

September 2021 - May 2022

CFL will be in Fellowship Center and on Zoom; all PRESENTERS will be on ZOOM!

Date	Topic / Notes	Speaker(s)	Description
Sept 12	Council Update – status of building project and re-opening; future CFL programs, how to participate	Mark S	Status of reopening: COVID & building project
Sept 19	Two part series – Healing Texts in Bible	Dr Appler	Deborah Appler, an elder in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, is Professor of Hebrew Bible at Moravian Theological Seminary. Her academic interests and writing career center on intersections among religion, gender, sexuality and community justice in the Hebrew Bible and how those texts and their interpretations impact faith communities in both positive and negative ways. At Holy Spirit, she will be describing biblical texts that deal with ritual healing, healing tools and healing from unjust systems. Be prepared to think about healing in your individual life and interacting with those around us who have needs for healing.
Sept 26	Two part series – Healing Texts in Bible	Dr Appler	Join us for the second session lead by Dr Appler who will be discussing Healing Texts in the Bible. Be prepared to think about healing in your individual life and interacting with those around us who have needs for healing.
Oct 3	A Different Perspective of Our Community: <i>Financial Insecurity</i>	Steve Grazio	Turn on the news and someone is talking about the “wealth gap” in America. The disparity between the “haves and have nots” is not new, but it is growing. The issue is exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The US “shut down” has had an immediate impact on the US economy and is expected to result in several long-term trends that will most certainly impact your current and future financial situation. Please join Steve Grazio as he shares stories about the positive and negative impact COVID-19 has had on “our neighbors”. He will also discuss the importance of securing your own personal financial house to endure the current and future storms.
Oct 10	Walk the Labyrinth of Gratitude	Fran Derhammer	The labyrinth pattern is centuries old and has been walked by millions of people from many cultures. A labyrinth is not a maze. It has only one path that winds its way into the center and then back out again. There are no tricks and dead ends and no choices to be made, other than the primary one - the decision to enter the path. Fran Derhammer, a Stephen Leader and member of the Stewardship Mission Team, will present the history of the labyrinth and how LCHS is planning to use our newly purchased labyrinth, sponsored by the Stewardship Mission Team. The labyrinth will be set up in room 117/119 from 8am-11am. During this time of stewardship, please set aside time for personal reflection, self-examination, prayer and thanksgiving to Walk the Labyrinth of Gratitude as we consider ways we can continue to share our time, talent and

			treasures to benefit our congregation, our community and the world.
Oct 17	Stewardship and Electronic Giving	Bob Stevens & David Nash	There's no shortage of ways in which the pandemic has changed our world, our homes and even our church. It has even changed how we receive and collect financial offerings for our church. This week David Nash and Bob Stevens will discuss the variety of ways that our congregation provides for you to support our congregation's ministries safely, securely and relatively contact free. David and Bob will offer step by step help as you navigate these new ways of supporting our vital ministry.
Oct 24	Legacy Giving: A Panel Presentation	Charlotte Gross Mark Stanzola Mark Wimmer Mark Casciano	Whatever your financial situation, you can connect your Christian values with your financial decisions. You can create a charitable strategy that spreads generosity to the people and causes that mean the most to you. The panelists will offer ideas and options to help you give in ways that make sense for you. Some of the topics included will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents and logistics needed to make legacy gifts through an estate • FDIC insurance and estate planning; titling decisions • Life Insurance, Beneficiary Designations • Charitable Gift Annuities and Trusts, Donor Advise Funds, ELCA Foundation • Endowments
Oct 31	Anchor Churches	Doug Hill	During these challenging times, many smaller churches are struggling to stay vital and have sparked the concept of Anchor Churches who serve as companions or partners for support. This strategy is considered the future of the church—making use of the resources, leadership and creativity of vibrant churches to provide stability needed for struggling smaller congregations. Please join guest speaker, Pastor Doug Hill who will discuss the need for anchor churches, his personal experience leading an anchor relationship and how congregational vitality can be found in many contexts as the Spirit leads people to work in bold, creative, missional ways.
Nov 7	Eschatology All Saints Day	Pr Spencer	Potential for cat class to also attend
Nov 14	Teach Us How To Bless and To Pray Part 1	Nelson Rivera	Always a popular CFL presenter, Dr Nelson Rivera will lead this first of a two-session series: To Bless and To Pray. Blessings, like prayers, are given at different times and occasions. They could be motivated by wishing well being to an individual or group, like the wishing of God's peace, or a prayer for healing or protection. Moreover, to offer thanksgiving, to say grace, and to pray for someone is also to offer a blessing.
Nov 21	Teach Us How to Pray Alone Part 2	Nelson Rivera	As a follow-up to last week's "To Bless and To Pray", Dr Nelsen Rivera will talk about "Prayer Alone". In Luther's commentary to the Lord's Prayer in the Large Catechism, he says that the Christian lives by "prayer alone." Exploring the meaning of the Lord's Prayer then and now will hopefully shed light on what Luther meant by that.

Nov 28	Understanding our neighbors, our community: <i>Emmaus and Local ABE</i>	John Mosovsky Carole Wetherhold Mike Yablonski Marilyn Egner	LCHS Ministry Blueprint. Provide community update; who's being served now; calls to action on how to outreach and Be Salt. How can LCHS live into the Bishop's 3 strategies: "Growing Young, Gaining Strength, Going Beyond". Understand who we are in context to our communities and neighbors. Ties to Anchor Church, extension of ministry in daily life; serve our neighbor better.
Dec 5	Understanding our neighbors, our community: <i>The Kindness Project</i>	Gayle Getz? Elizabeth's friend? tentative	
Dec 12	No CFL - Christmas Pageant		
Dec 19	Year End Celebration <i>60th Anniversary of LCHS</i>	Mike Yablonski Pattie Bisbing Others	Come celebrate the 60 th anniversary of LCHS and share in a special time of socially distanced fellowship in the fellowship center. Archived pictures and other memorabilia will be on display and pre-packaged snacks and self-serve coffee will be available for everyone! This will be our last CFL ahead of the holiday break – our next CFL will be on Sunday, January 9 th !
Dec 26	NO CFL		
Jan 2	NO CFL		
Jan 9	Understanding our neighbors, our community: <i>Homelessness and Children</i>	Sixth St Shelter	<p>HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES</p> <p>At the Sixth Street Shelter, we intervene in the crises in the lives of more than 100 homeless families per year, showing genuine love to more than 200 children who need all the love they can get. Our mission is to provide the opportunity and direction for all people to become self-sufficient, productive members of the community. Since 1984, the Shelter has been providing temporary housing for Lehigh Valley homeless families with children.</p> <p>Overview of shelter, beginnings, services, guest speaker/former resident, volunteer opportunities</p>
Jan 16	Understanding our neighbors, our community: <i>Homelessness Refugees?</i>	Allentown Rescue Mission	
Jan 23	Council update	Mark S	Please join Mark Stanzola, Council President, who will provide an outlook for 2022 including the 2022 budget proposal and an update on the Spirit Led Spirit Alive Building Project.
Jan 30	Understanding our neighbors, our community: <i>Hispanics</i>	Local Reps	
Feb 6	ANNUAL MEETING	Mark S	Please join us for the LCHS annual meeting which will include a 2021 year-end review, an outlook for 2022, as well as approval of new Council members and the 2022 budget.