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[June 2022 LMD NL news will be due May 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.

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.

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!!



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.



Lehigh Mission District Spring Assembly -
Online
Sunday, May 1, starting at 4:00 P.M.

Fethullah Gülen and Martin Luther: Reformers across Contexts and Traditions, but a Shared Spirit. Fethullah Gülen, the Turkish Muslim preacher who has inspired the global Hizmet (service) movement, is clearly a reformer of Islam. How does he compare to the greatest (and most notorious) reformer in the history of Christianity, the sixteenth-century German Martin Luther? In this talk, Jon Pahl will draw from his long-familiarity with Luther's life and work, and from his recent biography of Fethullah Gülen, to draw some perhaps surprising parallels between the two theologians, across contexts and traditions. Gülen and Luther share emphases on education, vernacular languages, women's equality before God, and advocacy for the oppressed. Both have reputations for passionate and powerful preaching, a penchant for paradox, and were oppressed by state-religious power. In their own lifetimes, Fethullah Gülen and Martin Luther were vilified, but they leave behind remarkable legacies as creative, faithful, and transformative interpreters of deep tradition, and unmistakable contributions to a more just and free world.

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If you are interested in attending the Spring Mission District Assembly via Zoom, please email Pastor Nelson (nlsqns@gmail.com). The link will automatically be sent to the rostered leaders in the Lehigh Mission District to share with their delegates.

35th Annual Synod Assembly – Online
June 10-11, 2022

The 35th Annual Assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will be held online on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11. **REGISTER ONLINE** at www.godslove.org. Congregations may register all rostered ministers and voting members at one time. The cost for online registration is \$99 per person. *Online registration will be open until midnight, Sunday, May 8.* **REGISTRATION MATERIAL** for the 2022 Synod Assembly will be online ONLY. If you do not have access to the internet you will need to duplicate the registration form and register by mail. Complete one form per person and mail with a check (made payable to Northeastern PA Synod) to 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, PA, 18109-3044. It must be received at the synod office by Monday, May 9. The cost to register by mail is \$109.00.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS IS MAY 9. NO registrations will be accepted in the synod office or by mail after Monday, May 9.

Blessings,
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.

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

June 30, 2022 (Thurs) – DOOLAN'S SHORE CLUB – FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

It's a USO inspired show featuring the comedy and music of Americana from Broadway to San Francisco, from Texas to the Heartland's – including an official flag salute to the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines. Enjoy a one-hour open bar Happy Hour before lunch and you don't have to worry about driving home!

MENU CHOICES – POT ROAST, TURKEY WITH STUFFING OR HERBAL SALMON

Please indicate your choice at the time of booking your trip.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 9:15 AM

Cost \$100 Payment Deadline – Thurs., June 16, 2022

MULTI-DAY TRIPS – CALL THE OFFICE FOR INFO.

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