



## SUMMER INGATHERING 2024

We want to thank all for your participation in the Summer InGathering. It sure is a blessing to serve God's people near and far!

Looking forward to the Advent Christmas InGathering. Please mark your calendars for Wed., December 4<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow soon.

## CRAFT FAIR

**November 16, 2024**  
**9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**  
St. Timothy Lutheran  
Church (Ott St., Allentown)

**CRAFTERS NEEDED:**  
Reserve your table now!  
Contact Ivy Reynolds at  
610-393-1353, no later  
than September 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 8-foot table costs \$25
- Set-up on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM
- Checks can be made payable to "St. Timothy's"



**Calling All Crafters!**

**Thank you for your  
support of these  
events!!!**



*July/August 2024 LMD NL news  
will be due June 10, 2024.*

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

## Faith and Science in Paradox\* Part 1

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

The above title is borrowed from the essay, "Luther on Copernicus and Models for Faith and Science Dialogue" by The Rev. Dr. Roger E. Timm. From his essay, the retired professor of Religion at Muhlenberg College offers Faith and Science in Paradox as an approach to enter into dialogue with science and religion.

Let me begin this dialogue with science. In 2024 there was a total solar eclipse. There were meteor showers and a full lunar eclipse. In addition, there were the Northern Lights and a planetary alignment. Then there is the upcoming Andromeda Galaxy collision with our Milky Way Galaxy. According to astrophysicist Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson, the astro collision is to take place in 5 to 6 billion years or after the sun burns out.

By now you may question the obvious: Why worry about this when none of us will be around when this collision takes place? Well, here is the purpose of this conversation between faith and science: How does the fate of the universe compare to our religious understanding of God's creation?

Scientists calculated the exact path of totality of the solar eclipse that covered parts of North America. The next total solar eclipse to be seen in the United States is scheduled for August 23, 2044. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has on its calendar the return of Halley's Comet to pass by the Earth in 2061. These calculations are worked out to a science. Since they don't post a real danger to our belief, we enjoy their continual celestial appearance in our skies.

Keeping in mind these upcoming astro events, science appears to have also calculated the end of the universe as we know it. Scientists' predictions of our evolutionary universe stand in contrast to religious beliefs of God's hands in creation. This particular celestial encounter appears to be the doom of humanity and the universe.

My question: Is the predestination of our solar system an expression of its free will to come to its inevitable end? Here then is Dr. Timm's approach of faith and science in paradox.

The religious belief and understanding of God's creation and that of humanity as we know it will cease to exist. This is quite a paradox to a religious belief in which there is the expectancy of an eternal life. Here then lies faith and science in paradox and the relevancy for the discussion. *(continued on the next page ⇒)*

## 2024 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 12- Valley Collective

June 19- Union Praise Band, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schnecksville

June 26- St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church 11:00 Music Group, Orefield

July 3- The Cedar Routes, Orchard Hills Church, Breinigsville

July 10- SNA Band (Saturday Night Alive Band); Steel City Mennonite Church, Bethlehem

July 17- Nativity Lutheran Praise Team, St. Michael's Lutheran Church of the Nativity, Allentown

July 24- Christ Lutheran Church Hellertown Praise Band

July 31- The Dulcimer Boys

August 7- The Blend, The Barn Faith Community, Allentown

August 14- Grace Notes Gospel Big Band, Lehigh Valley

August 21- St. Timothy Lutheran Church ANNUAL PEACH FESTIVAL (6-7:30 PM)

Each week a freewill offering will be taken & those funds will be given to a specific group.

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

See attached flyer to post.



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In his essay Dr. Timm writes, "there are indeed times when faith and science conflict with each other - or at least, times when differences between religion and science need careful examination."

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,  
Lehigh Mission District Dean

\* "Luther on Copernicus and Models for Faith and Science Dialogue" by The Rev. Dr. Roger E. Timm, May 16, 2016 in Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology.

### OPERATION SUNSHINE

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

**Hope you are all happy and healthy and ready to do some traveling! Attached is the newsletter for the 2nd half of 2024 – check for details about upcoming trips.**

**There are about five seats left for our trip to the Great Smoky Mountains, so if you are interested, don't wait!**



### CROP Thank You!

**Thank you** for helping our 2023 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise a grand total of **\$31,437!**

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Kitchen will each receive **over \$3,929** for their vital ministries. And, our food insecure neighbors who have survived floods, drought, war, and other disasters are receiving life-giving assistance.

Also, we received a **Church World Service Certificate of Appreciation** for being "A national 2023 Cream of the CROP top event to end hunger and poverty around the world." **44<sup>th</sup> in the country!**



### Upcoming Trips Include:

July 26, 2024 (Friday) – Shawnee Playhouse – CABARET (Cost: \$100)

August 21, 2024 (Wednesday) – Sight & Sound – DANIEL (Cost: \$145)

October 18, 2024 (Friday) – Dutch Apple – HAIRSPRAY (Cost: \$120)

November 12, 2024 (Tuesday) – Magic and Wonder Theatre – HOLLY JOLLY JUKEBOX (Cost: \$110)

December 12, 2024 (Thurs) – Hunterdon Hills - A PLAYHOUSE CHRISTMAS (Cost: \$125)

### 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

To register your team and/or yourself, or to learn more about the life-saving work of Church World Service, go to: [crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa](http://crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa)

### CROP Pizza Party/Kick-off:

**Sunday, August 25, 2024, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**  
(to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation)  
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Allentown

### Many Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors!

