

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*

August 4 and 5, 2018

Greetings and peace Everyone!

The last few weeks, we have been hearing a message resounding from the halls of the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston! "God's Call changes everything!, God's Love changes everything! God's Grace changes everything!" Next week we will hear how "God's Hope changes everything!" That sure is a great deal of everything being changed!

The UPG has experienced a great deal of change since her inception! Many of our ministries of been "melded" together. Ministry teams have been formed and are up and running, and each step taken during the summer months has been guided by the congregational questionnaires that the people of the UPG completed immediately following the Easter season. Compiled results from the questionnaires, along with comments, are available in the narthex as you leave the worship space and will be distributed following worship on August 19.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a few happenings that are just around the corner. On Sunday August 19, we will be holding a brief "Town Hall Meeting" immediately following our outdoor worship. During this meeting we will be offering each person in attendance a "snapshot" picture of the many wonderful ministries occurring within the UPG along with current financial information to assess the financial implications of the UPG.

During our UPG leadership retreat in July, the congregational council endorsed taking a "congregational poll" to see if there is interest in extending the UPG arrangement, which currently concludes in September of 2019, and extending this arrangement for an additional three years (September 2022). The logic for this request is that this will give us more time to discern where God is leading us as a people, while at the same time allowing for more shared expenses in our mission to proclaim the "Good News" of God's love for the world.

My hope is that this "congregational poll" will take place at a UPG Forum following our joint worship celebration on September 9, 2018 on our St. Peter's Campus. This "congregational poll" will then be acted on by our congregational church councils at our regularly scheduled September meeting.

My hopes and prayers are that each one of you has been able to experience, see, and feel the Holy Spirit working within our midst during this past year! May our Lord continue to lead and guide the direction of the United Proclamation of the Gospel in Bethlehem. Peace, PJ

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

August 5-12, 2018

Sunday August 5

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 August 6

8:00 AM MLCCC Open House

Tuesday August 7

8:00 AM UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (St. P)
11:30 AM Blanket Making (St. P)
6:15 PM Bingo at Cedarbrook
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)
7:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)

Wednesday August 8

9:00 AM Christian Service (LoC)
5:00 PM Diakon (St. P – Trauger)
6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer (St. P)

Thursday August 9

9:00 AM Bible Study (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 August 10

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

Saturday August 11

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

Sunday August 12

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 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

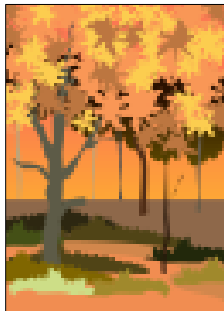
Wednesday 6:30 PM St. Peter's Campus Holden Evening Prayer
1st Wednesday 10:30 AM St. Peter's Campus Healing Worship

Special First Saturday Worship on the Light of Christ Campus

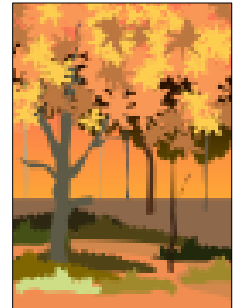
August 4 - Worship indoors at 5PM followed by a Pasta Dinner!
September 1 - Worship on the Lawn at 5PM - Fellowship Picnic Dinner after worship

UPG 2018 FALL SCHEDULE

Beginning on September 16, the weekend schedule will be:



Saturday 5:00 PM Worship at Light of Christ
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



Many thanks to the
Jerusalem Singers
for their gift of music
during worship on
Sunday, July 29





**UPG Joint Worship, Town Hall & Picnic
August 19 at 10 AM
Bethlehem Twp Municipal Park
Pavilion #1**

UPG Outdoor Worship, Town Hall Meeting and Picnic!

Please sign up on either campus to bring a food item, and if you can help with setup or cleanup.

Directions:

- Take Route US-22 East toward Easton
- Take the exit onto PA-33 S toward I-78 S
- Take the William Penn Hwy exit
- Turn right onto William Penn Hwy (signs for Wm Penn Hwy/Bethlehem/Easton Ave)
- Continue onto Easton Ave
- Turn left onto Farmersville Rd
- Destination will be on the left Bethlehem Township Municipal Park - Pavilion #1

If you could help as a "Parking Lot Greeter" (directing people to our pavilion) or as a "Shuttle Driver" (driving people in your car from the parking lot to the pavilion), please call either church office to let us know.

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
24 t-shirts 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 TODAY!
To order please call Kenda Riley at 610-867-0519.**



Calvary Food Pantry August 6 & 7

The Calvary Food Pantry will be open 9-11 AM on August 6 & 7 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 Bethlehem Emergency Shelter Needs Our Help

For God's Work Our Hands Sunday (Sept 9), please consider a donation for the people at the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter.



The following items are needed:

- Men's cotton boxer shorts
- Socks for men and women
- Women's cotton underwear and bras
- Winter hats and gloves

**We can start collecting these items on both campuses now.
Thank you for your support!**



Food Drive to Restock Emergency Pantry

Donations of nonperishable food items are needed to restock a small emergency food pantry at St. Peter's.

This food is available for anyone who needs it, both UPG members and non-members. Donations will be received throughout August on both campuses.

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



Bingo at Cedarbrook on August 7 – Prizes & Volunteers 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!

August and Early September Worship Ministers

Date	Aug 11, Aug 12 8AM LoC, 10AM St. P	Aug 18, Aug. 19 10 AM UPG Joint Worship, Town Hall & Church Picnic	Aug 25, Aug 26 8AM Loc, 10AM St. P	Sep. 1, Sep. 2 8AM LoC, 10AM St. P
Assisting Minister	5PM – Rosalie Adducie 8AM – Susan Schellenberg 10AM – Lynn Rawhouser	5PM – Rosalie Adducie 10AM – Rev. Kurt Garbe	5PM – Rosalie Adducie 8AM- Tony Villani 10AM – Lynn Terry	5PM – Rosalie Adducie 8AM – Rev. Deborah Wagner 10AM – Elizabeth Elterich
Communion Assistant	8AM – Michel Lloyd, Tony Villani, Rev. Deborah Wagner 10AM – Nancy Kostas	10AM – Joe Bleier Matthew Bleier, Joan Erb, Karen Favinger	8AM – Cliff Bengston, Jennifer Grube, Sandy Horwath 10AM – Sue DeAngelis	8AM – Steve, Bonnie Harper, Stacy Gerhard 10AM – Evan Hawk
Lector	8AM – Tony Villani 10AM- Donna Musselman	10AM – Keegan Thompson	8AM – Rev. Deborah Wagner 10AM – Lynn Rawhouser	8AM – Joe Bleier 10AM – Barbara Keener
Acolyte/ Crucifer	8AM – Jonathan Weierbach 10AM – Ethan Seixas	NA	8AM – Joshua Weierbach 10AM – Quinn Jackus	8AM – Joan Erb 10AM – Douglas Bleier
Baker	8AM – Barbara Keener 10AM – Sue DeAngelis	NA	8AM – Shirley Kulp 10AM – Cindy Kemp	8AM – Louise Fielding 10AM – Elizabeth Elterich
Ushers	8AM – Jack Reichel, Joan Erb 10AM – Mary Bender, Glenn Breidenbach, Rich Hawk, Evan Hawk	10AM – Nancy Kostas, Lois Zigmund, Cindy Kemp, Shirley Kulp	8AM – Ron and Mike Horwath 10AM – Glenn Breidenbach, Joan Glancy, Evan Hawk, Rich Hawk	8AM – Tony Villani, Cliff Bengston 10AM – Bruce Billiard, Cindy Kemp, Wilma Kolman, Nancy Kostas
Greeters	8AM – Rev. Deborah Wagner 10AM – Pat/Ed Little, Gene Luff	NA	8AM – Lois Zigmund 10AM – Donna Musselman, Susan Swavely	8AM – Cliff Bengston 10AM – Mary Bender, Jackie/Dan Groff
Altar Guild (LoC)	Linda Baltz, Mary Mann	Linda Baltz, Mary Mann	Linda Baltz, Mary Mann	Linda Baltz, Mary Mann
Flower Delivery (LoC)	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers
Sexton St. P Sexton LoC	Ron Frankenfield Lisa Mantz	Kim Frankenfield Lisa Mantz	Kenny Young Lisa Mantz	Tony DeAngelis Jr. Lisa Mantz
Nursery (LoC)	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers