

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 11 and 12, 2018**



**UPG Joint Worship, Town Hall & Picnic  
Next Sunday 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.***

There will be at least one Shuttle Driver available. Parking options are:

- Park in the main lot and walk to Pavilion #1
- Drive to Pavilion #1 to drop people off then park in the main lot
- A UPG Shuttle Driver can drive you from the parking lot to the Pavilion

Please note: there are only a few handicapped-accessible parking spots at the pavilion



*Listen to this message from the LORD,  
you nations of the world;  
proclaim it in distant coastlands:  
The LORD, who scattered his people,  
will gather them and watch over them  
as a shepherd does his flock.*

*<sup>11</sup> For the LORD has redeemed Israel  
from those too strong for them.*

*<sup>12</sup> They will come home and sing songs of joy on the heights of Jerusalem.*

*They will be radiant because of the **LORD's** good gifts—  
the abundant crops of grain, new wine, and olive oil,  
and the healthy flocks and herds.*

*Their life will be like a watered garden,  
and all their sorrows will be gone.*

*<sup>13</sup> The young women will dance for joy,  
and the men—old and young—will join in the celebration.*

*I will turn their mourning into joy.  
I will comfort them and exchange their sorrow for rejoicing.*

*<sup>14</sup> The priests will enjoy abundance,  
and my people will feast on my good gifts.  
I, the LORD, have spoken!”*

**Jeremiah 31:10-14**

Greetings and peace to you all!

As I have been praying this week, I realized how much “hope” I carry in my life! I have this “expectant anticipation” that in God’s time, the children of God will “come home and sing songs of joy!” I look forward to the time when God’s children’s lives will “be like a watered garden, and all our sorrows will be gone!” I can hardly wait to see the people of God “dancing for joy!”

Yet, for now at least, the words penned to paper by the prophet Jeremiah must be waited upon... or do they?

In my personal understanding of reading and interpreting Holy Scripture, I have come to a place of peace that Holy Scripture is NOT JUST HISTORY! Rather Holy Scripture shares with you and me how God has worked in the past, how God is working in the present, and points to how God will work in the future! In other words, Holy Scripture is truly the living word of God! Always being made new in the light of new time and new places!

From the beginning to the end of Holy Scripture, more than anything else, I believe Scripture shares the story of God’s “Hesed” (*unrelenting, passionate, pursuing, unconditional love*) with humanity. God is always seeking us out. God is always redeeming us. God is always making us holy, not because of the things we do, but rather out of the incredible gift of God’s grace poured out in infinite abundance on the world through the cross of Jesus Christ. For myself... this is most certainly true.

Here’s the beautiful part about understanding Holy Scripture in light of this understanding: you and I get to willingly participate in being part of the vision described in the book of Jeremiah! We get to see our sisters and brothers “coming to worship to sing songs of joy!” for the gifts God has shared with us! We have an opportunity to participate in people’s lives when they “are like watered gardens!” We are invited to see the people of God “dancing for joy!”

Yes, we still live in a broken and battered world where sin, evil, and chaos abounds, but our Lord graciously shares with each of us and ability to see the “foretaste of the feast to come.”

So it is that today, I humbly come before you in prayer, asking that you too allow God’s Spirit to “open your eyes” to see not only the trials, tribulations, and sufferings of this world. To not be so critical of yourself and others in this world that you are unable to see how God is at work in your life and the life of your neighbor. To simply allow yourself to find a respite in the arms of our God and see the beauty and glory of what God has done, what God is doing, and what God will do throughout eternity.

Amen.

## THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

August 12-19, 2018

### 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)

### Monday August 13

- 12 Noon Ladies Luncheon (Palace Restaurant)

### Tuesday August 14

- 8:00 AM UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)
- 10:00 AM Thrift Shop Volunteers
- 6:00 PM Brewing Theology (TAPS Restaurant, Route 309)
- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)
- 7:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)

### Wednesday August 15

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

### Thursday August 16

- 9:00 AM Bible Study (LoC)
- 10:00 AM Cook at New Bethany Ministries
- 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 17

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

### Saturday August 18

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

### Sunday August 19

- 10:00 AM ***UPG Joint Worship (Bethlehem Township Municipal Park)  
Followed by UPG Town Hall Meeting and Church Picnic!***
- 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

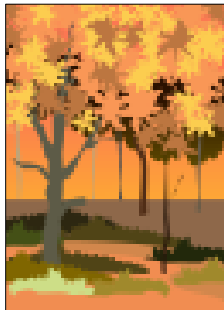
### Special First Saturday Worship on the Light of Christ Campus

September 1 - Worship on the Lawn at 5PM - Fellowship Picnic Dinner after worship

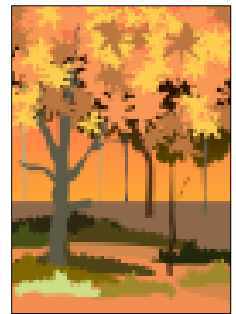
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## UPG 2018 FALL SCHEDULE

Beginning on September 16, the weekend schedule will be:



Saturday 5:00 PM 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





In the mailbox:

*Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,*

*We thank you for allowing us to share in your worship Sunday. We appreciate the delicious treats.*

*We always appreciate your donations towards our mission.*

*Thank you,*

*The Jerusalem Singers*



## 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. Please donate 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.'" Matthew 25:35 & 40*



## BUS TRIP

**There are three tickets available for the bus trip and show, from members who are not able to attend.**

There are two tickets at \$105 each and also one free ticket.

Trip is August 15 leaving Light of Christ at 11:30 AM & returning around 10 PM. Ticket includes bus, show and dinner.

If you are interested in the tickets, please call Kathi at the St. Peter's office at 610-867-0519.



### 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 too.

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.



### **GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS DAY OF SERVICE SUNDAY SEPT 9, 2018**

**Come to “God’s Work. Our Hands Day”  
on September 9 following the  
9:30 AM UPG Joint Worship at St. Peter’s.**

Service projects for all ages and a fellowship luncheon, too.

Please sign up now on either campus – many projects to choose from!

***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!***

***A note from Pastor Jerry!***

***Please bring your***

***seedling plants***

***to Worship in the Park***

***next Sunday August 19!***



A warm UPG welcome to our supply musicians today:

***Tina Giesler*** at Light of Christ and

***Karen Scott*** at St. Peter’s.

Thank you both for sharing your time and talent with our congregations.



## NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

4004 West Tilghman Street \* Allentown, PA 18104  
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# WE THIRST

## LESSONS IN MERCY

Christian Reflections on Addiction



## OCTOBER 2018

Wednesday Evenings:

10/3 | 10/10 | 10/17 | 10/24 | 10/31

6:45 ~ 9:00pm

### \$10.00\*

\*PER PERSON for the ENTIRE SERIES  
or \$15.00 PER FAMILY

Additional option: \$5.00 per week

Facilitator Nina Marie Corona is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Ministry at Fordham University. She possesses a Master of Arts in Spirituality from Loyola University Chicago. She is an adjunct instructor at Villanova University where she received her education in alcohol & drug counseling. Nina is a PA Board Certified Recovery Specialist. For more information, visit her website at [www.ninamari coron a.com](http://www.ninamari coron a.com).



### REGISTRATION FORM

(\$10 per person or \$15 per family for entire series or \$5 per person per week)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address and/or Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed registration form along with your payment to:  
Nativity Lutheran Church, 4004 West Tilghman St., Allentown, PA 18104



## PASTA DINNER

**Saturday's Pasta Dinner was a big success!**

Approximately 100 people enjoyed a **delicious dinner** (with a zillion desserts...) **and nearly \$600 was raised to benefit the UPG "Bible for Youth" Program.**

**A HUGE thank you to Tina Piscitello** for organizing and running such a great (and tasty!) event, and to all the youth, friends and family who worked hard and made it successful evening.



