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 wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 3:8

Greetings and peace to you!

I wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the information that was shared at this month's council meeting:

Worship attendance during the month of May

Saturday evening average: 33
Sunday 9:00 average: 92
Sunday 11:00 average: 88
Weekly worship average for May: 213
Weekly worship average Year to Date: 235

At last evening's joint council meeting, there were several recommendations made by various ministry teams of the UPG that were endorsed by the congregational council. These recommendations were made

primarily based off feedback received from the recent UPG questionnaires that were returned. I wanted to take a moment to share with you the recommendations that were endorsed:

- **The following Worship schedule is endorsed beginning weekend of September 15 and 16, 2018.**
  Saturday 5PM – Light of Christ
  Sunday 8:45AM – St. Peter's
  Sunday 11:00AM – Light of Christ

- The UPG councils endorsed conducting every other month "joint worship" on Sundays commencing with the fall/winter worship schedule. These worship celebrations should occur at 9:30AM and be followed by a time of fellowship and when appropriate townhall meetings or update meetings. We request to the Christian Education Team that Sunday School activities be postponed for these days and that extended children's church, child care be provided.

Our first "joint worship" for the fall of 2018 is scheduled for September 9, 2018 "God's Work Our Hands" Day!

The worship and music ministry team requests that the "Outreach" team plan events as a single community of faith for this day!

- The UPG council endorsed creating monthly financial reports from both campuses that would help communicate to campuses "financial snapshots" to share our current state of finances.
- The UPG council endorsed the formation of an ad hoc task force to develop a clear vision and purpose to guide the ministries of the UPG. *(This task force will be formed following our next town hall meeting scheduled for August 19, 2018).*

New officers were elected for our Light of Christ Campus. Congratulations to:

Jon Terry	President	Nancy Kostas	Vice President
Donna Mackaravitz	Secretary	Catherine Ziel	Treasurer
Lois Zigmund	Financial Secretary		

We hope and pray that our Lord continues to guide our leaders in powerful and profound ways!

Also, during the St. Peter's congregational council meeting a decision was reached that children from St. Peter's who desire to be active in Sunday school would attend the Sunday school ministry of the UPG on the Light of Christ Campus. Sunday school will begin in the UPG on September 16, 2018 at 9:30AM.

A leadership retreat for our congregational councils and anyone who might be interested across our community of faith is currently scheduled for July 14, 2018 from 9:00 AM till noon on our St. Peter's campus. During this leadership retreat our hope is to work on two or three topics raised by the questionnaires and begin discussions on how the UPG should continue moving forward. If you are interested in being part of this leadership retreat, please let Kenda Riley or Sandy Horwath (our campus coordinators) know.

Many exciting things are happening across the UPG. Our hope and prayer is that you too can feel God's Spirit moving within our midst. Peace and blessings, Pastor Jerry

Introducing Pastor Kurt Garbe

Rev. Kurt Garbe will be teaming up with Pastor Jerry to provide a greater pastoral presence in the life of our members and will also work to develop new ministries.

Pastor Garbe attended Bentley College (now Bentley University), graduating in 1975 with a BS in Accounting. In 1980 he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP), now part of the United Lutheran Seminary (ULS).

He graduated from the LTSP in 1984 and served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Towanda, PA (1984-1991) and as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Reading, PA (1991-1996).

In 1996, he was called to serve on the staff of Bishop Strobel and worked in that role until Bishop Strobel retired in 2008. Pastor Garbe was then called to continue serving with Bishop Zeiser. He will work half time in his synod role in addition to serving the UPG.

A warm welcome to you, Pastor Garbe, from all of us in the UPG.

UPG 2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Weekly Worship

5 PM Saturday Worship - Light of Christ Campus
8 AM Sunday Worship - Light of Christ Campus
10 AM Sunday Worship - St. Peter's Campus
Each worship includes Holy Communion

Wednesday 6:30 PM	St. Peter's Campus	Holden Evening Prayer
1st Wednesday 10:30 AM	St. Peter's Campus	Healing Worship

Please Note: no Healing Worship or Holden Worship on July 4

Third Sunday Joint Worship in July and August

July 15, 2018	8 AM	Light of Christ Campus
August 19, 2018	10 AM	Bethlehem Township Park with Town Hall & Church Picnic

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

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

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG June 24 – July 1, 2018

Sunday June 24

8:00 AM	Worship (LoC)
10:00 AM	Worship (St. P)
2:00 PM	Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)
2:30-5 PM	Kemmerer Piano Recital (LoC nave + kitchen)
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday June 25

8:00 AM	UPG Men's Breakfast (Palace Restaurant)

Tuesday June 26

8:00 AM	UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)
10:00 AM	Thrift Shop Volunteers
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)
No Worship and Music Meeting tonight	
7:00 PM	Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)

Wednesday June 27 Youth Gathering in Houston begins today

9:00 AM	Christian Service (LoC)
No Holden Evening Prayer tonight	

Thursday June 28

No Morning Bible Study today	
12 Noon	LV Christian Chinese Church study (St. P)
7:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (LoC)
7:00 PM	Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)

Friday June 29

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

Saturday June 30

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

Sunday July 1 Youth Gathering in Houston ends today

8:00 AM	Worship (LoC)
10:00 AM	Worship (St. P)
2:00 PM	Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

UPG Updates for Summer 2018

- **There will be one summer issue of The Proclamation monthly newsletter. The summer edition will cover July & August 2018 and will be mailed in mid-July.**
- **Also, Bible Study will be cancelled for June 28 and July 5.**

VBS Volunteers are Needed – can you help?

VBS is coming soon and volunteers are needed for:

- preschool class teacher
- kindergarten class assistant and
- recreation leader

Snacks are needed for the staff, too, at the "Staff Oasis" for each day of school. You can select one day of the week and a food item to bring that day such as fruit, veggies and dip, baked items, etc. The VBS teachers and staff thank you for providing snacks for their break time!

VBS is July 16-20, 2018 from 9:00-noon.
Please email Lynn Terry at lynnjt680@verizon.net if you can help!

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
June 27 - July 1
Houston, Texas

Please keep our youth
and
adult leaders
in your prayers
for safe travels and an enriching,
meaningful gathering!

SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Come to "God's Work Our Hands" Day on Sept 9 following the 10 AM UPG joint worship at St. Peter's.

Service projects will be available for all ages followed by a fellowship luncheon.

Details and signup sheets coming soon! Please save the date!

See the Production of "JESUS"
At Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre
August 15, 2018 Tickets $105.00

FULL AMOUNT DUE with SIGNUP. Last day to sign up and pay is July 1.
ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT

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.

Leave Light of Christ at 11:30 AM and after the show and dinner, return to Light of Christ around 10 PM. Light refreshments 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"

Alyssa F. Diaz was baptized on June 16.

Her mother is Vanessa Diaz.

Alyssa, we welcome you

into the Lord's family!

Calvary Food Pantry is open on July 2 & 3

The Calvary Food Pantry will be open 9-11 AM on July 2 & 3 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.

The following items are needed for the 2018 Ingathering. Can you help?

- 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.

The UPG at Iron Pigs Baseball
106 people attended on June 14 and 15!

A nickname for the UPG?

JULY 2018 UPG WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	June 30, July 1 8A LoC, 10A St. P	July 7, July 8 8A LoC, 10A St. P	July 14, July 15 8A LoC, 10A St. P	July 21, July 22 8A LoC, 10A St. P
Assisting Minister	5PM – Rosalie Adducie 8A – Susan Schellenberg 10A – Donna Musselman	5PM – Rosalie Adducie 8A – Rev. Deborah Wagner 10A – Taylor Baggest	5PM – Rosalie Adducie 8A – Tony Villani 10A – Lynn Terry	5PM – Rosalie Adducie 8A – Rosalie Adducie 10A – Rev. Deborah Wagner
Communion Assistant	8A – Shirley Kulp, Rich Hasonich, Rev. Deborah Wagner, Cliff Bengston 10A – Nancy Kostas	8A – Joan Erb, Karen Favinger, Jen Grube, Ron Horwath 10A – Cindy Kemp	8A- Sandy Horwath, Mike Horwath, Ron Horwath 10A – Shirley Kulp	8A – Joan Neff, Susan Schellenberg, Tony Villani, Rev. Deborah Wagner 10A -Michel Lloyd
Lector	8A – Jennifer Grube 10A – Traci Braun	8A – Ryan Grube 10A – Sue DeAngelis	8A – Rich Hawk 10A – Cindy Kemp	8A – Shirley Kulp 10A – Nancy Kostas
Acolyte/ Crucifer	8A -Olivia Grube 10A – Ethan Seixas	8A – Delynn Gerhard 10A – Matthew Bleier	8A – Melissa Harvey 10A – Wilma Kolman	8A – Patrick Nolan 10A – Evan Hawk
Baker	8A – Olivia Grube 10A – Gina DeAngelis	8A – Sandy Horwath 10A – Sue DeAngelis	8A – Barbara Keener 10A – Cindy Kemp	8A- Louise Fielding 10A – Shirley Kulp
Ushers	8A – Jack Reichel, Joan Erb 10A – Tony DeAngelis Jr., Gerry Cutsler, Joan Helman, Dolores Kennedy	8A – Rich Hasonich, Lois Zigmund 10A – Bleier Family	8A – Cliff Bengston, Joan Erb 10A – Glenn Breidenbach, Mary Bender, Joan Glancy, Evan Hawk	8A – Steve and Bonnie Harper 10A – Rich Hawk, Cindy Kemp, Wilma Kolman, Nancy Kostas
Greeters	8A – Cliff Bengston 10A – Mary Bender, Jackie/Dan Groff	8A – Joan Erb 10A – Barbara Keener, Shirley Kulp	8A – Karen Favinger 10A – Ed/Pat Little, Gene Luff	8A – Louise Fielding 10A – Donna Musselman, Susan Swavely
Altar Guild (LoC)	Joan Erb, Jean Perry	Joan Erb, Jean Perry	Joan Erb, Jean Perry	Joan Erb, Jean Perry
Flower Delivery (LoC)	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers
Sexton	Tony DeAngelis Jr.	Ron Frankenfield	Kim Frankenfield	Kenny Young
Nursery (LoC)	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers