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PEW NEWS

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

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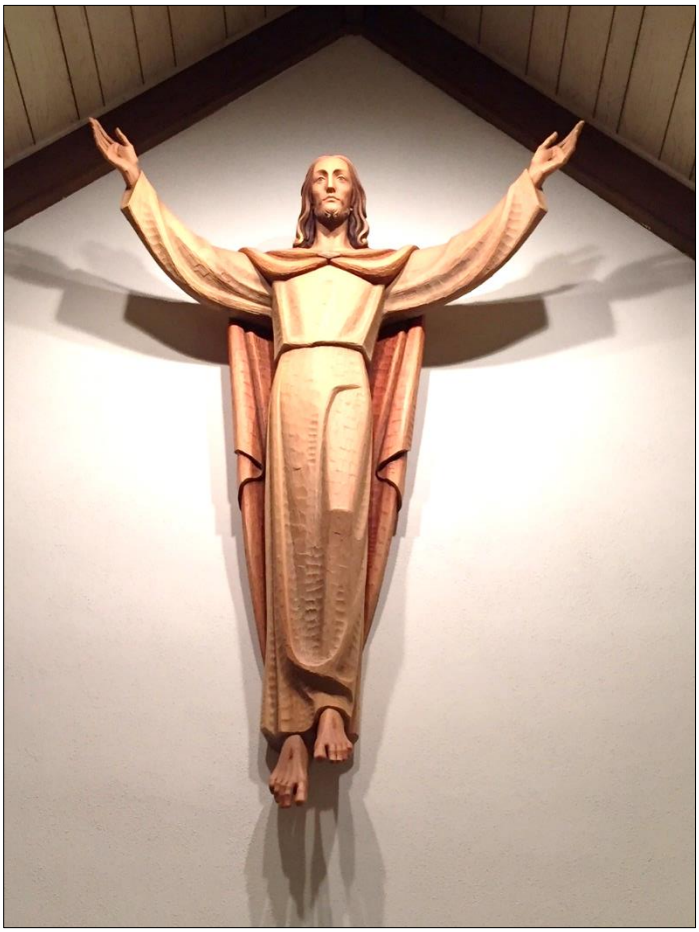
MAY 10 Ascension of our Lord



Recently, a beautiful wood sculpture was installed in the narthex at Light of Christ. Many thanks to Alberta Ebeling Baggest, Mary Mann and Pastor Helmut Kaffine for telling us its history.

Alberta Baggest: The beautiful sculpture of Christ Ascending was first thought of by Pastor Helmut Kaffine of St. Matthew's. My mother, Beatrice Ebeling, asked Pastor what she could donate to the church in memory of my father, Albert Ebeling, who died in October of 1976.

Pastor Kaffine knew about Fortress Press, a Lutheran Publishing house in Philadelphia, which had a special department of ecclesiastical art. The beautiful hand-carved wooden sculpture was selected; it arrived in Philadelphia from Italy and was brought to St. Matthew's.

Pastor Kaffine picks up the story: It was presented to St. Matthew's by family and friends in memory of Albert Ebeling. The life-size figure carved in Italy was dedicated on Christmas Eve 1977. It was displayed on the rear wall of the church at the end of the center aisle, visible to those exiting after worship.

The sculpture was recently mounted in the narthex above the front door at Light of Christ; the spotlights in this new location reveal the details and colors of the wood.

Pr. Kaffine: "The figure serves as a reminder of how, when the disciples were gathered together, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Gazing at the statue after we have worshipped serves as a reminder of whose we are and whom we serve."

UPG SURVEYS are due TODAY

Please return the UPG Surveys today.
They can be placed in the offering plate
or dropped off at either church office.
Let your thoughts be heard.

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

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

More Ministry Money!

THRIVENT®
Be Wise With 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 (610-691-2321) or Barbara Taylor at bgtaylor1@rcn.com (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.
Apply now – more money can make more ministry happen!

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG May 13-20, 2018

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)
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday May 14 **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**

Noon	Ladies Luncheon (Palace Restaurant)

Tuesday May 15

8:00 AM	UPG Staff Meeting (LoC)		
9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (St. P)		
11:30 AM	Blanket Making (St. P)		
7:00 PM	Congregational Councils (LoC)	7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Wednesday May 16

6:30 AM	Men's Fellowship (St. P)		
9:00 AM	Christian Service (LoC)		
9AM-2PM	MLCCC Teachers' Lunch (LoC)		
6:30 PM	Holden Evening Prayer (St. P)	6:30 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal (St. P)
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (St. P)	7:30 PM	LoC Finance Team (LoC)

Thursday May 17

9:00 AM	Bible Study (LoC)		
12 Noon	LV Christian Chinese Church study (St. P)		
12:30-3PM	Head Start Registration (St. P Social Room)		
6:30 PM	Bible Study (St. P)		
7:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (LoC)	7:00 PM	Pastors-Guardians Worship(St. P)

Friday May 18

6:00 PM	LV Christian Chinese Church Worship (St. P)
7:00 PM	7PM Fri.→ 7AM Sat. UPG Youth Lock-In at LoC

Saturday May 19

10 AM - 4 PM	NA Board Meeting (LoC)
5:00 PM	Worship (LoC)
7:00 PM	Pastors/Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)

Sunday May 20

9:00 AM	Worship (St. P)
9:30 AM	Sunday School (LoC)
10:30 AM	Sunday School (St. P)
11:00 AM	Worship (LoC)
12:15 PM	UPG Sunday School Teacher Brunch (LoC after worship)
12:15 PM	UPG Mutual Ministry (LoC after worship)
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

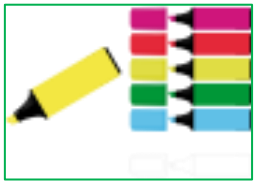
God's Work + Our Hands = Opportunities to Help Others

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 & children. Many arrive at the shelter with only the clothes on their backs. For thousands of women who will spend today in domestic violence shelters, they will enjoy a day of safety and peace for themselves & their children.

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

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



Help fill Head Start Kids "Summer Fun Buckets" TODAY!

A Thrivent Action Team will provide summer fun buckets for our Head Start kids to take home on their last day of class.

TODAY during St. Peter's Coffee Corner, we will fill the buckets with sidewalk chalk, markers and bubbles! It's fun to put the buckets together – please join us TODAY at Coffee Corner!

2018 Ingathering Donations

The UPG needs your help for the 2018 Ingathering
This year we've been asked to donate:

- 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.

WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – Saturday, May 5, 2018

Gathering for worship

Passing the peace

Holy Communion

Picnic Dinner after Worship

Could you help maintain the beautiful lawn for Outdoor Worship?

Volunteers are needed for lawn mowing in the summer.

Please see the signup sheet in the LoC Narthex for dates.

LoC Spring Clean Up Day is May 19

There will be a Clean Up Day on the Light of Christ Campus on Saturday, May 19 from 8am to Noon.
Volunteers are greatly appreciated!

Iron Pigs Baseball with the UPG

<u>Payment is due this Tuesday, May 15</u>

Cash or Check - $11 per person

- 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.

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

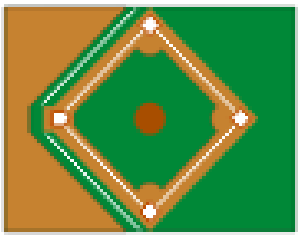
Calling all gardeners! Gardeners are needed on May 21
for garden bed cleaning and planting, starting at 5PM or as soon as you can arrive.
Please let Kenda or Kathi know if you can help.

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 weed and water this summer.

Attention Softball Players!



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.

Please note:
the Email Address for Light of Christ is
lightofchrist@rcn.com

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

UPG Golf Outing is June 23, 2018

Join the UPG at the Whitetail Golf Club!

$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

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT FOR GOLF ARE DUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
LAST DATE TO PAY is JUNE 1.

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.

If you'd like to contribute toward the brunch, donation envelopes are available on the LoC narthex table – they can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Donations of food will also be graciously accepted. Please sign up at LoC 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!

AROUND THE UPG

UPG Volunteers at the Southside Thrift Shop

Learning about Jesus the Good Shepherd at the MLCCC school

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