

Epistle from

St. Timothy

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Transforming Lives by Connecting Communities



The Liturgy of Our Church— *We Gather*

In last month's newsletter, I shared that the "liturgy" (*leitourgia* in Greek) is "the work of the people." It is something that we all do together; each one has an integral part to play—before, during, and after the actual liturgy. However, I do not mean to imply that we work alone. Not at all. In the church's worship, **God** is at work—in us, with us, and for us. We gather in the first place because God has drawn us into the community of faith and around Word (the Good News proclaimed and enacted), Bath (Holy Baptism, our entry into the community), and Table (the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, where we experience the presence of Jesus in the humble elements of bread and wine). **In worship, God and we work together as God forms us more fully into God's gracious likeness and we offer ourselves more fully in praise and service to the God of grace "in whom we live and move and have our being."**

The first segment noted in St. Timothy's Sunday morning worship folders is "Preparation." This constitutes the time between our arrival in the building and the actual start of the liturgy. It is a time to greet other members and perhaps engage in light conversation before entering the nave. Some folks like to enter the nave early for a time of quiet meditation before the service begins. Some like to review the worship folder during this time and find the appointed hymns in the ELW (red hymnal). Approximately 15 minutes before the start of the liturgy a bell is toned to invite all into the nave (sanctuary) as a musical prelude is offered. This is a time to rest in the music, in the fellowship of gathered worshippers, and in the sacredness of the space. One may be led into quiet, personal prayer during this time. At the end of the musical prelude, announcements are shared, and St. Timothy's Mission Statement is highlighted before the formal liturgy begins.

The liturgy opens with the "**Gathering**," which is designed to help us become aware that the Holy Spirit is calling us together as the people of God. On most Sundays we focus initially on "the Bath," (that is, Holy Baptism) and its ongoing presence in our lives of

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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.

October Worship Calendar

Sunday School – 9 am in Fellowship Hall • Adult Forum – 9 a.m. in Lounge
 Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Date	Day	Special Events	Readings
Oct. 7	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Pentecost 20 Praise Worship	Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
Oct. 14	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Pentecost 21 Our friends from Hope UCC join us here 1:00 p.m. Crop Walk	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
Oct. 21	Sunday 10:15 a.m.	Pentecost 22 NO WORSHIP AT ST. TIMOTHY – WE GO TO HOPE UCC	Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 28	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Reformation Guest Pastor Rev. John Deisinger Bell Choir	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

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www.godslove.org or www.nepsynod.org
 for information about our synod

Moving? New Email? Change Your Phone No.?

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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AS PASTORAL CARE NEEDS ARISE...

Please help Sister Janet provide timely pastoral care by informing her if you or another member of the congregation goes into the hospital or if you have any other pastoral care needs (in-home visit, spiritual counsel, baptism, funeral, wedding). You can reach her mobile phone at 570-401-5251 (please leave a message and she will get back to you) or by calling the church office at 610-435-6512 Ext. 200 and leaving a message with Cheryl.

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faith. Using either the order for "Confession and Forgiveness" or the order for "Thanksgiving for Baptism," we are reminded of the abundance of Divine grace—God's unconditional, unearned and unending love for us—which Baptism proclaims and through which we experience an enlivening of our spirits, the freedom from guilt and shame through the forgiveness of our sins, and the calling to be the body of Christ for the renewal and life of the world.*

Following the Baptismal remembrance, there is **gathering song** which may include a hymn, the Kyrie (a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and world), and a canticle of praise to the Triune God. The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the name of the Holy Trinity. This also is known as the apostolic greeting, found in the writings of St. Paul (see 2 Corinthians 13:13). Then the presiding minister gathers the assembled worshippers into prayer reflecting the Scripture themes of the day.

As I hope you can see, the various portions of the liturgy (though they may vary somewhat from Sunday to Sunday, season to season, or congregation to congregation) carry profound significance which, when we approach the liturgy attentively and expectantly, can draw us deeper into faith, worship, and fellowship as people of God. Next month, I'll pick up this reflection on the liturgy with "the Word."

Yours in worshipful service to God,
Sister Janet

A suggestion: Some Sunday during the "Preparation" portion of our time together, you may want to reflect upon the orders for "Confession and Forgiveness" and "Thanksgiving for Baptism" which are found on pages 94-97 at the front of the ELW. Notice how both orders normally are led from the Baptismal Font and both invite worshippers to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their baptism into Christ. Luther suggested that the follower of Christ make the sign of the cross each morning upon rising as a way of affirming for him/her-self that "I am a child of God" and so to walk through the day guided and strengthened by that identity. Luther also recommended that, before retiring for the day, the child of God again make the sign of the cross to remind him/her-self that, no matter what has happened during that day or what missteps may have been taken or chosen, God's grace remains abundant and the child of God may go to sleep in peace.

Tuesday Prayer for Peace

Is a weekly opportunity to gather with brothers and sisters in faith for thirty minutes of reflection and prayer for peace—in hearts, in neighborhoods, in the world.

Prayer begins at 7:00 A.M.

We gather in St. Timothy Church lounge.

Please join us and invite others as well!

Surrounded by a Cloud of Witnesses— "All Saints" Observance

All Saints Sunday (November 3rd this year) is a celebration of all the Baptized. It is a wonderful time to remember, give thanks for, and be encouraged by the fact that our lives are surrounded by faithful ones, past and present, who nurture us in the faith. In the remembering, we are strengthened in our faith journey. As the author of Hebrews (12:1-2a) wrote, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..."

As is traditional in St. Timothy, on All Saints Sunday we will remember (by name) in the prayers of the church those members who have joined the hosts of heaven since last All Saints. We also will provide tables at the rear on either side of nave for members to celebrate loved ones who have gone before by placing a memento or photograph of those loved ones, or by simply writing the names of dear ones on cards that will be provided. Thus, we will have a visual reminder of the faithful "surrounding" us as we give thanks for the communion of saints. **Bring your mementos or photos with you when you come to worship on November 3 and simply place them on the table or write names on the cards.**

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Health Topic of the Month



by Charlotte Cruse

Osteoporosis

Millions of Americans have Osteoporosis which is more commonly found in women than men. However, men can have Osteoporosis. Osteoporosis weakens the bones resulting in fractures. These fractures occur most frequently in the hip, spine, and wrist. One may not know that they have Osteoporosis until a bone breaks.

The risk of Osteoporosis increases as we age. At the time of menopause, women can lose bone rapidly for a period of time. After that, the bone loss slows but continues. The loss of bone mass is slower in men. Once both men and women reach the age of 65–70, the rate of bone loss is the same.

There are things that one can do to prevent the bones from weakening.

- Include foods rich in calcium and vitamin D in your diet.
- Make weight-bearing exercise a regular part of your daily routine.
 - ▶ Physical activity contributes to stronger bones and muscles.
 - ▶ Weight bearing exercises performed three to four times a week greatly contribute to preventing Osteoporosis.
 - ▶ Examples of weight-bearing exercises are: walking, jogging, tennis, and even dancing.
 - ▶ Exercises that help strengthen the body and help maintain balance are helpful.
- Do not smoke.
- Limit alcohol intake.

Falls are major events resulting in broken bones. Although exercise will help strengthen and improve balance, do not put yourself at risk for falls. Be aware of your surroundings; use handrails on stairs; use a step stool when reaching for something in a high place (DO NOT stand on a chair); walk in lighted areas; carry a flashlight if walking outside at dusk or later.

Keep yourself safe.

Adapted from National Institute on Aging

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk

This annual event (Sunday, October 14, 1:30 p.m.), sponsored by Church World Service, serves to raise funds and supplies to feed the hungry locally and beyond, as well as to raise the community's awareness of hunger issues. The Allentown area Walk begins from St. Timothy Lutheran, with registration opening at 12:45 p.m. There are two distance options for those who will walk.

Please consider joining the effort as a walker and/or sponsoring one of St. Timothy's walkers. See **Bill Krill** for more information and to secure a walker's sponsor form. If you wish to sponsor a walker, phone the church office or check with Bill to find out who is participating from St. Timothy.

Also, as a part of the hunger-alleviating ministry of that day, in-kind donations will be received for the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank. A truck will be available to receive your donations of these canned or pre-packaged items: tuna, beans, vegetables, fruit, soup, peanut butter, rice, Jell-O, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, etc.

Please plan to be a part of this community effort to feed the hungry. Go, Walkers!



Members at Home

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*):

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

Barbara Fletcher, Lehigh Commons, Rm. 212, 1680 Spring Creek Rd., Macungie, PA 18062 (*December 22*)

October birthdays include:

Carol Keller, 3209 Aberdeen Circle, Allentown, PA 18104 (*October 10*)

2019 Garage Sale Reminder

St. Timothy's Annual Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019. *Please note that **NO** items will be accepted before March 1.*

If you find it necessary to clean-out your house before that time, please arrange to dispose of the items. Also, please refrain from donating large pieces of furniture, clothing and electronics.

Thank you. The Property Committee



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 (for Scouts)
Men's socks in good condition	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell (Alliance Hall)
Toiletries (from hotels/motels)	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell (Alliance Hall)
Eyeglasses	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell (Center for Visually Handicapped)
Good used sneakers	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell (Alliance Hall)
Plastic bags	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell (Food Bank)
Styrofoam Peanuts	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell (recycled @ Mailbox)
Styrofoam medicine boxes and shipping packaging ONLY	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell (recycled @ Bethlehem Recycling)
<i>Styrofoam trays, cups, plates, egg cartons, food containers, etc. are no longer accepted. Please dispose of in your trash.</i>		
General Mills box tops 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 narthex	Anyone who can use them
Empty printer, fax machine or desktop copier cartridges		
	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell (recycled @ FundingFactory)
Old cell phones		
	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell (recycled @ FundingFactory)
Women's and Men's business attire and accessories... (for "The Perfect Fit"/"First Impressions for Men")		
(Must be Clean, Good Condition/gently used laundered/ironed)		
IN SEASON ONLY!!!	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Gloria Hinrichs

Thanks for your help and cooperation with these projects!

DEADLINE

for the

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER...

OCTOBER 15!

Seen Around... the Peach Festival



Our Discernment with Hope United Church of Christ

Thank you to all who participated faithfully—through praying, through speaking, through listening—in the congregational holy conversation on September 16.

It was helpful for the leaders of our congregation to hear the thoughts that were spoken and the questions that were brought, and helpful for us as members of St. Timothy to hear one another. These are times for us to listen for the movement of the Divine Spirit in ourselves and each other. In the speaking, the listening, and the silences, we begin to discern whether a convergence is forming. Hope United Church of Christ planned a similar holy conversation for their congregational community on September 23.

Please continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit:

Gracious God, inspire the life, the ministries, and the respective visions of St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Hope United Church of Christ. Help us to be faithful bearers of your love and your life, for the sake of your whole creation. As St. Timothy and Hope continue in conversation about the possibility of joining together in various aspects of congregational life and mission, guide us. Help us to discern your desire and to follow in trust wherever your Spirit would lead. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen

Please plan to be present as Hope & St. Timothy worship together:

When Hope's and St. Timothy's congregation councils met together in July, they asked Pastor White and Sister Janet to develop a sample liturgy that uses portions of both UCC and Lutheran traditions. This "meshed" Communion liturgy will be used when the two congregations worship together on:

Sunday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Timothy Lutheran

Then, on the following Sunday, we will worship together again in an abbreviated Service of Holy Communion:

Sunday, October 21 at 10:15 a.m. in Hope U.C.C. (Flexer Ave.)

Following this service, we will move to Hope's fellowship hall for a ***potluck lunch*** (bring whatever you like) and a ***holy conversation*** among both congregations.

Each member and faithful friend of St. Timothy is an important part of this discernment. Please plan to be present for these services. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the process, please direct them to Sister Janet or Council President Mary Sue Schnell. May God's wise and loving intentions be served!

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER 2018

Key: [F] = Fellowship Hall [L] = Lounge [P] = Pastor's Office [NV] = Nave
 [N] = Nursery [LB] = Library [YR] = Youth Room [LP] = Land of Promise

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F] PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR CRACK SEALING	2 7 am- <i>Prayer for Peace</i> [L] 9 am-12 pm-Quilters [L] 12-3 pm-Office Open 3 pm-Worship & Music Committee [L] 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F] PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR CRACK SEALING	3 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-8 pm-Praise Band Rehearsal [L] 7 pm-Allentown Hiking Club [F]	4 10:30 am-3:30 pm-AARP [F] 12-3 pm-Office Open 7-9 pm-3D [L]	5 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-11pm-Chess Club [L]	6 9 am-Outreach Committee [L]
7 Pentecost 20 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9 am-Sunday School [L] 10:30 am- Praise Worship ~11:30 am-Blood Pressure Screening [L]	8 Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED 9 am-Property Committee [L] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	9 7 am- <i>Prayer for Peace</i> [L] 10 am-Executive Committee Meeting [P] 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30 pm-Joint Council Meeting at Redeemer 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F]	10 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-7:30 pm-AA [F] 7:30-9 pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal [NV]	11 12-3 pm-Office Open 2 pm-Daybreak Mission Team 7-9 pm-Boy Scout Leader Meeting [F]	12 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-11pm-Chess Club [L]	13
14 Pentecost 21 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9 am-Sunday School [F] 10:30 am- Joint Worship with Hope UCC (Here) 1:30 pm-CROP Walk [LP]	15 PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR PAVING AND LINING OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm-Mental Health Support Group [L] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F] NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 7 am- <i>Prayer for Peace</i> [L] 9 am-12 pm-Quilters [L] 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F] Operation Sunshine in Parking Lot	17 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-7:30 pm-AA [F] 6:45 pm-Bell Choir [NV] 7:30-9 pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal [NV] AARP in Parking Lot	18 12-3 pm-Office Open 7-9 pm-3D [L]	19 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30 pm-Wedding Rehearsal [NV] 6:30-11pm-Chess Club [L]	20 2:30pm-Keller/Anderson Wedding
21 Pentecost 22 6:30 am-Mission Team @ St. Paul's 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9 am-Sunday School [F] 10:15 am- Joint Worship AT Hope UCC	22 OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	23 7 am- <i>Prayer for Peace</i> [L] 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F]	24 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-7:30 pm-AA [F] 6:45-7:30 pm-Bell Choir [NV] 7:30-9 pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal [NV]	25 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-8 pm-Praise Band Rehearsal [L]	26 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-11pm-Chess Club [L]	27
28 REFORMATION 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9 am-Sunday School [L] 10:30 am-Worship Bell Choir Guest Pastor TBA ~11:30 am- Free Flu Shots [L]	29 OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	30 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F]	31 Halloween 12-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-8 pm-Praise Band Rehearsal [L]	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Freed & RENEWED</h3> <h2 style="margin: 0;">in Christ 500</h2> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION</p> </div>		

SYNOD NEWS

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The Gallery at St. Paul, Douglassville



The Gallery at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Douglassville consists of photographs of members of our congregation living, learning, serving and receiving the blessings of Christ's love.

We asked: How to add art to our bare walls? What type of art should it be? Biblical art? Nature art? Over time, a theme emerged - let's showcase the work of our congregation. Let's show visitors to our church who we are and what we do. And we dusted off the slogan, "God's Work. Our Hands."

We are fortunate in many ways.

There was no shortage in finding busy hands in our congregation. They are everywhere. From our Property Committee hanging a new wooden cross, to our quilters creating beautiful heirlooms, to the work of the Basket Social event, to the children in our Child Development Center. We also were blessed to have six members of the congregation who are immensely talented photographers, and they all donated their time and talent to capture extraordinary images.

We further asked the congregation to provide us with a picture of their hands on their wedding day, and three large collages were created. During the month of August, a temporary art gallery was on display in the Fellowship Hall. There were over 50 photographs, printed as 8 x 10's, for all to view. A sponsor form was created, allowing for members of the congregation to contribute to the expense of framing. We worked with a local framer to provide three prices in three sizes.

We will spend the month of September in anticipation of seeing the photographs in their new size, framed; and then in October we will unveil The Gallery at St. Paul's. We hope our members and visitors will enjoy viewing the pictures for years to come. And since we had such beautiful photographs, we also plan to make a 2019 church calendar and note cards, which can be sold at our Fall Apple Festival and Christmas Bazaar.

To learn more about The Gallery Project, contact Pr. Greg Frey at gfrey@stpaulsdouglassville.com.



Camp Noah in Reading for Refugee Children from Puerto Rico



After the devastation in Puerto Rico from hurricane Maria, over 400 refugee families ended up in the Berks County area. Thanks to a generous grant from ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Congregational Services was able to connect many of these families with agencies and churches who could provide help.

A group of Berks County churches, with generous financial support from the Reading Lutheran Parish, came together to host a Camp Noah during the week of August 13 at St. Luke, Reading. The churches also partnered with Centro Hispano, a nonprofit organization that serves the Latino community in Berks County.

The goal was to provide children from some of these families an opportunity to share their experiences with others who had lived through the same devastation, and then help the children to learn skills needed to move ahead with their lives. There were nearly 40 campers; over 40 in-person volunteers; and in-kind donations from over 50 congregations/ministries/benevolent organizations from Philadelphia to the Poconos.



Pr. Rebecca Knox reports: "A favorite moment was as I was driving a van-full of campers home the first day and a child was reading a unique bilingual birthday card created for each camper by St. John's Lutheran, Hamburg. The camper said, "These people do not even know me, why did they gave me a card?"

I replied, "Because they love you like Jesus does."

The camper replied, "Cool!" and showed the card to the camper sitting in the next seat... "Look what they made just for me!"

Julia Menzo of Liberty Lutheran recruited volunteers and charitable donors; and Luci Bower was the staff coordinator. Pr. Katie Lyon (Christ, Reading) was a key organizer and hopes to work with Liberty Lutheran and its congregations to offer a Camp Noah experience next summer for refugee families in the Philadelphia area.



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Come Away To A Quiet Place – Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. A portion of each one-hour gathering will include some discussion about centering prayer. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, all are welcome. **First Friday of each month Oct. 5 / Nov. 2 / Dec. 2, 10:30 - 11:30 AM.** Led by Rev. Maritza Dolich and Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner. Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, **1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18102.** Parking in Lot across Hamilton St. from Church. Enter on 13th Street, look for the sign “Schantz House/Ruhe Annex”. **Please let us know if you will be joining us.** Inquiries to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, Director Center for Spiritual Awakening tllichner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church presents Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo – Oct. 14th, doors open at 11:00am. Fearless Fire Company, 1221 S Front St., Allentown, PA 18103. **PLEASE** see attached **Flyer or pick up at your church.**

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 14, 1:30 p.m., beginning and ending at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, [140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104](http://www.sttimothy.org), with registration starting at 1 p.m. The CROP Hunger Walk is a great fellowship and service event for families, youth groups, adult groups, and congregations. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the CROP Hunger Walk returns to the Lehigh Valley to support the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and the Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen. The remaining 75% is used by Church World Service for disaster relief (e.g., for communities in the United States and around the world devastated by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods) and development assistance (e.g., assisting poor families with clean drinking water, seeds, tools, and irrigation). **For a sponsor form**, please contact your own congregation, or log on at www.crophungerwalk.org for further information about CROP or for making online donations.

***NEW - A Celebration of St. Paul's** - An organ concert in celebration of the Church's music ministry **Oct. 28th**, 4:00 p.m. Join us for what promises to be a memorable occasion as gifted organists and singers help us to celebrate the gift of music that has long marked the church's history. There is a sadness that comes with knowing that this historic church will close at the end of the year. But in the witness to the Resurrection, and to celebrate this Church's life well-lived, we will truly be “pulling out all the stops.” Several former organists will be playing, and we anticipate many other old friends will be in attendance. Be with us for a musical experience no one will soon forget!

***NEW - Fall Film Fest – The Seven Faces of Dr. Lao** – Oct 29th, 1-3:00 p.m. or 7-9:00p.m. Center for Spiritual Awakening, Christ Lutheran, 1245 W. Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18102. Light refreshments available at no charge. Direct questions to Rev Tom Lichner and let us know you will be coming, tllichner@rcn.com. **PLEASE** see attached **Flyer or pick up at your church.**

Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church Holiday Bazaar – Nov. 3rd, 9:00 – 3:00. Crafts, Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, Grandma's Attic and Kitchen will be open to purchase food. Zion Lehigh, **8269 Spring Creek Rd. Alburtis, PA 18011**, for more information call [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215).

***NEW - Annual Chicken & Waffle Dinner** - Join us at **St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville)** on **Sat., Nov. 3rd**. Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Cost: **Adults \$15, Children \$7, under 3 are FREE.** Tickets will be sold at the door. Please join us for a homemade family-style dinner, everyone is welcome! For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit www.stjohns-fogelsville.org.

***NEW - A Guided “Creation Walk”** – Sat., Nov. 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Jacobsburg State Park, Bushkill Township, PA. Co-Sponsored by: Christ Lutheran, Allentown and Hellertown. **PLEASE** see attached **flyer/registration form or pick up at your church.**

Set of Bells Wanted - St. Mark, Allentown, is starting a bell choir and is looking to purchase a set of bells from a congregation that may no longer need them. If you can help, please contact John Harkins at dubbadad@aol.com.

***Updated - Can you provide an hour or two per week** to help someone who wants to change their life? St Luke's at 417 N 7th St, Allentown still has an ongoing need for volunteers to assist as tutors or substitutes for our growing multi-level ELL Program for individuals who desperately want to learn English. No foreign language needed. **ELL days and hours are, Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m. this part of the program is in JEOPARDY due to insufficient volunteers. Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We always need help. We are especially looking for people who a comfortable around computers.** Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net

“We Thirst, Lessons in Mercy” Christian Reflections on Addiction – **Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown** will host a five week educational retreat series. The event will be held **Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, from 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. PLEASE** see attached **flyer/registration form or contact** Nativity Lutheran Church at [610-395-5062](tel:610-395-5062)

COOPERATION IS NOT A DIRTY WORD

Since its beginning the Church has always had an emphasis on doing ministry together. Jesus himself had twelve others to assist him. And let us not forget that the disciples were sent out in pairs! Ministry is done with others – in community. For us, part of that community is the relationship we have with other congregations in our Lehigh Mission District. Together we are greater than any of our separate congregations. With our ever dwindling resources this becomes even more important.

My hope, as Dean, is that more of us would reach out and join hands in partnership. Some of those partnerships will be new ones, while others have been in existence for years. Some will involve only a few minutes of our time, or dollars; while others will entail a more substantial commitment on our parts. Yet each, in its own way, will invite others to know and experience the amazing grace of God.

As rostered ministers we will be meeting monthly to build relationships, as well as engage in programs that will add to our ministry skills, both as individuals and as a Mission District. As a Mission District we will continue to support those congregations already engaged in the process of doing ministry together. And to those who are thinking about entering a partnership, know we are there to help – both with monetary and people resources!

We are blessed in our Mission District to have a diverse combination of congregations, leaders, and ministry opportunities. Some of those combinations, or partnerships in ministry, even involve a different denomination than our own ELCA. Cooperation is not a dirty word! In the coming months may the Holy Spirit show us the way to continue to do ministry in His name, to bring others to know Jesus, in an ever changing society.

Pastor Jerel Gade
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!!PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS!!

Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers. Please join us and invite your friends as we enjoy a variety of venues together.

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Mar. 21 (Thru) – Bristol Riverside Theatre – THE SUNSHINE BOYS

– Al and Willie, a famous vaudeville team, haven't spoken to each other in over a decade. When a big TV network requests to bring the two legendary (and cranky) comics together one last time, it turns out to be easier said than done. Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys" is a touching story full of memories, regrets and the laughs that accompany a lifelong friendship. Lunch at the King George Inn includes a House Salad, Entrée and Cheesecake Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream and Walnut Streusel for dessert. Choice of entrees: Home-style Meatloaf, Fish and Chips or Grilled Chicken Breast ***Please indicate your choice of entrée at time of reservation.***

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00AM and will return approximately 6:30 PM

Cost \$98 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Feb. 7

Apr. 24 (Wed.) – Media Theatre – SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

- Tony Manero doesn't have much going for him during the weekdays. He still lives at home and works as a paint store clerk in his Brooklyn, N.Y. neighborhood. But he lives for the weekends, when he and his friends go to the local disco and dance the night away. When a big dance competition is announced, he wrangles the beautiful and talented Stephanie to be his partner. As the two train for the big night, they start to fall for each other as well. The soundtrack by the BG's (Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb) became a classic overnight after the movie starring John Travolta hit the big screen. Return to the "70's" where disco dancing became an art form. Lunch at Spasso Italian Grill which includes a salad, dessert sampler and one of the following entrees: Chicken Marsala, Grilled Fresh Salmon, or Fettuccini Pomodoro. ***Please indicate your choice of entrée at time of reservation.***

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10AM and will return approximately 6 PM

Cost \$85 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Feb. 21