



Epistle from St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sharing our faith by sharing God's love!

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

It was 11 AM, and I was in chemistry class at Easton High School, when the speaker system announced to the whole school, "It is confirmed that President John F. Kennedy has been shot!" My chemistry teacher, Mr. Noll, swirled on one foot to shout at the speaker in disbelief, "WHAT?!!" I can't remember what I had for supper last night, but I still can picture that whole scene.

It was 11 AM, and I was on the cemetery, having just completed the graveside services of 50-year-old David Paul Koch, a recent member and recipient of the ministries of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Trexlertown, where I was pastor. As the Service concluded, funeral director Carl Schmoyer walked up to me and said: "Do you see that dark plume of smoke? That's coming from New York. The World Trade Centers have been bombed." And as I swirled on one foot to look up, I shouted in disbelief, "WHAT?!!"

I still can picture the whole scene.

And so can you.

We soon will mark the tenth anniversary of that day (9/11/01) **still** with a host of mixed, complex and contradictory feelings. I hope you will allow me to start unpacking those feelings by **re-printing** the article I wrote at the time for the St. Paul's Parish News, entitled:

GOD DAMN IT!

It is September 12, 2001. As I write this article, I am tolling our church bell in the community... tolling it at 8:45 am, 9:03 am, 9:45 am, and 10:10 am, in memory of those whose lives were taken from them at those times by Evil's latest terrorism. Whether Evil's bidding was puppeted by Osama bin Laden or not, almost doesn't matter, for tomorrow it will be performed by another name and a new face. Evil **works** like that. It is as ingenious as it is unconscionable. It is just that usually it is less bold and conspicuous, more slyly subtle... such as in **quietly** starving to death 32,000 children a day, rather than bombing them with hijacked planes. God damn it!

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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
Sept. 4	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Pentecost 12 Guest Pastor: Rev. Gerald Rounds Labor Day weekend	Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
Sept. 11	Sunday Resume 10:30 a.m.	Pentecost 13 OUTDOOR Contemporary Service & Picnic	Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
Sept. 18	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Pentecost 14 Contemporary Service Rite for Wholeness	Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
Sept. 25	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Pentecost 15	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

NOTE: Don't forget! Adult Forum [9 a.m. in the Lounge] and Children's Sunday School [9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall] begin September 18 on Rally Day!

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

ELCA WEB SITE

www.elca.org
for information about our national church

Moving? Got Email? Change Your Phone #?

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

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Address		
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

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Did you know that you can
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what's happening at
St. Timothy by checking our
website? Just go to
www.sttimothy.org
Click on "News & Events"**

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I vacillate between shocked numbness and emotional anger [and today wouldn't we add fear]. I ask God where He was. I should ask him that question *every* day; but he would undoubtedly ask me where **I** have been, what am **I** doing with my rich American salary for those starving children. But still I ask Him... where *were* you, Father, yesterday at 8:45, 9:03, 9:45, and 10:10. I ask him, but then I tell him. I tell him to damn it, the 'it' being Evil, to condemn this Evil and its terrorism. **God damn it!** I say. And I cry. And He... He dies on the Cross again, four times that day, to redeem the lives that Evil has just stolen, to destroy death, to break the bonds of the Evil One, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to forgive Evil's puppets, to reestablish His covenant, to show forth his resurrection... and He dies on the Cross again, this day, to fill me with the faith that He has *already* damned Evil, and from his eternal perspective rendered it *impotent*.



I guess **that** is where he was yesterday. And that is where he will be today, too. Thank God!

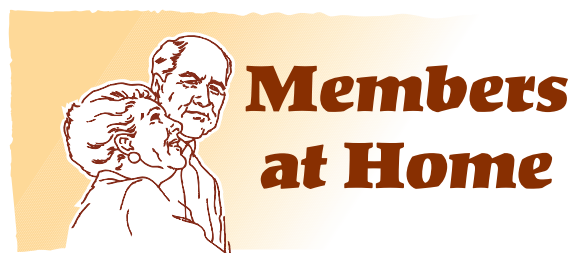
Baptized, together with You,

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Endowment Fund

Each year the Endowment Committee awards grants based on the income generated by the Endowment Fund. The committee is currently accepting grant applications for 2011. Letters of application should be submitted to any committee member (*Joan Deisinger, Richard Cruse, Charlotte Cruse, Lorna Meyer, John Deisinger*).

As of June 30, the balance in the fund was \$36,346.95. Given the current market climate we anticipate that the next quarter's balance will be less. Grants are given from dividend income.



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*):

Dorothy Brunone, Country Meadows, 420 Krocks Rd., Bldg. #2, #278, Allentown, PA 18106 (*October 10*)

Gerry Civitts, 919 Beverly Dr., Allentown, PA 18103

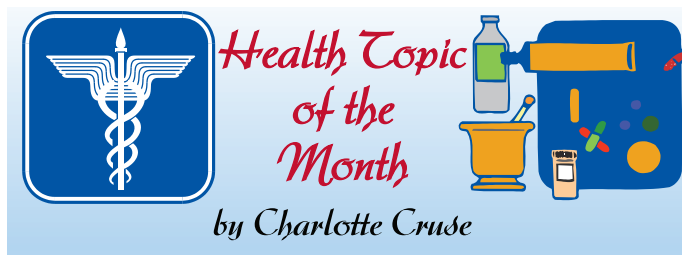
Sharon Clark, Good Shepherd Home, Raker #216, 543 St. John St., Allentown, PA 18103 (*February 5*)

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

Al Jajndl, 1737 N. Filbert St., Allentown, PA 18104

September birthdays include:

Theresa Strauss, Phoebe Home, Turner St., 2 East, Rm. #292, Allentown, PA 18104 (*September 29*)



Managing Emotional Types

We all have ups and downs in our emotions. Sometimes these emotions interfere with the way we relate to others. These emotions become more prevalent during times of stress.

The Intellectual

- Qualities:** Bright, articulate, analytical, intellectually oriented
- Bright Side:** Logical, comfortable with fixing problems both intellectually and logically, great debater, can stay calm in emotionally heated situations
- Negative Side:** Give the impression of being snobby, withholding, cold; obsess about problems
- Prescription:** Breathing techniques, vigorous exercise, practice feeling the other person's emotions

The Empath

- Qualities:** Highly sensitive, naturally giving, spiritually attuned, a good listener
- Bright Side:** Gifted healer, helper, friend, passionate, intuitive about other's thoughts and feelings
- Negative Side:** Prone to anxiety, depression, and fatigue; easily feel hemmed in when living with others
- Prescription:** Allow frequent quiet and meditation time, set clear limits and boundaries—learn to say no, walk away, protect yourself

The Rock

- Qualities:** Emotionally strong for yourself and others, able to stay cool in a crisis, non-judgmental
- Bright Side:** Pillar of strength, loyal, giving, respectful, get along with nearly everyone
- Negative Side:** Harbor anger and frustration, relationships may lack depth, rather avoid conflict than confront it
- Prescription:** Express a feeling a day, initiate conversations that are emotional

The Gusher

- Qualities:** Aware of your emotions and share them frequently, spontaneous, direct and authentic
- Bright Side:** Emotionally articulate, easily forgiving, value intimate relationships, easily process difficult issues, maintain supportive network of friends
- Negative Side:** Tend to be a drama king or queen, excessive need to share, can turn friends into therapists, continually seeking external feedback
- Prescription:** Practice activities that support your self-sufficiency, give yourself credit, learn to forgive yourself

Adapted from Healthy Aging



Elder News

by Lois Adams

10 Modern Commandments

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.

Do you know why a car's windshield is so large and the rear view mirror is so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.

Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.

Old friends are like gold. New friends are like diamonds. If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold. Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold.

Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end".

When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.

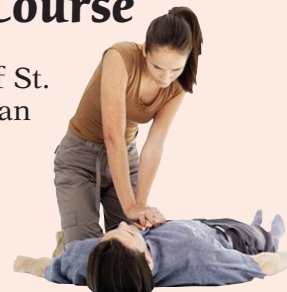
A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision".

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.

CPR Course

Several members of St. Timothy have expressed an interest in attending a CPR course. As a result, we have engaged an instructor to teach a course at the church.



**When: Wednesday, September 21, 2011
5-8 P.M.**

Cost: \$10 per person (limit 10 people)
(The remainder of the cost will be paid by the church.)

The instructor is an Operating Room Staff Nurse at Lehigh Valley Health Network and a certified American Heart Association CPR Instructor.

For additional information or to register for the course, please contact Charlotte Cruse (610-436-3180) or Mary Bowers (610-965-8422) by September 10.

Scenes From the National WELCA Gathering July 14-17, 2011 in Seattle



Box lunch with the Bishop



Leymah Gbowee asked Women of the ELCA what they'll reclaim



5K Run, Walk and Roll raised funds for Seed Grants

DEADLINE
for the
NOVEMBER
Newsletter
is
SEPTEMBER 15!



St. Timothy Mail Bag

To Our St Timothy Family,

Joann and I thank you for your kind Prayers, cards, and remembrances on my Father's passing and our time of grief. We are truly united in Christ our Savior and Redeemer.

Dad was almost 95 and proud of it. He lived a good life – machinist, woodworker, and musician.

Sincerely

Jerry and Joann Rounds

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we thank you for your recent donation of 40 bags of food.

Because of your caring and sharing, 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,

Esther A. Strohl,
Corresponding Sec'y.

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)
Card fronts (from greeting cards)	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	Nancy Fennell (St. Jude's Home for Children)
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 to Mailbox)
General Mills boxtops for education; cash register receipts from Redner's & Fairgrounds Market; Campbell's labels	Appropriate boxes in narthex	Cheryl Christensen
Rubber Bands*	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	Nancy Fennell (*from newspapers)
Current Calendars	Cabinet in narthex	Anyone who can use them
Empty printer, fax machine or desktop copier cartridges	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	Nancy Fennell (recycled to FundingFactory)
Old cell phones	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	Nancy Fennell (recycled to FundingFactory)
Women's business attire and accessories (Must be Clean, Good Condition/gently used laundered/ ironed IN SEASON ONLY!!!)	Coatroom by upstairs restroom	Gloria Hinrichs (for "The Perfect Fit")

Thanks for your help and cooperation with these projects!

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 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
				1 6:30-8 am-The Lutheran Academy (TLA) Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 10:30am-3:30 pm AARP [F] 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6 pm-Executive Committee [P] 7 pm-Worship Committee [L]	2 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 12-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-11pm-Chess Club [L]	3
4 PENTECOST 12 9:30 am-Worship Guest Pastor: Rev. Gerald Rounds 10:45-Blood Pressure Screening [L]	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	6 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 10-2-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F]	7 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-Allentown Hiking Club [F] 7:30 pm-Venture Crew [F] 7:30 pm-Senior Choir [NV] Operation Sunshine in Parking Lot	8 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]	9 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 11-3-Office Open 1 pm-PALS [L] 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	10 3:30-6:30 pm-Fun Fest [LO]
11 PENTECOST 13 10:30 am -Worship Outdoor Worship [LO] <i>(Annual Picnic follows worship)</i>	12 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] OFFICE CLOSED 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	13 6:30-8 am-TLA Before Care [F] 9 am-Quilters [L] 9 am-Property Committee [L] 10-2 pm-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F] 7:30 pm-Council Meeting [L]	14 7 am-6 pm-TLA Summer Camp [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7:30 pm-Senior Choir [NV] AARP in Parking Lot	15 7 am-6 pm-TLA Summer Camp [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7:30 pm-Stewardship Committee [L] OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 7 am-6 pm-TLA Summer Camp [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-11pm-Chess Club [L]	17 8 am-12N-Council Planning Session [L]
18 PENTECOST 14 6:30 am-St. Paul's Mission Team 9 am-Adult Forum [L] 9:30 am-Sunday School RALLY DAY [F] 10:30 am-Worship Wholeness	19 7 am-6 pm-TLA Summer Camp [F] OFFICE CLOSED 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 7 pm-Mental Health Support Group [L] 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	20 7 am-6 pm-TLA Summer Camp [F] 10-2-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30 pm-Cub Scouts [F]	21 7 am-6 pm-TLA Summer Camp [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 5-8 pm-CPR Training [L] 7:30 pm-Senior Choir [NV] 7:30 pm-Venture Crew [F]	22 7 am-6 pm-TLA Summer Camp [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-8 pm-Girl Scouts [F]	23 7 am-6 pm-TLA Summer Camp [F] 11-3-Office Open 3:30-5:30 pm-TLA After Care [F] 6:30-11pm-Chess Club [L]	24
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The Rev. Martin A. Milne, Dean 610-966-3834
The Rev. Glenn L. Simmons, Assoc. of the Bishop 610-928-0125

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

The **Lehigh Mission District Banner** will be at St. Paul, Allentown in September.

LMD Newsletter Contact Information changed. As noted in the July-August edition, Carol Moyer, our long-time Editor/Publisher has retired. Once again, we thank her for her dedicated service. Consequently, beginning with this issue our new Editor/Publisher will be Linda Smith, a member of Nativity Church, Allentown. Linda will work out of the Nativity office and may be contacted at 610-395-5062 or by e-mail at nativity4004@verizon.net. The mailing address is 4004 W Tilghman St, Allentown, PA 18104. We welcome Linda to this important responsibility. The date for submitting materials will continue to be the second Mon. of the month with the expectation that the new edition will be distributed by the fourth Mon. of the month.

The 2011 **LMD Ingathering planning meeting** will be held on Sept. 14, 2011 at 7 p.m., St John's Lutheran Church 501 Chestnut St., Emmaus. We look forward to having all the congregations represented at this meeting.

The **LMD Reformation Service** will be held Sun. Oct. 30th, 7:30 pm at St Paul's Church, 36 S 8th St., Allentown. As we conclude our celebration of the 300th year of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's birth, it is appropriate that we worship in the first Lutheran Church in Allentown, where it is understood that Pastor Muhlenberg paid at least a visit. Fellowship and refreshment will follow worship. Watch for additional information about the development of a massed choir for the occasion.

LMD Support Contributions should be made payable to "Lehigh Mission District" and sent to the LMD Treasurer, Dick Skelly, at his home address (942 Hawthorn Road, Allentown, PA 18103). You may call 610-433-6878 or e-mail Dick at PSUfan70@aol.com for questions regarding these contributions. Action at this spring's LMD Assembly established \$150 per year as the hoped for contribution from congregations of the mission district. Obviously partial payments throughout the year are welcomed.

Fun Fest at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 3:30-6:30 pm. Please join them for free food, fun and games, and a cake walk. A magic show, "God's Good Gifts" will be presented by the Amazing Magi (a pastor and magician). All are welcome.

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.

Luther Crest will host "**Theology, Literature and Coffee**" (**TLC**), which will be held 2:30-4:30 pm at Luther Crest on Mons., Sept. 19, and Oct. 3 and 17. Enjoy a time of learning and fellowship as theological themes in selected literature are presented and discussed. Cost for the series is \$20 with early registration discount before September 12 (\$25 after 9/12), beverages will be provided. To register, please contact Luther Crest Chaplain Dianne Kareha (610-391-8210).

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.lutherancongregationalservices.org.

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@lutherancongregationalservices.org.

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk, Sun., Oct. 9, 1:30 pm beginning at St Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 S Ott St., Allentown. This is a great fellowship and service event for families, youth groups, adult groups, and congregations. 25% 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 County Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen. The remaining 75% is used by Church World Service for disaster relief and development assistance (e.g., assisting poor families with clean drinking water, seeds, tools, and irrigation).

St. Luke's at 417 N 7th St., Allentown continues its free ESL (English as a Second Language) 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.

Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church is located in an area referred to as "Southside Allentown." Back in the early 20th century it was known as Mountainville. That name still resonates with many people in the area who have lived here more than 25 to 30 years.

Mountainville, nestled at the foot of "South Mountain" along the Philadelphia Pike (in the vicinity of what is now PA Rt. 309), had few settlers before 1800. Even from that time to 1926, the number of inhabitants did not multiply rapidly. After the accommodation of the trolley lines the place was more accessible and growth became more rapid.

Through a series of meetings at various buildings and purchase of land at what is now 535 W Emaus Ave., the congregation was finally organized on June 26, 1921 with 89 charter members. The church received the name Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church in memory of Rev. Myron O. Rath who served as its first pastor for twenty years, and of Franklin Koser, a member of the Sunday School who had made the supreme sacrifice in World War I and in honor of the World War I veterans of the community. Its second pastor, The Rev. John W. Koch (who happens to be the great uncle of the present pastor, The Rev. Carey Miller), oversaw the building of the original church built in 1923. Pastor Koch served from 1921 to 1923. A Christian Education wing was added in 1960.

Trinity Memorial is located in a neighborhood that is slowly changing. The church opens its doors to the community by providing space for meetings of Narcotics Anonymous, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Crime Watch, Overeaters Anonymous, and a small Hispanic ministry.

There are several challenges the church is facing such as a growing Hispanic population in the area, an elderly population, along with the tough economic situation many of the rest of our churches are facing. As identified in a recent congregational study, the church needs to and has taken steps to improve its stewardship and evangelism efforts.

The congregation meets for worship at 8:30 am and 11:00 am on Sunday morning from September to June, with Sunday School at 9:45 am, and at 9:00 am during the summer months (June, July, and August). It has presently established a task force to study the feasibility of starting a contemporary worship service. The present worship space is handicapped accessible.

As it looks to the future, Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church hopes to reach out to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ locally and beyond that it may make a difference in the lives of those it serves.

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 Sr. Citizens, 55 and older, are invited to participate.

Oct 13 (Thurs) "A Tribute to Benny Goodman and Peggy Lee" at Penn's Peak. There was only one "King of Swing" and only one Peggy Lee. Everett Longstreth's Big Band and vocalist Amanda Carr do a superb job of recreating their incredible sounds. Includes family style lunch. **COST \$73.** *Payment deadline: Tues, Sept 20.*

Oct 18 (Tues) "All Time Favorite Café" at Mohigan Sun at Pocono Downs. A program by great talent filled with all-time favorite Broadway classics. Includes full delicious buffet and \$27 slot play. **COST \$52.** *Payment deadline: Fri, Sept 30.*

Nov 17 (Thurs) "Diva in a Man's World" at Resorts International. Enjoy the Christmas atmosphere and songs of the holiday from the likes of Cher, Liza, Bette Midler, and Patti Labelle. This Christmas show will mesmerize you from the time you enter the theatre to the time you leave. Includes their great buffet before the show, and receive \$10 in slot play. **COST \$58.** *Payment deadline: Weds, Oct 26*

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: Fri, Nov. 4th*

Coming March 29, 2012 (Thurs) the brand new spectacular show at Sight and Sound Theatre 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 will come at a later date.*

Call office for flyers on the following trips:

Sept 25-27, 2011 Historic Greenbriar Resort
COST \$498 double. This is a remarkable trip at a great price! Call immediately.

Nov 13-20, 2011 Southern Caribbean Cruise **COST \$1349 inside double; \$1495 outside double**

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September 2011



Let's Talk!

It's been several months now since over 800 people from synod congregations gathered to begin thinking about what really matters to God. On **September 10**, those congregations – and **rostered and lay leaders from all of our congregations** – will have a chance to share what has been happening in their congregations since then and hear what other have been up to.

On September 10 from 10 a.m. to noon, you are invited to attend one of several gatherings that will be held around the synod to continue the conversation about doing what matters. The goals of these “checkup” events, led by synod staff, are to—

- Offer congregational participants who attended the spring meetings in March and April an opportunity to discuss their progress and their challenges;
- Insure that follow-up *Do What Matters!* workshops scheduled for November can provide the most effective assistance to congregations working on ministry ideas begun in the spring;

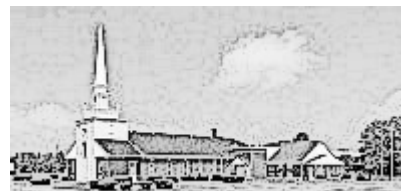


- Offer congregations that did not attend the spring meetings an introduction to the synod's *Do What Matters!* emphasis;

- Help all participants look closer at ways to make the transition from consumable ministry to renewable mission.

An assumption in the *Do What Matters!* emphasis is that God is on the loose in this world, reconciling the whole creation and setting people free. The “checkup” workshops will explore in small groups where God is at loose and how congregations can be part of God's activity in the world in renewable ways.

Locations and times for the September event may be found at www.godslove.org.



We've Moved!

The offices of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod moved to our new location on July 8, 2011.

Please be sure to **update your address book and websites**. Here's where we are and how to reach us:

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Special Synod Assembly

The Synod Council of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod has called a special assembly in the fall of 2011 to help the synod focus on *Doing What Matters* and to adopt a 2012 program proposal that reflects our priorities



That special assembly will be held at the **Lutheran Center on Saturday, October 22, beginning at 2:00 p.m.** Onsite registration begins at 1:30 p.m.

The key segment of the assembly will be an interactive presentation by Pr. Scott Schantzenbach. Pastor Schantzenbach is Assistant to the Bishop of the New Jersey Synod. In that role he provides mission resourcing and support to 64 congregations in the northern region of the synod. He is an inspiring as well as entertaining speaker and has taught and spoken throughout the ELCA.



The concluding portion of the assembly will include a discussion led by synod treasurer David Hinrichs about the 2012 program proposal as a way for the synod to focus on *Do What Matters!*

Synod Resource Center Grand Re-Opening!

The Lutheran Center in Northeastern PA; 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, PA

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Saturday, open by appointment only

For **more information**, call 610-266-5101 and ask for Debbie Frey or Karen Matthias-Long.



Treasurers Workshop October 22, 2011 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Lutheran Center



Mark your calendar now for the **2011 Treasurers Workshop**, to be held Saturday, October 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Center in Northeastern PA.

More information is available on the calendar page of the synod website, www.godslove.org.

Plan to stay afterwards for the special synod assembly at the Lutheran Center!



2012 Learning Ministries Day

Saturday, January 28, 2012

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

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



Location: TBA

Cost: \$25

More information will be included in upcoming issues of *Synod News* and posted on the synod website, www.godslove.org.



2011 Assembly Summary

A link to a brief **summary of the 2011 Synod Assembly**, held June 17-18 on the Muhlenberg College campus, may be found on the assembly page of the synod website, www.godslove.org/calendar/assembly.htm.

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