

# Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church

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

## 'Till We Meet Again!

MARCH 25 AND 26

### CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### Save the Dates!

**April 23, 2023 St. John's Windish**

**April 30, 2023 St. Peter's**

Please come to these very special worships 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.

**4/6** Maundy Thursday @ Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church - St. John's Windish Campus at 6pm.

Sign up list for the pot luck will be available in church beginning **3/19**.

**4/16** Polka Mass Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church - St John's Windish Campus @10am  
The sign up list will be in church Sunday beginning 3/26.

**4/29** Bingo - Please join us for our final Bingo at SJW. Call Kathy Remy at 610-442-0438 for reservations and details.

### 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](mailto: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

#### WEEKEND WORSHIP

**March 25, 5PM @ St. Peter's**

**March 26, 10AM @ SJW**

#### THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP MINISTERS

**MARCH 25**

**Assisting Minister** - Lois Ritchie

**MARCH 26**

**Assisting Minister** - TBD

**Organist** - Linda Maule

**Acolyte** - Victoria Cruz

**Lector** - Marilyn Musgnung

**Communion Assistant** - Joe Bleier and Sue Vitez

**Ushers** - Stephanie Skinner, Gayle Nemeth, Ken Remy and Kevin Remy

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mark your calendars! Once again, we would like to show our generous thanks to all the first responders who work hard in our community year-round.

To that end, we will host a First Responders Appreciation Breakfast & Luncheon on **Saturday, April 22, 2023** at St. John's Windish. Since our event spans breakfast and lunch, we need lots of volunteers and food. You can volunteer for the breakfast shift or for the lunch shift, or stay the whole day! We ask that **breakfast shift volunteers** arrive at St. John's by **7:00 a.m. and remain until 11:00 a.m.** For the **lunch shift**, we ask that volunteers arrive at St. John's by **11:00 a.m. and remain until clean up is complete around 3:00 p.m.** If you would like to help with this awesome event, please let Gina Brockway know ([ginbrockway86@gmail.com](mailto:ginbrockway86@gmail.com) or call or text 610-703-8249). Or contact Ken Remaly: [krrcrown@gmail.com](mailto:krrcrown@gmail.com) 484-934-4532.

We also need volunteers to donate food (breakfast & lunch foods plus desserts) and paper products.

We hope you can help us show our thanks & appreciation to our community's First Responders!



## FREE SHREDDING EVENT

There will be a free shredding event for Lehigh Valley. This one will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 10a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Freedom High School in Bethlehem Township. Participants are limited to no more than **six** bags, boxes and/or bins. Paper clips and staples are OK. Three ring binders and other hardback covers will not be excepted. Please spread the word.

### WEEKEND WORSHIP

April 1, 5PM @ St. Peter's

April 2, 10AM @ SJW

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

#### APRIL 1

Assisting Minister - TBD

#### APRIL 2

Assisting Minister - Gina Brockway

Organist - Linda Maule

Acolyte - TBD

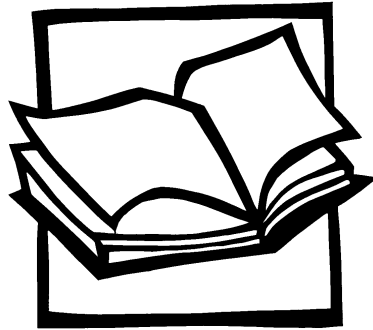
Lector - TBD

Communion Assistant - TBD

Ushers - TBD

# **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.



## **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.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Dear Blessed Trinity members,

On Saturday, April 1st, from 10am until 11:30am we will have an Open House at the Light of Christ Education Ministry building to give members, family, and friends an opportunity to take any items that they could use. There are books, puzzles, toys, etc. that you may take for free.

Thank you!

Unity Team

# 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



# 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:

- Naming** = Kevin Remaly \ [kevremaly@gmail.com](mailto:kevremaly@gmail.com)
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*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

**Volunteers for weekend worships are still needed!** Please send an email to the church [church@stpetersbethlehem.org](mailto:church@stpetersbethlehem.org), or speak to Lois Ritchie during worship if you're interested or have any questions about volunteering. **Thank You.**

# Drop A Line

## Blessed Trinity Council

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# 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)

# This Week at Blessed Trinity

## **Saturday, March 25th**

5:00 PM Worship with Livestream at St. Peters

## **Sunday, March 26th**

8:00 AM Worship Video Premieres

9:00 AM Sunday School at SJW

10:00 AM Worship at SJW

## **Monday, March 27th**

7:00 PM LoC Dart Baseball (Emmanuel)

## **Tuesday, March 28th**

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

9:00 AM Staff Meeting at SJW

7:00 PM BAM (SJW Banko Rom)

## **Wednesday, March 29th**

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 (SJW)

## **Thursday, March 30th**

7:00 PM Tech Team (Zoom)

## **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 AM Open House @LoC Education Building

5:00 PM Worship with Livestream

## **Sunday, April 2nd**

8:00 AM Worship Video Premieres

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

10:00 AM Worship at St. Peter's