



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

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LENT... ...The Passionate Promises of God

If God is real, and if there is only ONE of him, then he is what connects our Old Testament to our New Testament. Specifically, we hear his Promise in the Old Testament, and experience its Fulfillment in the New Testament. If all the “little” promises of the Old Testament (of a land, of descendants, of deliverance, of a temple, of a Messiah, etc.) are seen together, we have the picture of God **promising** nothing less than Himself (and his loving, faithful work on our behalf). And if the New Testament accounts of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection are seen together, we have the picture of God **fulfilling** that Promise of Himself (and his effective works on our behalf).

LENT, then, becomes our time of ZOOMING IN on that picture... to FOCUS ourselves on that defining, climaxing event which effected the fulfillment of God’s Promise... the **Passion** of our Lord. In his book, *He Chose The Nails*, Max Lucado leads us to see the fulfillment of THE Promise by reviewing for us all the “little” promises of the Passion... God’s promise in the nails, God’s promise in the crown of thorns, God’s promise through the other two crosses, God’s promise in the wine-soaked sponge, etc. ...what we are calling the **Passionate Promises of God**. In sermon form, we will be presenting these promises of God as portrayed by Max Lucado.

This will occur on our Lenten Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM, as we travel round-robin style between the churches of Cedar (Cetronia), Nativity-St. Michael’s (Allentown), and St. Timothy. The presenter-preachers will be Pastors John Minnich, Don Billeck, Dick Stough, and yours truly. The schedule of topics and worship sites follows below. A time of food and fellowship will follow every worship. Grab a friend... Start a Car-pool... Focus your Lent on the **Passionate Promises of God**.

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
Feb. 5	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Epiphany 5 Scout Sunday Souper Bowl Sunday Bell Choir	Isaiah 40: 21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
Feb. 12	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Epiphany 6 Council & Ministries Installation Children Sing	2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45
Feb. 19	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Transfiguration of Our Lord Rite for Wholeness	2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
Feb. 22	Wednesday 7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb. 26	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Lent 1	Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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LENTEN WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SERVICES 2012 7:30 PM

Overall Topic: THE PASSIONATE PROMISES OF GOD

DATE	HOST CONGREGATION	PREACHER	TOPIC
February 22	ASH WEDNESDAY	Pr. Kidd	God's Promise in the Disciplines of Lent
February 29	St. Timothy	Pr. Don Billeck	God's Promise in the Crown of Thorns
March 7	Cedar	Pr. John Minnich	God's Promise in the (empty) Tomb
March 14	Nativity-St. Michael	Pr. David Kidd	God's Promise in the Nails
March 21	St. Timothy	Pr. Dick Stough	God's Promise through the Two Crosses
March 28	Nativity-St. Michael	Pr. Don Billeck	God's Promise in the Wine-Soaked Sponge
April 1	PALM SUNDAY		

Note: Dates shown in PURPLE are separate services at each church. Dates shown in RED are shared services.

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Health Topic of the Month



by Charlotte Cruise

Heart Health

February is Heart Month

For the Ladies:

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY is FEBRUARY 3
Wear red to raise awareness against heart disease in women. Heart disease is the number one killer of women, causing 1 in every 3 deaths each year.

For the Men: Men tend to put off scheduling an annual check-up, which is a necessary step to maintaining a healthy heart. There are no good reasons to not see a doctor, only excuses. **Don't wait—schedule a check-up today!**

For Men, Women and Children: We all lead busy lives resulting in many meals eaten on the go. If you must indulge in fast food, follow these tips to make fast food healthier:

- Pass on the value size.
- Skip the sides unless you choose fruit cup or salad.
- Try the grilled chicken sandwich—chicken without skin is significantly leaner than the meat in burgers.
- Skip the mayo and other sauces that add unnecessary calories.

Floss for your heart: Your mouth is full of bacteria. The bacteria in your mouth can enter your blood stream and cause an infection in your heart (endocarditis). The infection can damage your heart valves and cause irreversible damage. Brush your teeth, floss twice a day, and visit your dentist regularly for a cleaning.

Adapted from the American Heart Association and the LVHN "Healthy You" pamphlet



Now that winter has finally arrived, it is important to know if Sunday services are cancelled due to bad weather. St. Timothy announces all closings on WFMZ-TV (Channel 8 or 508) and on WAEB (790 on your AM radio).

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.

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> include in directory	<input type="checkbox"/> omit from directory
Cell Phone (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> include in directory	<input type="checkbox"/> omit from directory
Work Phone (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> include in directory	<input type="checkbox"/> omit from directory
E-mail	<input type="checkbox"/> include in directory	<input type="checkbox"/> omit from directory

PLEASE PLACE COMPLETED FORM IN OFFERING PLATE OR DROP IN THE MAIL. 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.sttimothytc.org

Click on "News & Events"

in the upper right corner of the page... so you don't miss a thing!



December 13, 2011 Council Meeting:

The Outdoor Worship Committee presented a bid from the Shirk Building Company for a 30' x 30' pole building at a cost of \$7,200. A member of our congregation has offered to cover this cost over a three-year period if the congregation approves the proposal at the Annual Meeting. The committee will investigate the steps needed to build.

Special Council Meeting January 8, 2012:

Pastor Kidd announced his plan to retire effective July 1, 2012, by reading a letter he had prepared to send to all members. He has given six months notice so that the Congregation has the maximum time to prepare for the Call process of study and selecting both the interim and new pastors.

January 10, 2012 Council Meeting:

The Budget Committee presented the proposed budget for 2012. After a few changes, the Council approved the Budget for presentation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 29.

Council members reviewed the Calendar of Meetings and Events for 2012. The council finalized plans for the Council and Leaders Retreat at the St. Francis Center for Renewal in Bethlehem on January 27-28.

The council was advised that the Synod Liaison, Glenn Simmons, and the Dean of the Synod would attend the February 14 meeting to explain the Call process to find a new pastor.

The Outdoor Worship Center Committee has been trying to find the corner marker pins on the new property in order to proceed with drawing pole-building plans. Our Boy Scout Troup is helping with this project.

REKINDLING our MINISTRY of PRAYER

An invitation to ALL...
(former, current and interested participants)

COME, JOIN US...

to learn about St. Timothy
Intercessory PRAYER Ministry

T.O.L.I.P.

(Taking Others to the Lord in Prayer)

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
(following worship)

NOON to 1:30 pm - LOUNGE

*Sign up in Narthex or contact
Gloria Hinrichs (610-398-8472) or
Pastor Kidd (610-435-6512 ext 200)

DEADLINE
for the
MARCH
Newsletter
is
FEBRUARY 15!

AARP News

Allentown AARP Chapter #5415 meets the first Thursday of the month, except July and August, at St. Timothy's Fellowship Hall. There is a social hour from noon to 1 p.m., followed by a program (alternating between entertaining and informational). A business meeting follows. For more information, call Jeanne Tilghman (610-437-4265).

COMING TRIPS:

March 14 – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – “Wally's Café.” Cost is \$75. Trip includes: Wonderful, wacky comedy and delicious sit-down dinner with a fabulous dessert buffet.

April 4 – Ehrhardt's Casino Day at Mount Airy Casino. Cost is \$55. Begin at Ehrhardt's with streusel and coffee, games and trivia, family style meal. Depart at 1 p.m. for Mt. Airy Casino with \$20 slot play.

May 9 – Sight & Sound “Jonah and the Whale.” Cost is \$90. Experience the mighty storm at sea that breaks apart an enormous ship right before your eyes. Then be immersed in an underwater world, and witness the giant fish that swallows God's misguided prophet, Jonah. After the show, we go to Shady Maples for Prime Rib buffet. This will be the most talked about show of the year.

A complete trip list is available for 2012. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Jeanne Tilghman, 2603 Lindberg Ave., Allentown, PA 18103 for a copy.

Look for more trips in future newsletters.



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we thank you for your recent donation of \$61.00.

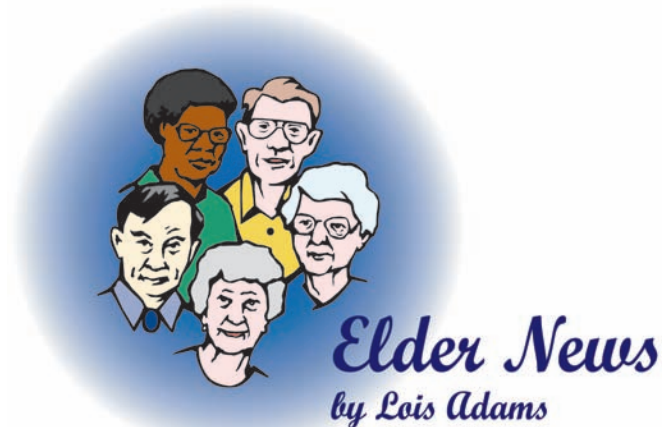
Because of your caring and sharing, the hungry people of our community are being fed. For every dollar we receive, we can purchase 6 pounds of food through Second Harvest Food Bank.

Again, thank you for your donation.

Sincerely,

AAEFB

Esther Stahl, Corres. Sec'y.



Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was friendly. So I asked, “Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!” This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, **‘The Law of the Garbage Truck.’**

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

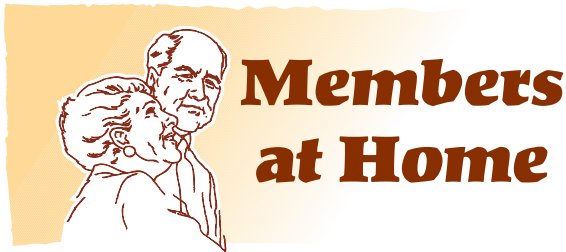
The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, **so...**

Love the people who treat you right.

Pray for the ones who don't.

Life is ten percent what you *make it* and ninety percent how you *take it!*

Have a garbage-free day!



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*):

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

Ms. Emily Flowers, Good Shepherd Home, Raker #204B, 543 St. John St., Allentown, PA 18103 (*June 3*)

Dot Krumanocker, 401 S. 31st St., Allentown, PA 18104

Ms. Vickie Kramer, Green Meadows, 1545 Greenleaf St., Room 106, Allentown, PA 18104

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

Theresa Strauss, Phoebe Home, Turner St., 2 East, Rm. #286, Allentown, PA 18104 (*September 29*)

February birthdays include:

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

Dr. William Sharkan, (*see above*) (*February 6*)

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 (<i>*from newspapers</i>)
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 (<i>for "The Perfect Fit"</i>)

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!!

◆ SYNOD NEWS ◆

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

February 2012

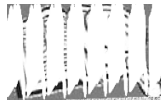


Be Who You Are! See What You Have! DO WHAT MATTERS!

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod staff is discovering where God is on the move!

The synod staff is committed to doing what matters in their work.

At least once a month now, staff meetings begin with an hour of Bible study for the entire staff. Using a method similar to the traditional approach called *lectio divina*, staff members take turns reading the lesson aloud. After a period of silent reflection, everyone is invited to share what they hear God saying to them in this passage.



Presently we are working our way through the book of Acts. Participants in the November *Do What Matters* workshops were given a congregational toolkit to help them look at who they are, what they have, and how they can do what matters. One section of the toolkit is a guide for reading the Book of Acts together.



Reflecting on how the first Christians became the church is helping us to understand what it means to be the church today.

It's a big time commitment for busy people, but if we don't have time to read the Bible together, something is wrong.

You and your congregation can strengthen your focus on doing what matters by watching the synod website for more resources and ways to be involved with this emphasis.



NOTE: If your congregation did not receive a copy of the congregational toolkit or you want a copy for yourself, click the link on the synod website, www.godslove.org, to download a copy.



Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Supporting Leaders for the Church



Leadership matters in a church that is sent to make a difference in the world. Our leaders are called to serve, to inspire, and to proclaim the gospel. Well-prepared leaders are vital to the future of the ELCA.

The ELCA Fund for Leaders provides support to all qualified students preparing for ordained or rostered lay ministry through one of the eight ELCA seminaries. Since 2000, the Fund for Leaders has awarded approximately 700 full and partial tuition scholarships totaling over \$5.9 million in tuition assistance. The offering from the synodical All Saints Day service went to this fund.



One of this year's recipients is Samantha Wertz, a member of Trinity, Pottsville, and a student at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S.C.

Samantha is shown here with Bishop Zeiser.

You can help shape the leadership of this church by making a contribution to the Fund for Leaders. It's also a great way to honor a pastor who has been important in your life. For information on donating to this fund, go to <https://community.elca.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=389>.



Family Faith Challenge

Take part in the monthly family faith challenges developed by the synod's Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Team!

Family faith challenge guidelines for the year include worshipping God together once a week, gathering together around a table six times a week, placing an empty chair at the table to represent God's presence; making sure each person has his/her time to speak without interruption, and reading from an age-appropriate Bible.

Here are February's challenges under the theme, **Love**. We challenge you to notice how God's love is being shared in the world around you.



Week one: Make and distribute Valentine cards to a neighbor in need, the shut-ins at your congregation, college students or someone who needs to hear a loving word.

Week two: Donate a food that you love to your local food bank.

Week three: Gather around the table, light a candle, tell each member of your family what you love about them.

Week four: Read 1 Corinthians 13 and talk about love. What words in the Bible passage are meaningful to you?

For more information on the family faith challenges, click the link on the synod home page at www.godslove.org.



Leaning, Lifting, Leading Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly

June 22-24, Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA



Celebrating Our Faith through the Arts: Psalms

April 28, 2012



The Lutheran Center; 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the synod's Faith Formation Resource Team, the purpose of the event is to bring together 7th graders through adults to explore a variety of ways to express our faith through the arts.

We will be focusing on—

- ✓ visual arts
- ✓ music
- ✓ liturgical dance
- ✓ drama
- ✓ creative writing

Watch for more information!

Farm Family Appreciation Celebration Saturday, March 17, 2012



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

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



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



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. Matthew, Allentown in February.

Lutheran Congregational Services has launched a new website. Please visit us at www.lutherancongregational-services.org.

February 26 is designated as a time for celebrating the lives of women and their roles in the community. The W/ELCA Congregational Unit of Nativity Lutheran Church, 4004 W Tilghman St, Allentown, PA 18104 is hosting an advocacy workshop on Sat the 25th from 2-4:00 pm entitled CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES in an ELECTION YEAR. The presenter for this event is Marissa Harris Krey, of Lutheranadvocacy.PA, which is the network for the entire state of Pennsylvania. Ms. Krey will also serve as the preacher for the Sat evening/Sun worship services at Nativity. There is no registration fee. You are asked to register so adequate preparations can be made for those attending. Registration forms are available by contacting Lauretta Adams at 610-530-1794 or by e-mail rradams@ptd.net.

Bible Study Opportunities: We welcome you to join us for one or both of these Bible studies at Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Rd, Allentown, PA, 18104.

Tues, 10-11 a.m., in the Wellness Center Conference Room, join us as we reflect on and discuss the book of Genesis.

Thurs, 10-11 a.m., in the Wellness Center Conference Room, join us as we reflect on and discuss the upcoming Sun scripture readings from the common lectionary.

For more information, please contact Luther Crest Chaplain Dianne Kareha, 610-391-8210.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network has welcomed Soofia Khan, M.D., to its Physician Group. Dr Khan specializes in spinal cord injuries and stroke care and will serve as Good Shepherds medical director of neurosciences. Dr Khan is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Podiatry services at Good Shepherds Spine & Joint Center are now provided by Thuyien Vu, DPM, of Podiatry Associates of the Lehigh Valley, LLC. Dr Vu sees outpatients on Wed afternoons at the Good Shepherd Health & Technology Center, 850 S Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18103.

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@lutherancongregational-services.org

A Marriage Preparedness Series is scheduled for Feb 12 & 19, 2012 at St Peter's Hanover Avenue, Allentown (2 – 5 pm). Couples can register and pay on line at www.lutherancongregational-services.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-Global_Mission.html.

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. **Weds class hours can be adjusted for after school or early evening if needed.** (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.

March 2012 LMD news will be due February 13. The information can be e-mailed to nativity4004@verizon.net or faxed to 610-395-6491

DOING WHAT MATTERS

St. James – Coopersburg
John P. Fritch, Pastor

During 2011 our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod introduced a new parish planning process by means of a series of workshops. A large number of our congregations sent representation and, encouraged by the process, they returned to their councils and congregations to ask a key question, are we “Doing What Matters?” As we move on into 2012, these newsletters will include “reports” from participating congregations about their progress. We begin with St. James, Coopersburg.

It's hard to build a fire with only two sticks as fuel. However, it is very possible; one must be patient and have a lot of hope. Luckily for us, we have a huge stockpile of twigs, sticks and branches sitting next to us. Thankfully, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to spark the flame inside our church!

When we met in Nazareth, we realized our church had already been heading down a path to a new model of church business. The council of St. James had developed an agenda for their meetings that resembled: PRAY-DEVOTIONS (BIBLE)-SOCIALIZE & GROW RELATIONSHIPS – PRAY business PRAY – ADJOURN

The council meeting is no longer a dreadful 2 to 3 hours of indecision, misunderstanding and non-action; it is a pleasure! The members of council leave the meeting energized by the Spirit.

As the two of us left the meeting in Nazareth, we took with us a project for expanding St. James' Church Council model. This project seemed simple on paper, yet difficult in life:

Simple: Share the model, the enthusiasm, grow stronger relationships with the whole congregation,

Difficult: You must be open to more people. You will be met by protocol, tradition and a difficulty to except change. Entire congregation must give all of self and control over to God.

Since the Nazareth meeting conversations have occurred with our Pastor and the council president. We are teetering on the pinnacle of an old model & a new model transformation. Finally, we are beginning to see the light! The idea was presented to one new (council) person. (we took a stick off the stockpile and we dangled it over the fire we lit). This person was asked if they would want to be coached (to coach their team) to learn to grow with Christ, and to focus this growth in Christian Education. That person enthusiastically proclaimed, “Yes!”

We have started the process; we are not sure what the results will be. We know that whatever happens will be good because we will be leaning on Christ as we build a relationship with others through Christ.

OPERATION SUNSHINE

36 S. 8th St, Allentown, PA 18101
Open 9-4 Wed. & Thurs
610-435-9155

LMD members 21 and older are invited to participate

Dear Travelers and Friends,

In an effort to be more responsive to you, we have created an e-mail address in order to better communicate updated scheduling and news from Operation Sunshine. If you would like to receive information more often, please send an e-mail to:

LMDopsunshine@aol.com

Include your name(s) and e-mail address in your initial e-mail to us. This will insure that you will personally receive an Operation Sunshine monthly up-to-date trip calendar.

Richard (Dick) & Paula Skelly (Co-Trip Coordinators)

Feb 15 (Wed) “Sing, Swing, Sinatra” at Resorts in Atlantic City. Includes transportation, buffet, show and \$10 slot play.

Cost \$52. Payment Deadline: Thur Feb, 2,

Mar 21 (Wed) “Sunset Boulevard” SOLD OUT at Fulton Theater, Lancaster. **Cost \$91. Payment Deadline: Tues. Feb. 14,**

March 29 (Thurs) “Jonah.” SOLD OUT. Waiting list available.

COST \$98. Payment Deadline: Mon., February 26,

April 14 (Sat) “Ultimate Pops” with PETER NERO and the Philly Pops at the Kimmel Center with lunch (choice of 2 entrees) at the historic City Tavern. **COST \$150. Payment Deadline: Thur. March 8**

April 29 to May 7- 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. **Airline reservations subject to availability. COST \$2549 double, \$3399 single.**

May 18-20 Washington, DC, 3 days 2 nights. HIGHLIGHTS-tour of Nat'l Cathedral & Smithsonian, Arlington Cemetery Tour Mobile, WWII, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, and much more. 2 breakfasts & 2 dinner's incl. **COST \$354 double, \$440 single.**

Final Payment Deadline: Wed. March 28.

May 24 (Thurs) “Annie Get Your Gun” at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater. “Everyone's favorite sharp-shootin' tale of romance and rivalry in the Wild West. Hear Irving Berlin songs like 'There's No Business Like Show Business' and 'Anything You Can Do'. **COST \$78. Payment Deadline: Thur. Apr 26.**

June 13 (Wed.) Lunch (choice of 3 entrees) on the majestic tall ship, **Moshulu** followed by a tour of **the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia** which includes the film “Freedom Rising”. **COST \$85. Payment Deadline: Wed. May 9**

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!

Aug 15-American Music Theater “American Icons”, lunch at the Fulton Steamboat Inn

Sept.-Allenberry Playhouse-“Smokey Joe's Café”

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

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 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 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-8 pm-Confirmation Class [L] 6:45 pm-Bell Choir [NV] 7 pm-Allentown Hiking Club [F] 7:30 pm-Senior Choir [NV] 7:30 pm-Venture Crew [F]	2 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [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 & Music Committee [L]	3 6:30-8 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]	4 9 am-12N-Hamilton Park Baseball Sign-ups [F]
5 EPIPHANY 5 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am-Sunday School [F] 10:30 am-Worship Scout Sunday Souper Bowl Sunday Bell Choir ~11:45 am-Blood Pressure Screening [L]	6 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] OFFICE CLOSED 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	7 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 9 am-Quilters [L] 9 am-Property [L] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F]	8 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7:30 pm-Senior Choir [NV]	9 6:30-8 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] 7 pm-Stewardship [L]	10 6:50-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 2 pm-PALS [L] 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	11 SNOW DATE 9 am-12N-Hamilton Park Baseball Sign-ups [F]
12 EPIPHANY 6 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am-Sunday School [F] 10:30 am-Worship Installation of Council & Ministries Children Sing 12-5 pm-Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet [F]	13 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] OFFICE CLOSED 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	14 VALENTINES DAY 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:45 7:30 pm-Council Meeting [L]	15 6:30-8 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] AARP & Operation Sunshine in Parking Lot FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 6:30-8 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]	17 11-3-Office Open 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	18
19 TRANSFIGURATION 6:30 am-St. Paul's Mission Team 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am-Sunday School [F] 10:30 am-Worship Rite of Wholeness 4-6 pm-Confirmation Class @ Hope Church	20 PRESIDENTS' DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F] 7 pm-Mental Health Support Group [L]	21 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 9 am-Quilters [L] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm-Mardi Gras [F]	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-AA [F] 7 pm-Senior Choir [NV] 7:30 pm-Worship	23 6:30-8 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]	24 6:30-8 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]	25
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