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CHURCH

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERRY

**Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.**

**<sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.**

**<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.**

**<sup>5</sup> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all,  
who is over all, in all, and living through all.**

**Ephesians 4:1-6(NLT)**

Greetings and peace to you all!

I've been doing a great deal of praying and thinking about the following question: "What is church?"

Martin Luther said church is "the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel."

Of course, Holy Scripture shares that the "ecclesia (the church community)" is the place where believers find support, encouragement, affirmation, admonition, rebuke, hope, peace, love, and God's presence dwelling within!

As a young boy growing up in the 1960's and 70's, "church" took on a different form. Church was the place where I worshipped God with people who instructed me "how" to properly worship. Sometimes through words of encouragement, but often through gestures and facial expressions sharing with me approval or disapproval. Church was the place I could sing and see the smiling faces of people who cared about me. Church was the place where I could gather with my friends and have fun.... But not get carried

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away! Church was the annual bazaar to raise some money for the new windows, or the painting of the doors. Church was Vacation Bible School where the older kids actually took time to play with us. Yes, these are a few of the memories of “church” that formed my early Christian identity and I fondly recall.

As an adult, and hopefully more mature Christian, “church” has become something much more personally powerful. Church is the place where believers actually help each other experience God in daily living. Church is the place where believers tend to one another’s wounds and allow others to see our scars. Church is the place where I can join others on life’s pilgrimage to learn more about God and how God desires us to live in a difficult world through sharing time together studying Holy Scripture. Church is the place where we should be able to find joy and laughter in one another’s company, is the place where we should feel “safe enough” to cry, is the place where forgiveness should not simply be a word, but an action of our expression for one another. Church is the place where grace is not only spoken about but the place where all of God’s children find a welcoming at the base of the cross!

In my now 16 years of ministry, I have been amazed by the number of people who view church as a “consumable product.” These sisters and brothers in Christ see church as a place where they pay a certain amount of money and expect certain services in return. My sisters and brothers in Christ, nowhere in Holy Scripture, nowhere in the confessions of the Lutheran Church will we find such a model of faith. This model of faith is a by-product of the world in which we live, not the model shared with us by God or the founders of our faith.

Why share all this with you at this time? On September 9 at our worship celebration we will be polling those in attendance to gauge whether or not the people of the United Proclamation of the Gospel should extend our agreement for shared ministry to extend until September of 2022 instead

of September of 2019. Should this movement be approved, we will be forming an ad hoc ministry team to provide guidance for visioning and ministry as we continue our pilgrimage together. This will provide an opportunity for us to evaluate and redefine how we understand “church.”

I write to you today hoping that your visions for “church” and the ministries we enter into and the feelings that prevail within our community, will be openly discussed and shared. Instead of simply lamenting on the loss of the “church” we might have grown up with, use your gifts, talents, and voice to redefine, reestablish, or revision “church” as you would like it to intersect in your life and in the life of the world.

My hope and prayer is that we would be able to energize our community of faith to engage the world which exists in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in the year 2018, that helps more and more people engage God and engage faith with zealousness and joy in order that more and more people can feel the love of our God.

Peace and blessings for now,  
**PASTOR JERRY**

Dear members of the UPG,

The month of September is a bit like January 1st. Both are new beginnings. Children and youth begin a new academic year, many adults embark on new jobs and careers, and congregations celebrate Rally Day to begin a new program year. As a church musician, I look forward to a new season of making music with returning choir members and recruiting new members to join them to lead the congregation's worship and praise.

Message from  
*Deacon Linda*

Did you know there are many health benefits to singing in a choir? Studies here and in the UK have shown that group participation in making music is fun and allows people to get away from the stress and anxiety of daily life. The social interaction of a

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choir builds a sense of community and provides a support system for its members. Beyond these benefits, singing improves breathing, posture, and circulation, reduces pain levels, increases a sense of well being, lifts one's spirits, and keeps the mind active. Singing is one of the healthiest activities you could choose to do.

An interesting article in last May's Express Times made a good case for engaging in music making. "It is good for the brain and may delay the onset of some of the mental decline of aging." None of us likes to think about the aging process but, if music can help bolster our brain health, then a choir rehearsal once a week is a good choice.

Singing is healthy for the body, the mind and the spirit. Singing hymns, liturgies, and anthems strengthens one's faith. Singing connects us to each other as we use music to express our joys and sorrows. Singing can take us out of ourselves to the "new dimension in the world of sound" as Fred Pratt Green wrote in his hymn text, "When in Our Music God is Glorified." Singing in community helps us feel closer to one another and to the God whom we worship. God revels in our praises, spoken and sung.

So – come and be refreshed in mind, body and spirit and join the choir for the new season. Our first rehearsal is on Wednesday, **September 12**, at **7:30 PM**. **Light of Christ's** choir room is on the 2nd floor of the Education wing and **St. Peter's** choir room is on the second floor.

If you think you may not measure up, don't worry. This Zimbabwean proverb says, "If you can walk, you can dance; if you can talk, you can sing." We may not plan to dance but we do plan to use the breath God gave us to thank and praise our God in song. Please come.

Yours in Christ,  
**DEACON LINDA MAULE**

# NEWS

## From Our Congregations



**EDNA PAGEL**, 98, a faithful member of *Light of Christ*, passed away on August 20 2018. Edna's funeral was held at *Light of Christ* on August 23, 2018. Please keep Edna's family and friends in your prayers during this time.



**RYAN NICHOLAS RUSH**, son of Johnathon and Cathleen Rush, was baptized at St. Peter's on August 12, 2018.



Do you need a ride to attend worship or any other church activity? If so, contact one of the persons listed here.

September 2—Ted Terry

September 9—Bill & Donna Mackaravitz

September 16—Ted Terry

September 23—Bill & Donna Mackaravitz

September 30—Ted Terry

Ted Terry—610-855-0359

Bill & Donna Macaravitz—610-691-8338

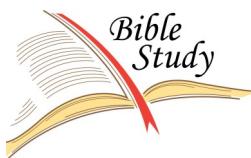


**UPG JOINT WORSHIP!**  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**  
**9:30 AM**

What a celebration we have in store for this day as we join the ELCA in celebrating God's Work

Our Hands day! Join us as we bear witness to the many ways in which God uses our bodies as instruments of God's grace in this world! From teaching children the story of God's love, to proclaiming God's welcome in new and powerful ways, this celebration will truly be memorable! As part of this worship we will be polling members in attendance about the short term future of the United Proclamation of the Gospel as we seek to extend our current ministry agreements. Following worship there will be several opportunities for you to use your hands, your gifts, your talents to share in our public proclamation of the gospel. Please consider joining us on this day!

### Stories of Faith Bible Study

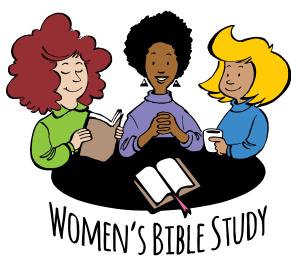


Join us every Thursday morning at 9:00 AM in our **Light of Christ** Campus Narthex (beginning September 6, 2018) or 6:30 PM in the Social Room of **St. Peter's** (beginning September 20, 2018) for Stories of Faith Bible Study.

During this 90-minute session we will take a closer look at the Scripture assigned for the coming weekend worship celebrations and explore the questions and thoughts that you bring to these Scripture lessons! There is no prior Bible Study experience necessary to join this lively discussion, simply bring an open heart and willing ears and see where the Spirit will lead our discussion. Consider joining us!

### TURN, TURN, TURN

Every woman of the UPG is invited to start the fall season, by participating in the Women's Bible Study which meets on the **St. Peter's** campus on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, **SEPTEMBER 4 & 18**. The gathering is from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Social Room found on the parking lot level of the building. En-



ter at the Social Room door off the parking lot. Use the Church doorbell and someone will let you into the building. Pull the door when you hear the click! The coffee and tea pots are always ready along with some light snacks.

There is a chair just for you! The morning is filled with Bible reading, sharing, praying, and a sense of community. The theme of this nine-month study will focus on our ability to turn to God at any time and all times of our lives. God is always there with God's great gift of grace. Repentance is a vital part of our relationship with our God and with others. The author is Pastor Meghan Johnston Aelabouni from Ft. Collins, CO, who is currently pursuing her PhD. The study materials are from Gather, the magazine of the ELCA for women. Please, prayerfully consider being a part of this group of bold, searching faithful women. If you have any questions, please see Elizabeth Elterich.

### BLANKET MAKING FOR EVERYONE



On the 3rd Tuesday of September~~the 18th~~everyone is welcome to join others in making blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Simple tasks of fabric cutting, ironing, pinning fabric together, and knot tying. You can see some of the results of this project during the God's Work~Our Hands Sunday when blankets will be available to be worked on by others. Come see the amazing colors and designs of the blankets. When completed the blankets will go to a Lutheran World Relief processing center to be sent around the world. These UPG blankets will be sent around the world to provide our sisters and brothers in need of warmth, comfort, and protection. Make sure to check out blanket making on Sunday, September 9 and then offer your hands on Tuesday, September 18 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Social Room on the St. Peter's campus.



## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS DAY SEPTEMBER 9

Coming very soon -  
**GOD'S WORK. OUR  
HANDS DAY ON SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

when the congregations of the UPG will celebrate our unity as the body of Christ with a joint worship service at 9:30 AM on the St. Peter's campus. Following worship, volunteers will have an opportunity to "share ministries and build relationships."

The God's Work. Our Hands Team has planned an exciting day for adults, youth and children to participate in various activities that will help make a difference in our community and beyond.

There is still plenty of time to volunteer. Signup charts are available on both campuses. Please read about the following activities and choose what you would like to do.

- Car wash – for youth grades 5 and up – proceeds to support an animal shelter
- Clean up Fountain Hill Cemetery
- Make greeting cards for homebound members – grades 1 and up
- Make tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief
- Bake sale – proceeds to support Truth for Women
- Luncheon - provided for each volunteer as you conclude your activity

Please wear your God's Work. Our Hands t-shirt or your United Proclamation of the Gospel t-shirt and join us for this fun-filled day of "sharing ministries and building relationships."

Items for the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter (socks, underwear, winter hats and gloves) will

continue to be collected throughout the fall season. THANK YOU for your generosity.

The God's Work. Our Hands Team is also sponsoring a collection of serviceable winter coats for all ages. Please check your closets for outerwear that you no longer need. This collection will begin in October.

## MUSIC MINISTRY



Thank you to the following musicians who shared their time and talent to enhance our worship at LoC this summer: **CHRIS KNAUSS, JILLIAN WEIERBACH, MARISA DESHLER, JAMES RITCHIE, OLIVIA GRUBE, JIMMY, MATTHEW AND AMY BLEIER, THE JERUSALEM SINGERS** directed by **PETE DESHLER, DENNIS NEWHART, KATHI RAPHAEL, TONY VILLANI, and JOSH WEIERBACH**.

### THE ROLE OF A LIFETIME



We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?"—Linda Dillow, Calm My Anxious Heart

- "Intelligence is knowing the right answer. Wisdom is knowing when to say it."—Tim Fargo
- "If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money."—Abigail Van Buren
- "The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything"—Unknown

## CRAFTER'S NIGHT INVITATION



Crafters Group

If you like to knit/crochet or do any kind of handicraft projects, you are welcome to gather at **St. Peter's** campus on Monday, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

**September 17,** Come to the front Vine Street door or the door off the parking lot and ring the church doorbell. When you hear the click, pull the door open and enter. The gathering is held in the UCF room on Level I. So, check your closets and find those unfinished projects and come enjoy some time with other crafters! The evening is a time to share ideas, give support, and enjoy each other's company. This group welcomes youth and all adults and their projects.

who will be joining us. We have already come to know many of the children and youth who attended VBS at Light of Christ this summer. If you would like to join our Sunday School staff or Educational Ministry Committee, you are always welcome. Please see me to talk about the opportunities for ministry within the UPG. We are looking forward to making new friends and seeing all of our returning friends. Welcome!!!

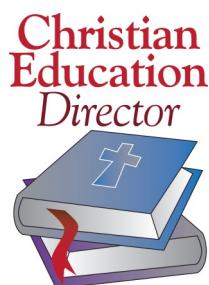
Our 2018-2019 Sunday School year opens on September 16, 2018 at 9:15 with registration in the narthex of LOC followed by our Rally Day Celebration from 9:30-10:30a.m. in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Come learn how much God loves us through the stories of Super Heroes of the Bible.

Our families and our Educational Ministry Committee are asked to provide the food, drinks and supplies for the fellowship time following the Rally Day Celebration. Please see below what things are requested of your child's age group. Please select one item to bring even though you have children in various classes. Thank you!!

- ◆ Families of preschool, through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes: baked treats (mini donuts, bagels, muffins, coffee cake, etc)
- ◆ Families of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders: fruit – (bananas, apples, grapes, strawberries, clementines)
- ◆ Families of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders: apple juice, ice tea or lemonade.
- ◆ Families of 7<sup>th</sup> through high school: paper products (cups, small plates, napkins)

Please bring your donations to the kitchen. Thank you.

Sunday School staff will be installed during our joint worship service at the **St. Peter's** campus on September 9, 2018 at 9:30 p.m. Children and youth will also receive a back-to-school blessing.



## "God's Incredible Love"

### Rally Day 2018

Bible stories, songs,  
games, crafts and  
food!!

September 16, 2018

Dear friends,

Each year we bring the life changing knowledge of our Lord and Savior to our Sunday School students and their families. This school year we are joining the Sunday School programs of both St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Light of Christ Lutheran Church, together called the United Proclamation of the Gospel (UPG). Sunday School will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on the **Light of Christ** Campus. We are looking forward to welcoming the people of St. Peter's Lutheran Church

We are blessed to have a very talented and dedicated staff of volunteer teachers in our Sunday School.

- ◊ Preschool - Kindergarten: Ann Nonnemacher and Michelle Harvey
- ◊ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades: Carol and Christopher Knauss
- ◊ 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades: Leslie Snow and Kathy Peltiers
- ◊ 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades: Jerry Clavens and Kasey Bosco
- ◊ 7<sup>th</sup> through high school: Tracy Haas
- ◊ Adult Sunday School: Rosalie Adducie and Ron Horwath -- class is held in the library. All are welcome! First class will be held on September 23, 2018. Adults are encouraged to attend the Rally Day celebration on September 16, 2018.
- ◊ Singing Sunday Leaders: Linda Maule and Karen Schoch
- ◊ S.S. Treasurers: Carol and Christopher Knauss
- ◊ S.S. Coordinator: Lynn Terry
- ◊ Substitute teachers: Karen Favinger, Jennifer Grube, Bette Kovach

As you are shopping with your children or grandchildren for their back to school supplies, please consider picking up one of the following items to share with area school students in need:

- \* boxes of crayons
- \* washable markers
- \* pencils, pens,
- \* packs of big pink erasers,
- \* 2-pocket folders
- \* notebook paper
- \* 1-3 subject notebooks
- \* pencil boxes

We are asking children and youth to bring these items with them on Rally Day. Maybe you are not shopping for family school supplies this year, but would like to help. Anyone can donate an item by placing them in the school supply basket in the narthex on the **Light of Christ** Campus or in a designated area on the **St. Peter's** Campus. Other items that teachers and students may need are playground balls, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, backpacks and lunchboxes. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have already responded.

A communion class for children will be held on **September 23, 2018** from 4:00-5:00 in the library of the LoC Campus. The parents will join their children from 5:00-5:30 p.m. to receive communion with Pastor Jerry. Please come to learn of the new approach to communion that is being experienced at LoC with Pastor Jerry. Children of any age that is acceptable to their families may now receive communion during services of the United Proclamation of the Gospel.

Thank you to everyone who thought of us while traveling this summer! Come and see the postcards on display in the narthex. Currently we have postcards from Louisiana, New York, France and Germany.

Parents of college students and military members on both campuses: please submit your son/daughter's address to the **Light of Christ** office before November 2018 if you would like them to receive a care package!!!

Families of our 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive dates for catechetical classes through an email from Lynn Terry. Please call Lynn if you have not received this information and your child is of confirmation age.

Our Sunday School and VBS students collected \$264.00 for the ELCA Good Gifts Program as our outreach project for 2018. This is enough

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money to purchase five goats!! Thank you to all of our students and families for their gifts. Mrs. Snow's and Mrs. Pelletiers' class have continued their collection of offerings over the summer months so this total will be increased following Rally Day.

Looking ahead to the UPG Educational Ministry's Events:

- September 9, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. **Joint Worship at St. Peter's Campus** - S.S. Teacher Installation and Blessing of the Children, "God's Work, Our Hands Day" activities to follow the service
- September 23, 2018 – Usborne Book Fair 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Light of Christ** Campus
- September 23, 2018 - First Communion Class: 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.- LoC library and sanctuary (parents attend from 5:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.)
- October 14, 2018 – Harvest Home Celebration
- October 14, 2018 – CROP Walk
- October 28, 2018 – **Joint Worship at LOC** - Reformation Sunday, no Sunday School
- November 10, 2018 - Care Package Assembly 10:00 a.m LoC Campus -fellowship hall
- November 17, 2018 – Confirmation Dinner for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade class 6:00 p.m. LOC
- November 18 2018 – Confirmation Service
- November 23, 2018 – Youth Night LOC Campus
- December 1, 2018 – Winter Festival LOC Campus
- December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018 – part of each Sunday School class devoted to the Children's Christmas Eve Service for preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grades.
- December 15, 2018 – 10:00-noon Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Eve Service and Christmas Party LOC Campus

- December 24th- 4:00 p.m. **Joint Worship at LOC Campus** -Children's Christmas Eve Service
- December 30<sup>th</sup> – **No Sunday School this day – joint worship at St. Peter's Campus**

I hope the first days of the new school year have gone very well for everyone. I can't wait to see you on Rally Day!



We are looking forward to our eleventh school year to begin on September 10, 2018. We cannot wait to see our returning families and to meet our new families. I know many of the children are very excited to either return to school or to come to school for the first time. September is a wonderful time for renewing friendships and beginning new ones.

We continue to enroll students in our classes. Please see me if you are interested in learning more about our preschool.

Come to the Usborne Book Fair on September 23, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. on the **Light of Christ** campus in the old fellowship hall. Usborne offers high quality, engaging books for children birth through age twelve covering a wide variety of subjects. We know you will find something that interests a child in your life.

Thank you to our members and friends who have been designating the MLCCC as the recipient of their Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars. We are so thankful for your designations! This money is added to our scholarship fund. We are very thankful to Thrivent and their members for includ-

ing us in their grant program.

The Giant Grocery Store School Rewards program has begun with the registration of your bonus card number. The program runs from September 7<sup>th</sup> through March 16, 2019. Please register at giantfoodstores.com. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. You will continue to receive your personal bonus points even when you register for this program. You may designate two schools to receive points. **Our school ID is 26461.** Thank you!! Please pick up an information letter in the narthex of both church buildings.

**Again this year** – you do not need to reregister your bonus card number if you registered last school year!!

Friendly's Family Fun Night, 3099 William Penn Highway, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 5:00-8:00 pm . We already have some wonderful donations for our raffle!! Mark your calendars please!! It is lots of fun and helps our school so much!!

Submitted with thanks and praise to God,  
**LYNN TERRY**  
Christian Education Director/MLCCC Director  
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MLCCC (610)861-0645

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 bgaylor1@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 five minutes. Thrivent Action Team funds must be applied for by December 31.

Plan an Action Team today!

Action Teams make more ministry happen!

- “God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but he expects us to do the baking.”—William Arthur Ward



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



1	Judy Baggett
2	Donald Fye
	Joseph Seidenberger
4	Jimmy Bissey
	Michael Piscitello
	Nolan Richard Zahm
5	Sawyer Waas
6	Andrew Keller
	Constance Litrenta
	Michael Farrell
	Deborah Hepler
7	Susan Schellenberg
8	Sariah Cruz
	Joanne Campbell
	Delynn Gerhard
9	Diane Voron
10	Jennifer Burgert
12	Ronald Frankenfield
	Elizabeth A.L. Hawk
	Tracy Heberling-Breisch
	Eric Baltz
	Michael Brandle
13	Carole R. Brosious
	Rosemary Myers
	Lucille Serman
	Nancy Snyder
14	Lois Shelly
	William Freeman
15	Jose Sanchez
	Theodore Terry
17	Michel Lloyd
	Julian Watson
	Perry Kutzler
18	Margaret Hess
19	Lisa Kay Kolman
	Julia Bosco
	Claire Farkas
20	Kahlil Asaro
	Matthew Bleier
	Rilynn Cougle
	Judy Keller
	Kenda Riley
	Ray Smock
	Allison Nichols

21	Ann Nonnemacher
22	Carol Quirk
	Melissa Harvey
	Michelle Harvey
23	Tanner Horvath
24	Donald R. Bramwell Jr.
	Sheila Clarke
25	Jacob Taylor
	James Klotz
	Jennifer Rivera
	John Surovi
26	Brian K. Keller
	Matthew Nagy
27	Sharon Infantino
	Pamela Wagner
28	Judy Ihle
	Scott Snyder
	Deborah Brandle
29	Richard Fotiades
30	Benjamin Cybuck



Thank you. I want to give a special thank you to the members and friends of Light of Christ who offered their thoughts and prayers to me during my recent illnesses. I also want to thank those persons who filled in for me at worship services and more. Thanks and God Bless you.

Cliff Bengston

Dear Members of Light of Christ,

Thank you so much for your prayers and calls following Bob's recent surgery. The altar flowers delivered by Karen & Tony Favinger and by Jack Reichel were beautiful. They were much appreciated, as were the visits that accompanied them.

We are grateful for Pastor Jerry's visit and phone calls, those of Bette Kovach, as well as the meal deliveries she organized, and the dinners prepared by church friends.

Bob is recovering well and is on the mend. Thank you for your caring and concern.

With our gratitude,  
Diane & Bob Voron



- 5 Stephen & Bonnie Harper
- 6 Daniel & Marilyn Halteman
- 9 Anthony N. & Susan DeAngelis
- 12 Brian K. & Lori Keller
- 13 Charles & Jill Crisafi

- 14 Richard & Elizabeth A. L. Hawk
- 15 Brandi Jo & Russell Piccirilli
- 22 Joseph & Amy Bleier
- 26 Amy & Joseph Faulch
- Carol & Harry Quirk
- 27 Michael S. & Judy Keller
- 29 William & Rebecca Csaszar

## Nativity Lutheran Church to Host Series on Addiction

Nativity Lutheran Church in Allentown will host a five-week educational retreat series on addiction within the context of the Christian community. The event will be held every Wednesday in October from 6:45 – 9:00 PM: October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2018. This event is being sponsored by the Lehigh, Northern Lehigh Valley, and Bethlehem/Easton Mission Districts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ECLA).

The series is titled, WE THIRST: Lessons in Mercy (Christian Reflections on Addiction). It includes five reflective evenings designed to inform, strengthen, instill hope, and encourage transformative community action amidst the current addiction epidemic. Presentations are designed to be compassionate and inspiring and will include lectures, music for periods of reflection, videos, prayer, and more.

By the conclusion of the WE THIRST program, attendees will understand the biological, psychological, social, and spiritual aspects of this affliction. They will recognize the direct correlation between Christian identity and those who are struggling directly or indirectly. Participants will be challenged to apply their knowledge and hope within their congregations and communities. A plethora of useful information will also be available for at-

tendees to peruse and take home.

Nina Marie Corona, M.A., C.R.S. is the author and facilitator of the program. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree at Fordham University. Nina possesses a Master of Arts in Spirituality from Loyola University Chicago and certification in Alcohol & Drug Counseling from Villanova University where she is an adjunct instructor. Nina is also a Pennsylvania Board Certified Recovery Specialist.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend including the afflicted, their loved ones, all members of the community including counselors, nurses, chaplains, social workers, pastors, those in the criminal justice system, first responders, educators, etc. The cost for the series is \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per family for all five evenings. For those who cannot attend all five sessions, the cost is \$5.00 for each evening.

Registrations may be mailed directly to Nativity Lutheran Church at 4004 West Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104 – Attention: Lessons in Mercy. Any questions? Contact **SANDY BIRCH-MEIER** at [birchmeit@ptd.net](mailto:birchmeit@ptd.net). Continuing education credits are available for chaplains and Pennsylvania social workers. For more information on the program or CEs, visit Corona's website at: [www.ninamariecorona.com](http://www.ninamariecorona.com).



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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

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### 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

# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## Bear Creek Camp 2018 – This Changes Everything!

It's been a great summer at Bear Creek Camp as the campers and staff continue to grow, celebrate, and explore God's amazing creation!

Campers (Youth and Families) have a great week all over the camp's nearly 3,000 acres (Largest in the ELCA) by hiking, swimming, zip-lining, and enjoying many large and small group activities. The experiential opportunities created at the camp make relationship building a priority. Each camper has an unlimited amount of time to build friendships with the other campers as well as their counselors. In those relationships God's grace is seen, felt, and experienced; and lives are changed. Campers are sent home to be vessels of this grace and to share it with those in their families, congregations, and communities.

This summer Bear Creek Camp will see its attendance rise for the 6th straight summer with a growth rate of over 75% since 2012. Because of the support of the two partner synods (the Northeastern and Southeastern PA Synods), congregations, families and individuals, this ministry is thriving and raising up leaders for the church.

Your support for BCC is not just a donation, it's an investment in the leadership development of our church, and those investments are needed now and always.



## Update from Assembly 2018

One of the service projects at the 2018 Synod Assembly, held at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre, was an opportunity to donate jars of peanut butter and jelly to The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Food Bank.

Recently a "Thank-you" arrived, acknowledging that 634 pounds of peanut butter and jelly were received from our Assembly.

The donation was primarily used to supplement the many summer children's lunch programs throughout the 5 county area of northeast Pennsylvania.

Overall, the Weinberg Food Bank works to ease the pain of hunger in the elderly, children, and people who need nutrients; and by doing the Food Bank works to grow, learn, work, and give hope for a brighter future.

## Always Being Made New Sunday - October 7

As the Campaign for the ELCA approaches its final year, let's focus on finishing strong. Congregations are encouraged to receive a special offering for the campaign on October 7, or conduct a special appeal for the campaign on or near that date.

For details about the campaign, or to order campaign envelopes, check the ELCA website at <http://elca.org/Campaign-for-the-ELCA>.

## ELCA National Youth Gathering Houston, Texas



On June 27 more than 30,000 ELCA youth and adults, including nearly 600 from our synod, came to Houston for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering under the theme: "This Changes Everything."

Each day there were opportunities to participate in a variety

of events: Community Life, Service Learning, Interactive Learning, and Bible Study. Then in the evening, everyone gathered at NRG Stadium for a **Mass Gathering**, which featured music from the house band and several guest artists.

**Community Life** events included games, live stages, and a place to connect with others and generally relax. There were also **bible studies** led by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Rev. Tuhina Rasche, Rev. Aaron Fuller, and Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber.

**Service Learning** events provided an opportunity to join with one of nearly 100 service learning partners and engage in a service project in the Houston area, including minor home repairs, community gardens, graffiti abatement, painting the homes, murals, landscaping, window washing, power washing, mulching, trimming, lawn cutting, and other services.



**Interactive Learning** events invited participants to encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences inside the over 700,000 square feet Interactive Learning space. From sports to creative expressions, service projects to quiet meditation, Interactive Learning offered something for everyone.

**Over 40,000 books** were collected and then distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city. The Sunday morning offering was split among the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Prison Congregations of America, and ELCA Global Ministries. And a **special offering of over \$200,000** was collected for ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge.

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**OFFICE HOURS AT LoC** are: Tuesday thru Friday 8:30 AM-1:30 PM  
**OFFICE HOURS AT ST. PETER'S** are: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Pastor Jerry's Cell phone number: 484-333-0433**

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# United Proclamation of the Gospel

## September 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15th Sunday after Pentecost <sup>2</sup> 8AM - Worship (LoC) 10A - Worship (St. P) 7PM NA (LoC)	<b>LABOR DAY<sup>3</sup></b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 8AM Staff meeting (St. P) 9:30A Women's Bible Study (St. P) 7PM - NA (LoC)	4 9AM Christian serv. (LoC) 10:30AM Healing Wor. (St.P) 6:30PM Holden (St. P)	5 9AM Bible Study (LoC) Noon: LVCCC study 7PM PGHI worship (St. P) 7PM AA (LoC) 7PM MLCCC Back to School Night (sanctuary&classrooms)	6 MLCCC Meet the Teachers Day (classrooms) 6PM LVCCC Worship (St. P)	1 5PM Outdoor Worship (LoC) 7PM PGHI Worship (St. P)
16th Sunday after Pentecost <sup>9</sup> GODS WORK OUR HANDS DAY 9:30AM Joint UPG Worship (St. P) Sun. Sch. Staff Installation 7PM NA (LoC)	10 MLCCC School Begins (LoC class- rooms+Fellowship Hall) Noon UFG Ladies Luncheon (Palace Restaurant)	11 8AM Staff meeting (St. P) 10AM Thrift shop volunteers 6PM Brewing Theology CANCELLED FOR SEPT 7PM - NA (LoC)	12 9AM Christian serv. (LoC) 6:30PM Holden (St. P) 7:30P Choir rehearsals	13 9AM Bible Study (LoC) Noon: LVCCC study 7PM AA (LoC)	14 6PM LVCCC Worship (St. P) 10:4 NA Board Mtg (LoC) 5PM Worship (LoC)
17th Sunday after Pentecost <sup>16</sup> 8:45A - Worship (St. P) Karen Scott Organist today 9:15 Sun School RALLY DAY (LoC) 9:30 - Sun. Sch. (LoC) 11A - Worship (LoC) 6PM UPG Sock Hop (St. P) 7PM NA (LoC)	<b>Newsletter articles Due<sup>17</sup></b> 6:30PM - Knitters' group (St. P)	17 8AM Staff meeting (St. P) 9:30A Women's Bible Study t/P 11:30 A Blanket Making (St.P) 7PM - NA (LoC) 7PM Congr. Council (LOC)	18 9AM Christian serv. (LoC) 6:30PM Holden (St. P) 7:30P Choir rehearsals	19 9AM Bible Study (LoC) 10AM Cook @New Bethany Min Noon: LVCCC study 6:30PM Bible Study (St. P)	20 6PM LVCCC Worship (St. P) 9AM Bible Study (LoC) 10AM Cook @New Bethany Min Noon: LVCCC study 6:30PM Bible Study (St. P)
18th Sunday after Pentecost <sup>23</sup> 8:45A - Worship (St. P) 9:30 - Sun. Sch. (LoC) 9:30-Noon Book Fair (LoC) 11A - Worship (LoC) 4:30PM 1st Comm. Education 6PM - UPG Confirmation Overlay 7PM NA (LoC)	24 8AM UPG men's breakfast (Palace Restaurant)	25 8AM Staff meeting (St. P) 8-11AM Head Start St P Social- Room 10AM Thrift shop volunteers 7PM - NA (LoC)	26 6:30AM Men's Fellowship (St.P) 9AM Christian serv. (LoC) 5:30 Diakon (St. P Traeger) 7PM AA Regional Mtg (LoC) Fellow- ship Hall 7:30P Choir rehearsals	27 9AM Bible Study (LoC) Noon: LVCCC study 6:30PM Bible Study (St. P) 7PM AA (LoC)	28 6PM LVCCC Worship (St. P) 5PM Worship (LoC)
19th Sunday after Pentecost <sup>30</sup> 8:45A - Worship (St. P) 9:30 - Sun. Sch. (LoC) 11A - Worship (LoC) 6PM - UPG Confirmation 7PM NA (LoC)					29 474 Vine St. Bethlehem, PA 18015 LoC - Light of Christ 2020 Worthington Ave. Bethlehem, PA 18018 NA—Narcotics Anonymous LVCCC - Lehigh Valley Christian Chinese Church PGHI - Pastors and Guardians of Holy Israel MLCC - Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center

### Common Abbreviations

- St. P - St. Peter's
- LoC - Light of Christ
- 474 Vine St. Bethlehem, PA 18015
- NA - Narcotics Anonymous
- LVCCC - Lehigh Valley Christian Chinese Church
- PGHI - Pastors and Guardians of Holy Israel
- MLCC - Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center