

**Weekend of April 14 and 15, 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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***Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.***

***<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper<sup>[1]</sup>), and to prayer.***

***<sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.***

***Acts 2:41-43***

Greetings and peace to you all!

Today I would like to share some thoughts on “snowballs.” Yes, I know, we’re all tired of dealing with snow! *(on a side note; I have been fervently praying for more spring-like weather.)* I always found it amazing how snow is able to gather more snow. You know what I mean - when you’re trying to build a snow man and you make a little snow ball, then you begin rolling the snowball on the ground and more snow gathers around the snow and soon you have a huge snowball to make the base of a great “snow person!”

I believe this type of thing happens in life also. Many times, when a group of people gets excited about things it seems like that corporate energy becomes almost contagious. More people get excited and suddenly a movement forms. People start adding their energy to a cause and suddenly the movement itself takes on new life and builds momentum.

The Biblical witness in the book of Acts confirms this type of phenomenon. We are told by the author of Acts that “hundreds” and even “thousands” of people are moved in single days and that these people begin to dedicate their lives to the Christian movement.

Recently I believe I have witnessed this same type of movement occurring right within our midst! It feels to me as if our community of faith, the United Proclamation of the Gospel, is emanating this type of energy! Fueled by the Holy Spirit, feeling the overwhelming joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it feels as though we are building an almost corporate energy that is building momentum! I experience people within our midst who are incredibly excited about the many opportunities to learn more about our amazing God! I am experiencing people who are truly enjoying being part of worship that is filled with enthusiasm and energy of larger numbers of people gathering. I am experiencing people who are getting excited about the many fellowship opportunities available in the UPG, the many ministries which touch people who are in need, and the many opportunities to grow in personal faith in God!

This is a beautiful phenomenon to witness and an even more beautiful phenomenon to be part of.

My hope and prayer is that your eyes, your heart, your spirit are able to bear witness to this same beautiful gift that our resurrected Lord has shared with us all!

Peace and blessings for now!

PJ

## **Four UPG Worship Opportunities Every Week**

Wednesday 6:30 PM	St. Peter's Campus	Holden Evening Prayer
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
<i>Each worship includes Holy Communion</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 10:30AM	St. Peter's Campus	Healing Worship

***A magnificent UPG joint worship on Sunday April 8  
was followed by a Town Hall meeting and lunch***



***Sunday's message from the  
Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Zeiser,  
Bishop of the NE PA Synod***

***201 people in worship!***





***Special music  
during worship by  
The Little Brass Band  
of the Lehigh Valley***

***Town Hall Meeting  
and Luncheon***

***Thanks to all who provided  
food and delicious desserts***



***First-ever UPG Congregational Photo!***

## THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

April 15-22, 2018

### 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 (St. P)  
Noon Lutheran School light lunch (LoC)  
1:00 PM Youth Gathering Meeting  
6:00 PM Confirmation Education (LoC)  
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

### Monday April 16

#### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

8:00 AM Staff Meeting (St. P)  
6:30 PM Knitters' Group (St. P)  
7:00 PM Dart Baseball: St. Matthew's@1<sup>st</sup> UCC, St.Peter's@Holy Trinity, Messiah@St. Stephen's

### Tuesday April 17

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (St. P)  
11:30 AM Blanket Making (St. P)  
7:00 PM Congregational Council (St. P)  
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

### Wednesday April 18

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship (St. P)  
9:00 AM Christian Service (LoC)  
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 19

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

### Friday April 20

6:00 PM LV Christian Chinese Church  
Worship (St. P)  
7:00 PM PGHI Special Worship (St. P)

### Saturday April 21

10:00-4:00PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)  
Noon – 2PM The Mending Project (St. P)  
5:00 PM Worship (LoC)  
7:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Holy Israel  
Worship (St. P)

### Sunday April 22

9:00 AM Worship (St. P)  
9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)  
10:30 AM Sunday School (St. P)  
11:00 AM Worship with Lutheran Schools Sunday & Reception (LoC)  
3-7PM Confirmation Education at Lutheran Center  
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)  
7:00 PM Special Worship Pastors and Guardians Holy Israel (St. P)



## UPG 2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE begins on June 17



5 PM Saturday Worship - Light of Christ Campus  
8 AM Sunday Worship - Light of Christ Campus  
10 AM Sunday Worship - St. Peter's Campus



### Third Sunday Joint Worship in June, July and August

June 17, 2018	10 AM	St. Peter's Campus
July 15, 2018	8 AM	Light of Christ Campus
August 19, 2018	10 AM	Bethlehem Municipal Park with Town Hall and Church Picnic

### Saturday Worship on the Lawn! Outdoor Worship 5PM First Saturdays

First Saturday of each month, May thru September

(May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4 and Sept 1)

5PM on the Light of Christ Campus

Fellowship Picnic Dinner after worship



***Many thanks to everyone helped  
with Bingo at Cedarbrook this week!***

***The residents really appreciate a fun  
night of Bingo – thanks also to everyone  
who donated prizes for the night.***



## **To All UPG Members - MUMS are looking for a good home!**

**Please feel free to take a mum home with you** – they are available in the Reception Area (old coffee corner) down the hall from the St. Peter's office.



## **OUTDOOR CLEAN UP DAY at LOC on APRIL 21**



We could use your hands and help at the Outdoor Cleanup Day at Light of Christ on April 21st from 8 AM to Noon. Any questions, please contact Ron or Mike Horwath @ 610-865-9020 or call either church office.



## **Save the date! UPG Golf Outing June 23, 2018**

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

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

**Proceeds benefit UPG Youth!**

**See the UPG Golf Outing Brochure for all the details!**  
<http://www.stpetersbethlehem.org/publications>

## Lutheran Schools Sunday is April 15

Today we are celebrating Lutheran Schools' Sunday at our Light of Christ campus. This year marks the 10th anniversary of our church-led preschool, the Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center.

The school was started in 1983 by Fran Clarke and Myra Jones. Christina Fidmik is celebrating her 30th year of service to the MLCCC! We are thankful for her and for all of the staff who share God's love with our children.



*Christina Fidmik with some of her students*



Along with Christina our current staff members are Katherine Bennett, Jennifer Heidemann, Lynn Malok, Valerie Sloma and Lynn Terry. Our current school board members are Jose Sanchez, chairperson, Lois Zigmund, treasurer, Lynn Terry, director, and members: Jennifer Grube, Carol Knauss, Ann Nonnemacher, Susan Schellenberg, Karen Schoch and Diane Voron.

Our Sunday School and Child Center children will be singing in church today 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!

We are looking forward to many more years of sharing God's love and Word within our preschool program! Thanks Be To God!!



## St. Peter's Concert Series Features SATORI for Three



**On Sunday, May 6 at 3 pm SATORI musicians** Nora Suggs, flutist, and classical guitarists John Arnold and Candice Mowbray, join forces to explore music from around the world and across the centuries. From classical selections to sambas, Americana, or the music of Europe, the Middle East or Latin America, three friends perform the music they love, and invite their audience on an unusual and far-ranging musical adventure.

**The concert is FREE!** A free-will offering will be taken at the door to support the concert series. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

## Meet the Staff of the UPG

This week we introduce Lisa Mantz; Lisa is the Sexton at Light of Christ and also at the MLCCC school. She has many important responsibilities and tells us about them here:

**Lisa Mantz:** As the sexton, I am responsible for a weekly vacuuming of the church as well as cleaning of the church floors and pews, vacuuming and dusting the narthex, and the church offices.

On a daily basis the bathrooms and classrooms in the school are cleaned, as well as the church building. The fellowship halls and the kitchen are also tended to. All floors and stairwells are mopped and/or swept on a regular basis as well. Trash cans are emptied and recycling is gathered. Tables are cleaned, blackboards are washed.....

I am also responsible for preparing and cleaning the church after weddings and funerals and any other weekly or monthly church events.

During the summer months when school is not in session, the classrooms are "deep cleaned." The carpets in the building are shampooed, the floors are waxed, the tables and chairs are cleaned and toys are sanitized.

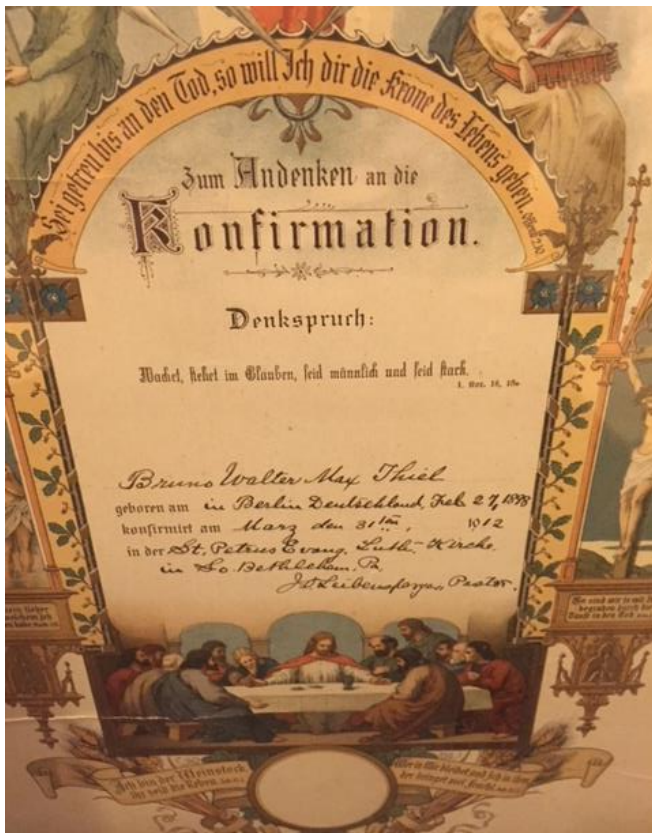
## Did You Know?... about the St. Peter's Heritage Room

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 "Steeple 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."

Below: Attendance and Offering Register

