

## REMINDERS to the Lehigh Mission District Rostered Leaders

*Please keep the following  
dates on your calendars:*

**March 13, 2024 - Wholesome  
Attitudes Toward Other  
Religions**  
The Rev. Dr. Roger Timm

**April 10, 2024 - Collapse &  
Restructuring of the ELCA**  
The Rev. Thomas Busteded

**May 5, 2024 - LMD Spring  
Assembly 2024** at 4:00 PM  
Lutheran Center, Allentown

**June 8, 2024 - Synod  
Assembly** 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
"Hungry for Life Together in  
Christ" at Atonement Lutheran  
Church, Wyomissing

**July/August** – off

*Event updates will be made  
available at meetings and  
here, in the LMD Newsletter.*

## NEPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY "Hungry for Life Together in Christ"

June 8, 2024 - 8:30 AM to 4:30  
PM at Atonement Lutheran  
Church, Wyomissing

Two attendance options for  
voting members: in-person  
and online (Zoom).

Registration opened on  
February 16<sup>th</sup> - cost: \$130

Watch for email info. Also  
posted on [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)



*April 2024 LMD NL news  
will be due March 15, 2024.*

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

## A Carpenter on the Cross

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

*"Isn't this the carpenter?" Mark 6:3 NIV*

Jesus would have worked right alongside his father Joseph. Jesus would have been familiar with his father's carpentry trade. He would have known about the mallets, saws, nails, axes, chisels, squares, and rule sticks that form part of a carpenter's tools.

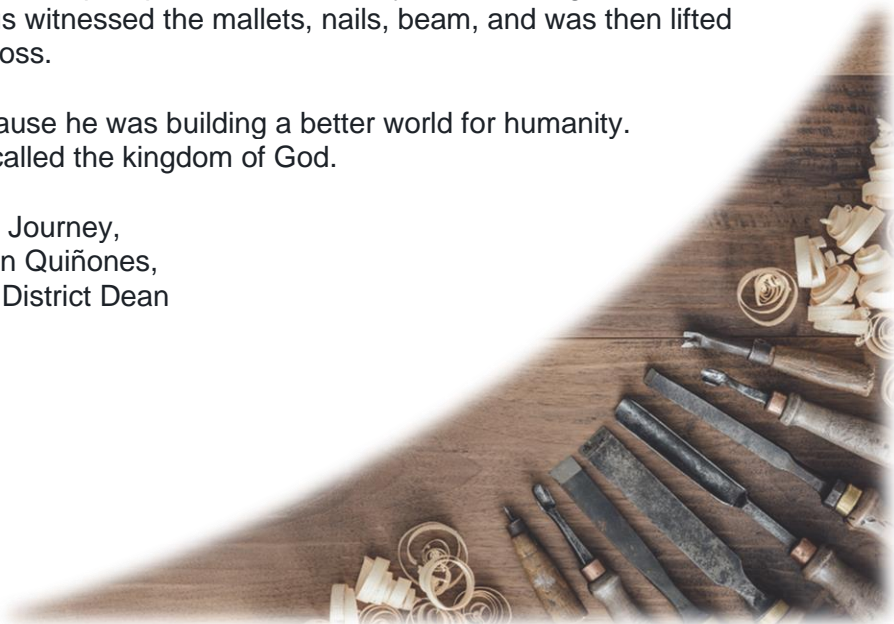
As a carpenter's son Jesus understood the building process - beams, gates, doors, windows, roofs, and cornerstones. In public Jesus would have easily been identified as a carpenter. The question, "Isn't this the carpenter?" formed part of his identity.

It's ironic that this carpenter would be sentenced to death by crucifixion under the Roman government because the carpentry tools Jesus grew up knowing were being used to crucify him.

Crucifixion was the capital punishment used by the Roman government for execution. Jesus witnessed the mallets, nails, beam, and was then lifted on a wooden cross.

Jesus died because he was building a better world for humanity.  
A world Jesus called the kingdom of God.

Blessed Lenten Journey,  
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,  
Lehigh Mission District Dean



## SUMMER INGATHERING 2024

Join us this summer in helping out a local church in their endeavors to help and support children in their community.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Catasauqua runs a summer program for children in their community park. They provide a free lunch along with a connection to the local children.

We would like to collect these items to help support them with their outreach program.

The items included are:

- Individual salty snack bags
- 16 oz water bottles
- Wal-Mart gift cards in \$10.00 increments

We will be collecting these items through the end of May 2024.

Please contact Pam Page at 610-360-0226 or [ppage619@gmail.com](mailto:ppage619@gmail.com) if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.



Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry!!!



### OPERATION SUNSHINE

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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.*

**All trips for 2024 are currently SOLD OUT!!!**

If you are still interested, we encourage you to put your name on a wait list as we invariably have cancellations, especially this far out.

*See attached newsletter or website for details.*

Dear Travelers,

Operation Sunshine is proud to announce our 2024 Multi-Day trip to the GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS OF TENNESSEE. The trip is 6 Days - 5 Nights and includes TONS of activities and LOADS of fun. *Please see the attached brochure for a complete rundown of the itinerary.*

Pricing for this trip is:

\$1050 PP based on double occupancy

\$1400 for a single occupancy

To join us on this fantastic trip, just send a \$100 deposit along with a registration form (*also attached*). Periodic payments can be made until the Final Payment Date of July 10, 2024.

We do recommend Travel Insurance for this trip and have attached an informational form to this e-mail as well. Keep in mind that trip insurance must be purchased within two weeks of your deposit.

For any questions, please call the office. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

We look forward to traveling with you!

Paula & Dick



### CROP Thank You:

**Thank you** for helping our 2023 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise **over \$30,000** (as of 1/31/24) 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 \$3800** for their vital ministries.

And our food insecure neighbors who have survived floods, drought, war, and other disasters are receiving life-giving assistance.

**Thank you for your generosity that offers life-giving help to so many of our neighbors!**

### Please Save These CROP Dates!

Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk:**  
**Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, 1:30 p.m.,**  
with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m.  
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St.,  
Allentown, PA 18104

Find more information about the life-saving work of Church World Service at [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org)

**CROP Pizza Party/Kick-off:**  
**Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024, 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

