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**November 2022 LMD NL news is due Oct. 14, 2022.** E-Mail your information to [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner: Sat. Oct. 8 From 4-7 pm** Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church, 8269 Spring Creek Rd. Alburty, PA. Cost **\$10.00** (Children under 5 free) Includes homemade sauce, meatballs, salad, dessert and a drink. Any questions, call [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215).

**Basket Social** – St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) preview night on Friday, **October 7th (6-8 pm)**, event on Saturday, **October 8th (10 am to 2 pm)**. Take-out food items will be available to purchase on the 8th. Ticket pricing: 1 sheet = 25 tickets; 1 sheet/\$10, 2 sheets/\$20, 3 sheets/\$25. Winners will be drawn at the end of the event and contacted by phone. Any questions, please contact [stjohns.lutheran@verizon.net](mailto:stjohns.lutheran@verizon.net)

**Basket & Gift Card Social: Sat., Oct. 22, 2022 and Sun., Oct. 23, 2022** at Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, 535 W Emaus Ave, Allentown. Tickets are \$5 for a sheet of 25 chances. If you purchase tickets before Oct., 22nd – 5 sheets for \$20 (a \$5 savings). For more information or to have tickets held for you at the door call the church office at 610-797-4774.

**Holiday Craft Bazaar: Nov. 5, 9 am – 3 pm** Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church at 8269 Spring Creek Rd. Alburty, PA. Crafts, Basket Raffle, Food & Flea Market. 610-395-1215

**MISSION DISTRICT INGATHERING: Wed., Dec. 7.** St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut St, Emmaus, PA Thank you for making this Outreach Ministry possible.

**St. Luke's Clothes Closet is open:** We only have one person trying to help a lot of people at one time. **Another person is needed to help people shop.** The hours are Thursday mornings 9:30 am -11:30 am. Help keep this vital ministry going. For more information, please contact Leslie Talago, Parish Administrator at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at 610-434-3943 or email [letalago@StLukesLuth.org](mailto:letalago@StLukesLuth.org). Thank you to all who help or contribute clothing!!

**\*\*NEW CROP Walk Date (Sun., Oct. 2, 2022), Registration/Donation Procedure (online or through your congregation),**

**\*\*\*NEW Date!!!\*\***

**Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun. Oct. 2, 1:30 pm** at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA

**\*\*\*NEW Registration/Donation Procedure!!!\*\***

**Register/Donate ONLINE** at [www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa) or register/donate through your congregation. The CROP Hunger Walk is a great intergenerational fellowship and service event for families, youth groups, adult groups, and congregations. Walkers who raise \$150 or more earn a free CROP Hunger Walk T-shirt!

There are two routes from which walkers may choose: a 10K route (with refreshments available at the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank, the Lehigh Conference of Churches, and St. James UCC) and a "Golden Mile" route (through the Hamilton Park neighborhood).

The Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk helps food-insecure neighbors locally through the **Conference Kitchen** and the **Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank**. CROP Walk funds also support Church World Service's life-saving disaster assistance and long-term development assistance with our neighbors in need **throughout the United States and around the globe**, including victims of the **humanitarian crisis in Ukraine**.

Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/AllentownCROPWalk](https://facebook.com/AllentownCROPWalk)



## 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Highlights

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly was held on August 8-14 at Columbus, Ohio with a theme of Embody the World.

Imran Siddiqui was elected Vice President of the ELCA. VP is a six year term and the highest-ranking position that a lay leader can hold in the ELCA. Siddiqui is the first Asian American elected to the national post. He is a senior investigator for the U.S. Department of Labor. He was Vice President of the Southeastern Synod. Siddiqui is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Atlanta.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton lead the assembly in a public apology to Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina, Stockton, California of the Sierra Pacific Synod.

The Roe v. Wade Memorial (776-27) Encourages support and prayers for people affected by the overturning of Roe v. Wade, including restored ministers and lay staff at congregations and social ministry organizations. It also calls for a conversation on the church's teaching on abortion and related topics, as well as synodical reviews of the impacts that overturning Roe v. Wade and other related local rulings may have on pastoral counseling and the pastor-client relationship. For more information on actions on any of the 78 memorials, please go to <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8172>

At the Churchwide Assembly gathering, an acknowledgement was made of the ELCA's formation and its 35th Anniversary. On April 30, 1987, the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches gathered to form the current Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Columbus, Ohio.

The 2025 Churchwide Assembly will be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

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

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### **Nov. 16, 2022 (Wed) – American Music Theatre – CHRISTMAS SHOW – “HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” –**

Inspired by the warm, cherished memories of family Christmases spent together with loved ones, *Home for the Holidays* opens on the joyous gathering of family and friends who celebrate with a rich tapestry of song, dance, and holiday traditions. Next, we take you to Santa's Candy Factory where you'll be transported to a dream world of bright colors and Candy Elves! Finally, you'll join us at a “midnight” candlelight service for some songs of worship, traditional carols, and a powerful, harmony-filled rendition of “O Holy Night”. Smorgasbord Lunch at Hershey Farm.

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 am  
Cost \$115 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Oct. 6, 2022**

**Dec. 8 2022 (Thurs) – Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre – ELF THE MUSICAL –** Based on the 2003 hit movie, *Elf* introduces us to a young orphan named Buddy, who mistakenly crawled into Santa's bag of gifts and was transported to the North Pole. Raised by elves his entire life, Buddy doesn't know he is actually a human. When his enormous size and poor toy making ability cause him to face the truth, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf as Buddy wins over his new family and helps New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. After all, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 am  
Cost \$110 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Nov. 10.**