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April 2022 LMD NL news will be due March 17, 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.**

CROP Thank You

Thank you for helping our 2021 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise **\$27201.47** to help our neighbors in need locally and around the globe!

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen will each receive over \$3400 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 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.

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

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March 2, 2022

**Dear Lehigh Mission District.
Renewal**

Perhaps you, like me, have gone through this experience: You are typing an article on the computer. Suddenly the computer screen freezes. That's when I shout: ¡Ay bendito! OMG! and other Spanish phrases.

To further complicate matters, the apps won't open, no email access, no music access. Nothing. Here's where I go full bilingual. The deadline for newsletter articles and reports is looming around the corner.

I try to figure out the problem. Was it a virus? No. Not a virus! That's all we need — another virus. Maybe it was that update warning but now it's too late for that update.

I anxiously click CTRL + ALT + DEL and hope I do not lose the work. I try again. This time I clicked ESC. Nada happens.

Now I know I have to restart the computer. I hope God hears my inner silent prayer. Did I hit save on my last entry before the screen froze? Oh well. Here we go. Restart.

We know things will not be the same. We may lose part or all of our work but what happens next depends on our frame of mind.

The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect." Rom. 12.2

Paul's talk of renewing our mind is like a computer's restart.

Our past experiences cannot be completely deleted. We remember love and tragedy that has befallen us. When triggered, these experiences are rebooted in our mind to affect our treatment of ourselves and others.

Paul's reminder is that God's Spirit directs us to a renewing of our mind to look for God's will, to look for what is good, to look for what is acceptable, to look for what is perfect with the eyes of God.

As the Lenten Season begins, we have an opportunity through the discipline of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to renew our mind.

In this journey we can set aside the mundane and live for the moment in God's Spirit and, in the process, live with one another.

Blessed Lenten Journey,

The Rev Nelson Quiñones,
Lehigh Mission District Dean

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

Mar 16, 2022 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre – THE SOUND OF MUSIC

- The beloved musical that celebrates family, love, and perseverance?! The inspirational story follows an ebullient postulate who serves as governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain Von Trapp, bringing music and joy to the household. But as the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire Von Trapp family must make a moral decision. Featuring a trove of cherished songs, including "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "My Favorite Things," "Do Re Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and the title number, The Sound of Music won the hearts of audiences worldwide, earning five Tony Awards and five Oscars. Family Style luncheon at the Fulton Steamboat Inn.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM

Cost \$117 Payment Deadline: Feb. 24, 2022

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

MULTI-DAY TRIPS – CALL THE OFFICE FOR INFO.

June 23, 2022 to June 27, 2022 (Thurs.-Mon.) – SHAWSHANK AND THE WILDS SAFARI (OHIO) 5 days/4 nights

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