

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*

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“The Faces of God’s Work!”

No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

¹³ And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. ¹⁴ Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

¹⁵ All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. ¹⁶ We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

1 John 4:12-16

Greetings and peace to you all!

For the past nine months, your sisters and brothers in Christ who form the UPG staff have been working tirelessly to make the transition of *three separate and unique congregations* into the UPG vision of ONE community of faith with two campuses. It is an honor to share ministry with these wonderful people who have proven themselves over and over to be incredibly competent, efficient, and most of all filled with the power of the Holy Spirit as children of God! Please consider taking a moment to thank God for bringing each of these gifted persons into our midst and maybe even take a moment to thank our staff for all the wonderful work they do to benefit our faith and understanding of a loving God.

Every week when our staff gathers we have a practice of asking one another “Where we have witnessed God working in the world this past week!” In my opinion, this practice has really helped each one of us be able to witness how God’s Spirit is working within our midst and has encouraged us, as a staff, to continue striving forward to proclaim the love of God. While I can honestly tell you that every week I am amazed at the power of God working through various people within our midst, I thought it would be fun to share three stories witnessed by our staff this week:

A brother in Christ from one of our campuses was asked if he might be able to drive his brother in Christ from the other campus to a doctor’s appointment. The man needing medical care is relatively immobile and needed great care for this transportation. Not only did this brother in Christ respond favorably to this man in need, but in doing so and in learning more about his situation, this brother in Christ purchased a meal, not only for our patient, but also for his family. This story truly reminded me of the story Christ shared about “who is your neighbor.”

A sister in Christ who works in an adult care facility recently saw me visiting one of our sisters in Christ from the other campus who is conducting rehabilitation at this facility. This wonderful person now stops by to provide fellowship and a warm listening ear to her new friend! The story reminded me greatly of Jesus sharing with the disciples that when we minister to others we minister to Christ.

Another person took two hours out of his day to come across town to work on the grounds of the other campus. He cleaned the garden beds and prepared the beds for spring planting. His desire was to share his time to lift up the beauty of creation with the people who will see the flower beds planted. This story reminded me of Holy Scripture accounts which share with us our responsibility to be good stewards of God’s creation.

Over the time that we have been involved in our shared vision of the UPG there have been many other stories similar to the ones annotated here. People who see their role as “child of God” extend not only outside the walls of their own church building but see that their immediate family in Christ has been wonderfully expanded by our God who “breaks down any walls” that might divide us!

The staff of the UPG is humbled and honored to see how so many of you have grasped this shared vision of ministry. From the bottom of each of our hearts we thank God and we thank each of you for allowing us the opportunity to serve God’s kingdom within the midst of such a beautiful and wonderful time in the life of Christ’s Church here in the city of Bethlehem! Peace and blessings, Pastor Jerry

Four UPG Worship Opportunities Every Week

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

Summer Bible Study Updates

Thursday Night Bible Study concludes for the summer on May 31 and will resume in September.

Thursday Morning Bible Study will continue throughout the summer.



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.**

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

May 27 - June 3, 2018

Sunday May 27 Holy Trinity 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)
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday May 28 Memorial Day Church Offices Closed

9:00 AM Memorial Day Worship (St. P)

Tuesday May 29

8:00 AM UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)
7:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)

Wednesday May 30

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship (St. P)
9:00 AM Christian Service
6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer (St. P)

Thursday May 31

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

Friday June 1

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

Saturday June 2

9:00 AM Wedding (St. P)
5:00 PM **Outdoor Worship!** (LoC)
7:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)

Sunday June 3

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 Last Day of Sunday School with Picnic & Festival (LoC)
2:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Holy Israel Worship (St. P)
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)



**A HUGE thank you for garden
planting and cleanup at
St. Peter's on May 21:**

*Joan Glancy
Dan Groff
Luke King
David Kolman
Michel Lloyd
Kenda Riley
Jon Terry*



**¡ Bienvenido !
A warm UPG
welcome on**



**June 10 to Special Guest
Pastor Gustavo Gómez Pascua**

Pastor Gustavo Gómez Pascua (President of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay) will visit the U.S. as a guest of the NE PA Synod and will take part in the synod assembly on June 8-9.

On Sunday June 10, he will be OUR guest at worship at St. Peter's at 9AM. Please give him a warm welcome and greet him at Coffee Corner that morning.



**Calvary Food Pantry
is open on
June 4 and 5**

The Calvary Food Pantry will be open from 9-11 AM on June 4 and 5 at 111 Dewberry Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017

Food donations are needed; non-perishable foods like macaroni & cheese, cereal, peanut butter and ravioli are in demand. There is a basket in the LoC narthex for donations; you can also donate a gift card for Giant or Weis grocery stores.

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.

MANY THANKS!



**...to everyone whose donations
filled these Summer Fun Buckets
for our Head Start students!**



See the Production of "JESUS"
Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Strasburg, PA
Wednesday, August 15, 2018
Tickets \$105.00

FULL AMOUNT DUE with SIGNUP. Last day to sign up and pay is July 1.

Price includes: transportation by Perkiomen Bus Tours, tickets for Sight and Sound show "JESUS", Family Style dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant and a tip for the bus driver.

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| Depart: | Light of Christ Church | 11:30 am |
| Arrive: | Sight & Sound Theatre Show "JESUS" | 2:45 pm 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm |
| Arrive: | Hershey Farm Restaurant, Strasburg, PA Family Style Dinner | 5:45 pm 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm |
| Depart: | Strasburg, PA | 7:30 pm |
| Arrive: | Bethlehem | 10:00 pm Approximate |

Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Strasburg was constructed on the site of the former Sight & Sound Entertainment Centre, which was destroyed by fire in January 1997. It was completed in the summer of 1998 and seats 2000. The Millennium Theatre is accessible.

"JESUS" Sight and Sound Theatre invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! "Jesus" is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever.

Hershey Farm Restaurant serves Family Style dinners of fried chicken, baked ham, real mashed potatoes, green beans, buttered corn, sweet & sour relishes, homemade rolls, shoo-fly pie, apple pie and hand-dipped vanilla ice cream with fresh brewed iced tea and coffee.

You may want to bring a snack on the bus if you didn't have lunch. Light refreshments are available at the theatre.

TO SIGN UP or with any questions, please call Kathi Raphael at St. Peter's at 610-867-0519
Please make checks payable to Light of Christ with a note on the memo line "JESUS Bus Trip"

Thank you, Tony DeAngelis

For the past 17 years, Tony DeAngelis has served as director of the Chancel Ringers bell choir, playing a beautiful role in the music of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The bell choir has played at weddings, concerts (including the Concert Series) and at many worship services.



Tony's musical talents are many – he has played chimes, hand bells, saxophone and clarinet and was a music teacher, too, giving clarinet and saxophone lessons.



We thank you, Tony, for your years of faithful service using your gifts of music to the Glory of God and to enhance the worship at St. Peter's.

Many thanks and blessings to you!

**Wishing Farewell and Godspeed to
Bell Choir Director Tony DeAngelis upon his retirement
and to Rachel Margraf & Treace Merry on their graduation from Lehigh**



Treace Merry →



Rachel Margraf →





Sunday School Picnic and Festival! All Welcome!!

**JUNE 3 at Light of Christ
Following 11AM Worship**

Where: On the lawn (inside if raining)

What: Grilled Hot Dogs and Beverages will be provided

Please Bring: Side salad or dessert to share

AND...LOTS OF FUN!!

**Ring Toss, Cup Throw,
Duck Pond, Photo Booth,
Balloon Animals, Face Painting and
Hershey Kiss Count!**



Help us collect 100,000 books for the children of Houston.



BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS

**The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
Houston Literacy Campaign**



As a mission and an offering, the ELCA Youth Gathering will provide books for Houston area students in Pre-K through 6th Grade. The UPG will provide financial donations and the ELCA Youth Gathering will buy the books.

Through June 3, you can contribute using the envelopes provided. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's and on the memo line, please note "Blast Off for Books".

The Gathering has recognized the need to lift up literacy in Houston. Building a foundation of literacy starts before entering Kindergarten. Students who read at home become strong writers, critical thinkers, and more successful students than those who do not. Houston Independent School District estimates that 74% of the students in the district come from families who struggle to provide books for their children. This means the students begin each school year at a disadvantage.

In joining the Gathering's Blast Off for Books campaign, you will help ensure bright futures for Houston's students. The books you donate will be distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city as part of the Gathering's Service Learning experience. By putting books in the hands of Houston's economically disadvantaged students, you can help change lives.



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EARLY JUNE WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE

| Date | June 2 & 3 2018 | June 9 & 10 2018 |
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| Assisting Minister | 5PM- Rosalie Adducie 9A – Joe Bleier 11A – Rich Hawk | 5PM- Rosalie Adducie 9A – Matthew Bleier 11A – Lynn Malok |
| Communion Assistant | 9A -Annessa Jenkins 11A – Sandy Horwath, Ron Horwath, Nancy Kostas | 9A – Shirley Kulp 11A – Mary Mann, Joan Neff, Pat Newhart |
| Lector | 9A – Traci Braun 11A – Declan Thompson | 9A – Susan DeAngelis 11A – Keegan Thompson |
| Acolyte/ Crucifer | 9A – Evan Hawk 11A – Sanjay Vaskas | 9A – Ethan Seixas 11A – Hannah Bosco |
| Baker | 9A – Gina DeAngelis 11A – Joan Erb | 9A – Sue DeAngelis 11A – Olivia Grube |
| Ushers | 9A – Tony DeAngelis Jr., Joan Helman, Dolores Kennedy, Gerry Cutsler 11A – Jack Reichel, Massimo Piscitello, Nathan & Rebecca Righi | 9A -Tom and Na Sarver, Ethan Seixas, Pat Little 11A – Richard Romig, Ted Terry, Cliff Bengston, Joan Erb |
| Greeters | 9A – Sue Swavely (E), Mary Bender 11A – Nichol Family | 9A – Joan Glancy, Rich Hawk 11A – Piscitello Family |
| Altar Guild (LoC) | Sandy & Ron Horwath | Sandy & Ron Horwath |
| Flower Delivery (LoC) | Ted Terry Rosalie Adducie | Cliff Bengston Hannah Bosco |
| Sexton | Tony DeAngelis Jr., Lisa Mantz | Ron Frankenfield Lisa Mantz |
| Nursery (LoC) | Volunteers Needed | Volunteers Needed |