



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

## PECULIAR...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus' *Messiahship* was **peculiar**. I wonder if your and my *Discipleships* would benefit from becoming more peculiar. Let me illustrate what I mean.

Jesus' messiahship was peculiar; that is to say, it was not what everyone else was doing. In his messiahship Jesus lifted up the poor, whom he said were often more God-centered than the rich. In his messiahship Jesus noticed people who to most religious eyes were unnoticeable... little men in trees, women with perennial periods, tax collectors, stinky fishermen, prostitutes, children, women who put two pennies in the offering plate, all blandly unimpressive and drably invisible to the eyes of the greatly religious. Jesus' messiahship was peculiar in his willingness to serve rather than BE served, to be stepped-on and crucified, to expose his flank and become vulnerable for others' sakes, to crucify others' sins through his own death. Jesus' messiahship was peculiar.

I wonder how peculiar, how like Christ's *Messiahship* are Our *Discipleships*? Or are we dully, drably doing what everyone else is doing. In a day when congress people are nit-picking, and stock-brokers are wound-licking, and televangelists are bilking the faithful out of millions... are WE ALSO implicated? Not telling the cashier when she has undercharged us; focusing on our Scarcity rather than on our Abundance (on what we don't have, rather than on what we do have); and, Holding-Back-on-God by giving less than a thankful response and portion of our lives and wealth?

If Christians are just like everyone else, are they really like Christ? Renewal, therefore, just might depend on your and my moving towards **peculiarity**, like in being peculiarly *forgiving*; peculiarly *honest*; peculiarly *thankful and gracious*; peculiarly *reforming* ourselves and where in the world we find God. Peculiar, because that is not what everyone else is doing, but only Christ and those who follow him. Peculiar, as He was peculiar, and is still.

Baptized, together with You,

**PK**

### **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
Nov. 6	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	<b>All Saints Sunday</b> Opening Your Spiritual Gifts	1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a
<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>			
Nov. 13	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Pentecost 22 <b>Contemporary Worship</b> Return Spiritual Gift Survey Stewardship Luncheon after	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30 Results Worship
Nov. 20	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	<b>Christ the King</b> <b>Covenant Brass</b> Faith Commitment Sunday <b>Rite for Wholeness</b>	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
Nov. 23	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Service at St. Timothy with Cedar Cetronia, and St. Michael's Lutheran Church of the Nativity joining us. <i>Please bring food bank donations as part of your offering.</i>	Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19
<b>Beginning Liturgical Year B</b>			
Nov. 27	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	<b>Advent 1</b> <b>Children sing</b>	Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

### 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!!!**

### NE PA SYNOD WEB SITE

[www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) or [www.nepsynod.org](http://www.nepsynod.org)  
for information about our synod

### ELCA WEB SITE

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)  
for information about our national church

### ST. TIMOTHY'S EMAIL

[office@sttimothy.org](mailto:office@sttimothy.org)

**ADDITIONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES  
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT:**

[www.sttimothy.org](http://www.sttimothy.org)

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## Health Topic of the Month



by Charlotte Cruise

### Quitting Smoking

November is the month of the Great American Smoke Out. If you currently smoke or know someone who does, on November 17 make a plan to quit and reduce your risk of cancer. When a smoker quits, there are benefits that occur over a period of time.

- 20 minutes after quitting – heart rate and blood pressure drop
- 12 hours after quitting – The carbon monoxide level in the blood drops to normal.
- 2 to 3 weeks after quitting – Circulation improves and lung function increases.
- 1 to 9 months after quitting – Coughing and shortness of breath decrease.
- 1 year after quitting – The extra risk of coronary artery disease is half that of one who continues to smoke.
- 5 years after quitting – The risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder are cut in half. The risk for a stroke can decrease to that of a non-smoker after 2-5 years.
- 10 years after quitting – The risk of dying from lung cancer reduces to almost half that of a person who continues to smoke.
- 15 years after smoking – The risk of coronary artery disease equals that of a non-smoker.

The younger one is when they quit reduces the risks even more. However, quitting at any age can give back years that would be lost by continuing to smoke.

*Adapted from the American Cancer Society*

#### Available Resources:

**Mammograms and Pap Smears** – If you know someone who is uninsured or underinsured, advise them to call one of the following numbers of the Parish Nurse/Community Outreach Department at Sacred Heart Hospital to schedule an appointment: 610-417-0981, 610-871-5888, or 610-653-0304.

**Medication Needs** – For those who are not able to afford the increasing cost of prescribed medications and do not have medication coverage, refer them to check [www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org) to see if they qualify and if the medication is covered. This website lists thousands of medications that are free or available at little cost.

*From the Parish Nurse Newsletter*



The Council approved the hiring of Attorney Richard Focht to represent us as needed in any legal matters. As of this time he has not billed us for any of the legal services involved with the purchase of the lot across the street from the Church. He has filed a request for a Tax Exemption with the County of Lehigh Board of Assessment for the lot we have purchased. The Appeal Hearing was held on October 18. Pastor Kidd and Loretta Wiltraut attended with Rick. Our initial appeal has been denied, but we gained insight into what we will have to do to gain approval.

All committees and groups are strongly encouraged to hold regularly scheduled worship across the street on our lot such as opening prayers, reading scripture, singing hymns etc. We need to document these with pictures and written reports to be kept in a notebook in the church office. We will need this documentation in the future to qualify for the tax exemption.

Pastor Kidd has been leading the council members through the synod's "Do What Matters" program, exploring how the church can become a Renewable Organization. The Crow's Nest committee is also studying this program and will attend a Synod-wide meeting on November 6, at Jordan Lutheran Church.

The office copier lease is up for renewal. A proposal for a newer copier was presented by Xerox. It will do everything the present one does with some added features and it will cost approximately \$70 less per month. This proposal was accepted by Council.

Our expenses have continued but our income has taken a serious drop. As of September 30, we have a shortfall of \$10,847.

**DEADLINE**  
for the  
**DECEMBER**  
Newsletter is  
**OCTOBER 15!**

## WELCA Program Announced for 2011-2012

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at St. Timothy Lutheran Church invite you to share in the WELCA experience. Bring a friend, relative or neighbor!

The group meets in the Lounge. See the schedule below for dates and times. For more information contact the WELCA Leadership team:

Gloria Hinrichs— 610-398-8472  
 :: email: gloryhi@msn.com  
 Marilyn Mazsa— 610-820-9361  
 :: email: mmazsa@aol.com  
 Carolyn Volk— 610-820-5065  
 :: email: dcvolk@enter.net

**WELCA Mission Statement:** To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

**WELCA Statement of Purpose:** As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

### Meeting Schedule:

**TUESDAY, November 15, 2011**  
 7 pm in the Lounge

#### Topic: Russia: Then and Now... In Soviet Times and Today.

John & Joan visited the Soviet Union in 1987 and then visited Russia in 2011. Through their photographs they will compare and contrast.

Program: John & Joan Deisinger  
 Devotions: Carolyn Volk  
 Hospitality: Dot Krumanocker & Pam Wilson

**MONDAY, December 12, 2011**  
 7 pm in the Lounge

#### Topic: The Colors of Christmas

A reflection on preparing for Christmas.

Program: Gloria Hinrichs & Carolyn Volk  
 Devotions: Gloria Hinrichs & Carolyn Volk  
 Hospitality: ?

**TUESDAY, March 20, 2012**  
 7 pm in the Lounge

#### Topic: Offering Support at the End of Life: "Insights for the Amateur"

The program provides informational lessons on hospice and palliative care.

Program: Elissa Foster  
 Devotions: Elissa Foster  
 Hospitality: Carolyn Volk & ?

**TUESDAY, April 17, 2012**  
 7 pm in the Lounge

#### Topic: ELCA Malaria Initiative

Program:  
 Devotions:  
 Hospitality:

**TUESDAY, May 15, 2012**  
 6:30 pm in the Lounge

#### POT LUCK SUPPER – Sign up in Narthex

#### Topic: Rebekah and Her Unusual Romance

Program: Charlotte Cruse  
 Devotions: Charlotte Cruse  
 Hospitality: Gloria Hinrichs & ?

**THE MORNING CIRCLE** is held the second and fourth Tuesdays (monthly) 9 am to 3 pm in the church Lounge for quilting, needlework, crafts, etc. Everyone is welcome! Bag lunch is optional. Contact Arline Thomas (610-434-2385) or Loretta Wiltraut (610-966-9310) for more information.



Dear St. Timothy Quilters,

The American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley is grateful to your group for your generous in-kind donation of the 9 beautiful quilts.

The American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley continues to help aid local residents in their time of need. For the fiscal year ended 2011, we responded to 97 disaster incidents that affected 501 individuals – 59 families, Our Health and Safety department continues to reach out to the community and provide the necessary training and preparedness education. We have trained over 18,000 individuals in FirstAid, CPR and classes to help people lead healthier and safer lives. As a not-for-profit organization, we rely on the public for their volunteer efforts and financial support.

Thank you again for your very generous contribution.

Sandra A.  
 United Way of the  
 Greater Lehigh Valley

## Nobel Peace Prize Awarded to Lutheran African Peace Activist

CHICAGO (ELCA) – Leymah Roberta Gbowee, a Lutheran Liberian peace activist, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The announcement came Oct. 7 from Oslo, Norway. Gbowee, a member of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, is responsible for organizing a non-violent women's movement that brought an end to a 14-year civil war in Liberia.



Gbowee was awarded a scholarship from the International Leadership Development Program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 2006-2007 to support her study in peace building at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA.

The ELCA and the Lutheran Church in Liberia are members of The Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of 140 member churches in 79 countries, representing more than 70 million Christians worldwide.

The Liberian women's movement led to the ousting of ex-President Charles Taylor and to the election of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as president of Liberia – the first African nation with a female president. President Sirleaf also has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The war in Liberia began in 1989, but “the women's movement, our protest, didn't begin until 2003,” Gbowee said in a Sept. 19 interview at the ELCA churchwide organization.

The starting point of the women's movement was war fatigue, said Gbowee, a mother of six children. She grew tired of watching children die from hunger and “waking up every morning and not knowing whether a tomorrow was possible. You can't plan for the future.” Gbowee wanted to dream of a better community along with thousands of other women from across Liberia.

She decided it was time to stop the war and called together women of all faiths – Christian, Muslim, indigenous and others – from across Liberia to “step out,” recognizing that Liberian women can play a critical role in peace building.

“You always see your savior in someone else other than yourself,” Gbowee said. “So for us women, having never been socialized to believe that we have powers to interfere in the politics of our country, were waiting for the bold men. (But) every time the bold men rose up, they rose up with guns and other things,” she said, realizing that women needed to bring the much-desired peace “for ourselves.”

But Gbowee does not take full credit for initiating and organizing the women's peace movement. “There were other women who came before us, emboldening us to take a stand,” she said. “And we didn't just start from nothing.”

Using the experiences of the women before them, Gbowee used prayer, picketing and silence to further their mission. Despite insults and other behaviors that came their way, Gbowee said, “We kept quiet because we had a sense of purpose and sense of direction.” The women also put together statements of peace for African governments, engaged the media and initiated personal, one-to-one

conversations with power brokers “to see how we could get the peace that Liberia was searching for,” she said.

Gbowee's story is chronicled in the documentary “Pray the Devil Back to Hell.” She has just completed her memoir, “Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer, and Sex Changed a Nation at War” – a book that examines “the power of women and the power of faith in getting you (out) from the darkest place in your life,” she said.

“Leymah Gbowee's life and leadership are a witness to the power of women to resist forces of violence and domination by creating a movement for reconciliation and peace,” said ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson. “In Liberia, I experienced her passionate commitment to rebuilding a nation torn by civil war not by seeking vengeance, but through her faith to encourage dialogue and inclusiveness at all levels of society.”

“The ELCA has been blessed by her prophetic voice. Leymah was the keynote speaker at (this) summer's Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering, advocated with ELCA members at the United Nations and in Washington D.C., and inspired participants in ELCA Global Mission events with her vision of God's peace for the world. She embodies a Christian faith that will not keep silent in the face of poverty and oppression,” Hanson said.

“She sees the strength that comes when both women and men of different faiths join together in building a more just and peaceful world. When others may say there is no hope in the face of forces that divide and exploit, Leymah Gbowee gives a resounding 'yes' to the way of nonviolence and justice for all,” he said. “This is a great day for women, for Liberia, for the world and for the ELCA, so blessed by Leymah Gbowee's courageous leadership and strong partnership.”

Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director for Women of the ELCA, said Gbowee's call “to be a peacemaker came when she was president

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of the women's group at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Monrovia. Today that call has taken her to a Nobel Peace Prize." Women of the ELCA is the women's organization of the ELCA.

"Women of the ELCA has been privileged to walk with Leymah in this journey, first publishing her story in our magazine in 2004. She inspired so many at our Triennial Gathering this past July as a featured speaker. Her call there to move out of our comfort zone, rise up and reclaim our space will continue to inspire Lutheran women for years to come. We are so pleased for our Liberian sister," said Post Bushkofsky.

"The Nobel Peace Prize honors our sister, Leymah Gbowee, and all the courageous Liberian women who put their faith into action and their lives on the line in the prayerful, non-violent protest that helped end Liberia's brutal civil war," said the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, ELCA executive for Global Mission.

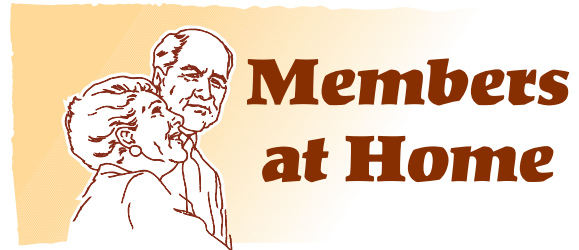
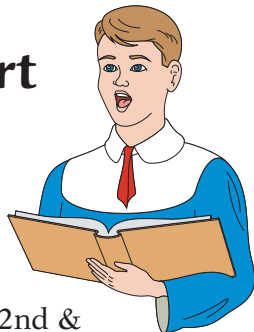
"These women showed the power of ordinary people who choose to stand together and say 'no' to violence and 'yes' to peace. The ELCA walked with Leymah and the Lutheran Church in Liberia, as they worked for peace in the darkest days of the Liberian civil war and for reconciliation in the years of reconstruction that have followed," he said. "It is a special joy to learn today that the Nobel Committee has recognized Leymah's amazing leadership of the women's movement that helped change the course of Liberian history and continues to build peace in West Africa."



## Emmaus Chorale Christmas Concert

The Emmaus Chorale December concert entitled "The Many Moods of Christmas!" is scheduled for 3 pm on Sunday, December 11, 2011, at Faith Presbyterian Church, North 2nd & Cherokee Streets., Emmaus.

The Chorale, under the direction of Mark Suter, will be joined by instrumentalists in presenting "Angels' Carol" by John Rutter; "In Dulci Jubilo" by Dietrich Buxtehude; "The Birthday of A King" by W. H. Neidlinger; "The Twelve Days After Christmas" by Frederick Silver, along with a variety of other choral selections. **Admission is free.** Refreshments will follow.



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**, Above & Beyond at Mountainview, 2232 29th St. S.W., Rm. 208, Allentown, PA 18103 (*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, Room 106, 1545 Greenleaf St., Allentown, PA 18104

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

**Theresa Strauss**, Phoebe Home, Turner St., 2 East, Rm. #280, Allentown, PA 18104 (*September 29*)

None of our members at home celebrates birthdays in November. We do have one December birthday:

**Edna Fullas**, Fellowship Manor Terrace, 3010 Fellowship Dr., Rm. 263, Whitehall, PA 18052 (*December 2*)



## Endowment Fund

The financial markets were not kind to the Endowment Fund in the third quarter. The balance on Sept. 30 was \$31,207.96, down considerably from the previous quarter. However, markets have bounced back somewhat since then and we hope for better news at the end of the year. Meanwhile, we continue to receive dividends, which have remained steady. The dividends are used to make grants. We are happy to report that we have awarded \$600<sup>00</sup> to Kramer Christensen to help with college tuition for his studies in Outdoor Leadership.

Joan Deisinger, *Chairperson*

# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

November 2011

## You're Invited!

To the Dedication of the  
Lutheran Center in  
Northeastern Pennsylvania



Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Offices  
2354 Grove Road, Allentown PA 18109

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**St. Mark Lutheran Church,  
Allentown**

St. Mark Lutheran Church,  
Allentown, chose to hold a  
worship service at the

Lutheran Center on September 25 as an  
expression of their being part of the wider  
ministry that is the Northeastern Pennsylvania  
Synod. They had a great service with 95 people in  
attendance. They chose to give the plate offering  
to the synod, so we'll be using it to buy blue  
paraments for the altar, which we will use at the  
dedication.



On behalf of all those in the synod,  
thank you, St. Mark members, for  
your gift and, especially, thank you  
for your partnership in our ministry in  
northeastern Pennsylvania.

Partners in  
MINISTRY



## Synod Ministry Teams

Your Resource to Help Invigorate  
Congregational Mission

### Faith Formation Resource Team

One of the newly established synod teams is the Faith Formation Resource Team. The purpose of this team is to affirm the diversity of God's people while supporting and equipping the baptized along their faith journey and helping them apply Lutheran theology to all aspects of church and daily life. The team hopes to offer a variety of learning opportunities to nurture the faith development of people in congregations, mission districts and at the synod level. The "Gearing Up for Sunday School" event held this past August was sponsored by this team.



The team also hopes to

- use a variety of networking methods to connect people to learning opportunities and resources (such as webinars, Augsburg Fortress workshops and more);
- assist congregations and synodical groups in applying Lutheran theology to the various ministries of the church (such as stewardship, worship, evangelism, and more); and
- keep apprised of current Christian education trends and curriculum resources



If you have a question about faith formation, contact the team chairperson, Marlane Druckenmiller ([teaconn@windstream.net](mailto:teaconn@windstream.net)) or synod staff person, Karen Matthias-Long ([karen@nepsynod.org](mailto:karen@nepsynod.org)).

## Do What Matters—Next Steps



You're Invited!

Whether you attended a *Do What Matters* workshop in the spring or not, you're invited to take the next step in exploring

what God is doing in your congregation. Kelly Fryer and Tana Kjos from *A Renewal Enterprise* will return in November to help us open ourselves to working in renewable ways in a world that's changing more rapidly than we can imagine.



These workshops will give you a chance to report on the steps you've taken to join the mission that God has for the church and to plan for ongoing renewal. Bring the same team you brought in the spring or introduce new people to the conversation. Events will be held on:

- **November 5** (9 am to 1 pm) at the Lutheran Home at Topton
- **November 6** (3 pm to 7 pm) at Jordan, Orefield
- **November 12**, (9 am to 1 pm) St. Paul, Dallas
- **November 13** (3 pm to 7 pm) at St. John, Nazareth



The cost for a congregational team of up to eight people is \$45, which includes a light meal. Additional team members are \$5 each. If you did not attend the first event,

the *Do What Matters* workbook will be available for purchase at the event for \$12.

A link to online registration for your team is posted on the synod website ([www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)).

## Shining In - Shining Out



Project Connect is offering a Service Learning Vocational Discernment Retreat for young adults ages 18 to 30 entitled *Shining In - Shining Out* **January 4-8, 2012**, in the heart of Manhattan in New York City.

For more information and a brochure, scroll through the events list on the Project Connect website, [www.projectconnect.org](http://www.projectconnect.org).



## A New Synod Event for Senior High Youth!

**For:** 9th through 12th graders and advisors

**When:** Saturday, **November 12** (1 PM) through Sunday, **November 13** (3 PM)

**Where:** Pinebrook Bible Conference and Retreat Center, East Stroudsburg, PA

**Cost:** \$85 (scholarship money available)

**What:** An overnight retreat where Lutheran youth in the Northeastern PA Synod will get to meet other youth from the synod, plan a meaningful worship service, learn a few group building games to use "back home," and have fun celebrating their relationships with God and new and old friends!

**Registration:** See the information and links at [www.godslove.org/youth/news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/youth/news.htm).



## 2012 Learning Ministries Day

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

***Faith Formation 2020: Making and Teaching Disciples in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

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

**Location:** Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall

**Cost:** \$25

More information, including registration materials and a list of workshops will be posted by mid-November on the synod website, [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org). Click the link on January 28 on the synod calendar ([www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar)) for a **flyer** you can print and post now.

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 610-236-7002  
Mrs. Linda Smith, Newsletter Editor 610-395-5062

**The Lehigh Mission District Banner** will be at St. Joseph, Allentown in November.

**The LMD Reformation Service** will be held Sun. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at St Paul's Church, 36 S 8<sup>th</sup> St., Allentown. Fellowship and refreshment will follow worship.

**Ministry with our Elders (senior Adults):** Luther Crest 800 Hausman Rd, Allentown, will host a Moravian Theological Seminary course on Mons, 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>

**Late 2011 or early 2012 weddings?** A Marriage Preparedness Series is scheduled for Nov. 3, 10, and 17 (Thurs. evenings, 7-9 pm) at Holy Spirit, Emmaus. Couples can register and pay on line at [www.lutherancongregational-services.org](http://www.lutherancongregational-services.org)

**Did you know that** last year 104 couples participated in 13 Marriage Preparedness Series offered throughout the Northeast and Southeast PA synods? Thanks to your giving to Lutheran Congregational Services, newlyweds begin their life together with a better understanding of what it takes to build a healthy and lasting relationship.

**New Workshops for Confirmands** scheduled! Oct. 16 at Luther Crest, 1:30-4:00 pm; Nov. 8 at St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, 4-6 pm. All workshops are available on a first come first served basis. To register or for more information contact: [kerry@lutherancongregational-services.org](mailto:kerry@lutherancongregational-services.org).

**Organist/Director of Music Needed:** St John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051; 610-395-5535; e-mail: [stjohnsevg@enter.net](mailto:stjohnsevg@enter.net)). Responsible for playing all Sunday services, as well as Festival services; directing senior choir (20 members) and working with Sunday School children monthly. Newly refurbished Estey organ. Average Hours per week 10; salary \$13,600. If interested, please send resume and cover letter to St John's, c/o Worship and Music.

**The Annual Chicken & Waffle Dinner**, sponsored by the choir, will be held on Sat, Nov 5. Dinner will be served from 4-7:30 p.m. in fellowship Hall at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1028 Church St, Fogelsville. **Cost:** Adults \$12, children \$6. Tickets will be sold at the door. Everyone is welcome!

**Grief Support Series** will be held at St. James Church, Coopersburg, six Wed evenings, beginning Oct 26<sup>th</sup> through Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. The group will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm under the leadership of a counseling professional from Diakon Family Life Services. This program is being facilitated by the Stephen's Funeral Home as a continuing service and affords an opportunity for participants to share their thoughts and feelings with others who are coping with loss and grief. For more information or to register, please call Stephen's Funeral Home at 610-434-6304.

**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](mailto:jfrey@gshr.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, Halloween Fun House and much more. For more information call JoAnn Frey 610-776-3125 or email [jfrey@gshr.org](mailto:jfrey@gshr.org)

**St Luke's Neighborhood Center** 435 N 7<sup>th</sup> St is looking for committed individuals to help open the "Clothes Closet"; 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 [StLuke@enter.net](mailto:StLuke@enter.net).

**St. Luke's** at 417 N 7<sup>th</sup> St., Allentown continues its free ESL classes into fall. 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](mailto:stluke@enter.net).

**The St. Petersburg (Russia) Men's Ensemble** will perform at Grace Lutheran Church, 28 W. Main St, Macungie, Sun. Nov 13 at 3:00 p.m. You are invited for an afternoon of sacred & secular music sung in Russian. A free will offering will be received. Soup and salad will follow. The church is handicapped accessible. More information at [www.GraceMacungie.org](http://www.GraceMacungie.org).

## MEETING OUR NEIGHBORS

### Grace Lutheran Church, Macungie, PA Pastor Paul Bartlett

Grace Lutheran Church is located on Route 100 in downtown Macungie. It was organized in 1841 as part of a "Union Church," a single building shared by German Lutheran and Reformed congregations on South Church Street. Following the Civil War, the same dispute, which affected many Lutherans across the nation at that time, arose in our congregation. Division occurred between those who emphasized a charismatic spirituality and those who were more liturgical. Eventually the charismatic pastor and about a hundred members left and organized St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at the southern end of the town, until it disbanded a century later.

The building-sharing arrangement with the German Reformed congregation (now UCC) ended in 1893 when the Lutherans built their own building on West Main Street. A smaller chapel was used for five years until a larger sanctuary was completed in 1899. While traveling in the Holy Lands, the pastor at the time, Myron Rath, purchased a stone quarried in Jerusalem which was used as the cornerstone of the new building.

A Christian Education building was built in 1964, and over the years additional building work performed, including: renewing the stained glass windows, replacing all roofs, organ and chancel renovations, handicapped access including elevator and hearing assistance devices, expanded parking lot, air conditioning of all areas, and chapel renovations.

In 2008, the congregation went on its first mission trip, sending eighteen youth and adults to work in Findlay, Ohio following severe flooding. In 2009 and 2010, we went to an impoverished area of West Virginia. In 2011 the trip was to Pulaski, VA which had been hit by a tornado that April. The locations may differ each year, but our commitment to reaching out is always constant.

The congregation is also involved in other outreach ministries including: hosting two AA meetings each week; hosting four Girl Scout troops; participation in the Emmaus area food pantry; Allentown area CROP hunger walk; Back to School donations for needy students in four local elementary schools; Christmas Ingathering; Macungie Holiday; and gifts for overseas troops.

The music program includes a senior choir under the direction of Steve Ziminsky; junior choir directed by Georgie Graybill, bell choir directed by Cathy Spengler; children's musical presentations at Thanksgiving and Christmas; and hosting the St. Petersburg (Russia) Men's Ensemble.

Pastors recently serving Grace include: Charles Naugle (1949-1978); Gary Langensiepen (1979-1985); John Berntsen (1986-1993); Elizabeth Mitchell (Asst 1988-1989); William Maxon (1994-2006); and Paul Bartlett (2007-present).

Pastor Bartlett is a volunteer firefighter, enjoys swimming each day, garden railroading, reading, camping and serving Grace Church.

Christian Education includes Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, First Communion, Confirmation, Adult Discussion and other classes.

September through June, worship is held each Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 am; and during July and August on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am

The church website is [www.GraceMacungie.org](http://www.GraceMacungie.org).

## OPERATION SUNSHINE Mary Jane Mahler, Coordinator

36 S. Eighth St., Allentown, PA 18101, 610-435-9155. Open 9 am - 4 pm, Mon., Weds. and Thurs. To reserve a space for a chosen trip, simply call the office and your name will be listed. When you are ready to pay for the trip, either send in a reservation form if you have one, or send a note with your name, address, phone number, church affiliation, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive a receipt. ***LMD members 21 and older are invited to participate.***

**An Invitation:** Come to see and hear a preview presentation for our "**California Coast Trip**" on April 29 to May 7, 2012, presented by Lucas Bialecki a representative from Collette Vacations Regional. **Date & Time:** 4:00 pm, Thurs, Nov 3, 2011. **Place:** St Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S Ott St, Allentown, PA 18104. **PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE BY OCTOBER 30 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.**

**Nov 17 (Thurs) "Cirque Polynesian Christmas Show"** at Resorts. Enjoy the Christmas atmosphere and songs of the holiday from a new, enjoyable perspective. This show will mesmerize you from the time you enter the theater to the time you leave. Includes their great buffet before the show and receive \$10 in slot play. **Cost \$58.** *Payment deadline: Wednesday, Oct 26, 2011*

**Dec 7 (Wed) "Radio City Tribute Holiday Spectacular"** at Doolan's Dinner Theatre, Spring Lake, NJ. Featuring Mike Byrne and the Rockette Style Sr. Calendar Girls, plus the All Star Players and comedian. Sit down luncheon meal included. **COST \$94.** *Payment deadline: Friday, Nov. 4, 2011*

**Feb 15, 2012 (Wed) "Wally's Café"** at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. "This Wonderful, Wacky Comedy" (Assoc. Press) starred James Coco, Rita Moleno and Sally Struthers on Broadway. A married couple attempts to run an out of the way diner near Las Vegas. All kinds of wacky, gag-filled occurrences make this "The best comic explosion you'll see" (NY Daily News). Includes sit down meal with 5 entrée choices, plus their famous room full of many delicious desserts. **Cost \$88.** *Payment Deadline: Monday, 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: Tuesday 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. **COST \$98.** *Payment deadline: Monday, February 26, 2012*

# MONTHLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

## DECEMBER 2011

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
		<b>1</b> 6:30-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] 10-2—Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm—Cub Scouts [F]	<b>2</b> 6:30-7:30 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—Venture Crew [F] 7:30 pm—Senior Choir [NV]	<b>3</b> 6:30-7:30 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] 4 pm—Operation Sunshine Trip Meeting [L] 6 pm—Executive Committee [P] 6:30-8:30 pm—Girl Scouts [F] 7 pm—Worship Committee [L]	<b>4</b> 6:30-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] 11-3—Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] 6:30-11 pm—Chess	<b>5</b>
<b>6 ALL SAINTS DAY</b> <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</b> 9 am—Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am—Sunday School [F] 10:30 am—Worship	<b>7</b> 6:45-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 3:30-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] 7 pm—Boy Scouts [F]	<b>8 ELECTION DAY</b> 9 am—Quilters [L] 9 am—Property Committee [L] 10-2—Office Open 7:30 pm—Council Meeting [L]	<b>9</b> 6:30-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] 11-3—Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] 7:30 pm—Senior Choir [NV]	<b>10</b> 6:30-7:30 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]	<b>11</b> 6:30-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] 11-3—Office Open 12 N-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] 1 pm—PALS [L] 6:30-11 pm—Chess	<b>12</b>
<b>13 PENTECOST 22</b> 9 am—Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am—Sunday School [F] 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship Opening Your Spiritual Gifts Return [NV] 11:45—Blood Pressure Screening [L] 12N—Stewardship Luncheon [F]	<b>14</b> 6:45-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 3:30-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] 7 pm—Boy Scouts [F]	<b>15</b> 6:45-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] 9 am—Quilters [L] 9 am—Property Committee [L] 11-3 pm—Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm—Cub Scouts [F] 7 pm—WELCA [L] <b>DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b> 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] AARP in Parking Lot	<b>17</b> 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] Operation Sunshine in Parking Lot	<b>18</b> 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 pm—Venture Crew Lock-In Begins [F] 6:30-11 pm—Chess Club [L]	<b>19</b> 10 am—Venture Crew Lock-In Ends [F]
<b>20 CHRIST THE KING</b> 6:30 am—St. Paul's Mission Team 9 am—Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am—Sunday School [F] 10:30 am—Worship <b>Covenant Brass</b> <b>Faith Commitment Sunday</b> <b>Wholeness</b>	<b>21</b> 6:45-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 3:30-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] 7 pm—Mental Health Support Group [L] 7 pm—Boy Scouts [F]	<b>22</b> 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]	<b>23</b> 6:45-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] 11-3—Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] TBA—Senior Choir [NV] <b>7:30 pm—Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship [F]</b>	<b>24 THANKSGIVING</b> 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]	<b>25</b> TBA—Office Open 6:30-11 pm—Chess Club [L] 6:30 PM—Hamilton Park Crime Watch [F]	<b>26</b>
<b>27 ADVENT 1</b> 9 am—Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am—Sunday School [F] 10:30 am—Worship <b>Children Sing</b>	<b>28</b> 6:45-7:30 am—TLA Before Care [F] <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 3:30-5:30 pm—TLA After Care [F] 7 pm—Boy Scouts [F]	<b>29</b> 6:45-7:30 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—Cub Scouts [F] Operation Sunshine in Parking Lot	<b>30</b> 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]			

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