Weekend of March 10 and 11, 2018

Bethlehem United Proclamation of the Gospel

Serving God's children who gather at:

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pew News!

Whether a first-time guest with us or a life-long member, Pew News is a weekly publication for the family of Christ who gather at Bethlehem United Proclamation of the Gospel.

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LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us each Wednesday of Lent for a light meal, devotions and guided discussion.

12:00 Noon – 1:10 PM	6:00 – 7:15 PM
Light of Christ Campus	St. Peter's Campus
Fellowship Hall – basement level	*Social Room – parking lot entrance*

Dates and Bible Readings are:

March 14 *Obstacles on the Way* (Acts 8:1-8)
March 21 *God's People Proclaiming, Wherever they Go* (1 Peter 2:1-10)

Light of Christ Campus: The Fellowship Hall is on the lower level. Plenty of on-street parking is available. Enter at the front door and walk down the stairs or use the ramp to take the elevator to the lower level. ***St. Peter's Campus:*** The Social Room is on the lower level. Enter by the doors at the lower end of the parking lot.

UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Holy Week WORSHIP

Wednesday, March 28, 2018	***Healing Worship***
7:00 PM	St. Paul's Fountain Hill
Thursday, March 29, 2018	***Maundy Thursday Worship***
Noon 7:00 PM	St. Peter's Campus Light of Christ Campus
Friday, March 30, 2018	***Good Friday Worship***
Noon 7:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus St. Peter's Campus
Saturday, March 31, 2018	***Great Easter Vigil***
7:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus
Sunday, April 1, 2018	***Day of Resurrection***
7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	St. Peter's Campus St. Peter's Campus Light of Christ Campus
Saturday, April 7, 2018	***Easter Lessons and Hymns***
5:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus *(with Holy Communion)*
Sunday, April 8, 2018	***Easter Lessons and Hymns*** *(With Brass Choir)*
10:00 AM	Joint UPG Worship St. Peter's Campus UPG Town Hall Meeting to follow

SUNDAY APRIL 8, 2018

UPG JOINT WORSHIP AND TOWN HALL MEETING 10AM

St. Peter's Campus

Please join us for a very special UPG Joint Worship Service on April 8

- ***Easter Lessons and Favorite Easter Hymns***
- ***The Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Zeiser, Bishop of the NE PA Synod, will preach***
- ***The Little Brass Band of the Lehigh Valley will play during worship***
- ***Joint UPG Worship at 10 AM***
- ***UPG Town Hall Meeting following worship***
- ***UPG Congregational Photo!***
- ***Luncheon after the Town Hall Meeting***

UPG Worship Opportunities During Lent

Wednesday	Noon	Light of Christ Campus	Light Meal, Devotions and Discussion
Wednesday	6:00 PM	St. Peter's Campus	Light Meal, Devotions and Discussion
Saturday	5:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus	Worship
Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Peter's Campus	Worship
Sunday	11:00 AM	Light of Christ Campus	Worship

Each worship includes Holy Communion

1st Wednesday 10:30AM	St. Peter's Campus	Healing Worship

Please note: *Holden Evening Prayer on the St. Peter's Campus will resume after Easter.*

St. Peters Concert Series Features "Music Among Friends" TODAY March 11

Come and join us for a fun afternoon of music by some of the Lehigh Valley's top musicians on Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m.

Under the direction of Lucille Kincaid, singers and instrumentalists, including Wendy Borst, will perform alone and together in a wide variety of styles, including classical, sacred, and Broadway.

The concert is free! A free-will offering will be received to support the concert series.
We hope to see you there.

Friendly's Family Fun Night is March 13

Join the MLCCC Pre School for Friendly's Night on March 13 from 5-8PM at 3099 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA. Enjoy dinner out or ice cream and support the MLCCC! A percentage of all sales that evening will benefit our scholarship and educational materials funds. Our popular Basket Raffle will be held as well!

Also, today is the last day to buy raffle tickets in the LoC narthex for a beautiful Schoolhouse patterned quilt (photo above) made by our Christian Service Women to support the Child Center scholarship fund. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.

Children's Worship & Lenten Fair on March 25 – All Ages Welcome!

Children's Worship and Lenten Fair will be held at the LOC campus on March 25, 2018 beginning at 6:30p.m. in our sanctuary, then continuing in the fellowship hall with crafts and activities: Chalk Crosses, Easter Story Stones, Cross Easter Bags, Egg Toss Game, beaded cross key chains, Easter egg dyeing, donut and pretzel making.

All ages are welcome! Young children are encouraged to bring their Easter baskets to hold their creations. Beverages, butterfly cookies, pretzel bites, fruit and more will be available to eat. We hope you can attend.

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG March 11-18, 2018

Sunday March 11 is the Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM	Blood Drive (LoC)
9:00 AM	Worship (St. P)
9:30 AM	Sunday School (LoC)
10:30 AM	Sunday School (St. P)
11:00 AM	Worship (LoC)
3:00 PM	St. Peter's Concert Series
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday March 12

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

8:00 AM	Staff Meeting (St. P)
12 Noon	Ladies Luncheon (Palace Restaurant)
7:00 PM	Dart Baseball: Bethany UCC @ St. Peter's, Emmanuel @ Messiah and St. Matthew's @ Christ UCC

Tuesday March 13

10:00 AM	Thrift Shop Volunteers
5-8 PM	Friendly's Family Fun Night (3099 Wm Penn Hwy)
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Wednesday March 14

6:30 AM	Men's Fellowship (St. P)
9:00 AM	Christian Service (LoC)
Noon	LENTEN WORSHIP (LoC)
Noon	AARP Tax Prep (St. P)
6:00 PM	LENTEN WORSHIP (St. P)
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsals – both campuses

Thursday March 15

9:00 AM	Bible Study (LoC)
Noon	LV Christian Chinese Church study
	NO Evening UPG Bible Study (St. P)
7:00 PM	Pastors and Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)
7:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (LoC)

Friday March 16

6:00 PM	LV Christian Chinese Church Worship (St. P)

Saturday March 17

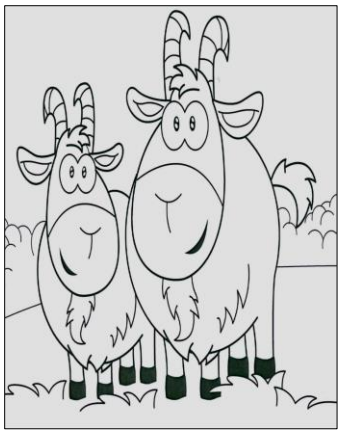
9:00 AM	Thrivent Meeting (St. P) MAKEUP DATE if needed
5:00 PM	Worship (LoC)
7:00 PM	Pastors and Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)

Sunday March 18 is the Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 AM	Worship (St. P)
9:30 AM	Sunday School (LoC)
10:30 AM	Sunday School (St. P)
11:00 AM	Worship (LoC)
1:00 PM	Mutual Ministry Meeting (LoC)
3:00 PM	Youth Gathering Meeting (St. P)
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Share yourself with others!

Blood Drive TODAY
March 11 at Light of Christ
8AM to Noon



ELCA GOOD GIFTS… and GOATS!

The UPG's Lenten project supports God's Global Barnyard, a program of ELCA World Hunger. This year's offering will provide farming families in developing countries with the **gift of goats.** Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for children and their families and, as goats increase in number, they can transform a community.

Please consider making a contribution; offering envelopes are found in the pew racks. If donating by check, please make the check payable to "St. Peter's or "Light of Christ" and please write "Good Gifts" on the memo line. **Thank you** for your generosity.

Hunger Knows No Season

The holidays are over, but the harsh weather and hunger are not finished yet!

The New Bethany Ministries Food Bank needs the following:

Food Items: Scalloped Potatoes, Instant Rice, Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Canned Meats, Evaporated Milk, Canned Meals, Baby Formula and Breakfast Items. **Non-Food Items:** Soap, Shampoo / Conditioner, Towels and Wash Cloths, Toothpaste, Feminine Hygiene Items, Ladies/Men's Underwear, Dishwashing Liquid, Laundry Detergent, Comet-type cleanser.

Please place your donations in the basket in the St. Peter's Social Room. Thank you!

Meet the Staff of the UPG

This week we meet **Linda Maule** who is the Minister of Music and Deacon for the UPG serving on the Light of Christ Campus. Here Linda tell us about the many facets of her work:

Since 2002, many of you have known me as an Associate in Ministry when I was called to serve Messiah's congregation, and most recently, to serve Light of Christ as a Word and Service lay leader. The Churchwide Assembly, when it met in 2016, voted to combine the three expressions of rostered lay leaders (AiMs, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers) into one unified roster. Previous titles were eliminated, and we are now known as Deacons; we continue to serve the church in the same way we have always served.

In my call to the Light of Christ campus of the UPG, I am primarily the church musician serving as organist for worship services and directing the senior choir and the chime choir. Both groups, especially the chime choir, need greater participation from members of the congregation to help us proclaim the good news. I schedule soloists and instrumentalists as the need arises and I provide support for the music of the Sunday school and the preschool. I also provide music for weddings, funerals and the Saturday evening worship service as needed.

Other pleasurable responsibilities include taking the sacrament to homebound members and visiting the sick in the hospitals and nursing homes. I also work with a very committed group of volunteers who plan and participate in the social ministry projects of outreach that our congregations support.

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

Joe and Silina Martinez were married at the Light of Christ campus on March 2

We send our prayers and best wishes for a long and happy life together!

Lots of thoughts brewing at "Brewing Theology" on March 5.

What a GREAT turnout!