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

December 8 and 9, 2018

Your Best Invitation of the Season!

This is your opportunity to celebrate this season of love and joy free from shopping, crowds, gift demands and all other distractions. This is your opportunity to take time to pray, meditate, sing and reflect for an hour with brothers and sisters in the land we call Holy – in the "little town" where Jesus was born.

What: The 2018 Christmas Service – simulcast between the Washington National Cathedral in Washington DC and the Bethlehem Christmas Lutheran Church in the Holy Land.

When: Saturday morning, December 15, at 9:30 AM EST

Where: In person at the Washington National Cathedral or watch live online at the Cathedral website https://cathedral.org/

Everyone everywhere is invited:

- Christians, Muslims, Jews and people of all faiths and traditions
- Those who have experienced the Holy Land in person
- Those who crave a greater insight
- Those who wish to offer support to the dwindling but faithful community of the descendants of the first followers of Jesus

Please share this opportunity with others. We promise you will be blessed by the music, words and faces of the Simulcast Service on December 15.

Tom Johnson, Chair Companion Diocese Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

UPG Worship Times

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

Advent and Christmas Worship

12/12/18	Mid-week worship at St. John's Windish		Rev. Jenny Heavner preaches
12/19/18	Mid-week worship at St. Peter's		Rev. Brandon Heavner preaches
12/22/18	Longest Night Worship	5:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus
12/23/18	Lessons & Carols Joint UPG Worship	9:30 AM	St. Peter's Campus
12/24/18	Children's Christmas Pageant	4:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus
12/24/18	Christmas Eve Worship	6:00 PM	St. Peter's Campus
12/24/18	Christmas Eve Worship	8:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus
12/24/18	Christmas Eve Worship	10:30 PM	Light of Christ Campus
12/25/18	Christmas Day Joint UPG Worship	10:30 AM	St. Peter's Campus
12/30/18	Lessons & Hymns Joint UPG Worship	9:30 AM	Light of Christ Campus

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG December 9-16, 2018

Sunday December 9

8AM-Noon	Blood Drive (LoC)
8:45 AM	Worship (St. P)
9:30 AM	Sunday School (LoC)
11:00 AM	Worship (LoC)
3:00 PM	Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday December 10

12 Noon	UPG Ladies Luncheon – Palace Restaurant
6:30 PM	Crafters Group (St. P – UCF Room)
7:00 PM	Dart Baseball: St. Peter's @ Trinity UCC; Emmanuel @ LoC

Tuesday December 11

8:00 AM	UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)		
8-11 AM	Head Start Meeting (St. P – Social Room)		
10:00 AM	Thrift Shop Volunteers		
5:00 PM	Diakon (St. P – Social Room)		
6:00 PM	Brewing Theology (Taps Restaurant Rte 309)		
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)	7:30 PM	AA District Meeting (LoC-Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday December 12

6:30 AM	Men's Fellowship (St. P)	9:00 AM	Christian Service (LoC)
5-9 PM	Champion Force Cheerleaders (St. P gym)		
No Holden Evening Prayer at St. Peter's today			
7:00 PM	Advent Worship at St. John's Windish (617 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem, PA 18015)		
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsals both campuses		

Thursday December 13

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 December 14

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

Saturday December 15

10AM-4PM	NA Board Meeting (St. P. Social Room)		
10-Noon	Sun School Rehearsal & Party (LoC Fellowship Hall)		
5PM	Worship (LoC)	7:30-10PM	Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)

Sunday December 16

8:45 AM	Worship (St. P)	9:30 AM	Sunday School (LoC)
11:00 AM	Worship (LoC)	7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

A thousand thanks for making our First Annual Winterfest a huge success. Photos throughout this issue!

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Winterfest 2018

Live Nativity

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Elves,

Cookies,

Games and

Hot Dogs

Community Partner Organizations included Narcotics Anonymous, New Bethany Ministries "Light the Night" and Truth for Women.

Winterfest Drawing Winners

The community organization, Truth for Women, held a free raffle at Winterfest for a tabletop snowman and a holiday candle.

Winning ticket numbers are 5340847 (candle) and 5340857 (snowman).

If you have the winning ticket, please notify either church office.

Adult Education on the St. Peter's Campus

Please join us on the St. Peter's Campus for a Study of Romans. Starting December 2, we will be doing an 8-week study from 10:15-11AM every Sunday (except for Dec 23 and 30) on Romans and how it is one of the keys to Lutheran theology. Ted Birchmeier and Elizabeth Elterich will facilitate the class.

Classes will be held on the first floor in the Trauger Room across from the office.
You're invited – come to one class or all classes!

UPG Women's Bible Study on December 18

…from 9:30 to 11 am in the Social Room on the St. Peter's campus. The December study is a journey of Advent. All UPG women and friends are welcome to participate in this Advent experience.

Reminder: Women's Bible Study is cancelled whenever the Bethlehem Area School District has a delayed start or is cancelled.

2018 Giving Trees!

Light of Christ Campus - This year we will purchase books for the libraries of Marvine Elementary school and the LoC preschool. There are two kind of tags on the tree: tags for a book with a suggested topic for a preschool child and tags with specific book titles and authors (hard cover) for the Marvine Elementary School library. Please take a tag (or more than one) and return the tag with the unwrapped book(s) by Christmas Eve. You will find collection boxes marked "Preschool" and "Marvine" next to the tree. Thank you for sharing the joy of reading with the children.

On St. Peter's Campus, the Giving Tree for Head Start students is decorated with paper mittens. Take a paper mitten, then purchase children's mittens or gloves, and a hat. Please bring the items to church with the paper mitten and a $3 donation to buy a book. Items can be returned by December 16 in a clear plastic Ziplock bag. Please note: the items should have no references to religious or secular holidays (for example, no Santa or religious themes). Warmest thanks for keeping Head Start students warm this season!

UPG Pantry Bags Our new UPG pantry bags will be blessed during worship today. Please take a bag with you and bring it back on Pantry Sunday, January 13th, filled with these items for Northeast Ministry: oatmeal (any kind), pancake mix, juice and cereal. Thank you for feeding the hungry. Each month our collection will support another food pantry in Bethlehem.

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 the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund.** Payment due when you pick up – cash or check payable to "St. Peter's Lutheran Church".

Update on Thrivent Choice Dollars!

THRIVENT®
Be Wise With Money™

So far in 2018, **the UPG has received over $4000 in Thrivent Choice Dollars** through the Thrivent Choice® program! If you are a Thrivent member, please call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 to ask if you have any dollars to spend. These dollars are a donation to the church from Thrivent and do not come out of your Thrivent account. Thrivent Choice Dollars must be donated by the end of the year. Give Thrivent a call today, before year's end! There is so much ministry to be done and the Choice Dollars program provides a simple way to help fund God's work.

A note for Light of Christ members: when calling Thrivent to designate Choice Dollars for LoC, please mention "Messiah Lutheran Church".

Gift cards for Giant grocery stores are now available on both campuses. Please see Kenda Riley at St. Peter's and Michele Weierbach at LoC. For every $100 in gift cards sold, the UPG receives $5 from Giant.

Quilt Raffle to benefit Mission Partners

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 on December 9 at Light of Christ then on December 16 & 23 at St. Peter's. Tickets will be available on both campuses at $1 per ticket or 6 tickets for $5. The drawing will be held on Sunday, Dec. 30 at Light of Christ. Proceeds will support missionary partners in Argentina.

God richly blessed the UPG at Winterfest with so many visitors, members and neighbors who attended.

Jesus was truly watching over this event!

December 2018 UPG Worship Ministers

Date	Dec 8, 9 8:45A – St. P 11A - LoC	Dec 15, 16 8:45A – St. P 11A - LoC	Dec 22, 23 Joint UPG Worship 9:30 A – St. P
Assisting Minister	5P – Rosalie Adducie 8:45A – Joe Bleier 11A – Rosalie Adducie	5P – Rosalie Adducie 8:45A – Matthew Bleier 11A – Elizabeth Elterich	5P – Rosalie Adducie 9:30A – Tony Villani
Communion Assistant	8:45A – Elizabeth Elterich 11A – Pat Ousley, Richard Romig, Lynn Terry, Rev. Deborah Wagner	8:45 – Rich Hawk 11A – Rosalie Adducie, Cliff Bengston, Hannah Bosco, Kasey Bosco	9:30AM – Nancy Kostas, Shirley Kulp, Sandy Horwath, Mike Horwath
Lector	5P – Lou Dravecz 8:45A – Matthew Bleier 11A – Pat Ousley	5P –Barbara Keener 8:45A – Traci Braun 11A – Lynn Terry	5P –Tom Keener 9:30A – Elizabeth Elterich
Acolyte/ Crucifer	8:45A – Matthew Bleier 11A – Julia Bosco	8:45A – Quinn Jackus 11A – Joan Erb	9:30A – Evan Hawk
Baker	8:45A – Shirley Kulp 11A –Louise Fielding	8:45A – Na Sarver 11A – Jen Grube	9:30A –Bleier Family
Ushers	8:45A – Ed and Pat Little, Tracy Heberling, Nancy Kostas 11A – Mike Horwath, Ted Terry, George Baltz, Cliff Bengston	8:45A – Tom and Na Sarver, Wilma Kolman, Mary Bender 11A – Joan Erb, Sandra Butch, Rosalie Adducie, Lisa Mantz	9:30A –Donna Musselman, Glenn Breidenbach, Tracy Heberling, Josh Gulotta
Greeters	845A – Tom and Na Sarver, Evelyn Smith 11A – Massimo Piscitello	8:45A – Sue Swavely, Bruce Billiard 11A – Jack Reichel	9:30A – Mary Bender, Joan Helman
Altar Guild (LoC)	Sue Schellenberg, Catherine Ziel	Sue Schellenberg, Catherine Ziel	Sue Schellenberg, Catherine Ziel
Flower Delivery (LoC)	Bosco Family, Karen Favinger	Buzz Heidecker, Sandy Horwath	If needed: Bette Kovach, Lisa Mantz
Sexton	Ron Frankenfield	Kim Frankenfield	Kenny Young