

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*

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Greetings and peace to you all!

“Stand up!” Today is a day to rejoice in seeing God's presence!

“Rejoice!” This is the day the Lord has given us!

“Open your eyes, ears, and hearts!” Bear witness to what God is doing!

Welcome to our celebration of Reformation Day 2018!

On this day, we come together as the United Proclamation of Gospel in Bethlehem to celebrate and rejoice in not only the 501st anniversary of the Reformation of the Church, but to also celebrate and rejoice in the 1st anniversary of the formation of Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Bethlehem!

Over the course of this past year, we have all witnessed many transitions and changes in our lives of faith. We have experienced the mourning that comes from the loss of “holy places”, had to adjust to new worship times in new worship settings, and have seen a few traditions that we held close to our heart be changed or adjusted to our new community. During this past year, we have witnessed as God's children who gather on the corner of Easton Avenue and Worthington Avenue have come together to form one campus and at the same time have witnessed as God's children, who gather in community as the United Proclamation of the Gospel in Bethlehem, have come together to form a new community of faith which includes a campus on the southside of Bethlehem, St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and a campus on the north side of Bethlehem, Light of Christ Lutheran Church.

In other words, what we've also truly experienced over the course of this last year has been a “Reformation” of how we have seen and experienced church!

Yet, through all this transition, through all the tension and difficulty, we can see God working within our midst! We can see God working through the lives of our visitation ministers who continue to bring the Good News of God's love and the happenings of our community of faith to our sisters and brothers in Christ who are not able to be within our midst! We can feel God working within our midst as our children come together in powerful ways to learn more about God's love for them, to spend time in fellowship, and learn to experience God in a broader setting. We can hear God's voice in the voices of those within our communities who, in previous times, had their voices silenced and cast aside because they were

marginalized in the world. We can experience God's presence as together we provide food for the hungry, clothing for the cold, and shelter for those in need.

Yes, my friends, regardless of whatever else we may have experienced over the course of this past year, on this day we celebrate God's continuing presence among us! On this day we will rejoice in the offerings God has shared with us! On this day we will open our eyes, ears, and hearts to bear witness to God's abundant life! ON this day we will lift our voices to proclaim God's love to all whom we encounter!

Happy 1st anniversary Light of Christ Lutheran Church!

Happy Reformation Day United Proclamation of the Gospel in Bethlehem!

May we continue to experience our Lord dwelling among us all! Peace, PJ

Joint UPG Worship Today Light of Christ First Anniversary and Reformation Sunday



Welcome to today's combined UPG worship celebrating the First Anniversary of Light of Christ and Reformation Sunday (501 years and counting).

We welcome and thank the members of the Little Brass Band of the Lehigh Valley for sharing their time and talent to enhance our worship today. They are Christopher Gerhart and Susan Halteman, trumpet, and Thomas Weidner and Bill Moore, trombone.

In addition, we celebrate with special music today by the combined UPG choir.
Following worship, please stay for refreshments and fellowship.

**UPG VISIONING TASK FORCE
November 3 from 9AM to Noon on the St. Peter's Campus
A visioning day about what church
within the UPG should be.
We will talk about a new mission statement and new groups to
bring the vision forward. All invited - please come!**

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG Oct 28 – Nov 4, 2018

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)

Monday October 29

8:00 AM UPG Men's Breakfast (Palace Restaurant)

7:00 PM Dart Baseball: St. Peter's @ Holy Cross; Farmersville @ LoC

Tuesday October 30

8:00 AM UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)

7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Wednesday October 31

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship (St. P)

9:00 AM Christian Service (LoC)

6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer (St. P)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsals (both campuses)

Thursday November 1

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 November 2

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

8:30 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship

Saturday November 3

9AM – Noon UPG Visioning Task Force (St. P)

5:00 PM All Saints Worship (LoC)

Sunday November 4 All Saints Worship

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)

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.



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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

Light of Christ Congregational Meeting on November 11

On November 11, Light of Christ will hold a congregational meeting after the 11AM worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review and vote on the 2019 budget.



Please plan to attend this important meeting.



In mid-November, **care packages of baked goods** will be sent to all UPG college students & service members! Please submit your college student's or military member's address by November 1st to either church office or by email to Lynn Terry at lynnjt680@verizon.net Members can help in these ways:

- Donate baked goods and treats from November 3-10. Please drop off at the LoC office – treats can include baked goods, hard candies and gum.
- Donate money for postage to mail the packages
- Help assemble care packages on November 10 (at 10 AM in the LoC Fellowship Hall)

Please call either church office or contact Lynn Terry if you can help or with any questions.

Thank you for your support!

**The Calvary Food Pantry will be open 9-11 AM on November 5 and 6
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



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 with the items listed on the tag by November 11. A Thrivent Action Team will provide more items that may be needed.

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.



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!



On October 21, Pastor Jerry's children's sermon was about "following the leader" shown here with children & Pastor!

Pastor Jerry reminded everyone that our leader to follow every day is Jesus.

2018 Ingathering Donations

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Ingathering with your contributions! We are still in need of:

- 15 hand lotion or body lotion
- 2 women's personal care items
- 18 dozen diapers - sizes 4 & 5
- 55 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 October, we are collecting pet food and supplies for 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, laundry soap and bleach, cat toys and paper towels.

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@verizon.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.
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. This is a 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.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

From time to time, our sisters and brothers in Christ from our community of faith are in need of financial assistance. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is a resource and gift that Pastor Jerry has to render aid in these times.

Over the past year we have helped sisters and brothers in Christ purchase necessary medical equipment to help them have a better quality of life. We have offered assistance to help offset costs which were life sustaining. If you would like to share a gift with this fund, please annotate "pastor's fund" on a check, or on a note if sharing a cash offering, and place these gifts in our normal Sunday offering plate. Thank you for your assistance in advance.



Save the Date! Winterfest 2018 comes to the UPG in Bethlehem on December 1!

On Saturday December 1, 2018 from 4PM to 6PM, the United Proclamation of the Gospel in Bethlehem will be celebrating our first "Winterfest!" Winterfest is designed to encourage our neighbors in Bethlehem to begin realizing the advent of God in the coming birth of the Christ Child! Our Light of Christ campus will be transformed for the night!

On our front lawn facing Easton Avenue we will have a live nativity scene, complete with Christmas music and live animals. On our Worthington Avenue lawn we will create a special center for young people to celebrate the night with games and activities designed for a joyful celebration. Free food and Christmas cookies will be shared with all who attend. In our sanctuary we will be able to listen to "sounds of the season" music provided by guest musicians!

At 5:45 PM all activities of the Winterfest will come to a close and we will gather in our sanctuary to listen to the birth narrative of Jesus for the first time in 2018. Our evening will finish with the singing of a few Christmas carols.

Please tell your friends and family about this exciting event and look for bulletin inserts in the coming weeks to volunteer your gifts, talents, and time to this new and exciting ministry.

NOVEMBER 2018 UPG Worship Ministers

Date	Nov 3, 4 8:45A – St. P 11A - LoC	Nov 10,11 8:45A – St. P 11A - LoC	Nov 17, 18 8:45A – St. P 11A - LoC	Nov 24, 25 8:45A – St. P 11A - LoC
Assisting Minister	5P – Rosalie Adducie 8:45A – Donna Musselman 11A – Rosalie Adducie	5P – Rosalie Adducie 8:45A – Tony Villani 11A – Rosalie Adducie	5P – Rosalie Adducie 8:45A – Rich Hawk 11A – Lynn Terry	5P – Rosalie Adducie 8:45A – Rebecca Wise 11A – Joe Bleier
Communion Assistant	8:45A – Lynn Rawhouser 11A – Richard Romig, Lynn Terry, Deborah Wagner, Rosalie Adducie	8:45A – Rebecca Wise 11A – Cliff Bengston, Hannah Bosco, Sandra Butch, Joan Erb	8:45 – Joe Bleier 11A – Karen Favinger, Kathleen Fielding, Louise Fielding, Stacy Gerhard	8:45 – Matthew Bleier 11A – Jen Grube, Bonnie Harper, Steve Harper, Rich Hasonich
Lector	5P - Barbara Keener 8:45A – Josh Gulotta 11A – Gene Luff	5P –Tom Keener 8:45A – Marianne Napravnik 11A – Mary Mann	5P – Shirley Kulp 8:45A – Lynn Rawhouser 11A – Marilyn Musgnung	5P – Lou Dravec 8:45A – Tony Villani 11A – Anne Nonnemacher
Acolyte/ Crucifer	8:45A – Quinn Jackus 11A – Massimo Piscitello	8:45A – Evan Hawk 11A – Keegan Thompson	8:45A – Ethan Seixas 11A – Josh Weierbach	8:45A – Doug Bleier 11A – Rosalie Adducie
Baker	8:45A – Bleier Family 11A – Pat Ousley	8:45A – Glenn Breidenbach 11A –Gene Sharkey	8:45A – Gina DeAngelis 11A - Rosalie Adducie	8:45A – Susan DeAngelis 11A – Bosco Family
Ushers	8:45A – Tony DeAngelis Jr., Joan Helman, Dolores Kennedy, Gerry Cutsler 11A – Jen Grube, Ryan Grube, Nancy Kostas	8:45A – Tom and Na Sarver, Josh Gulotta, Tracy Heberling 11A – Steve and Bonnie Harper, Teryan Gerhard	8:45A – Glenn Breidenbach, Nancy Kostas, Will Kolman, Donna Musselman 11A – Charlie Mann, Jack Reichel, Richard Hasonich	8:45A – Bruce Billiard, Rich Hawk, Michel Lloyd, Mary Bender 11A – Mike Horwath, Ted Terry, Cliff Bengston
Greeters	8:45A – Susan Swavely, Mary Bender 11A – Charlie Mann	845A – Bruce Billiard, Gerry Cutsler 11A – Lisa Mantz	8:45A – Josh Gulotta, Tracy Heberling 11A – Hannah Nolan	8:45A – Joan Helman, Bev and Fred Kunkle 11A – Ann/Tim Nonnemacher
Altar Guild (LoC)	Jim/June Segesdy	Jim/June Segesdy	Jim/June Segesdy	Jim/June Segesdy
Flower Delivery (LoC)	Sandy Horwath, Bette Kovach	Lisa Mantz, Marilyn Musgnung	Cliff Ousley, Pat Ousley	Jack Reichel, Richard Romig
Sexton	Tony DeAngelis Jr.	Ron Frankenfield	Kim Frankenfield	Kenny Young