

Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church

Light of Christ – St. John's Windish – St. Peter's

'Till We Meet Again!

February 25 and 26 2023

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Bible Study

Pastor Mike will be hosting a mid-day Bible study on the Apostle Paul that will comprise the Wednesdays of Lent, from March 1 through March 29. We would convene in St. Peter's Social Room at 2:00pm and finish by 3:30pm. We would be following a pattern used this past Fall when he led a similar study of the Five Scrolls where we offered snacks and beverages to go along with our study. Please contact Pastor Mike to sign up, and he will provide you with a syllabus.

Bingo at St John' Windish

Come have some fun on Saturday, March 4th. Doors open at 12:00pm and games begin at 1:00pm. \$25.00 will get you 20 games. Food will be available for purchase. To make reservations and get tickets, call Kathy Remaly @610-442-0438

Food Pantry Thank You

The food pantry collection for New Bethany was a great success, we collected 268 pieces weighing in at 232 pounds. I am not sure who wants to write this up, though a thank you to the congregation is often posted somewhere.

Weekend Worship

February 25th

5:00 PM at St. Peter's

February 26th

10:00 AM at St. Peter's

This Week's Worship Ministers

February 25th

Assisting Minister: TBD

February 26th

Assisting Minister: Donna Musselman

Organist: Marisa Deshler

Acolyte: TBD

Lector: Michel Lloyd

Communion Assistant: Nancy Kostas and Sandra Butch

Ushers: Dolores Kennedy, Pat Little and Glenn Breidenbach

Hospitality Hosts: Tony & Gina DeAngelis

Men's Breakfast

Have you thought about joining the Men's Breakfast on the last Tuesday of each month at the Palace Restaurant? It's a friendly diner located at 3250 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem. Stop by at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 28 for some casual conversation and a good meal - we're usually in the back room. Our thanks to Bill Eshbach for the photo.

Next Week's Ministers

March 4th

Assisting Minister: TBD

March 5th

Assisting Minister: Joe Bleier

Organist: Marisa Deshler

Acolyte: TBD

Lector: TBD

Communion Assistants: Michel
Lloyd

Ushers: TBD

Hospitality Hosts: TBD



Attention Thrivent Members

If you have not already done so, please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the church or organization of your choice before March 31st.

Call Thrivent Financial - **800-847-4836** - and when prompted, ask for Choice Dollars. After a Thrivent representative determines your identity, you will be helped to assign your Choice Dollars. It is quick and easy.

Jan 17, 2023 Joint Council Highlights

1. Blessed Angels in Ministry mailed 1,702 Christmas cards to 12 different nursing and rehab facilities in Bethlehem! They are in the planning stages of a Lenten project, look for details in the future.
2. Technology team gave updates for 2022 which includes the many various ways we communicate information, livestream our Saturday services, and provide tablet to view our services to members at no charge.
3. Joint Council voted on the following Unity Team recommendations:
Discussed, Voted, and Passed:
Recommendation from the Unity Team to the Joint Council that a Joint Special Congregational Meeting date be set on Sunday, February 5, 2023, with a reschedule date if necessary of Sunday, February 12, 2023, at St Peter's following the morning service to vote on the acceptance of the Plan And Agreement of Merger (with the revised Exhibit A and Exhibit C) which includes Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws, and a vote for the acceptance of the offer from Lehigh University to purchase the properties as presented at the town hall meeting held on Sunday, December 18, 2022.
Discussed, Voted, and Passed:
Recommendation from the Unity Team to the Joint Council that any communication from the Synod regarding the blending\merging of Blessed Trinity should include the Pastors, 3 Council Presidents, 3 Unity Team co-chairs, and Mary Mann as Unity Team synod liaison.
4. Please plan and join us after the vote for an anticipated celebratory luncheon of Blessed Trinity! Food will be provided and will include sandwiches, snacks, side dishes, and desserts. While you are there, please thank the members of the Hospitality team for their hard work in preparing this meal!
5. Copies of the original Plan And Agreement of Merger and copies of the Revised Exhibit A and Revised Exhibit C will be available for pickup as you leave the church. Revised Exhibit A and Revised Exhibit C will also be made available through email and other forms of communication.

****Copies of the revised Exhibit A and revised Exhibit C of the Plan And Agreement of Merger, due to state filing requirements, are available for pickup at Sunday's services, on our website, or contact the church office for a copy. ****

Unity Committee Meeting Recap

1. Meet on February 12, 2023
2. Discussed:
 - a. Reviewed Unity Team progress from the Transition Team timeline.
 - b. A planning celebration schedule for each community of faith, along with a start date as Blessed Trinity, and agreed on a recommendation to be made to the council.
 - c. A process for distribution, storage, and disposal of minor non worship or religious items and agreed on a recommendation to be made to the council.
 - d. Discussed the Synod's New Pastor Call process and agreed on a recommendation to be made to the council.
 - e. Started the discussion of staffing and budgetary requirements.
 - f. Requested the Blessed Trinity Mission Statement subcommittee to finalize and then work on a Blessed Trinity logo design.
 - g. Updates from the New Property Location search committee which included a listing or priority of criteria.
 - h. All members from Light of Christ, St John's Windish, and St Peters automatically become members of Blessed Trinity.
3. Next Steps
 - a. Continue with progress of a new location for Blessed Trinity.
 - b. Continue with the staffing and budgetary requirements.
4. Next Meeting on Sunday, March 5, 2023.
5. Unity Team Sub-Committees:

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Fellowship =

Blessed Trinity Logo Design = Kevin Remaly \ kevremaly@gmail.com

Unity Team co-chairs: Joe Bleier, Nancy Kostas, and Kevin Remaly

*Unity Team members: Mike Horwath, David Kolman, Sharon Lintner, Mary Mann, Kenda Riley
Pastor Mike Button (liaison)*

YOU can HELP!



****Please note: we'll move the blanket making to Sunday, Feb. 26 following the 10 am worship****

Another blanket making session will happen on **Sunday, February 26th**, at St. Peter's following the 10 AM worship. Blanket making happens in the Social Room. A light lunch will be served. **IF** you can use a scissors, use an iron, and/or tie your shoes, **YOU** could help make blankets. These 3-layered blankets are one of the Lutheran World Relief projects that congregations support so that blankets can be shipped around the world to people in crisis. Imagine how it feels to receive a new, warm blanket after you have fled from a war zone, survived a natural disaster, or some other life changing experience, but now have nothing left of your own possessions. These are some of the situations when LWR arrives to give aid and distribute these blankets, food , temporary shelter, and other necessities. Making these blankets is one way to show hurting people around the world that Lutherans care about their neighbors around the world.

Please consider saving some time on **Sunday, Feb. 26th** , to help with blanket making. Any time you can give to this project is helpful and appreciated. If you need more information or details, see Louise Fielding or call Elizabeth Elterich (610-691-3130).

DROP A LINE

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

February 25 – March 5

Saturday February 25th

5:00 PM: Worship with Live Stream

Sunday February 26th

8:00 AM: Worship Video Premiers

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: Worship at St. Peter's

11:00 M: Blanket Making for LWR (StP Social Room)

Monday February 27th

7:00 PM: LoC Dart Baseball (Christ UCC)

Tuesday February 28th

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

9:00 AM: Staff Meeting (StP Trauger Room)

7:00 PM: Worship and Music (StP Trauger Room)

Wednesday March 1st

7:00 AM: Fellowship Group

9:00 AM: Blessed Trinity Ladies Fellowship at LoC

2:00 PM: Lenten Bible Study; "The Apostle Paul" led by Pastor Mike (StP Social Room)

Saturday March 4th

12:00 PM: Bingo at SJW

5:00 PM Worship with Livestream

Sunday March 5th

8:00 AM: Worship Video Premiers

9:00 AM: Sunday School (StP)

10:00 AM: Worship StP

11:15 AM: Unity Team