

**Weekend of March 24 and 25, 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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# Holy Week

## W O R S H I P

**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  
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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 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***



## THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

March 25-April 1, 2018

### Sunday March 25 is Palm Sunday

- 9:00 AM Worship (St. P)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
- 10:30 AM Sunday School (St. P)
- 11:00 AM Worship (LoC)
- 6:30 PM Children's Worship+Lenten Fair (LoC)
- 7:00 PM NO Narcotics Anon. tonight (LoC)

### Monday March 26

- 8:00 AM Staff Meeting (St. P)
- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast – Palace Restaurant
- 6:30 PM MLCCC Easter Chapel and Art Show (LoC)
- 7:00 PM Dart Baseball: St. Peter's and Messiah – no game this week  
St. Matthew's Make-up Game at College Hill Moravian

### Tuesday March 27

- 10:00 AM Thrift Shop Volunteers
- 5:30 PM Diakon (St. P – Trauger)
- NO UPG Worship and Music Meeting
- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

### Wednesday March 28

- NO AARP Tax Prep (St. P) Today
- 7:00 PM CoMiT Healing Worship at St. Paul's  
Fountain Hill)
- 7:30 PM NO Choir Rehearsal at St. P
- 8:00 PM LoC Choir Rehearsal

### Maundy Thursday March

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

### Good Friday March 30

- 12 Noon Worship (LoC)
- NO 6PM LV Christian Chinese  
Church Worship (St. P)
- 7:00 PM Worship at St. P

### Holy Saturday March 31

- 8:00 AM Egg Hunt Breakfast (LoC)
- 9:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (LoC)
- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Worship (LoC)
- 7:00 PM Pastors and Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)

### Easter Sunday April 1

- 7:00 AM Easter Worship (St. Peter's)
- 9:00 AM Easter Worship (St. Peter's)
- 11:00 AM Easter Worship (Light of Christ)

*Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

# Share yourself with others!

## Calvary Food Pantry Dates

The Calvary Food Pantry will be open from 9-11 AM on April 2 and 3, as well as May 7 and 8.  
The food pantry is located at 111 Dewberry Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

If you know someone in need, please share the pantry information with them.  
And please bring donations with you to church to help stock the Pantry's shelves.

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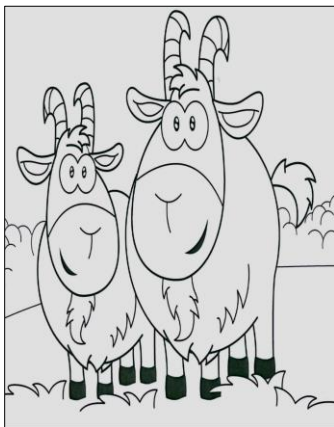
## Bingo at Cedarbrook April 10 – Volunteers and Prizes Needed

It's time for our Bingo Party at Cedarbrook on Delaware Avenue in Fountain Hill – April 10 at 6:15PM. The residents really look forward to our visits. **ALL are welcome to help!**



**Please donate prizes of** perfume, lotion and cards. Small bags of chips, pretzels, crackers or cookies are especially welcome (*no candy please*). Prizes can be dropped off in either church office with a note "Cedarbrook Bingo".

**If you'd like to help at bingo that night**, please call either church office or Evelyn Smith from St. Peter's. Thank you!



## **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 and, as goats increase in number, they can transform a community.

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



## St. Peters Concert Series Features Lehigh University Musicians

We once again welcome the **Lehigh University Soloists and Chamber Ensembles** to St. Peter's on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Lehigh students will perform a wide variety of music ranging from Classical to Jazz. This concert showcases the many talents of our local Lehigh students.

**The concert is free!** A free-will offering will be received to support the concert series. This has become a popular concert. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music!

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UPG Phantoms Hockey  
PPL Center - April 14 @ 7:05 PM  
Tickets \$20 per person

Please sign up on either campus, and please pay when you sign up, either cash or check. Checks can be made payable to "Light of Christ" **with a note "Phantoms Hockey" on the memo line.**

Payments can be dropped off at either church office. Any questions, please call either church office.

## Meet the Staff of the UPG

This week please meet **Lynn Terry** who has two roles at Light of Christ, as **Christian Education Director and Director of the MLCCC school**. She tells us about these important education roles:



The major role of the Christian Education Director and the role of the director of the MLCCC is to share the love of God with all of the children and families who enter our doors.

As the Christian Education Director, I oversee the Sunday School program, the confirmation program, the Bible program, First Holy Communion classes, special programs of the Sunday School including Rally Day, the Children's Christmas Eve Service, the Lenten Fair, the closing of Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School. Within each of these areas there are many responsibilities and many people who work with me to proclaim the love of God to children and their



families. Since August of 2017 I have been working with Pastor Jerry to extend children's ministry to include the children of the UPG.

As the MLCCC Director I oversee the daily operations of our preschool program, which includes but is not limited to leading staff meetings, submitting payroll, billing, ordering, teacher training, special programs, working with the school board and this year teaching our three-year old class. I have brought a chapel program to the preschool which includes teaching Bible stories, songs and prayers twice a month to all classes. Three times a year families and friends are invited to a special chapel program held in our sanctuary.

Through all of this work God's Love and Word is my guide. It is my goal for all of God's children to know and experience His love through the children's ministry of our church.



## RECENTLY IN THE UPG

### Thrivent Action Team – Back Pack Buddies delivery!

**Backpack Buddies** supports local students with gifts of food to last them through a weekend when they don't have meals at school.

At left: Ted and Pr. Sandy Birchmeier organized a Thrivent Action Team to supply additional food donations to the program!

**To help the MLCCC celebrate "Red Day"** last week, Pastor Jerry played "Red Light, Green Light" with the children after reading to them.

(Please say hello to the very tall kid in the front row when you see him on Sunday!)



## Friendly's Family Fun Night!

Thank you so much for your support of MLCCC's Fund Raiser at Friendly's on March 13th. **Together we raised \$1595.00 for both our Scholarship Fund and Educational Materials Fund.** This was our 10th Friendly's Family Fun Night!! **158 people attended!!**



We would like to especially thank the LoC Christian Service Women for the beautiful quilt which greatly added to our success. Pastor Sharkey was the lucky winner of the lovely quilt and Rachel Rumble won the beautiful quilted table runner.

Thank you also to everyone whose donations came to 28 baskets / items. We are blessed by your love and care of our preschool. God Bless You!







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**Last call to donate your  
2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Members of Thrivent Financial may have Choice Dollars available that can be directed (donated) to our UPG member churches. **2017 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2018.**

To see if you have Choice Dollars to donate, call **1-800-847-4836**. Call today and help make more ministry happen! ***A note for Light of Christ members:*** When calling Thrivent please say either "Messiah Lutheran Church" or "St. Matthew's". Thrivent's system has not yet been updated with the Light of Christ name.

## **Children's Worship & Lenten Fair is TODAY March 25 All Ages Welcome!**



The Children's Worship and Lenten Fair will be held TODAY on the Light of Christ campus. Worship begins at 6:30p.m. in the sanctuary, then the fair continues in the fellowship hall with many crafts, snacks and activities.

All ages are welcome! We hope you can attend!

## ***Did you know?...***

**There is a blanket-making ministry at St. Peter's that literally helps people around the world!  
Here is their story, with information provided by Elizabeth Elterich.**

In 2015-2016, the St. Peter's blanket makers' group made about 12 quilts. Richard Elterich registered the quilts on the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) website to let them know the congregation of origin. The quilts would first go to the Church World Service Center (CWSC) in New Windsor, MD, an official distributor for LWR.

Elizabeth Elterich contacted Pr. Rebecca Knox from Reading, who was taking blankets from her own congregation to CWSC. Elizabeth gave the St. Peter's quilts to Pr. Knox and they were on their way.

Fast forward to November 2017. Elizabeth got an email from LWR saying the blankets had been distributed in India to persons whose lives have been affected by AIDS. They sent a picture (at right) of a young lady with a St. Peter's blanket folded on her lap. Not long after,

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a LWR printed brochure was distributed - the copy received at St. Peter's featured the same picture of the young lady from India. Some more St. Peter's blankets were also featured in that brochure.



*Lutheran World Relief  
Photo Credit: Carrie Taneyhill*

The blanket makers' work continued and in September 2017, another 12 blankets from St. Peter's were given to the CWSC for distribution all around the world.

This is a wonderful, caring ministry that literally warms people in need. The women who have helped in making these blankets are Betty Ampietro, Janet Deegan, Elizabeth Elterich, Lucille Serman, Evelyn Smith, and Susan Swavely. Thank you all for sharing your time to care for others in need around the world.

Learn more about the LWR quilts and blankets at:

<https://lwr.org/faith-in-action/quilts-comfort-hospice-residents-india>