurous musicals. Inspired by Miguel de Cervantes' 17TH century masterwork Don Quixote and set during the Spanish Inquisition, the original 1965 production won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Cervantes is in prison awaiting trial during the Spanish Inquisition. He and his fellow prisoners perform a play-within-a-play, telling the story of the elderly Alonso Quijana, who renames himself "Don Quixote". This mad knight goes on a quest to right all wrongs in the world. The rousing, Spanish inflected score includes the classic number "The Impossible Dream. Lunch at the Eden Resort.

**MENU CHOICES – CHICKEN PICCATA, SIRLOIN OF BEEF,
PASTA PRIMAVERA**

**Please indicate your choice at the time of booking your trip.
Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM**

Cost \$117 Payment Deadline: Thurs. May 19, 2022

MULTI-DAY TRIPS – CALL THE OFFICE FOR INFO.

**September 18, 2022 to September 24, 2022 (Sun.-Sat.) –
CHICAGO 7 Days/6 nights**