

Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church

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

'Till We Meet Again!

March 18 and 19

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Lent and Easter Worship Schedule Sunday Worship During Lent and Easter:

March 5, 12, and 19, **April 30** - STP - 10 AM
March 26, April 2, April 16 and April 23 - SJW - 10 AM

Holy Week:

April 6, Maundy Thursday - Table of the Lord - SJW - 6 PM
April 7, Good Friday - LoC - 7 PM
April 8, Vigil of Easter - STP - 7 PM

Easter Sunday, April 9:

7 AM - STP
9 AM - SJW
11 AM - LoC

Wednesdays in Lent:

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Bible Study on the apostle Paul led by Pastor Mike - STP - 2 PM
Holden Evening Prayer - March 1, 8, 15 - STP - 7 PM - choir rehearsal following (7:45PM)
Holden Evening Prayer - March 22, 29 - SJW - 7 PM - choir rehearsal following (7:45PM)

WEEKEND WORSHIP

March 18, 5PM @ St. Peter's
March 19, 10AM @ St. Peter's

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP MINISTERS

MARCH 18

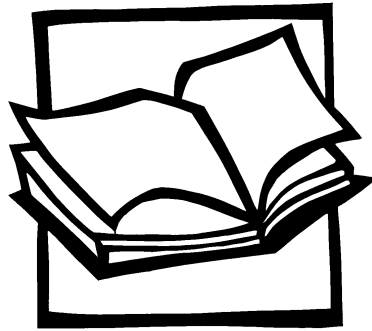
Assisting Minister – Stephanie
McGregor

MARCH 19

Assisting Minister – Rosalie
Adducie
Organist – Marisa Deshler
Acolyte – Jimmy Bleier
Lector – Nancy Kostas
Communion Assistant – Stacy
Stocker and Delynn Gerhard
Ushers – Pat & Ed Little, Eric
Harper and Dolores Kennedy
Hospitality Host – Tony & Gina
DeAngelis

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.



NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP MINISTERS

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MARCH 25

Assisting Minister – TBD

MARCH 26

Assisting Minister – Carol Henn

Organist – Linda Maule

Acolyte – Victoria

Lector – Marilyn Musgnung

Communion Assistant – Joe Bleier
and Sue Vitez

Ushers – Stephanie Skinner, Gayle
Nemeth, Ken & Kevin Remaly

Save the Dates!

April 23, 2023 St. John's Windish

April 30, 2023 St. Peter's

Please come to these very special worship services followed by a luncheon at each campus. Participate in the decommissioning of each building and enjoy a time of fellowship to share memories and stories as we continue on our Blessed Trinity journey.

Here is a Ministry Opportunity

The live stream ministry of our Saturday evening worship reaches many people, including those using the Bringing It Home tablets. We need more people to help with this ministry. Please consider this as a way to serve. Training in the use of the video equipment will be provided. We would like to have a larger team so that nobody will have to do it too often. If you are willing to help with this important outreach, please contact tom.keener@upgbethlehem.org. We are now working on getting the equipment transferred to the Light of Christ campus in order to continue the ministry when that campus is the interim home of Blessed Trinity.

Blessed Trinity Lenten Outreach Project

Blessed Trinity Lenten Outreach Project. The Blessed Angels in Ministry (BAM) committee is asking Blessed Trinity members to support our Lenten Project which is to provide non-perishables for the family food pantry at Lincoln Elementary School, Gresham Street, Bethlehem. Please consider choosing a couple items from the list of needs below to contribute each week during Lent. We encourage you to “give to” rather than “give up” something as your Lenten discipline. Flyers listing the pantry’s needs will be available near the poster of Lincoln Elementary at the back of the church. Please bring your contributions to St Peter’s campus on these weekends: February 25-26, March 4-5, March 11-12 and March 18-19. Worship will move to SJW for March 25-26 and April 1-2 (Palm Sunday). April 2 will conclude our Outreach Project for Lincoln’s Pantry. The Lincoln Pantry was begun by Gena Holmes, their Communities in Schools Coordinator. She will present a Temple Talk on Sunday, March 5, to tell us more about her work at the school on behalf of the families. Please plan to attend and please participate in our project. **Thank you** for helping to alleviate food insecurity for families who are struggling in Bethlehem.

Shampoo
Soap/Body wash
Feminine hygiene products
Tissues
Antibacterial wipes
Laundry wipes
Dish Soap
Deodorant

Pasta and pasta sauce
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned fruit/applesauce
Juice
Cereal and Cereal Bars
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Ramen noodles
Canned Tuna and Chicken

Knitter's and Crocheter's

We are in need of your help! Our baptismal blankets, which are presented at baptisms are all gone. If you can help, please call the church office at Blessed Trinity (LoC campus) at 610-691-2321. We have a sample available for you to look over.

Thank you for your help.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BLANKET BLITZ SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH 10am to 3pm in St. Peter's Social Room off Parking lot

Everyone is welcome to come help put blankets together.

Come and go as your need to!

All skill levels welcome~ironing, cutting, knotting, pinning~~
tasks everyone can do! Will gladly help you learn.

Snacks, sweets, and beverages provided!!

In need of fabric to cut 21-inch squares for the tops.

The backs~~60 X 80 are pieced together with large pieces of fabric.

Bring donations to St. Peter's any time there is worship.

See Louise Fielding or Call Elizabeth Elterich (610-691-3130)

with any questions or donations.

See YOU, Saturday, March 18th at St. Peter's!

Service Information

Services for Pastor Deborah Wagner will be held on March 22, 2023

10 AM - calling at Christ Lutheran, 1245 W Hamilton Street, Allentown

11 AM - service with a reception following

Unity Committee Meeting Recap

1. Meet on March 5, 2023
2. Discussed:
 - a. The Unity Team will be reporting all recommendations to the Blessed Trinity council.
 - b. Update from New Property Location – They met with our realtor, Lucy. The committee will be notifying the co-chairs of their progress which will sharing the facts with the congregation. The location selection process is as follows: the committee will notify the President, Vice President, and Secretary of Blessed Trinity within 24 to 48 hours of their recommendation on a new location to consider purchasing. The 3 officer task is to decide whether to reject, clarify, counteroffer, or consider the offer to purchase and schedule an Emergency Council meeting within 24 to 48 hours for action on the purchase. If the decision is made to proceed with the purchase, a Special Congregational Meeting will be scheduled (which must be given a 2-week notice) for the congregation to vote. A simple majority is needed to approve the purchase.
 - c. Update from Asset Disposition & Nonfixed Asset Inventory – continued working on items that may be donated and discarded. Members may submit a request for items that they may want to keep to either Kenda or Nancy who will review and reply. They will be working in phases with the different areas (preschool, kitchen, office, etc.)
 - d. Update from Attorney – as presented at the February 2023 Joint Council meeting, Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church legally exists with a retroactive date of Feb 5, 2023. Blessed Trinity council is the governing body of all assets as per the approved merger documents. The Light of Christ, St John's Windish, and St Peters councils still exist as to the implementation of their transition into Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.
 - e. The Fellowship committee will be rebranded as the Social Activities committee to better associate their work in the congregation.
 - f. A group of names will be suggested to the council for the New Pastor Call Process committee.
 - g. Staffing positions were discussed, and the suggestion will be presented to the council.
 - h. Budget category suggestions were discussed, and the suggestion will be presented to the council.
 - i. Suggest to council the Altar Guild\Society group have equal representation for each community of faith as we worship as Blessed Trinity in June 2023.
3. Next Steps
 - a. Continue with progress of a new location for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.

- b. Finalize the mission statement and start the logo design for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.
 - c. Started discussion regarding the need for an Interior Design committee for when we are Blessed Trinity worshipping in the former Light of Christ building and when we purchase a new location.
4. Next Meeting tentatively on Thursday, March 23, 2023.
 5. Unity Team Sub-Committees:

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New Location Search = Mike Horwath \ jr4926@rcn.com

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Non-Fixed Asset = Nancy Kostas \ nkostas@verizon.net

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Fellowship = Sharon Lintner \ lintteach@aol.com

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

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

Unity Team members: Joe Boligitz, Mike Horwath, David Kolman,

Sharon Lintner, Mary Mann, Kenda Riley

Pastor Mike Button (liaison)

February 21, 2023 Joint Council Highlights

1. Joint Council voted on the following recommendations:

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

The building location of worship schedule for the balance of the year due to the sale of the properties as of May 3, 2023. After the sale, the only building we will be able to use is Light of Christ. We are planning celebration events for all three buildings\communities of faith as follows:

*March 05, March 12, March 19 = St Peters

*March 26, April 02, April 16 = St John's Windish

*April 09 = Easter at all 3 communities of faith

*April 23 = Last service at St John's Windish

*April 30 = Last service at St Peters

*May 07, May 14, May 21 = Light of Christ

*May 28 = Last service as Light of Christ

**Saturday Livestream will continue at St Peters up to an including
Saturday, Apr 29

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

A celebration event starting in June as Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church worshipping at the former Light of Christ building.

Tentative Saturday, June 3 livestream

Sunday, June 4 service

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

The authority be given to Kenda Riley working with Nancy Kostas in making decisions regarding the distribution, donation, and disposal of minor non worship or religious items.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

To distribute the Synod "Reflection Questions for Congregations in Transition" form to be distributed to all members of our communities of faith, by mail with a return self-addressed stamped envelope. This is the first step in starting our new pastor call process.

2. Due to passing of the Merger and the filing of the state registry with Pennsylvania, Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church council is now the governing board with a retroactive date of the vote on February 5, 2023. The individual councils still exist as to the implementation for the transition into Blessed Trinity.

3. Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church council members are as follows:

Kenda Riley (President)

Ken Remaly (Vice President)

Michel Llyod (Secretary)

Joe Bleier (Treasurer)

Joe Boligitz

Sandy Butch

Lou Dravec

Bonnie Harper

Carol Henn

Jeff Nelson

Maria Skrilec

Paul Toub

Pastor Michael Button

Drop A Line

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

Saturday, March 18th

5:00 PM Worship with Livestream at St. Peters

Sunday, March 19th

8:00 AM Worship Video Premieres

9:00 AM Sunday School at St. Peter's

10:00 AM Worship at St. Peter's

Monday, March 20th

12:00 PM Ladies Luncheon (Perkins)

7:00 PM LoC Dart Baseball (LoC Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 22nd

7:00 AM Fellowship Group

9:00 AM Blessed Trinity Ladies Fellowship

2:00 PM Lenten Bible Study (St. Peter's Social Room)

7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer (SJW)

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal (StP)

Thursday, March 23rd

6:30 PM (Tentative) Unity Team Meeting @ SJW

Friday, March 24th

8:00 AM BES Lunch Prep (St. Peter's Kitchen)

Saturday, March 25th

5:00 PM Worship with Livestream

Sunday, March 26th

8:00 AM Worship Video Premieres

9:00 AM Sunday School (St. Peter's)

10:00 AM Worship at St. Peter's