

United Proclamation of the Gospel



# PEW NEWS

*A weekly publication for God's children who gather at  
Light of Christ Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

May 5 and 6, 2018



**One afternoon about three o'clock, he had a vision in which he saw an angel of God coming toward him. "Cornelius!" the angel said.**

**<sup>4</sup>Cornelius stared at him in terror. "What is it, sir?" he asked the angel. And the angel replied, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have been received by God as an offering! <sup>5</sup>Now send some men to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. <sup>6</sup>He is staying with Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.**

**Acts 10:3-6**

Greetings and peace to you all!

I share the above story with you to show how God's Spirit has always moved people to action and to demonstrate that God always provides.

Nine months ago, I had a vision about the possibility of multiple communities of faith becoming ONE community of faith with different campuses! Most people that I spoke with thought this was a "not so

good” idea. Yet, very quickly, within the span of 6 weeks, this idea was received and acted upon and the United Proclamation of the Gospel was formed!

Seven months later, according to the questionnaires returned by people within this newly formed community, most people would like to see this community continue to grow and flourish. Most people see and recognize some of the obstacles of this vision, however are excited about the possibilities of our shared vision!

One of the issues that perhaps I myself didn’t quite understand in this newly formed community was the increased demand of pastoral needs. In many ways our staff has assumed many responsibilities to alleviate some of the burdens off myself, however the time required exceeds the number of hours in a day. This situation was also widely shared in the questionnaires that have been returned. This situation has been raised in the UPG church council meeting two months ago.

In the process of speaking with colleagues about our need in the United Proclamation of the Gospel for help in the areas of Pastoral Care, we discovered the Rev. Kurt Garbe, an active member of St. Peter’s who is “called” to the synod staff, would soon need to supplement his income due to budgetary considerations in the synod.

Pastor Garbe is an accomplished pastor with a wonderful history in our synod. At last month’s council meeting we spoke about our desire to have Pastor Garbe fill a position of “pastoral care associate” for the UPG.

In this role, Pastor Garbe would help to offset some of the follow up pastoral care situations presented in the UPG, would be a presence for those experiencing grief, and would provide relief for Pastor Jerry in some of his scheduled activities.

Interestingly if we, the people of the UPG, would like to act on this situation, we must move quickly. In very similar fashion to the formation of the UPG, Pastor Garbe must make provisions for himself by the beginning of June.

At our May congregational council meetings, our councils will be voting on whether to approve Pastor Garbe for this position. Please feel free to speak to council members about your thoughts on this topic. On our St. Peter’s campus, the council can approve the finances to accommodate this new position. On our Light of Christ campus, we must have a congregational vote to approve the additional expenditures necessary to enter this contracted service. This vote will be taken as an additional item at our scheduled congregational meeting on June 10, 2018. Should our community choose to enter “contracted services” with Pastor Garbe, his tenure among us will begin on June 17, 2018.

I hope and pray that all people within our community will give thoughtful and prayerful deliberation to this matter and that our decisions would be influenced by God’s ever-present Spirit dwelling among us.

Pastor Jerry

## 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

*Each worship includes Holy Communion*

1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	10:30AM	St. Peter's Campus	Healing Worship
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## 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

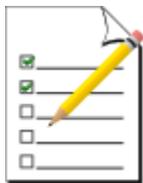
June 17, 2018 10 AM St. Peter's Campus  
July 15, 2018 8 AM Light of Christ Campus  
August 19, 2018 10 AM Bethlehem Municipal Park with Town Hall and Church Picnic

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

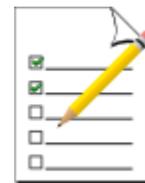
First Saturday of each month, May thru September  
(May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4 and Sept 1)  
5PM on the Light of Christ Campus - Fellowship Picnic Dinner after worship

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## UPG SURVEYS



**Please return UPG Surveys by May 13.**  
**They can be placed in the offering plate,**  
**mailed in or dropped off at either church office.**  
**Let your thoughts be heard.**



# THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

May 6-13, 2018

## Sunday May 6

9:00 AM Worship (St. P)  
9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)  
10:30 AM Sunday School (St. P)  
10:30 AM Sunday School Teacher Meeting (LoC)  
11:00 AM Worship (LoC)  
Noon-5PM Association Meeting (LoC Fellowship Hall)  
3:00 PM St. Peter's Concert Series  
6:00 PM Cook Dinner at Victory House      7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

## Monday May 7

## Tuesday May 8

8:00 AM UPG Staff Meeting (LoC)  
9-11AM MLCCC Mother's Day Tea (LoC)  
10:00 AM Thrift Shop Volunteers  
6:00 PM Brewing Theology (Stefano's Restaurant)  
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

## Wednesday May 9

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship (St. P)  
9:00 AM Christian Service (LoC)  
6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer (St. P)  
6:30 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal (St. P)  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsals (both campuses)

## Thursday May 10

9:00 AM Bible Study (LoC)  
9AM-2PM MLCCC Teacher Lunch (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 May 11

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

## Saturday May 12

5:00 PM Worship (LoC)  
7:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)

## Sunday May 13

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 Youth Gathering Meeting (St. P)  
6:00 PM Confirmation Education (LoC)      7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

## Calvary Food Pantry is open on May 7 and 8



The Calvary Food Pantry will be open from 9-11 AM on May 7 and 8 at  
111 Dewberry Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

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**Turning Point** is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge. Services are available in both Lehigh and Northampton counties.



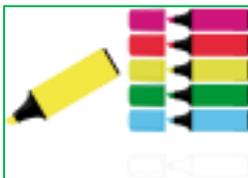
Last year the local Turning Point provided shelter to 243 adults and children. Many arrive at the shelter with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. For the thousands of women who will spend today in domestic violence shelters, it will be a day simply to enjoy safety and peace for themselves and their children.

Turning Point's services include a [24-hour Helpline](http://www.turningpointlv.org), Safe House, Counseling, Support Groups, Court Advocacy, Community Outreach, Prevention Education and Medical Advocacy. Visit [www.turningpointlv.org](http://www.turningpointlv.org) to help or for more information.

**Help Turning Point end domestic violence!**

**For the 24-Hour Helpline call 610-437-3369 (Toll free: 877-438-4957) All calls are confidential.**

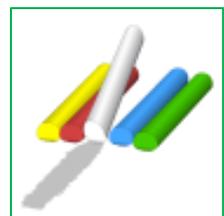
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## Donations Needed for Head Start Kids Fun Day!

A Thrivent Action Team will provide summer fun buckets for our Head Start kids to take home on their last day of class. On that day we will also organize games and provide water for their field day at the park.

**We are asking for donations of bubbles, markers, and sidewalk chalk by May 6**, to help make their summer a fun one! A donation box is in the hallway next to the narthex on the St. Peter's Campus. **Thank you for your generous support of our Head Start Kids!**



**PS! On Sunday, May 13 during coffee hour at St. Peter's, volunteers are needed to make up the 40 summer fun buckets. It's fun to put the buckets together – please join us!**

## 2018 Ingathering Donations

The UPG needs your help to collect these items for the 2018 Ingathering:



- 25 hand lotion or body lotion
- 25 women's personal care items
- 15 dozen diapers - sizes 4 & 5
- 175 shampoos for adults or babies



You may bring the items to either campus – at St. Peter's please place in the basket outside the office, and at LoC in the basket in the narthex.

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**Time to Pay for Iron Pigs  
Baseball Tickets  
June 14 and 15 at 7:05 PM  
Tickets \$11 per person**



**If you've signed up for Iron Pigs Baseball with the UPG, please submit your payment for the tickets as soon as possible. Payment is due by May 15, either cash or check.**

- For the game on June 14, please make your check payable to Light of Christ.
- For June 15, please make your check payable to St. Peter's.
- On all checks, please write "Iron Pigs Baseball" on the memo line.

Payments (cash or check) can be dropped off at either church office.  
Questions? Please call the church office.

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**Planting Day -- May 21 on the St. Peter's Campus**



**Calling all gardeners! Gardeners are needed on May 21** for garden bed cleaning and planting, starting at 5PM or as soon as you can arrive. Please let Kenda or Kathi know if you can help.

## St. Peter's Summer Gardeners Needed



Your green thumb is needed!

Summer Gardeners are needed at St. Peter's for mid-May through September. Please contact Kenda Riley if you can help to weed and water this summer.

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



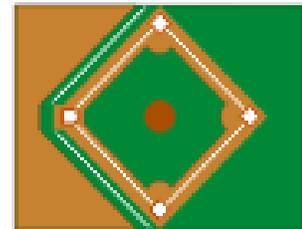
**TODAY, May 6 at 3 pm SATORI** musicians Nora Suggs, flutist, and classical guitarists John Arnold and Candice Mowbray, join forces to explore music from around the world and across the centuries. From classical selections to sambas, Americana, or the music of Europe, the Middle East or Latin America, 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.

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## Softball Players Needed!

The St. Peter's summer softball team is looking for additional softball players. Please call Travis Frankenfield at 610-442-9826 to sign up or for more information.



## The New Email Address for Light of Christ is:

[lightofchrist@rcn.com](mailto:lightofchrist@rcn.com)



Please discontinue using the former St. Matthew's and former Messiah email addresses. Thank you.

## UPG DATA ENTRY PERSON

The Bethlehem United Proclamation of the Gospel (UPG) is seeking a **part-time Data Entry person**. The qualified candidate must possess professional traits and skills including organization, communication, timeliness and accuracy. **Candidates should be proficient in Microsoft Word.** Candidates will be asked to:

- keyboard various types of correspondence and documents
- maintain and update various websites and social media outlets
- must be willing to travel between two separate locations (within five miles of each other) on various days of the week when requested

Anticipated work schedule for this position is Monday-Friday offering two hours per day. Compensation will be offered at \$7.25 per hour for 10 hours each week with two weeks paid vacation each year & nine paid holidays. **Interested candidates should email their cover letter and resume to rich\_hawk@verizon.net not later than May 7, 2018.** Candidates must be available on May 16, 2018 for an interview that will include both an oral interview and a practical interview. Interviews will be scheduled between 7PM - 9PM.

### More Ministry Money!



Thrivent members can sponsor Action Teams to enable the congregation to do even more ministry. When a Thrivent member completes a simple application, Thrivent will reply quickly and if the project is approved, the member will receive \$250 toward the project. We've been able to help the homeless, the hungry, the lonely, the ill, and so many more people over the years. But there's so much more to do!

If you are a Thrivent member, contact Linda Maule at [maule@ptd.net](mailto:maule@ptd.net) or 610-691-2321 or contact Barbara Taylor at [bgtaylor1@rcn.com](mailto:bgtaylor1@rcn.com) or 610-867-1579, to learn how to apply.

***When you apply for an Action Team please contact Barbara so she can log the project in the UPG's records. Then we'll be able to provide publicity and locate others who might be willing to help with the event. She'll also note when a project is completed.***

Please be in touch with Linda or Barbara. Don't leave this "free money" on the table as Action Team monies not used by the end of the year are simply lost.

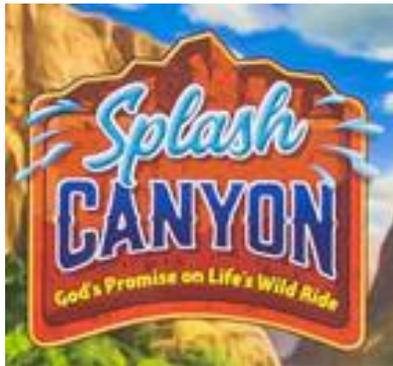
**Apply now – more money can help make more ministry happen!**

## Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Brunch!

On May 20, 2018 the Educational Ministry Committee on our Light of Christ campus will be thanking all UPG Sunday School teachers with a brunch for their dedicated teaching this school year.



Donation envelopes will be distributed through our Sunday School. Monetary donations can be put in the marked envelopes (available on the table in the LoC narthex) and placed in the offering plate or given to Lynn Terry or Sandy Horwath. Donations of food will also be graciously accepted. Please sign up if you would like to donate an item of food for this event! Thank you!



### VBS "SPLASH CANYON" is coming!!!

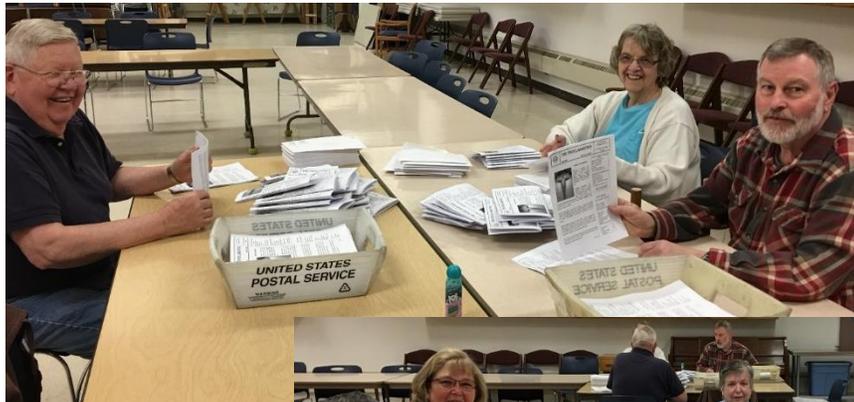
July 16-20, 2018 from 9 AM to noon at our Light of Christ campus we will be leading the Concordia Press program "Splash Canyon - God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride."

Registration & volunteer forms are available now (LoC table in the narthex - at St. Peter's on the Education Wing table)

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to bring the Word and Love of God to the children!! Please enroll or sign up to be on the staff today!!!

## Did You Know...the *Proclamation* Newsletter is mailed to over 500 households in the UPG!

Every month a team of eight or more people meets at Light of Christ to get the *Proclamation* newsletter ready for mailing. They fold each newsletter by hand, place address labels onto the mailing envelopes, insert each piece one at a time into an envelope and seal. It takes a lot of volunteers to get these 500+ pieces ready for mailing then Sandy Horwath takes them to the post office. **Thank you all for getting the printed Good News of the UPG out to all of us!**



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