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 17 and 18, 2018

Confirmation Day 2018

The following young people are affirming their baptism during worship today:

Taylor Ann Baggest	Evan Alexander Hawk
Quinn Ryan Jackus	Luke Whitman King
Jesse Louis Nichol	Kailyn Angelique T. Seixas
Keegan Andrew Thompson	Jillian Grace Weierbach

Please support them as they make public affirmation of their faith.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have supported our youth throughout their confirmation journey.

The boutonnieres worn by the confirmands are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the confirmands by Karin Bengston and Elizabeth Elterich.

The fellowship time following the service to greet the confirmands is sponsored by the Educational Ministry Committee on the LOC campus and by the people of St. Peter's on the St. Peter's campus.

God bless our confirmands!

TODAY: UPG CONCERT SERIES features the VALLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

The next concert in the UPG concert series at St. Peter's takes place TODAY, 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!

Due the upcoming holiday,
Pew News will not be published next week.
Please look for the next edition in early December!

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 18-25, 2018

Sunday November 18

8:45 AM ***Worship and Confirmation (St. P)***
9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
9:30 AM Chime Choir Rehearsal (LoC)
11:00 AM ***Worship and Confirmation (LoC)***
3:00 PM ***Concert Series (Valley Community Orchestra) St. P***
NO Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P) today
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday November 19

10:45 AM MLCCC Thanksgiving Feast (LoC)
7:00 PM Dart Baseball: St. Peter's @ Bethany UCC; St. Stephen's @ LoC

Tuesday November 20

8:00 AM UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)
9:30 AM UPG Women's Bible Study (St. P) 11:00 AM MLCCC Thanksgiving Chapel
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)
7:00 PM Congregational Council (LoC)

Wednesday November 21

MLCCC is closed today
6:30 AM Men's Fellowship (St. P)
9:00 AM Christian Service (LoC)
No Holden Evening Prayer today
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship (LoC)
No Choir Rehearsals at LoC and St. Peter's tonight

Thursday November 22 Thanksgiving Day – Church Offices and MLCCC are closed today

No 9AM Bible Study today
12 Noon LV Christian Chinese Church study (St. P)
4-9 PM Pastors and Guardians Worship (St. P)
5-9 PM Champion Force Cheerleaders (St. P – gym)
No 6:30 PM Bible Study today
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (LoC)

Friday November 23 Church Offices and MLCCC are closed today

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

Saturday November 24

5:00 PM Worship (LoC)

Sunday November 25 Christ the King Sunday

8:45 AM Worship (St. P) with 9:45 AM Hanging of the Greens
9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC) 9:30 AM Chime Choir Rehearsal (LoC)
11:00 AM Worship (LoC) with 12:15 PM Hanging of the Greens at LoC
3:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P) 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Hanging of the Greens – November 25

The sanctuary on each campus will be adorned for Advent on November 25 with the "Hanging of the Greens".

Please stay for a few minutes after worship on November 25 to help with this festive tradition and to prepare our worship space to welcome the Christ child.

UPG Thanksgiving Baskets

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

ST. PETER'S CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on DECEMBER 2

The St. Peter's Congregational Meeting will be held on December 2, 2018. At this meeting we will be approving our 2019 Budget and electing new council members.

The Budget has been prepared by our church treasurer and has been endorsed by our congregational council at our October meeting. Copies of the budget are available in the church narthex.

Please plan to attend this important meeting. We look forward to sharing this budget with you.

WINTERFEST and VOLUNTEERS Winterfest 2018

Saturday December 1 from 4-6PM

Come celebrate with the UPG's first Winterfest!
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
- Displays with information from community resources ++ Indoor concert

At 5:45 PM we will gather in our sanctuary to listen to the birth story of Jesus and finish with singing of a few Christmas carols. **Please tell your neighbors, friends and family about this exciting event!**

Please see today's bulletin insert to volunteer your gifts, talents, and time to this new and exciting ministry.

Light of Christ 2018-2019 Congregational Directory
Copies are now available on both campuses.

Bethlehem

Emergency

Shelter

Program

Last year, Christ UCC on Market and Center opened its doors as the official Bethlehem Emergency Shelter (BES) for men and women. This winter, the UPG will help at the Shelter on these dates: **December 4, January 15, February 5 and March 5.**

Volunteers are needed on these four dates to:

1. Greet guests and register them as they arrive. 4:30 - 7:15 pm and/or 7:15 - 10:00 pm
2. Provide an entree for the dinner meal. You can bring food to cook at BES or prepare an item at home to drop off by 4:30 pm
3. Provide a side dish and/or dessert for the dinner meal
4. Help cook dinner, serve food and clean up. 4:30 - 7:30 pm
5. Provide breakfast food (drop off by 8:00 pm)
6. Prepare and serve breakfast and clean up. 5:00 am - 7:30 am
7. One male and one female chaperone to spend the night. Bed is provided, bring your own pillow and sheets. 9:00 pm - 6:00 am A paid BES monitor is also present.

Suggestions for food items to bring (servings for 10 please):

Dinner: casseroles, sloppy joes, stews, soups, lasagna, frozen/fresh vegetables, potatoes, perogies, salads (BES provides salad dressings), rolls, desserts

Breakfast: egg or French toast casserole, sausages, eggs, fresh fruit, muffins, bagels, cereals (BES provides milk and juice)

Please contact Michel Lloyd if you can help, or with any questions.
The shelter guests are very grateful for a warm place to stay & for the warm welcome provided.
Contact Michel at: michellloyd@gmail.com or 484-695-3921

LAST CALL! 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. 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) by November 25. **Thank you!**

2018 Ingathering Donations

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Ingathering with your contributions! We have met MOST of our goals! Still needed are: 9 hand lotion or body lotion.

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.**

NEW! The Ingathering needs volunteers to help on Ingathering Day (Weds December 5) from 8-10AM at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 3233 Apples Church Road (1 mile south of Hellertown). Volunteers help receive and sort the many donated items. If you can help, please contact either church office.

NEW! These additional items can also be donated:

- new or good used towels, blankets, sheets, pillow cases
- caps, gloves, mittens, scarves, baby clothes, socks, sweatshirts
- new or good used board games *with all the pieces*, toys, puzzles, playing cards
- cleaning supplies

Community Advent Breakfast – Purchase Tickets by November 25

The deadline to purchase a ticket for the Community Advent Breakfast is Sunday, November 25. Tickets are available from Elizabeth Elterich and Barbara Taylor at St. Peter's and cost $15 per adult or $9 for a youth 16 and under. Tickets are not sold at the door.

The 53rd annual Community Advent Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 1, at Moravian Village. Doors open at 8 AM and the breakfast is at 8:30. Please arrive by 8am if you want to sit with a certain group. There are no reserved seats and some 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.

The breakfast is a wonderful spirit-filled way to begin Advent with sisters & 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.

Cheesecake Holiday Fundraiser just in time for Christmas!

$35.00 each -- 12” round NY Style Cheesecake

Order by December 16

Pick up at St. Peter’s on December 23rd

Order via e-mail at couchpota.doh@gmail.com

or call the St. Peter’s church office.

Proceeds benefit

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Payment due when you pick up – Cash or

Check payable to “St. Peter’s Lutheran Church”

NEWS FROM OUR MLCCC PRESCHOOL

Barnes and Noble Book Fair!

Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6:00-8:00p.m. the MLCCC is hosting a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble Southmont Center at 4445 Southmont Way, Easton, PA 18045.

This is "The Polar Express Night" at all Barnes and Noble stores across the country. Children may dress in their pajamas for the Polar Express Storytime to be held at 7PM. A scavenger hunt will be held and children may make their own bookmark to take home. Please bring the voucher or order books online to support our preschool. A portion of the proceeds will benefit our school.

Books and other items may be gift wrapped free of charge during the event. Please see the forms at LOC and St. Peter's campus to order pizza and cupcakes to eat in the café during the event. Orders must be placed on November 20, 2018. The forms have all the details. This is our 2nd Barnes and Noble Book Fair and it is a very enjoyable evening and you might find a gift to purchase for someone on your Christmas list. Any questions please contact Lynn Terry at lynnjt680@verizon.net or 610-861-0645

Barnes & Noble Cupcake Decorating and Pizza Party!

During the MLCCC school Barnes & Noble Bookfair, decorate a cupcake or enjoy a personal flatbread pizza with your classmates and family. Your purchase will benefit Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center during our Barnes & Noble Bookfair on December 7. The school will receive a percentage of these sales. Full dinner menu is also available during the event.

How to Get Your Cupcake and Pizza

Forms for ordering pizza and cupcakes are available on both campuses. Please complete the form and send in cash or check (payable to "Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center") to either church office by end of day November 20. When you come to the bookfair, check in at the café to get your cupcake or at the registration table to get your pizza token.

Quilt Raffle to benefit Mission Partners in Argentina

During December, the God's Work.Our Hands Team is sponsoring a raffle of two beautiful Christmas quilts. One quilt is 4' x 4' and the other is slightly larger than 6' x 5'.

The quilts will be on display at Light of Christ during Winterfest on December 1 and on Sundays, December 2 and 9 and at St. Peter's on Sundays, December 16 and 23.

Tickets will be available on both campuses at $1 per ticket or 6 tickets for $5. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 30, at Light of Christ. Proceeds from the raffle will support missionary partners in Argentina.