

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*

October 20 and 21, 2018

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Joint UPG Worship at Light of Christ



The UPG will have a combined worship service at Light of Christ on October 28th at 9:30 AM to celebrate the 1st Anniversary of Light of Christ and Reformation Sunday (501 years and counting). Please come early to hear special prelude music by The Little Brass Band; special music will also be offered by the combined choir. Following the service, please stay for refreshments and fellowship. A reminder that there will be no Sunday School on October 28.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be celebrated on November 3 and 4. Please tell us if you have a family member or friend who has entered the Church Triumphant since November 1, 2017 and whom you would like to be remembered during our All Saints worship. You may use the insert in today's bulletin or contact either church office.



THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

October 21-28, 2018

Sunday October 21

RUNNERS WORLD MARATHON

- 8:45 AM Worship (St. P)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
- 9:30 AM Chime Choir Rehearsal (LoC)
- 11:00 AM Worship (LoC)
- 3:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)
- 6:00 PM UPG Confirmation (LoC)
- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday October 22

- 7:00 PM Dart Baseball: LoC @ Salem UCC; Fritz Wesleyan @ St. Peter's

Tuesday October 23

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

Wednesday October 24

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

Thursday October 25

- 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)
- 7:30 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)

Friday October 26

- 6:00 PM LV Christian Chinese Church Worship (St. P)
- 8:30 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship

Saturday October 27

- 5:00 PM Worship (LoC)

Sunday October 28 REFORMATION SUNDAY

- 9:30 AM UPG Joint Worship at LoC – First Year LoC Celebration and Coffee Hour
No Sunday School or Chime Choir Rehearsal today
- 3:00 PM Pastor/Guardians Worship (St. P)
- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)



LIGHT THE NIGHT for NEW BETHANY MINISTRIES on DECEMBER 15

Be the Light in Your Neighbor's Darkest Hour has been the theme for Luminaria Night to benefit New Bethany Ministries for the past 20 years. And as federal funding to help the homeless and chronically poor has been reduced, the agency's needs have grown.

Here is a simple way that you can help provide the needed funds to assist New Bethany while lighting up your neighborhood in support of our community's neediest citizens. This year's Luminaria Night is Saturday, December 15.

We want to expand Luminaria Night to include additional neighborhoods and need people to become block captains. Here is what is involved: You will be asked to contact neighbors in your immediate neighborhood or block in early November by giving each household a solicitation letter that explains the event, the cost and the delivery of materials. The letter will ask your neighbors to return their order forms and checks to you by a given date in late November. You will then take the money and completed order forms to the Memorial Pool House on Illick's Mill Road to pick up the materials such as sand, candles, bags and instructions for set up (teenage volunteers will be there to load the luminaria kits into your car).

All materials will be pre-packaged for easy delivery to participating households. Then on December 15, light, enjoy and know that you are helping the agency provide critical services such as shelter, food and counseling to the neediest in our community. Cost for each set of 10 luminaria is \$10, with nearly all proceeds benefiting New Bethany Ministries. Total time commitment: about two hours. Rewards: immeasurable!

If you are willing to Be the Light in Your Neighbor's Darkest Hour, contact Bette Kovach at eakovach@aol.com or 610-867-1076.

Bette is a member of the UPG at Light of Christ and a former New Bethany Ministries board member. The time investment is minimal to be part of Bethlehem's most beautiful night of the year and to support New Bethany Ministries.



Photo credits: Mario Acerra

UPG Thanksgiving Baskets



Check out the Giving Tree on each campus decorated with tags listing food items that will provide Thanksgiving meals for 15 families. Please take a tag and return the items listed on the tag by November 11. A Thrivent Action Team will supplement any items not provided by the congregation.

This is the UPG saying “Thanks to God” for the abundance we enjoy that we can share with others who are less fortunate. **Thanks for your help.**

If you know of a family in the UPG who is in need of food for Thanksgiving, please notify Pastor Jerry or either church office by November 11.

The Thanksgiving baskets can be picked up on the St. Peter’s campus on November 18 immediately following the 8:45 AM worship service.

***A warm UPG welcome to Dodd Lamberton,
our guest organist today on the St. Peter’s Campus.***

Thank you for leading our music in worship today!

**Painting in Progress
on the Light of Christ Campus!**

**A huge thank you to everyone
working on this project!**





Share

Today and Always

2018 Ingathering Donations

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Ingathering with your contributions! To honor our commitment, we still need:

- 15 hand lotion or body lotion
- 4 women's personal care items
- 18 dozen diapers - sizes 4 & 5
- 56 shampoos (adults or babies)

Please bring your items to either campus by Sunday, December 2. There is a basket outside the St. Peter's office and in the LoC narthex.

**Thank you for your donations
to help others in need.**

October Donations of Pet Food and Supplies



During the month of October, we will be collecting pet food and supplies to be shared with our local animal shelter, The Center for Animal Health & Welfare.

Please consider lending a hand to God's beautiful creatures and to those who care for them. The following items are needed and can be brought to either campus:

Canned dog/cat food

Cat litter

Dry cat/dog food

Cat toys

Laundry soap and bleach

Paper towels



Senior Choir at Light of Christ

Please consider singing with the choir as we prepare for our 1st anniversary celebration on October 28th at 9:30 AM.

**Please join us for one rehearsal on Wednesday,
October 24 at 7:30 PM in the choir room on the
2nd floor of the Education building.**

We need your help - please join us.

Winter Coat Collection



The God's Work.Our Hands Team
is collecting *winter coats*
in good condition –
men's, women's, children's in all sizes
on both campuses of the UPG.

Please check your closets and bring in coats you no longer need. Coats can be brought to either campus (table by the memorial board at St. Peter's or in the LoC narthex).

Thank you!

Friendly's Family Fun Night and Basket Raffle

This annual (and **very** popular!) event will be held on November 13, 2018 from 5-8PM at the Friendly's at 3099 William Penn Highway. Proceeds from this event will go toward enhancing the MLCCC preschool play yards.



MLCCC is seeking donations for the basket raffle. Please see or email Lynn Terry at lynnjt680@vreizon.net if you can donate an item for our raffle.

Suggested items are gift cards to area restaurants, grocery stores or a book store; tickets to local sporting events; homemade items such as baby afghans, knitted items and fleece blankets. If you would like to create your own themed basket that would be awesome and very much appreciated. We are thankful for any donations you can provide.



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.



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."

Tickets are available from Elizabeth Elterich and Barbara Taylor at St. Peter's: \$15 per adult or \$9 for youth 16 and under.

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

UPG Makes the Synod Website!

The Northeast PA Synod website is featuring articles on local churches that participated in GODS WORK OUR HANDS DAY.

We made the website! Thanks to Linda Maule for writing the article for it (also shown below). Check it out at:

<http://nepasynod.org/events/stories-gwoh-sunday/>



Members of the United Proclamation of the Gospel (worshipping at Light of Christ and St. Peter's congregations in Bethlehem) united to make a difference in our community with these service projects on God's Work Our Hands Day, September 9.



Volunteers finished six quilts for Lutheran World Relief; a bake sale raised approximately \$500 for Truth for Women, a Bethlehem agency that supports women in crisis;

Sunday school children made greeting cards for homebound members; and the congregation made "clip-its" – written messages on clothespins combined with a card listing our worship services to spread the word.

Inclement weather meant that the car wash to support an animal shelter and a cleanup at a local cemetery were rescheduled.