

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*

September 22 and 23, 2018



Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹² So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem^[1] will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

¹³ As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. ¹⁴ And they

will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. ¹⁵ Thank God for this gift^[2] too wonderful for words! 2 Corinthians 9:11-15

Greetings and peace to you all!

With the recent events associated with the impact of Hurricane Florence, I have the opportunity to share with you my great admiration and passion for a wonderful ministry of the ELCA.

This week and next week, we as a community of faith are asking you to consider making a gift to the victims of Hurricane Florence through ELCA disaster response. This ministry, whose staff is funded by the benevolence dollars forwarded to the ELCA, insures that every dollar contributed to the victims of any disaster receive 100% of the donated monies. The disaster response team works in conjunction with the local synod, social organizations, and congregations to help support in relief efforts of the affected areas. This is truly a wonderful ministry of our larger Church.

If you would like to share a gift in response to Hurricane Florence relief efforts simply place that gift in the envelopes provided in today's bulletin. Additional envelopes will be available in the narthex both this week and next week. If writing a check, please make the check payable to either St. Peter's Lutheran Church or Light of Christ Lutheran Church and place in the "note" section of the check "ELCA Hurricane Response."

I thank you for your help in advance and hope and pray that all who receive our gifts will feel God's presence in the midst of their time of suffering. Peace and blessings PJ

UPG Worship Times

Wednesday	6:30 PM	Holden Evening Prayer on the St. Peter's Campus
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

Each worship includes Holy Communion

1st Wednesday 10:30AM St. Peter's Campus Healing Worship

A warm welcome back to Pr. Jennifer Thomas

The Reverend Jennifer J. Thomas was the intern at St. Peter's in 1996-1997. She is now working as the deployed gifts and alumni relations officer at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, a seminary of the ELCA.

Pastor Thomas joins us for worship at St. Peter's today (Sunday, Sept 23).
Please stay to greet her at coffee hour after worship!

October 6, 2018

Worship on the Lawn and Picnic Dinner with Blessing of the Animals

- 5PM Worship on the Lawn
- Blessing of the Animals
- Picnic Dinner after worship



Bring your furry, feathered, favorite pets to our 2018 Blessing of the Animals.
Worship on the lawn at 5PM followed by a picnic dinner.

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG September 23-30, 2018

Sunday September 23

8:45 AM Worship (St. P)
9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
9:30 AM Chime Choir Rehearsal (LoC)
9:30-Noon Book Fair (LoC)
11:00 AM Worship (LoC)
4:00 PM First Communion Education (LoC)
6:00 PM UPG Confirmation Overview (LoC)
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday September 24

8:00 AM UPG Men's Breakfast (Palace Restaurant)
7:00 PM Dart Baseball: First UCC @ St. Peter's and Light of Christ @ Emmanuel

Tuesday September 25

8:00 AM UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)
8-11 AM Head Start (St. P Social Room)
10:00 AM Thrift Shop Volunteers
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)
7:00 PM Worship and Music Meeting (LoC)

Wednesday September 26

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship (St. P)
9:00 AM Christian Service (LoC)
5:30 PM Diakon (St. P-Trauger Room)
6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer (St. P)
7:00 PM Regional AA Meeting (LoC – Fellowship Hall)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsals (both campuses)

Thursday September 27

9:00 AM Bible Study (LoC)
12 Noon LV Christian Chinese Church study (St. P)
5-9 PM Champ Force Cheerleaders (St. P – gym)
6:30 PM Bible Study (St. P)
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (LoC)

Friday September 28

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

Saturday September 29

5:00 PM Worship (LoC)

Sunday September 30

8:45 AM Worship (St. P)
9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
9:30 AM Chime Choir Rehearsal (LoC)
11:00 AM Worship (LoC)
6:00 PM UPG Confirmation 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

UPG Concert Series features the South Side Brass



The first concert of the UPG concert series at St. Peter's begins on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 3 pm with the South Side Brass. The South Side Brass, an eclectic, Bethlehem-based ensemble, has been playing together for more than 20 years.

The group morphs from a quartet to a double brass quintet to a 12-piece brass swing band complete with rhythm section. This is a free concert. A free will offering will be taken at the door. All are welcome.



Community Advent Breakfast

The 53rd annual Community Advent Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 1 at Moravian Village.



Doors open at 8 AM with breakfast at 8:30.

Please arrive by 8 if you'd like to sit with a certain group.

All seats are first-come first-served and about 200 people usually attend.

The morning includes a full, served breakfast, and music of the season. The keynote speaker is Alan Jennings of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley. The event concludes with the traditional beeswax candle lighting ceremony as the audience sings "O Little Town of Bethlehem." We're on our way home by 10 AM.

Tickets are available from Elizabeth Elterich and Barbara Taylor at St. Peter's and cost \$15 per adult or \$9 for youth 16 and under. Tickets sell out quickly! The UPG normally has a group of 30 – 40 people who attend.

The breakfast is a wonderful, spirit-filled way to begin Advent with sisters and brothers in Christ from many religious backgrounds -- right here in Bethlehem, The Christmas City. Join with other UPG members to share in this wonderful community event as we prepare anew for the birth of the Christ Child.



Book Fair TODAY Sept 23!

Come to the book fair TODAY
September 23 from 9:30 am to 12:30
PM at the LoC Fellowship Hall.

Our preschool (MLCCC) is sponsoring
the Usborne Book Fair, offering high
quality, engaging books for children
ages birth through twelve with a wide
variety of subjects.

Give the gift of reading - find some
wonderful books for a child in your life!



Calvary Food Pantry is open October 1 & 2

The Calvary Food Pantry
will be open 9-11 AM on
October 1 & 2 at 111 Dewberry Ave.,
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Food donations of non-perishable foods
like macaroni & cheese, cereal, peanut
butter and ravioli **are needed.**

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.



UPG Thanksgiving Baskets

If you know of a UPG family
who is in need of food for
Thanksgiving, please notify
Pastor Jerry.

We will start collecting
food donations in
mid-October.



Communion Class for Children is TODAY

A communion class for children will be
held today (Sept 23) with Pastor Jerry
from 4-5 pm in the LoC library. Parents
will join their children from 5:00-5:30 pm
to receive communion with Pastor Jerry.

Come and learn about the new approach to
communion in the UPG. With approval of
their families, children of any age may
now receive communion during worship
services of the UPG.



Rally Day with Super Heroes of the Bible

**Rally Day (Sunday Sept 16)
was a big success with students
starting a new year of learning...**



...with cookies!

Students and teachers enjoyed worship, music, crafts...



and photo ops with fun props!



Fun times at the SOCK HOP on Sept 16!

Rocking around the clock!

Dancing with friends...



**...encouraging our
youngest friends to
dance too!**



**Fellowship with
great music by
DJ Uncle Fred**

**Fun decorations - check out
the poodle skirts
and
"45's" on the wall!**





34th Annual Crop Hunger Walk Sunday Oct 14 at 1PM

**The 34th annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 14.
Join Team UPG!**

You choose the route you'd like to walk – there are routes of six miles, three miles and one mile, starting and ending at the Historic Bethlehem parking lot under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge.

You can help fight hunger in three ways:

- **Sign up to walk and collect donations**
- **Sponsor a walker by making a donation**
- **Help as a volunteer for the walk**

You can sign up on either campus or online at:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/bethlehempa/Team/View/84556/UPG>

Join Team UPG to raise money in the fight against hunger, both here and worldwide.



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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.



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**

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ALL AGE
YOUTH GROUP & FAMILY EVENT

PUMPKIN PATCH

SATURDAY, OCT. 13TH
Unangst Tree Farms

10:30am: Families meet at Light of Christ Campus

10:45am: Arrive/Meet at Unangst Tree Farm
7317 Beth Bath Pike, Bath, PA 18014

11:00am: Group Hayride to Pumpkin Patch
Discount on pumpkins WITH NAMETAGS

12:00pm: Lunch with group - GROUP PHOTO
Snack Stand available or bring bagged lunch.

12:30pm: Families on their own for:

- Pony Rides
- Petting Zoo
- Farm Market
- Large Maze (discounts may apply) 1 hour.
- Small Maze (discounts may apply) 15mins.

Depart at your convenience.

Please visit www.unangst-treefarm.com for more information

NO RAINDATE SCHEDULED

Please sign-up at either campus or
contact Tracy Haas at 610-533-9145.