Weekend of April 7 and 8, 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.

Check out our websites at messiahlutheran18017.org and stpetersbethlehem.org and "like" us on Facebook!

A warm welcome from the UPG to the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Zeiser, Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA

TODAY
SUNDAY APRIL 8, 2018
UPG JOINT WORSHIP AND TOWN HALL MEETING 10AM
St. Peter's Campus

Please join us TODAY for a very special UPG Joint Worship

- ***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 (child care will be provided)***
- ***UPG Congregational Photo!***
- ***Luncheon after the Town Hall Meeting***

EASTER WORSHIP in the UPG

Easter Procession

Children's Sermon

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ Is Risen!
He Is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!

"…while the musician was playing, the power of the LORD came on him." (2 Kings 3:15)

Lots of children for the children's sermon

Let us pray! Easter Chapel at the MLCCC Child Center

Graceson-Asher Tuazon Seixas was baptized on Easter Sunday at St. Peter's.

His parents are William and Marylou Seixas.

Graceson, we welcome you into the Lord's Family!

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG April 8-15, 2018

Sunday April 8
No LOC Sunday School
10:00 AM Joint UPG Worship (St. P)
11:00 AM UPG Town Hall Mtg. (St. P)
12 Noon UPG Luncheon (St. P)
3:00 PM St. Peter's Concert Series
6:00 PM Confirmation Education (LoC)
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday April 9
8:00 AM Staff Meeting (St. P)
12 Noon Ladies Luncheon (Palace Restaurant)
6:00 PM Brewing Theology (Stefano's Restaurant, Bethlehem)
7:00 PM Dart Baseball: Fritz Wesleyan @ St. Peter's; Ebenezer @ Messiah and St. Matthew's at Christ Lutheran

Tuesday April 10
10:00 AM Thrift Shop Volunteers
6:15 PM Bingo at Cedarbrook
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Wednesday April 11
6:30 AM Men's Fellowship (St. P)
9:00 AM Christian Service (LoC)
Noon AARP Tax Prep (St. P)
5:00 PM Diakon (St. P – Trauger)
6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer (St. P)
6:30 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal (St. P)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsals (both campuses)

Thursday April 12
9:00 AM Final Lenten Book Study
Noon LV Christian Chinese Church study
6:30 PM Bible Study (St. P)
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous at LoC
7:00 PM Pastors and Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)

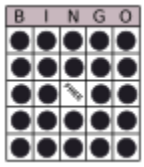
Friday April 13 6:00 PM LV Christian Chinese Church Worship (St. P)

Saturday April 14
5:00 PM Worship (LoC)
7:00 PM Pastors and Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)
7:05 PM UPG Night at Phantoms game

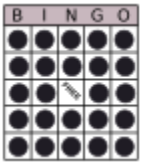
Sunday April 15
9:00 AM Worship (St. P)
9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
10:30 AM Sunday School (St. P)
11:00 AM Worship (LoC)
Noon- 7PM Private Event
Noon Lutheran School light lunch (LoC)
1:00 PM Youth Gathering Meeting
6:00 PM Confirmation Education (LoC)
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Share yourself with others!

Bingo at Cedarbrook on April 10 – Volunteers & Prizes Needed



ALL are welcome to help THIS WEEK at Cedarbrook, Delaware Avenue in Fountain Hill. The residents really look forward to a fun evening of Bingo – we'll meet on April 10 at 6:15PM.



Donations of prizes are needed please: perfume, lotion, cards as well as small bags of chips, pretzels, crackers or cookies (*no candy please*). Prizes can be dropped off in either church office with a note "Cedarbrook Bingo".

If you'd like to help on April 10, please call either church office. Thank you!

Save the date!
UPG Golf Outing on June 23, 2018

Join the UPG at the Whitetail Golf Club on June 23, 2018.

$85 per golfer includes golf, hot dogs, dinner and beverages.
Four-person scramble format with 1PM start.
Foursomes are welcome (also threesomes, twosomes and onesomes!)

More info to follow – Please mark your calendar and Save The Date!

St. Peters Concert TODAY Features Lehigh University Musicians

We welcome the **Lehigh University Soloists and Chamber Ensembles** to St. Peter's TODAY, Sunday, April 8th 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!

Lutheran Schools Sunday is April 15

On April 15, 2018 we will be celebrating Lutheran Schools' Sunday at our LOC Campus. This year marks the 10th anniversary of our church-led preschool, the Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center.

The preschool itself has been in existence since 1983. We will be recognizing teacher Christina Fidmik for her 30 years of service to our school.

Our Sunday School and Child Center children will be singing in church this day and a light lunch will follow worship for all who are in attendance. We hope you can join in the celebration of sharing God's Love and Word through our preschool!

Meet the Staff of the UPG

This week we meet Allan Radtke, this week's staff member in "Meet the Staff". Al is the custodian at St. Peter's; he describes the many facets of his work at the St. Peter's church and buildings:

Al Radtke: I've been a member of St. Peter's since 1995 and have served as custodian since 2007. I routinely clean, dust, mop floors, vacuum, and pick up trash, and whatever else is needed to keep our facility clean. St. Peter's is a huge property, consisting of the main church and chapel, 8 bathrooms, 3 ½ kitchens, classrooms, meeting rooms, offices, the choir room, a gym, a social room, 5 stairways, and an elevator.

I also help to set up/clean up for many special events and ensure that the facilities are clean for things like funerals and weddings held here. I am also a member of the property committee and committed to our new UPG!

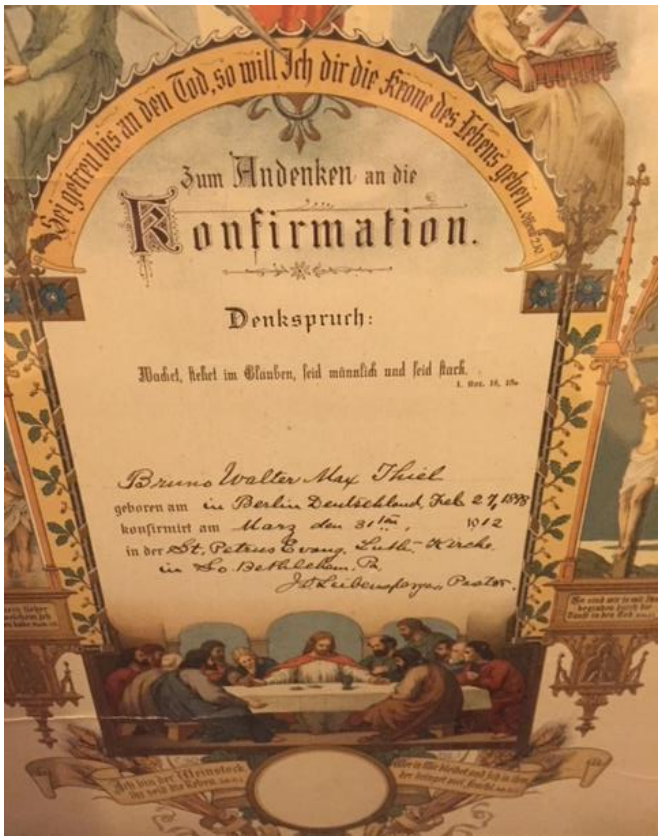
Did You Know?... about the St. Peter's Heritage Room

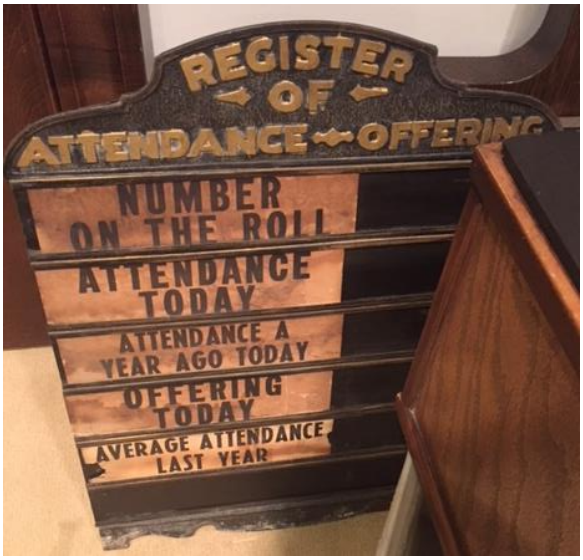
St. Peter's Lutheran Church was founded in 1863. The St. Peter's Heritage Committee collects and maintains historical items of the congregation which are housed in the Heritage Room. Donated documents and artifacts are reviewed for inclusion in the collection for use by current and future generations. Cataloging and indexing the items in the collection is an ongoing project, so the collection can be more easily searched and used in research.

Displays in the Heritage Room are designed and arranged to showcase the church's history. Work continues on writing a summary of recent history along with sorting and reviewing photographs and artifacts (older items as well as new additions to the collection). Committee members have helped St. Peter's participate several times in the "Steeples and Steel" program put on by the South Bethlehem Historical Society and the Steelworkers' Archives.

There are many ways to help maintain St. Peter's heritage for future generations. Anyone interested in helping to preserve, catalog or document St. Peter's history should contact the church office.

Editor's note: There are some amazing items in the Heritage Room. Photos of just a few are included here. You can schedule a visit to the Heritage Room with Rich Elterich of St. Peter's or by leaving a message for him at the St. Peter's office. Many thanks to Rich, who provided the information for this article.



At left: the German language confirmation certificate of Bruno Walter Max Thiel who was born in Berlin, Germany in 1898 and confirmed at St. Peter's in 1912. The words in the arch at the top: "Be faithful until death, so that I will give you the crown of life."

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