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**October 2022 LMD NL news will be due Sept. 16, 2022.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**Concerts at St. John's Lutheran**, 37 S 5<sup>th</sup> St, Allentown [www.sjat.org/arts](http://www.sjat.org/arts). **Sun 8/28 4 pm** – Organized Rhythm (Clive Driskill-Smith, organ & Joseph Gramley, percussion). **Sun 9/18 3 pm** – Matthew Graybil, piano.

**ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING: Planning Meeting:** Wednesday, **September 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut St, Emmaus, Pa. 18049. **Christmas Ingathering:** Wednesday, **December 7, 2022**. Thank you for all your support in making this Outreach Ministry possible.

**Basket Social** – St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) preview night on Friday, **October 7<sup>th</sup> (6-8 PM)**, event on Saturday, **October 8<sup>th</sup> (10 AM to 2 PM)**. Take-out food items will be available to purchase on the 8<sup>th</sup>. 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. Email the office at [stjohns.lutheran@verizon.net](mailto:stjohns.lutheran@verizon.net) with any questions.

**Community Free Dinners** – Dinners will continue on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, every other month** (except November, when it will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday) from 5-7 PM. Dinners are served "to-go", while supplies last. **The next date is Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome.

**Basket Social on Saturday, September 17, at St Paul's Lutheran Church Breinigsville:** A Basket Social fundraiser will be held from **9:00AM to 4:00PM**, with refreshments and bake sale. You do not have to be present to win. There will be over 50 baskets, several Specials, various gift cards, and a \$1,000 gift card grand prize. To bid on Baskets and Gift Cards - ticket price is \$5 per card (26 tickets on each card). If purchased in advance - \$20 for 5 cards; at door - \$25 for 5 cards. For Specials - ticket price is \$5 for 6 tickets. Our Grand Prize is \$1,000 Best Buy Gift Card - ticket price is \$5 per ticket. Bring a non-perishable food item for a chance to win a large Paper Products Basket. To purchase tickets in advance contact Anita at 484 221-0445 or email [anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com](mailto:anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com). For more information, visit our Basket Social Web page at <http://www.stpaulsville.org/basketsocial>.

**\*\*RSVP for CROP Pizza Party/Kick-off (Sun., Aug. 28, 2022)!  
\*\*NEW CROP Walk DATE (Sun., Oct. 2, 2022)!  
\*\*NEW CROP Walk FLYERS & QR CODE (attached)!**

**CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off:** Sun, Aug. 28, 2022, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (to receive NEW INFORMATION, materials, ideas, and inspiration for you and your congregation/group/organization), at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104. **RSVP** by Thurs., **Aug. 25** to Linda Held ([jucc3441@ptd.net](mailto:jucc3441@ptd.net) or 484-553-8922).

**\*\*\*NEW DATE!!!! Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun, Oct. 2, 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. **Register, donate**, or find more information about the life-saving work of Church World Service: [www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa).

**Check out the new Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk Facebook page**, designed by Lara McQue of Calvary Baptist Church, Allentown: [facebook.com/AllentownCROPWalk](https://facebook.com/AllentownCROPWalk) Like it! Share it! Sign up to walk on Sunday, October 2, 2022, 1:30 p.m.! **Donate!** Let's help **END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME!** The CROP Hunger Walk is a great **intergenerational fellowship and service event** for families, youth groups, adult groups, and congregations. **Two routes** from which walkers may choose: a **10K route** (with refreshments available at the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank and the Lehigh Conference of Churches) and a **"Golden Mile"** route (through the Hamilton Park neighborhood). Through our Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk, we help food-insecure neighbors **locally** through the **Conference Kitchen** and the **Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank**. Our 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**.

**The 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 9:30-11:30**. 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 or email [LETalago@StLukesLuth.org](mailto:LETalago@StLukesLuth.org). Thank you to all who help contribute things!!

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

**We Now Return to Our Regularly Scheduled Programs.**

As our congregations return to our regularly scheduled programs with Rally Day, the start of Sunday school, and Catechetical Classes in September, the Synod Council of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod has been busy during the summer addressing resolutions to memorials.

On Saturday, July 23, 2022, the Synod Council held its regular meeting at the Lutheran Center in Allentown. The in-person meeting was to vote on resolutions taken up from the 2-day Online Synod Assembly that was held on June 10-11, 2022.

Deliberated at that ZOOM Synod Assembly were the resolutions: Roe v. Wade and the Environment Memorials. These memorials were forwarded for further deliberation and action to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly for a vote.

Consideration of the Reference and Counsel Resolutions for action by the Synod Council were as follows:

**-Whole Body - Motion carried**

The concern was to encourage all congregations to participate within their mission districts, ELCA, and NEPA Synod as the body of Christ.

**-Anti-Racism - Motion adopted**

Addressed the need to provide an annual Racial Justice/Anti-Racism for clergy.

**-COVID - Motion adopted**

COVID mitigation procedures within the synod and encourage congregations to have proper protocols.

**-Gun Control - Motion referred to the Committee of Deans for action.**

Resolved: Each mission district Dean write a letter on behalf of his/her mission district membership to the senator representing them requesting senators cooperate on bipartisan talks on gun control regulation.

(The CWA was held in Columbus Ohio in August. As of the writing of this newsletter I had just returned as a voting delegate from the Churchwide Assembly. Highlights of the CWA will be published on our October LMD Newsletter.)

*Back to our regularly scheduled programs.*

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

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**Oct. 26, 2022 (Wed.) Bucks County Playhouse – EVITA -** "Don't cry for me Argentina ..." "Don't miss Andrew Lloyd Webber's legendary musical as it is re-imagined in this all-new production. The life of the former First Lady of Argentina is revisited through the eyes of her supporters, who have gathered in a tango club ten years after her death to celebrate her life. The classic score features some of Webber and Tim Rice's biggest hits, including "Don't Cry for Me Argentina", "High Flying, Adored" and "Another Suitcase in Another Hall". Lunch at the Cock & Bull Restaurant. **MEAL CHOICES: HONEY GLAZED SALMON OR FRENCH CHICKEN AU JUS.** Please indicate your meal choice at the time of booking.

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

**Cost \$127 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Sept. 15**

**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 the 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**

**MUSIC** - 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, 2022**