



Proclaiming God's Love! One Heart at a time!

Regularly schedule ministries of the UPG!

Worshipping our Lord!

"The ground at the base of the cross is level! All people are welcome!"

The United Proclamation of the Gospel has four weekly worship celebrations!

Wednesday Evening 6:30PM St. Peter's Chapel – Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion. This beautiful Evening Prayer worship celebration written by Marty Haugen offers a wonderful mid-week worship to bring a sense of peace to believers. A brief reflection on Scripture and Holy Communion allow all who gather to sense God's presence dwelling among us.

Saturday Evening 5:00PM Light of Christ – Saturday Evening worship offers an alternate worship time for people who may be busy on Sunday mornings or simply enjoy a late day worship celebration. During the summer months (May-Oct) this worship is offered on our front lawn the first weekend of this month and is followed by a fellowship meal.

Sunday Morning 8:45AM St. Peter's; 10:30AM Light of Christ Campus – Sunday morning celebrations offer opportunities to worship our Lord with your sisters and brothers in Christ across the UPG. All worship celebrations include Holy Communion.

"Live-Stream" Worship – At least one of our public worship celebrations will be "live-streamed" each week. Recordings of this worship celebration will be available through our web site and will include Holy Communion.

Learning more about our Lord!

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." – Colossians 3:16

Sunday School - The UPG offers Sunday School for children of all ages! September through May each year. A full Sunday School is offered on our Light of Christ Campus from 9:30AM- 10:30AM. Classes available from 3 years old to 103! Our St. Peter's campus offers Sunday School following our 8:45AM for children age 4-8 years old.

Confirmation Education – The UPG offers a two year Confirmation Education Program for young people entering the 8th grade. This class meets 3 times a year for four consecutive weeks on Sunday Evenings from 6-7PM on our Light of Christ Campus. Young people enrolled in this class will learn more about Luther's Small Catechism and various topics to help them understand their faith.

UPG Women's Bible Study - On the First and Third Tuesday's of each month at 9:30AM on our St. Peter's Campus, Deacon Elizabeth Elterich (Retired) leads many sisters in Christ in a Bible Study ministry.

UPG Wednesday Morning Fellowship – Each Wednesday morning at 6:30AM several people gather with Pastor Jerry on our St. Peter's campus to learn more about various issues of faith, enjoy some early morning fellowship and spend time together and with our Lord. This fellowship ministry is complete by 7:30AM so that participants can make it to work on time.

UPG Thursday Bible Study with the Pastor – Every Thursday at 9:00AM and 6:30PM on our Light of Christ Campus, Pastor Jerry and friends come together to take a closer look at the assigned Scripture lessons for the coming Sunday. We take a look at the historical context of this lessons and how these lessons might inform our lives in the 21st century.

Brewing Theology – on the 2nd Monday evening (6:00PM) Many of us gather at TAPS restaurant located on 378S for dinner and to reflect on issues of faith occurring in our world today! Conversations have ranged from decline of the church, to why we do things in church the way we do them, to how God calls us to live in such a pluralistic world.

The UPG and Young Believers Ministries!

“From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” – 2 Timothy 3:15

Children's Church is offered to young believers (pre-k – 3rd grade) at both of our Sunday morning worship celebrations. All children are welcome in our worship spaces! Each week following our children's message, children who desire may leave our worship space with one of our Children's Church leaders to participate in a worship designed just for them! The children are brought back into our worship in time to celebrate Holy Communion with their parents.

UPG Youth Group - Youth (7th through 12th grade) are invited to be part of our youth Group. Led by Rev. Eugene Sharkey (Retired), Cindy Kemp (St. Peter's), and Tracy Haas (Light of Christ), our youth gather the 3rd Sunday of each month on our Light of Christ campus at 4:30PM. Our youth program focuses on fellowship, service, and learning opportunities.

UPG “46'ers” - Our hopes are to begin a once a month after school ministry sometime in the fall in order that our young people (grades 4-6) might get to know our pastor and one another on a deeper level. Please keep your eyes open to see more information coming soon about this ministry!

Vacation Bible School – Each year the UPG offers vacation Bible School to our children. Normally our Bible School ministry operates from 9AM to noon, Monday through Friday.

ELCA Youth Gathering – Every 3 years the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America brings together nearly 40,000 young people (entering 9th grade to just completed 12th grade) across the ELCA to participate in a youth gathering. Our next gathering is scheduled for Minneapolis, Minnesota in June of 2021! The UPG is already making plans to be part of this event.

Using “our hands” to help complete “God’s Work!”

Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. - 1 Peter 4:9-10

God’s Work our Hands Ministry team is focused on advocacy and outreach ministries of the UPG! We have many opportunities for you to share your time and talent with others!

Food Banks – The UPG receives offerings of food on the second Sunday of each month for three different food pantries across Bethlehem.

- We also have disciples cooking at New Bethany Ministries once a month.
- Serving at the Calvary Templo Food Pantry on distribution days.
- Serving at Nativity Thrift Store twice a month.
- Cooking for the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter once a month during the winter months.

The UPG also supports and helps assist in the following benevolent ministries across the Lehigh Valley:

- **Wreaths Across America** – who place Christmas wreaths on the graves of veterans at the Fountain Hill cemetery.
- **Bethlehem Crop Walk** – a walk to help raise funds and awareness of the need for food across the Lehigh Valley.
- **Cedarbrook Bingo** – Bingo at Cedarbrook nursing home for residents to enjoy a night of fun and fellowship playing bingo.

Christian Service Day – Each Wednesday morning from 9AM to noon, several people gather in our Light of Christ Fellowship Hall to spend time sharing their own unique gifts and talents with the world. From quilt making, to completing various tasks needed to help advance the gospel, this faithful group of people help share their love of God through their time and talent.

UPG Blanket Making – On the 3rd Tuesday of each month several people gather in our St. Peter’s Campus social room to make blankets that are donated to Lutheran World Relief. These blankets offer warmth and caring to people across the world in need of feeling God’s love.

UPG Crafter’s Group – On the 3rd Monday night of each month at 6:30PM several people gather to knit prayer shawls and various other goods in order to share these items with folks who are in need both in our community and around the world.

The UPG also supports many other local benevolent ministries with collections and offerings over the course of the year!

Calls of Compassion and Caring “CCC” Ministry – This exciting new ministry was formed during the 2020 pandemic. A faithful group of volunteers regularly call all members of the UPG/St. John’s Windish congregations simply to “check in” with their sisters and brothers in Christ and to see if there is anyway that the community may be of assistance.

The UPG and Fellowship!

“We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” 1 John 1:3

UPG Ladies Luncheon – On the 2nd Monday of each month, women in the UPG gather at Perkin’s restaurant at noon for a time of refreshment, fellowship, and wonderful discussion!

UPG Men’s Breakfast – On the 4th Monday of each month at 8AM the men in the UPG gather at the Palace Restaurant for breakfast, fellowship and discussion!

UPG “Winterfest” – On the 1st Saturday of December each year our Light of Christ campus is transformed into a “winter wonderland” as we share in a time of fellowship with the community which surrounds us! Games, food, music, fellowship, and sharing the story of Jesus’ birth highlight this wonderful ministry!