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

July 21 and 22, 2018

JERUSALEM SINGERS in WORSHIP on JULY 29

On Sunday, July 29, the Jerusalem Singers will offer songs of praise during worship at 8 AM at Light of Christ and 10 AM at St. Peter's.

The Jerusalem Singers are a non-profit group dedicated to public service and the performance of traditional and contemporary classical music with Christian texts. For 23 years the Jerusalem Singers have partnered with New Bethany Ministries. **Church members are asked to bring non-perishable foods or cash donations to worship that day for the New Bethany Food Pantry.**

After each Sunday worship the singers load donated items into their cars. New Bethany eagerly awaits each Monday delivery - donations to the food bank drop in the summer months but hunger takes no vacation and the needs are great. **Please help by bringing non-perishable foods to worship on July 29.** Then enjoy the music and know that your donations will help hungry people in our community!

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG July 22-29, 2018

Sunday July 22

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)

Monday July 23

Tuesday July 24

10:00 AM	UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)
10:00 AM	Thrift Shop Volunteers
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)
7:00 PM	Worship and Music (St. P)
7:00 PM	Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)

Wednesday July 25

6:30 AM	NO Men's Fellowship at St. P today
9:00 AM	Christian Service (LoC)
5:30 PM	Diakon (St. P – Trauger)
6:30 PM	Holden Evening Prayer (St. P)

Thursday July 26

9:00 AM	No Bible Study this week at LoC
12 Noon	LV Christian Chinese Church study (St. P)
7:00 PM	Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)
7:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (LoC)

Friday July 27

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

Saturday July 28

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

Sunday July 29

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

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

UPG Joint Worship, Town Hall and Picnic
August 19, 2018 10 AM at Bethlehem Township Park

Saturday Worship on the Lawn! Outdoor Worship 5PM First Saturdays
First Saturday of each month - August 4 and Sept 1
5PM on the Light of Christ Campus - Fellowship Picnic Dinner after worship

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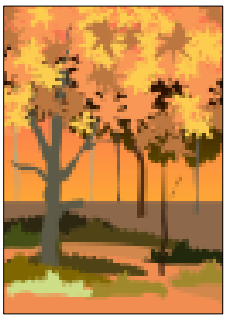
UPG 2018 FALL SCHEDULE

Beginning on September 16, the weekend schedule will be:



Saturday	5:00 PM	
Sunday	8:45 AM	Worship at St. Peter's
Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School at Light of Christ
Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship at Light of Christ

Eva Olivia Dickson was baptized on June 17. Her parents are Jessica and Gary Dickson.

Eva Olivia, we welcome you into the Lord's Family!

New UPG T-Shirts – Order Today!

NEW UPG T-Shirts are now available for order (shown here at the ELCA Youth Gathering)

Please note: we must have an order of 50 t-shirts or more before the shirts are printed.

Shirts are $18 each and available in sizes for children and adults.

We'd like to order in time for the UPG Picnic, so please place your request by July 29.
To order please contact Kenda Riley at 610-867-0519.

WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Please Support "Wreaths Across America" on August 22

Every December on "Wreaths Across America Day", wreath-laying ceremonies are held to remember veterans in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. Veterans in our area are honored as well.

On August 22, the Bethlehem Dairy Store ("The Cup") at 1430 Linden Street will donate a portion of that day's proceeds to Wreaths Across America.

Pick up a voucher on either campus and take it with you to the store on August 22. Enjoy some ice cream and support this important program.

Bingo at Cedarbrook on August 7
Volunteers and Prizes Needed

It's time for Bingo at Cedarbrook on Delaware Avenue in Fountain Hill – August 7 at 6:15 PM. The residents really look forward to our visits. **ALL are welcome to help!**

Please donate prizes of perfume, lotion and cards. Small bags of chips, pretzels, crackers or cookies are especially welcome (*no candy please*). Prizes can be dropped off at either church office with a note "Cedarbrook Bingo".

If you can help at bingo that night, please call either church office or Evelyn Smith from St. Peter's. Thanks!

Join us for a Delicious Pasta Dinner!

Where: Light of Christ Fellowship Hall
When: August 4 from 6-8PM
Cost: Free-will offering

Please sign up on either campus to tell us how many people can attend, also if you can help with the dinner and/or bring a dessert.

Please sign up by August 2 - See you there!

Vacation Bible School 2018

55 children learning about God, Jesus and our world from dedicated, caring VBS staff!
More photos next week!

Food Drive to Restock Emergency Pantry

Donations of nonperishable food items are needed to restock a small emergency food pantry, created last year through a Thrivent Action Team. It is housed at St. Peter and is available for members and non-members who find themselves with "too much month at the end of the money." Donations will be received throughout the month of August and may be put in marked containers at both Light of Christ and St. Peter.

Food items needed are: cans of tuna, chicken, and ham; peanut butter, chunky soups, rice, pasta, ramen noodles, breakfast cereal, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, canned or dried beans, canned fruits, fruit juice (100 % juice) and canned milk.

"*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink…* (Jesus said), *'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"* Matt. 25:35 & 40

Youth Gathering By The Numbers

Did you wonder how many books
and other items were donated at the
ELCA Youth Gathering?

A fantastic response to five very worthy causes
from 30,000+ participants -and-
members of all the churches (like the UPG!)
who supported them!

Thank YOU for your support!

Members of the UPG who are Thrivent members have been hard at work during 2018. Thrivent Action Teams have provided hundreds of dollars and hundreds of volunteer hours to help with congregational projects and projects to care for our neighbors. Here's a summary of what's been done so far and who led each team:

- Easter Egg Hunt – Karen Favinger
- UPG Fellowship Meal – Pastor Jerry
- Backpack Buddies to provide weekend food – Sue Swavely
- Women's Day gifts – Joan Helman
- Summer activity bags for Headstart children – Sandy Birchmeier
- Northeast Ministry – Kathy Coffin
- Golf Outing for the Youth Gathering ministry – Shirley Kulp
- Men's Day gifts – Dolores Kennedy
- Children's Bibles – Shirley Kulp
- UPG Picnic – Barbara Taylor
- God's Work Our Hands Day project – Pastor Jerry

Please contact Barbara Taylor if you know of a Thrivent project that should be included on this list.

There are many planned projects that still need funding. Let's think big! What projects can we complete before year's end? Be in touch with Linda Maule at maule@ptd.net (610-691-2321) or Barbara Taylor at bgtaylor1@rcn.com (610-867-1579) to choose one of the planned projects or if you have an idea for a project that's important to you. Applying for an Action Team is easy and takes about 5 minutes. Thrivent Action Team funds must be applied for by December 31.

Plan an Action Team today!
Action Teams make more ministry happen!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Come to "God's Work. Our Hands Day"
September 9 following the 9:30 AM
UPG Joint Worship at St. Peter's

Service projects for all ages and a fellowship luncheon, too.
Signup sheets available now on both campuses!

Projects being planned are:

- **Collect socks and underwear for men and women at the Bethlehem shelter**
- **Car wash to benefit an animal rescue organization (free will donations)**
- **Make greeting cards for homebound members**
- **Make tied blankets for Lutheran World Relief (men, women and kids!)**
- **Clean-up at the Fountain Hill Cemetery**
- **Bake sale to benefit "Truth For Women", a non-profit that provides care for exploited women** ***Learn more at: http://truthforwomen.org/***
- **Provide a fellowship luncheon for volunteers**

A special note:

If you can sign up in advance, it helps us have enough materials on hand for projects.

If Sept 9 arrives and you didn't sign up, please come anyway!