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Lehigh Mission District Christmas Ingathering:

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 6TH

St. John's Lutheran Church
(501 Chestnut Street,
Emmaus, PA)



A Planning Meeting for
Church Representatives
will be held:

Wednesday, September
13th at 7:00 PM at
St. John's Lutheran
Church (Emmaus)

The Ingathering project is a responsibility of each congregation in the district. They kindly ask that each church send at least one representative to the meeting. There are changes for this year's event.

The Ingathering takes time and effort to make it a success. Join us in getting into the spirit of Christmas by doing for those less fortunate than us.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your continued support with this ministry!



*October 2023 LMD NL news
will be due September 11, 2023.*

Please email any information to
imd.newslettereditor@gmail.com

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Artificial Intelligence vs The Human Spirit

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

September is the month when we get our lives re-organized. January's New Year's Resolutions don't come near all of our accomplishments done in the month of September.

Children return to school. Backpacks, school supplies, and lunch menus. Done! Vacation is not over yet because before Labor Day, we can squeeze in one more vacation outing. Done! Another family picnic. Done!

September puts us back in gear to make these accomplishments happen. And we do it all with a gratifying smile. There is no need to have a string tied to our finger or a resolution that we've long forgotten mid-January to get it done.

These accomplishments give meaning to Labor Day in September. We've worked at it and got the job done. Now back to work.

However, there has been a concern within the workplace with the initials, AI - artificial intelligence.

The Writers Guild of America went on strike in part due to AI being used in the writing process of story scripts. There are now AI applications (apps) that generate artwork, essays, and chats in an instant.

Beyond the human concern of losing work to AI, we put the human spirit at risk.

In the spring of 2023, Geoffrey Hinton, known as the godfather of AI, resigned from Google because of what the nefarious potential chatbots can create in the hands of the wrong people.

Certainly, the innovations of AI can cause alarm to the workforce population. On the one hand, if AI technology used in the hands of a doctor can save a life would society oppose to this measure? On the other hand, the advance intelligence of AI used by the hands of the wrong people can enforce and displace already marginalized people right out of the workplace.

Behind AI are the fingerprints of human beings' love for innovations and their prejudices. The quarrel is amongst ourselves.

God created life and instead humanity has been in the process of killing each other.

Labor Day celebrates the human spirit of working with one another and getting the job done.

Then in the process we may find what God may have created us for - to have a human spirit with each other.

Happy Labor Day,
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Lehigh Mission District Dean

Fall Festival of Community Service

September 30th

10 AM to 3 PM at

St. Paul's Blue Church

(5900 Apple Butter Hill Road,
Coopersburg)

Information updates can be found
at: stpaulsbluchurch.org

All local vendors are welcome to
sign up by September 8th. Inside
tables are \$20; outside space is
\$15 (bring your own table). Food
trucks are welcome. They also
ask for a product donation or gift
valued \$25-30 for drawings
during the event.

Proceeds will go to local
organizations that support housing
insecurities.

They will also be collecting non-
perishable foods for the food
pantry. Registration for blood
donations and information on
emergency and disaster
prevention and recovery will also
be offered.

They will be raffling a handmade
quilt! Proceeds to go towards
St. Paul's Education
Fund/Scholarship.



Fall Basket Social

October 6th & 7th at

St. John's Lutheran Church

(1028 Church Street,
Fogelsville)

Preview night on Friday, October
6th (6-8pm), event on Saturday,
October 7th (10am to 2pm).

Tickets may be purchased/placed
both days, take-out food items will
be available only on the 7th.

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.

Everyone is welcome!!!

BASKET SOCIAL

Saturday, September 23rd

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

at St Paul's Lutheran Church
(8227 Hamilton Blvd, Breinigsville)

A Basket Social fundraiser will be held,
with refreshments and bake sale.

In addition to basket shopping, bring a
chair and enjoy the Municipal Band of
Allentown concert at 1 PM.



There will be over 100 baskets, six 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.
For Grand Prize - ticket price is \$5 each.
To purchase tickets in advance contact Anita
at 484 221-0445 or email
anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com

There will be a variety of kids' baskets - kids
aged 10 and under will receive free tickets for
bidding on these baskets. Bring a non-
perishable food item for a chance to win a
large Paper Products Basket. You do not
have to be present to win.

For more info, visit:

<http://www.stpaulsbluchurch.org/basketsocial>



OPERATION SUNSHINE

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Open: Monday 11-3 and Wednesday 11-3

Email: LMDopsunshine@aol.com

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Paula & Dick Skelly, Co-Trip Coordinators

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

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

*What could be more German than a Strudel
making demonstration, a 3-hour included Open
Bar of Wine, Draft Beer and soda, a buffet of all
your favorite German delicacies like Mushroom
Soup, Beet Salad, Chicken Schnitzel with warm
Potato Salad, Braised Bratwurst with red
cabbage and more!*

December 12 (Tue.): The Miracle of
Christmas, Sight & Sound

SOLD OUT - Wait List Only

STAY TUNED – WORKING ON 2024!

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

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

GREATER ALLENTOWN CROP HUNGER WALK:

Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 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

Walkers who raise \$150 or more by 10/22/23
earn a FREE T-SHIRT.

T-shirts will also be available for purchase.

**Distribute our Walker/Donor and Sponsorship
BROCHURES (see attached)!**

The CROP Hunger Walk is a great
intergenerational fellowship and service event
for families, youth groups, adult groups,
businesses, organizations, and congregations.

Two routes from which walkers may choose:
a 10K route (with refreshments available)
and a "Golden Mile" route (through the Hamilton
Park neighborhood, with refreshments available).

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

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