

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*

November 3 and 4, 2018



UPG CONCERT SERIES features the VALLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

The next concert in the UPG concert series at St. Peter's takes place on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 3 pm featuring the Valley Community Orchestra. The orchestra was founded in October of 2015; this fine group of musicians comes from all walks of life and ages. They are committed to growing in their abilities and sharing their talents with the wider community.

Their director says, "We are thrilled to be playing at St. Peter's and hope you enjoy the program." This is a free concert. A free will offering will be taken at the door to support the concert series. All are welcome!

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

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

November 4 - 11, 2018

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)

Monday November 5

9:00 AM Calvary Food Pantry open
6:45 PM Dart Baseball: St. Peter's tournament at Christ UCC
7:00 PM Dart Baseball: LoC at Christ UCC

Tuesday November 6 Election Day

MLCCC Closed – Teacher in-service day
8:00 AM UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)
9:00 AM Calvary Food Pantry open
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (St. P)
6:45 PM Dart Baseball – St. Peter's tournament at Christ UCC
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Wednesday November 7

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship (St. P)
9:00 AM Christian Service (LoC)
10:30 AM Healing Worship (St. P)
6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer (St. P)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsals (both campuses)

Thursday November 8

9:00 AM Bible Study (LoC)
12 Noon LV Christian Chinese Church study (St. P)
5-9 PM Champion 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 9

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

Saturday November 10

10:00 AM Pack Care Packages (LoC) 5:00 PM Worship (LoC)

Sunday November 11

8:45 AM Worship (St. P) 9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
9:30 AM Chime Choir Rehearsal (LoC) 11:00 AM Worship (LoC)
12:15 PM LoC Congregational Meeting
2-5PM Kemmerer Recital (sanctuary & Fellowship Hall, LoC)
3:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P) 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

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.



Care Packages for Students and Service Members

This month, *care packages* will be sent to all UPG college students & service members! 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 if you can help or with any questions.
Thank you for your support!

**The Calvary Food Pantry will be open 9-11 AM
November 5 and 6
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 – the listed food items 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.

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.

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.**



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!**



2018 Ingathering Donations

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Ingathering with your contributions! Still needed:

- 9 hand lotion or body lotion
- 2 women's personal care items
- 2 packages (dozen or more) - sizes 4 & 5
- 10 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.



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. A block captain is asked to contact neighbors in your immediate neighborhood or block in early November by giving each household a 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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Joint UPG Worship on Reformation Sunday and Light of Christ First Anniversary

Inspiring worship last weekend to celebrate Reformation Sunday and the first anniversary of Light of Christ Lutheran Church. Exceptional music by the combined UPG choir and Little Brass Band of the Lehigh Valley!





Fellowship!

**And an
updated t-shirt for
Reformation Year 501!**



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 UPG will celebrate our first "Winterfest!" Winterfest is designed to encourage our neighbors 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! All events are FREE!

- Live nativity scene with Christmas music and live animals
- Children's games and activities
- Food and free Christmas cookies
- Indoor concert by guest musicians

At 5:45 PM all activities of the Winterfest will draw 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.