

## Congratulations!!!

### Joshua Fink and Ron Mordosky

On Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Lehigh Mission District Annual Spring Assembly held at the Lutheran Center, Joshua Fink was elected for a second term as LMD Synod Council Representative. Ron Mordosky was elected LMD Voting Lay Male Delegate to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly.

There are two open positions available: an Alternate Voting Lay Male Delegate to the Churchwide Assembly and LMD Treasurer. If interested, please contact LMD Dean Nelson Quiñones.

## Advent Christmas Ingathering

Mark your calendars: This year's date is Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus.

Thank you for all your support!



*July/August 2023 LMD NL  
news will be due June 12, 2023.*

Please email any information to  
[lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com)

## An Epistle about a Hinge

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

On a small tray in my study, I have a small hinge that was made to be worn on a lapel.

The hinge ornament reminds me of my Clinical Pastoral Education at Phoebe Home Ministries in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Part of a seminarian's academic education is to go through a CPE program in the summer months.

As chaplains, the program allowed us to come to understand our strengths and gifts while working with patients at the senior living center.

Self-reflection of oneself, peers, patients, and surroundings formed a big part of the CPE program.

My colleague, Jean Huber, (today our Associate of the Bishop in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod) gave us a hinge pin to wear on our lapels. Huber passed them around saying that the hinge can serve as a symbol of our life's journey.

Instantly, the ornament stirred up in us an array of conversation. Our CPE self-reflection session would have to wait. All our energy focused on figuring out the meaning of this hinge that was given to us.

Chaplains took sides with some saying, "WE ARE the hinge." One chaplain objected, "We CANNOT be the hinge." Explanations and more questions began to burst forth. "If we are the hinge, whom do we HOLD together?" "Do we hold each other together? Do we hold the patients together?" "Do we HOLD God together?"

A brief silence followed until the questions started up again. "But if God is the hinge, how does God STAY together?" Our reflection turned to one of the tenets of the church for an answer - "The center pin is God, The Father. The right and the left sides of the hinge symbolize The Son and The Holy Spirit."

For a moment, the trinitarian answer seems to have worked. That is until someone said, "Who are the SCREWS?" Another chaplain suggested, "Then who IS the DOOR?"

The life story of this now personified hinge kept evolving. From our circle of chairs Jean Huber shouted, "Guys, it's only a [expletive] pin!" A roar of laughter broke through the circle.

Huber was correct - the hinge was only a pin meant to be a sign of camaraderie in our CPE journey together.

From the CPE Program, we went on to live God's abundant life. Some went on to their respective pastoral ministries. Others towards a ministry in social work. Others furthered their academic education. Still others saw the chaplaincy as their place of ministry.

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## 2023 Worship on Wednesdays

7:00 PM at St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)  
*at the pavilion or inside during inclement weather*

WE WELCOME ALL OUR FRIENDS OLD AND NEW  
It is always a JOY to worship together!

June 14- SNA Band  
(Saturday Night Alive Band),  
From Steel City Mennonite Church, Bethlehem

June 21- Glorious Day, from  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church,  
Allentown

June 28- St. Joseph the Worker  
Catholic Church 11:00  
Music Group, Orefield

July 5- Valley Collective

July 12- The Dulcimer Boys

July 19- River of Grace Gospel  
Group

July 26- The Blend, The Barn  
Faith Community, Allentown

August 2- Union Praise Band,  
Union Evangelical Lutheran  
Church, Schnecksville

August 9- The Cedar Routes,  
Orchard Hills Church,  
Breinigsville

August 16- Grace Notes  
Gospel Big Band, Lehigh Valley

EACH WEEK A FREEWILL  
OFFERING WILL BE GIVEN TO A  
CHOSEN ORGANIZATION.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR GOOD  
MUSIC, THE WORD &  
FELLOWSHIP!!!

**See flyer for details.**



*(continued from previous page)* Now and then I glance at the hinge lapel pin in my desk tray. It is worn out and broken into two pieces. It serves as a reminder that as life happens there is abundant life.

Enjoy your summer,  
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Lehigh Mission District Dean

### Church Yard Sale

Saturday, June 3, 2023  
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

(St. Andrew's Lutheran Church  
4330 W. Rock Rd, Allentown, PA 18103)

St. Andrew's presents their 2<sup>nd</sup>  
annual Spring Yard Sale.  
Treasures Galore! Something for everyone!  
Food and parking available.

**See flyer for details.**



### Neighborhood/Community Food Drop Off to benefit the Open Door Food Pantry

(St. Mark Lutheran Church  
201 E. Juniata St, Allentown, PA 18103)

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Volunteers will be there to help assist,  
so people can just pull up and have the  
food unloaded from their car to our pantry.  
Suggested items are cereal, canned goods,  
canned meats, juices, beans, snack bars,  
etc. *(All non-perishable items - please no  
expired food).*

Any questions, call (610)797-6440

**See flyer for details.**



### OPERATION SUNSHINE

1933 Hanover Ave, Allentown, PA 18109

Phone: 610-435-9155

Open: Mon 11-3 and Wed. 11-3

Email: [LMDopsunshine@aol.com](mailto:LMDopsunshine@aol.com)

Website: [www.LMDopsunshine.com](http://www.LMDopsunshine.com)

Paula & Dick Skelly, Co-Trip Coordinators  
*Operation Sunshine is a non-profit  
fellowship opportunity within our Mission  
District, run solely by volunteers.*

July 12 (Wed.): Fulton Theatre – GREASE

Aug. 4 (Fri.): Shawnee Playhouse –  
JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING  
TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

September 17 to September 23, 2023  
CHICAGO WITH 2 OVERNIGHTS IN CLEVELAND  
*Please think about joining us for a fun trip to the  
Windy City and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.*

Oct. 17 (Tues.): The Waterfront at  
Silver Birches – GERMANFEST

AND MORE!!!

**See website or attached newsletter  
for details.**

### CROP Hunger Walk: Helping Neighbors Near and Far

**Thank you** for helping our 2022 Greater Allentown  
CROP Hunger Walk raise **\$32345.87** 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 Kitchen will each receive **over \$4000** for  
their vital ministries; and our food insecure neighbors  
who have survived floods, drought, war (including  
our **Ukrainian** neighbors), earthquakes (including our  
neighbors in **Turkey** and **Syria**), and other disasters  
are receiving life-giving assistance.

**See thank you notes attached.**

### Important CROP News:

**\*NEW DATE\*** for Greater Allentown CROP Hunger  
Walk: **Sun., Oct. 22, 2023**, 1:30 pm,  
with registration beginning at 1:00 pm.  
(St. Timothy Lutheran Church,  
140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104)

**\*\*Please REGISTER YOUR TEAM by June 1<sup>st</sup>\*\***  
(or ASAP) at

[https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023  
/event/allentownpa](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/allentownpa)

**CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun.,  
Aug. 27, 2023**, 1:30-2:30 pm (to receive materials,  
ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your  
congregation) at St. Timothy Lutheran Church,  
140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104