



Epistle from
St. Timothy
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sharing our faith by sharing God's love!

January, 2012
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Dear Friends,

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION THOUGHT-OF-THE-DAY #1:

*In order to get anywhere, even the **Turtle** must stick his neck out!*

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION THOUGHT-OF-THE-DAY #2:

*It's hard to see the **LIGHT**, in Church-LITE.*

FINAL NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION THOUGHT-OF-THE-DAY:

*In place of the one English word for 'Faith,' there are **four** Japanese words, each of them describing a different aspect of faith:*

- Shin-ko** This word has the meaning of **expectancy** in it. Faith **expects** results. A good example is the woman who came to Jesus in the crowd after seeking out every remedy for her illness of 12 years. "If only I will touch his cloak, I shall be healed."
- Shin-yo** This word means to **take** what is offered. Faith **receives** (and uses) what God offers.
- Shin-ir** This word carries the meaning of **surrender** in it. 'Let go and let God,' as we might put it.
- Shin-rai** This word means to **trust**... to lean your whole weight on something (or someone).

Faith in all of its four aspects, comes as **gift** rather than as reward or merit. As Peter once put it (John 6:68)... "Lord, to Whom shall we Go?!! **YOU** have the words of eternal life."

Blessed New Year's Resolution Making.
Baptized, together with You,

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St. Timothy Mission Statement

Nurtured and sustained by God's love,
we are called and inspired to share His love with our neighbor,
to make God's story known, and to help our neighbors near and far
...so that all may experience God's love.

Worship Calendar

Sunday Morning Services – 10:30 a.m. • Adult Forum – 9 a.m. • Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Date	Day	Special Events	Readings
Jan. 1	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Name of Jesus 1st Sunday after Christmas Lessons and Carols	Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21
Jan. 8	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	The Baptism of Our Lord Children Sing	Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
Jan. 15	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday after Epiphany Bell Choir Rite for Wholeness	1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
Jan. 22	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Third Sunday after Epiphany Children Sing	Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
Jan. 29	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	4th Sunday after Epiphany Contemporary Service Annual Congregational Meeting follows worship	Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

NE PA SYNOD WEB SITE

www.godslove.org or www.nepsynod.org

for information about our synod

ELCA WEB SITE

www.elca.org

for information about our national church

Moving? Got Email? Change Your Phone #?

We constantly struggle in this mobile society we live in to keep up with everyone's current mailing and contact information. We are asking everyone to make sure the information we have is up-to-date by completing the form below and either mail it to the church secretary or drop it in the offering plate.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

DID YOU KNOW?
Did you know that you can keep
up-to-date with what's happening at
St. Timothy by checking our website?
Just go to
www.sttimothy.org
Click on "News & Events"
in the upper right corner of the
page... so you don't miss a thing!

ST. TIMOTHY'S EMAIL

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*Health Topic
of the
Month*



by Charlotte Cruse

Children and Sleep

Do your children have cell phones; do they play video games? These electronic devices have a sneaky way of interfering with sleep patterns. Recent studies have determined that a child receives their first cell phone is at age twelve. Children play video games at a much younger age; even preschoolers are adept at playing video games. As much fun as these devices provide, they may have a negative affect on children's sleep patterns.

A pediatric pulmonologist from Lehigh Health Network cited a study that determined that teens send an average of 34 text messages a night, which cuts into their sleep. Children with more than four electronic devices in their bedroom are twice as likely to fall asleep while doing school work, either in school or at home.

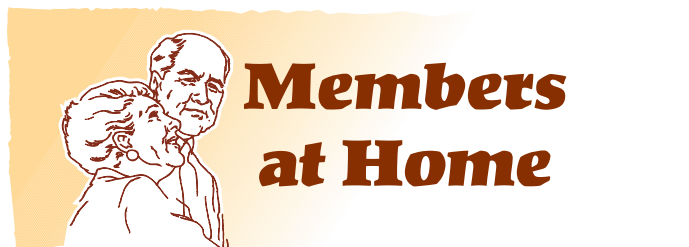
Electronic devices are not the only reason children and teens do not get enough sleep. School and after school activities make winding down at night difficult. Crankiness, irritability, snoring, and morning headaches are a few of the symptoms of an inadequate amount of sleep.

Stick to a pre-bedtime ritual, such as quiet time, reading, and a bath to ensure a better night's sleep for younger children. For adolescents and teens, encourage consistent sleep during the week as well as on the weekend.

Amount of Sleep Needed

Infants	14 – 15 hours
Toddlers (age 1 – 3)	12 – 14 hours
Preschoolers	11 – 13 hours
School-age children	10 – 11 hours
Teens	8½ – 9½ hours

*Adapted from Lehigh Valley Health Network's
Healthy You magazine*



We pray weekly for our members at home. Every month we highlight a portion our list of homebound members so that you can send cards, and perhaps visit!

Here is this month's list (*birthday in italics*):

Marlea Fritzing, Fellowship Manor Terrace, 3010 Fellowship Dr., Rm #261A, Whitehall, PA 18052

Elaine Hilbert, 221 N. 2nd St., Emmaus, PA 18049

Mrs. Ruth Reichenbach, Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Rd., Health Center #541, Allentown, PA 18104 (*June 25*)

Gertrude Schmoyer, Phoebe Terrace, 1940 W. Turner St., Apt. 203, Allentown, PA 18104

Milly Westgate, Whitehall Manor, (†)1177 6th St., Room C15 (Alzheimer's Unit), Whitehall, PA 18052 (*January 15*) (†) Mail goes to: Ken Westgate, Jr., 414 E. Locust St., Bethlehem, PA 18018-2919

Gleason Solley, 6131 Glen Rd, Coopersburg, PA 18036

January (and early February) birthdays include:

Milly Westgate, (see above), (*January 15*)

Madilyn Evrard, Cedarbrook, D-7, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Allentown, PA 18104 (*January 29*)

Sharon Clark, Good Shepherd Home, Raker #216, 543 St. John St., Allentown, PA 18103 (*February 5*)

Dr. William Sharkan, Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., D-4, Rm. #417, Allentown, PA 18104 (*February 6*)



Spread the Word...

We need more curb space in front of Saint Timothy for handicapped parking on Sunday mornings. It is very difficult for people who need assistance walking, or for those who use walkers, canes, or wheel chairs to park on the grass and cross the street.

The city has promised to repaint the blue curb area designated as "Handicapped Parking," but the space allowed is not adequate for our needs. So, let's all be as helpful as possible to these friends and see that they have a place to park. If you have no difficulty walking, please park diagonally across the street from the church in the "Land of Promise" or in the rear parking lot. This will free more curb space on Ott Street for handicapped parking.



The Recycling Corner

Have you ever wondered how to recycle some of the items around the house? How to be better stewards of God's earth and help others at the same time? Here are some of our ongoing projects:

ARTICLES	WHERE TO PUT THEM	PERSON IN CHARGE
Sheet blankets	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Quilting committee
Soda cans	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>for Scouts</i>)
Men's socks in good condition	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>Alliance Hall</i>)
Toiletries (from hotels/motels)	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>Alliance Hall</i>)
Card fronts from all greeting cards	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>St. Jude's Home for Children</i>)
Eyeglasses	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>Center for Visually Handicapped</i>)
Good used sneakers	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>Alliance Hall</i>)
Plastic bags	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>Food Bank</i>)
Styrofoam Peanuts	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>recycled to Mailbox</i>)
General Mills boxtops for education; cash register receipts from Redner's & Fairgrounds Market; Campbell's labels	Appropriate boxes in narthex	.Cheryl Christensen
Rubber Bands*	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (*from newspapers)
Current Calendars	Cabinet in narthexAnyone who can use them
Empty printer, fax machine or desktop copier cartridges	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>recycled to FundingFactory</i>)
Old cell phones	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Nancy Fennell (<i>recycled to FundingFactory</i>)
Women's business attire and accessories... Must be Clean, Good Condition/gently used laundered/ironed IN SEASON ONLY!!!	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	.Gloria Hinrichs (for "The Perfect Fit")

If you know of any additions or corrections to this list please call Nancy Fennell (610-435-0628).
Thanks for your help and cooperation with these projects!

Plastic Lids and Caps

AARP is again collecting all plastic lids and caps, which will benefit someone undergoing medical treatments. You may bring them in anytime. You may use those bags in which your newspapers are delivered to amass your caps, then put them outside the upstairs rest room. We will see that they get to the AARP meetings. Thank you very much for all your excellent recycling efforts!!

The holidays are over...
...and we are all settling in for the winter.

However, there is still
something important about to happen.

Its time for our

Annual Congregational Meeting!

That means that its time for **YOU** to
actively participate in the decisions
affecting St. Timothy in 2012.

We will be electing leaders of the
congregation, including President,
Vice President, Secretary
and three Council Members, as well as
approving the 2012 Budget and
other matters important to the church.

MARK THE DATE NOW!

...and plan to be there following worship on

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

A covered dish luncheon will precede the meeting.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT!

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

January 2012



Be Who You Are! See What You Have! DO WHAT MATTERS!

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod congregations are discovering where God is on the move!

On four days in November, a total of 68 congregations participated in the follow-up to the first round of *Do What Matters* workshops. Led by Kelly Fryer and Tana Kjos of "A Renewal Enterprise," these workshops helped us open ourselves to working in renewable ways in a world that's changing more rapidly than we can imagine.



At the heart of a renewable approach are these three principles:

Be who you are. See what you have. Do what matters.

Participants in the workshops were given a congregational toolkit to help them look at who they are, what they have, and how they can do what matters. There are five parts to this toolkit:



1. A guide for reading the Book of Acts together (as a congregation council, church committee, or possibly as an entire congregation!)
2. A fun way for people in congregations to practice paying attention to what God is up to in their everyday lives – at home, work, school.
3. An idea for getting congregational members to join in with what God is doing in the community and through their neighbors, and to

partner with other organizations to do what matters to God.



4. A challenge to STOP doing something in congregational life that has stopped being fun or effective – something that is "sucking the life out of you."
5. A challenge exercise – a suggestion of a new way of "doing business" – letting God set the agenda for your congregation.

At the November events, congregations began working on these five tools and shared some of their hopes. The synod staff is digging into this, too. The entire staff has begun to study the Book of Acts together and staff meetings are devoted to sharing places where God is on the move. They are starting to look at places where they can partner with other organizations to do more effective ministry.



If your congregation did not receive a copy of this toolkit or you want a copy for yourself, click the link on the synod website, www.godslove.org, to download a copy. And **please** share your stories of how God is on the move in this renewable way of doing ministry so that we can learn from one another and celebrate the ministry that is being done through you! Send your stories to synod vice president Dawn Baxter at dawn@westberksmissiondistrict.org or West Berks Mission District, 1015 Windsor St., Reading, PA 19604-2358.

2012 Synod Assembly
June 15-16, Sovereign Center,
Reading PA.





Family Faith Challenge

Families come in all shapes and sizes. *Family* means different things to different people. Keeping this in mind, the synod’s Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Team is developing monthly “Family Faith Challenges.” Whether you are single, married, divorced, someone’s grandparent, someone’s child, someone’s relative – you are a member of God’s family.

Take part in these monthly family faith challenges with other member of your family. (For those who are single, invite a friend to walk with you on your faith journey!)

Family faith challenge guidelines for the year:

- Worship God together once a week
- Gather together around a table six times a week
- Have an empty chair at the table to represent God’s presence
- Make sure each person has his/her time to speak without interruption
- Read from an age-appropriate Bible



Here are January’s challenges, *Glimpses of God*. We challenge you to notice God’s presence/movement in the world around you.



Week one: Go outside at night and look at the stars. Talk about how stars guided the wise men to see Jesus. How many stars can you see? Think about how big God’s creation is.

Week two: Gather around a table and turn out all the lights in your house. Light one candle and talk about where you saw God this week.

Week three: Go outside and walk around your neighborhood. Look for signs of God’s creation in the air and on the land. Do you see any animals or plants?



2012 Learning Ministries Day

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Faith Formation 2020: Making and Teaching Disciples in the 21st Century

Keynote presenter: John Roberto, author and founder of Lifelong Faith Associates

Location: Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall

Cost: \$25

More information may be found on the synod website, www.godslove.org.

Farm Family Appreciation Celebration

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Come celebrate the annual farm family appreciation celebration with friends and families across the synod.



For more information or to register, call 610-378-1327 and ask for Donna or go to www.godslove.org/calendar.

Kindness and Compassion

Northeastern PA Synod Women of the ELCA Spiritual Growth Retreat



March 17, 2012 (snow date, March 24)
Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown

Guest: Bruce Becker, author of *Kindness and Compassion*, the story of the Nickel Mine tragedy.

Registration-\$20.00 (includes lunch)

For more information and to register, see the December *Flame* at www.godslove.org.

Week four: Gather around a mirror. Look in the mirror! You are one of God’s amazing creations. Talk about how God is working in your life, your family’s life, your church family’s life. What unique gifts and talents has God given you?

The Rev. Martin A. Milne, Dean 610-966-3834
The Rev. Glenn L. Simmons, Assoc. of the Bishop 610-928-0125

Mr. Joshua Fink, Mission District Chair 484-358-5720
Mrs. Linda Smith, Newsletter Editor 610-395-5062

The Lehigh Mission District Banner will be at St. Luke, Allentown in January.

February 2012 LMD news will be due January 16. The information can be e-mailed to nativity4004@verizon.net or faxed to 610-395-6491. Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2012.

Lutheran Congregational Services has launched a new website. Please visit us at www.lutherancongregationalservices.org.

2012 Global Mission Map Brochures are available from the ELCA's Global Mission's Chicago office. It is filled with a panorama of photos and stories from across the globe, an overview of mission rooted in relationship. Learn how your gifts and offerings are turned into effective ministry around the world. These brochures have special meaning during the Epiphany Season and are particularly appropriate for distribution at annual meetings. To order 10 or fewer copies call 800-638-3522 or e-mail ris@elca.org. To order more than 10 copies, see <http://resources.elca.org/Products-GlobalMission.html>.

Ministry with our Elders (senior Adults): Luther Crest 800 Hausman Rd, Allentown, will host a Moravian Theological Seminary course on Mondays, Jan 23 through Feb 27, 2012, 1:30-4:30 p.m. This six-week course is designed for clergy and laity who want to become more effective in ministry with the senior adults with whom they serve. The course will cover the following topics: grief, dynamics and issues of dementia and aging, caring for the caregiver, life review, spirituality and faith, visitation and communication skills, effects of aging on family systems, and community resources. **Cost \$50** for this 1.8 CEU course payable to Moravian Theological Seminary, 1220 Main St, Bethlehem, PA 18018-6650, if registered by Jan 16, 2012. For more information, contact Luther Crest's Chaplain Dianne Kareha 610-391-8210 or go to, <http://www.moravianseminary.edu/conted/Spring10/elders.html>

New Workshop for Confirmands scheduled for Mar 11, 2012 at The Lutheran Home at Topton, 2:00-4:30 pm. All workshops are available on a first come first served basis. To register or for more information contact: kerry@lutherancongregationalservices.org.

A Marriage Preparedness Series is scheduled for Jan 14 & 21, 2012 at Ziegels, Breinigsville (9 am – Noon) and Feb 12 & 19, 2012 at St Peter's Hanover Avenue, Allentown (2 – 5 pm). Couples can register and pay on line at www.lutherancongregationalservices.org

Good Shepherd Allentown Campus is seeking volunteers for its Gift Shop to complete sales, restock/straighten merchandise and assist customers. For more information call JoAnn Frey 610-776-3125 or email jfrey@gshr.org

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation needs volunteers in the gift shop, pediatric hospital, personal assistance and to accompany residents on outings and special occasions. To find out more about how you can take part in the volunteer opportunities offered call 610-776-3125 or fill out an application at www.goodshepherdrehab.org.

Good Shepherd is looking for church groups that are willing to volunteer at special events at the Raker Center in Allentown. Events include: parties, carnivals, Christmas tree decorating, and much more. For more information call JoAnn Frey 610-776-3125 or email jfrey@gshr.org

St Luke's Neighborhood Center 435 N 7th St is looking for committed individuals to help at the "Clothes Closet" Wed 9:30-11:00 am, to sort and fold while center is open. They continue to look for committed individuals to distribute pre-sorted clothing to local community residents, Thurs 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. each week. Please contact Director Karen Berard with your availability at 610-434-5799 or e-mail at slnc2@verizon.net.

St. Luke's at 417 N 7th St., Allentown continues its free ESL classes. We still need additional volunteers to tutor or be a substitute tutor for this growing multi-level program. Classes are on Mon and Thurs 9-11 am and Weds 5-7 pm (No foreign language needed). Phone 610-434-3943 for Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb. There will be an orientation session available. E-mail to stluke@enter.net.

Did you know that Lutheran Congregational Services is the Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) affiliate for both the Northeastern and Southeastern Pennsylvania Synods? LDR works to equip congregations for response within and outside their communities, and works collaboratively with other faith-based and disaster response organizations, as well as county governments in preparing for and responding to disasters. Earlier this year in February, we provided immediate support and leadership for communities of faith responding to the fatal explosion in Allentown. In addition, over 50 people from 10 congregations throughout Eastern PA were supported on mission trips to Tennessee and Mississippi this past spring to do recovery work from flooding and Hurricane Katrina. Neighbors, both near and far away, who are in despair following a disaster find hope because of your financial gifts to Lutheran Congregational Services.



MEETING OUR NEIGHBORS

Pastor Glenn Simmons
Associate of the Bishop LMD

What's all this about "Doing What Matters"?

Approximately a third of the congregations throughout the Lehigh Mission District and the whole synod have been involved in a process led by ARE (A Renewal Enterprise.) ARE encourages congregations to live out three key principles:

- *Be who you are* (i.e., the people of God and the Body of Christ in that place—more than a social club, restaurant, or burial society.)
- *Use what you have*; don't focus on what you don't have or would like to have. God has already given you the resources to do what God wants you to do.
- *Do what matters to God*. There is always a multitude of possibilities for what a congregation could decide to do. So, when considering those options, choose to do what is important to God.

Another strong theme of ARE is that God is already working in the world to accomplish God's will. "God is on the loose" and the congregation's role is to figure out what God is already doing and how the congregation can partner with God to do what matters to God in your community. "God sightings" are occasions where we see the fruit of God's Spirit present in our world and in our lives—fruits such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness.

God speaks to us through the scriptures and the living Word, so it's essential that we spend time and energy dwelling in that word as community-praying and listening for God's voice. Congregations which have become involved in ARE report that they have experienced a re-energizing of their mission.

Beginning early in 2012 these LMD Newsletters will feature reports from congregations in our mission district which have been involved in the first round of this ARE effort. The changing times in which we live invite us to examine the nature of our ministry and encourage us to adjust our thoughts and our action patterns. Our predecessors in Christ's church were prepared to make the changes which were necessary to remain relevant to their day and who can challenge the fact that we have a responsibility to continue in this tradition.

If you or your congregation would like to learn more about the "Do What Matters" process, please contact, Pr Glenn Simmons at 610-928-0125 or glsm@ptd.net.

OPERATION SUNSHINE

Dear Travelers and Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you of the retirement of Mary Jane Mahler as coordinator of Operation Sunshine. After nineteen (19) years of faithful and dedicated service, Mary Jane has been encouraged by family to step down and retire for a second time in her lifetime. I am happy for Mary Jane but realize that her knowledge and record keeping will be hard to replace.

At the November board meeting of the Lehigh Mission District, my wife, Paula and I, in an attempt to keep some continuity, volunteered to lead Operation Sunshine on an interim basis for the next year, and along with Carolyn Volk, who has offered to organize the multi-day trips, our hope is that between the three of us, we will be able to replace one, Mary Jane Mahler.

Hopefully, you all will see Mary Jane on our future trips as a participant rather than an organizer and director. We look forward to serving the church members and friends of the LMD.

Operation Sunshine Board Chairman,
Richard (Dick) Skelly

36 S. Eighth St., Allentown, PA 18101, 610-435-9155. Open 9 am - 4 pm, Mon., Weds. and Thurs. **LMD members 21 and older are invited to participate.**

Feb 15, 2012 (Wed) "Wally's Café" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse.
.....**CANCELLED AND REPLACED BY**.....

Feb 15, 2012 (Wed) "Sing, Swing, Sinatra" at Resorts in Atlantic City. Includes transportation, buffet, show and \$10 slot play. Close your eyes and imagine old blue eyes singing his famous hits. **Cost \$52. Payment Deadline: Mon, Jan 16, 2012**

Mar 21, 2012 (Wed) "Sunset Boulevard" at Fulton Theater, Lancaster, one of our favorite beautifully restored theaters. This play received 7 Tony Awards, including best musical, with a lush score by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Lunch at the very popular Pressroom with 3 excellent menu choices. **Cost \$91. Payment deadline: Tues, Feb. 14, 2012**

Coming March 29, 2012 (Thurs); the brand new spectacular show at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster County. It's "Jonah." We'll be having lunch before the show at Shady Maple (all you can eat). You may call now and get your name on the list in pencil, and cancel later if you need to. A waiting list is being set up. **COST \$98. Payment deadline: Mon, February 26, 2012**

Coming April 29 to May 7, 2012; 9 day California Coast trip with Collette Tours. Included with the cost is round trip airfare from Newark airport, air taxes, fees/surcharges, hotel accommodations, transfers and 9 meals (5 breakfasts and 4 dinners). Call for a flyer with more details. **After Dec 29, 2011 airline reservations subject to availability. COST \$2549 double, \$3399 single.**

Mark your calendars as you await more details for:

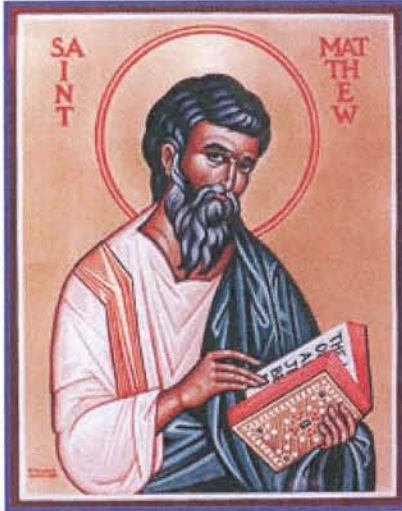
Sat. April 14th- a day in Philadelphia with Peter Nero

Wed. April 25th- "9 to 5" at Dutch Apple Theatre

Fri-Sun May 18-20 Touring in Washington DC

Early November- 11 days in Italy- Interested-let us know?

PRELENT WORKSHOP 2012



MATTHEW IN LENT AND HOLY WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Seegers Union, Room 111
Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St, Allentown



Dr. Aaron Gale, West Virginia University, editor of *Matthew* in the Jewish Annotated New Testament and an expert on Matthew's gospel, will lead us into the Year A texts of Matthew for Lent and Holy Week.

What does Matthew teach us about Jesus' Passion?

What is the gospel's understanding of Jesus' death for Christians?

Who was Matthew's community and how are we like them?

Dr. Gale will highlight his talk with slides from Jerusalem and from his work as an archaeologist at the Bethsaida site.

Free bonus session: 7:00 pm

Dr. Gale will introduce the Jewish Annotated New Testament and discuss its significance for biblical studies and Jewish-Christian relations.

Copies of JANT will be available for purchase.



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MONTHLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JANUARY 2012

Key: [F] = Fellowship Hall [L] = Lounge [P] = Pastor's Office
 [NV] = Nave [N] = Nursery [LB] = Library [LO] = Land of Opportunity

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NAME OF JESUS NO Adult Forum NO Sunday School 10:30 am -Worship Lessons & Carols	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F]	4 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:45 pm-Bell Choir [NV] 7 pm-Allentown Hiking Club [F] 7:30 pm-Senior Choir [NV] 7:30 pm-Venture Crew [F]	5 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 10:30 am-3:30 pm-AARP [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6 pm-Executive Committee [P] 6:30-8:30 pm-Girl Scouts [F] 7 pm-Worship Committee [L]	6 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	7
8 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am-Sunday School [F] 10:30 am-Worship ~11:45 am-Blood Pressure Screening [L]	9 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	10 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 9 am-Quilters [L] 9 am-Property [L] OFFICE CLOSED 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F] 7:30 pm-Council Meeting [L]	11 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm-Confirmation Class [L] 6:45 pm-Bell Choir [NV] 7:30 pm-Senior Choir [NV]	12 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 2 pm-Daybreak Mission Team 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-8:30 pm-Girl Scouts [F]	13 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 1 pm-PALS [L] 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	14 12-4 pm-Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Preliminary Races [F]
15 EPIPHANY 2 6:30 am-St. Paul's Mission Team 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am-Sunday School [F] 10:30 am-Worship Bell Choir 12-4 pm-Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Preliminary Races [F] FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] OFFICE CLOSED 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-Mental Health Support Group [L] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	17 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3 pm-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F]	18 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:45 pm-Bell Choir [NV] 7:30 pm-Senior Choir [NV] 7:30 pm-Venture Crew [F]	19 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-8:30 pm-Girl Scouts [F]	20 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	21 12-4 pm-Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Races [F]
22 EPIPHANY 3 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am-Sunday School [F] 10:30 am-Worship CHILDREN SING 12-4 pm-Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Races [F] 4-6 pm-Confirmation Class @ Hope Church	23 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	24 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 9 am-Quilters [L] OFFICE CLOSED 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F]	25 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:45 pm-Bell Choir [NV] 7 pm-AA [F] 7:30 pm-Senior Choir [NV]	26 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-8 pm-Girl Scouts [F]	27 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 5 pm-Council/Leaders' Retreat Begins @ St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem, PA 6:30-11pm-Chess Club [L] 6:30 PM-Hamilton Park Crime Watch [F]	28 9 am-12 pm-Hamilton Park Baseball Sign-ups [F] 8 am-5 pm-Council/Leaders' Retreat @ St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem, PA
29 EPIPHANY 4 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am-Sunday School [F] 10:30 am-Worship Contemporary Service	30 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] OFFICE CLOSED 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	31 6:45-7:30 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F]				

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