

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of December 10 & 11, 2022

Christmas Ingathering - Members of Blessed Trinity are amazing. Our collection of 300 bottles of shampoo was first running short, then we far exceeded our commitment. We are contributing 414 bottles of shampoo to be divided among these area agencies: New Bethany Ministries, Safe Harbor Shelter, Hellertown Area Food Bank, Community Services (Headstart), Bright Hope, Turning Point, Victory House and ProJeCt. As you can see, we will have helped many individuals in need. **Thank you for your generosity.** And, we thank Louise Fielding and her husband for transporting the shampoo to the Dec. 7 Ingathering.

Our Church in Mission

Christmas Giving Tree

Continuing through December at Light of Christ, tags are available with an invitation to buy a matching mitten/hat set for either a boy or a girl (age 4-5) and \$4 cash for a book (appropriate books will be purchased for you). Donations will benefit children attending Headstart.

The mitten/hat sets and \$4 should be placed in the plastic bags available at the church. Both bags and tags should be returned to Light of Christ no later than Sunday, December 18.

Thank you for sharing holiday joy with these children!

We **strongly recommend** that masks be worn during all in-person activities on our campuses.

Weekend Worship

December 10
5 PM at St. Peter's

December 11
9:15 AM at Light of Christ

This Week's Worship Ministers:

Presiding Minister:
Pr. Mike Button

December 10th:
Assisting Minister: TBD

December 11th:
Organist: Linda Maule

Assisting Minister:
Steph McGregor

Lector: Joe Bleier

Communion Assistants:
Harmony Gubich

Acolyte: Delynn Gerhard

Ushers: Richard Romig and
Richard Uttard

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule:

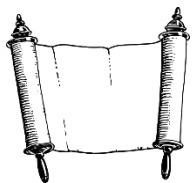
3PM @ St. Peter's
6PM @ St. John's
8PM @ Light of Christ

Cards for Nursing/Retirement Homes -

Thank you to everyone who took time from busy schedules to drop off Christmas cards at LoC and who came to the card signing this past Sunday. Thank you also to volunteers who provided food for our fellowship luncheon. We have over 1700 cards to distribute to area nursing and retirement homes. No more cards are needed. **Thank you** for sharing the blessings of this holy season with our sisters and brothers

Church Happenings

Sunday Adult Bible Study Returns!



The Adult Bible study group will meet on ~~Sundays~~ ~~the Sundays~~ on ~~Sundays~~ at 8:30 AM to discuss how today's gospel reading applies to them. How is it relevant to me? How is it speaking to me? Do I have any questions about it? If you would like to find out more, please meet us on Sunday mornings, 8:30am, at Light of Christ, in the Fellowship/Social Hall on the lower level. Thank you, Pastor Suzanne & Pastor Mike for helping us each week with brief insights on the gospel lesson.

Bethlehem Christmas Pageant

This coming weekend, Dec. 10 and 11, is the Bethlehem Christmas Pageant at the Bethlehem Rose Garden Bandshell, both days at 1:45 pm. The pageant includes actors in costume and animals to tell the Christmas story. The Wednesday Women's group sewed costumes for the foot soldiers who accompany

Next Week's Ministers

December 17th:

Assisting Minister:

Rosalie Adducie

December 18th:

Assisting Minister: Tony Villani

Lector: Steph McGregor

Communion Assistant:

Jimmy Bleier

Acolyte: Douglas Bleier

Ushers: TBD

We hope to see many of you there.

Wreaths Across America

This ceremony takes place at Fountain Hill Cemetery at noon on Saturday, December 17.



Photos from last months' Ladies Luncheon



Unity Team Meeting Recap

1. Meet on November 13, 2022
2. Discussed:
 - a. Voting procedures on the Unity Team
 - b. Reviewed Joint Council vote on Unity Team recommendations

1. All funds from the sale of all locations are to be used for the purchase\renovation for the location of Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church = Approved by Council
 2. The purchase\renovation of the new location of Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church will not exceed the proceeds from the sale of all 4 properties = Approved by Council (added No Mortgage at the end)
 3. Any remaining funds from the sale and purchase\renovations of the new location will remain in the possession of Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church = Approved by Council
 4. We decline both Letters of Intent received from the City of Bethlehem and the developer = Approved by Council
 5. Enter into a contract with Lucy Lennon as our realtor for the sale of all 4 locations and the purchase of new location for Blessed Trinity = Approved by Council for a 6-month contract
 6. The Joint Council decide on the process of marketing and selling all 4 locations by either option 1 of bundling all 4 locations as 1 complete purchase or option 2 of selling each location individually = Bundling all 4 as 1 complete purchase Approved by Council (NOTE: this was voted after a meeting with Bethlehem mayor and Lucy Lennon on Nov 2nd)
- c. Ask the Joint Council to publish their meeting minutes\highlights by the end of the week. They should share the update at the weekend services, print in the TWMA, publish on both websites, and send an email to all members. Also mentioned that if any Unity Team member receives any questions or concerns of the Joint Council approvals, they should be directed to the Joint Council.
- d. New Location Search – volunteers
1. There is currently an unequal representation of each community of faith. The goal is to have 3 members from each community of faith to be represented.
- e. Sub-committee updates
- Constitution & ByLaws (Mary Mann)** = October's synod meeting was cancelled, we are scheduled on November synod's meeting. Mention to council to discuss a date for a Joint Congregational meeting to approve the Constitution & ByLaws for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.
- New Location Search (Mike Horwath)** = will be working with Lucy for possible new locations. Scheduled to visit a contemporary\modern style church.
1. Recommend to council the following procedure for when Lucy presents a location and the sub-committee believes that it should be considered:
 - The realtor will contact Mike, as Unity Team liaison, who will contact the President, Vice President, and Secretary of each community of faith for their review and action on the offer within 24 to 48 hours.

Their task is to decide whether to reject, clarify, counteroffer, or consider the offer and schedule an Emergency Joint Council meeting within 24 to 48 hours for action to be taken by the Joint Council on the Offer.

Asset Disposition (Kenda Riley) = started with Lucy to market and list all 4 locations as 1 purchase for \$4.1 million. Lucy has contacted the City of Bethlehem first for them to prepare an offer for all 4 locations.

1. Recommend to council the following procedure for when Lucy receives an offer:
 - The realtor will contact Kenda, as Unity Team liaison, who will contact the President, Vice President, and Secretary of each community of faith for their review and action on the offer within 24 to 48 hours. Their task is to decide whether to reject, clarify, counteroffer, or consider the offer and schedule an Emergency Joint Council meeting within 24 to 48 hours for action to be taken by the Joint Council on the Offer.
 - Any monies needed to move, donate, or discard items that will not be used at Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church will be split evenly among the 3 communities of faith.

Archive (Kenda Riley) = continue with assessing and inventorying archives. They may start boxing items if they are able that they want to bring to Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.

Non-Fixed Assets (Nancy Kostas) = continue with inventorying items. Mentioned that if items are in damaged or non-working, that they may discard the items. There is still a need for more volunteers. Discussed possible options for when we have large amount of items that we need to discard.

1. Recommend to council the following:
 - Anyone who wishes to take any books, other than any used for worship, are able to take as they want.

Attorney (Joe Bleier) = received invoice for clarification on obtaining a Federal EIN number for Blessed Trinity.

Mission Statement (Kevin Remaly) = they have a rough draft, working on a mission statement with a set of core values.

Fellowship (Linda Toltesi) = still need volunteers from Light of Christ and St Peters. Bingo at St John's Windish is scheduled.

3. Any questions or concerns regarding the sale of the locations should be addressed only to Kenda Riley as the Unity Team liaison, along with any questions or concerns regarding the purchase of the new location and property for Blessed Trinity Lutheran

Church should be addressed only to Mike Horwath. There is no contact to be made to our realtor from the congregation.

4. **Please be aware that we will not be without a church building to worship at any time during this process.** Our realtor is stressing this point in all offers, along with working this into any contract regarding the sale, that we will be able to worship at one of our campuses until we are ready to move into the new building for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.
5. Next Steps
 - a. Keep the Unity Team recap in the Til We Meet Again until the next recap, not just for the 1 week as we are currently doing.
 - b. Meeting with Pastor Jean Huber on November 22nd to learn Pastor Call process
 - c. Follow up with the Joint Council vote on recommendations
 - d. Follow up with sub-committees with progress
6. Next Meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2023

7. Unity Team Sub-Committees:

Naming = Kevin Remaly \ kevremaly@gmail.com

Constitution & ByLaw = Mary Mann \ marsecy@gmail.com

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

Asset Disposition = Kenda Riley \ klr3704@hotmail.com

Archive = Kenda Riley \ klr3704@hotmail.com

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

Attorney = Joe Bleier \ bleier.joe.amy@gmail.com

Mission Statement = Kevin Remaly \ kevremaly@gmail.com

Fellowship = Linda Toltesi \ ltoltesi@rcn.com



Pictured Left to Right:

Gina Brockway, Pastor Mike Button (liaison), Nancy Kostas, Mike Horwath, Kenda Riley, Joe Bleier, Mary Mann, Kevin Remaly, David Kolman, Linda Toltesi, and Pastor Suzanne Trump (liaison)

Council Actions Concerning Unity Team Recommendations

At the Oct 25th Joint Council meeting we addressed the following Unity Team recommendations.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

That all fund \ proceeds from the sale of all locations are to be used for the purchase \ renovation of the new location for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

That the purchase of the new location and renovation of location and building for Blessed Trinity will not exceed the net proceeds from the sale of all 4 locations, **in example No Mortgage**

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

That any remaining funds from the sale and purchase and renovations of the new location and building for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church will remain in the possession of Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

That we decline both Letters of Intent received from the City of Bethlehem and the developer.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

That we enter into a contract with Lucy Lennon as our realtor to assist us with sale of all 4 locations and the purchase of the new location for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church **for contract term of 6-months.**

Discussed and tabled:

Unity Team recommends that the Joint Council decide on the process of marketing \ selling of all 4 locations by either one of 2 options: (option 1) bundle all 4 locations as 1 complete purchase, or (option 2) sell each location individually.

*A meeting with the Mayor of Bethlehem and our realtor Lucy will be invited to address the Joint Council at a special meeting to assist with our decision.

At the Nov 2nd special Joint Council meeting

1. After hearing presentations given from the Mayor Reynolds of Bethlehem, and realtor Lucy Lennon. The Joint Council voted on the Unity Team recommendations that were tabled at the Oct 25th meeting.

Motion was made to reopen the tabled joint council motion to market the 4 properties as 1 bundle.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed

At the Nov 15th Joint Council voted on the following Unity Team recommendations.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

The process followed for offers on the sale of the properties shall be. The realtor will contact Kenda, as Unity Team liaison, who will contact the President, Vice President, and Secretary of each community of faith for their review and action on the offer within 24 to 48 hours. Their task is to decide whether to reject, clarify, counteroffer, or consider the offer and schedule an Emergency Joint Council meeting within 24 to 48 hours for action to be taken by the Joint Council on the offer.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

The process followed to purchase the new location for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church shall be. The realtor will contact Mike, as Unity Team liaison, who will contact the President, Vice President, and Secretary of each community of faith for their review and action on the offer within 24 to 48 hours. Their task is to decide

whether to reject, clarify, counteroffer, or consider the offer and schedule an Emergency Joint Council meeting within 24 to 48 hours for action to be taken by the Joint Council on the offer.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed:

That any monies needed to move, donate, or discard items that will not be used at Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church will be split evenly among the 3 communities of faith.

Discussed, Voted, and Passed

That anyone who wishes to take any books, other than used for worship, are able to take as they want with a **free will donation**

Drop a Line

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church: 610-867-0519, church@stpetersbethlehem.org

Pastor Mike: 832-561-0697, mikebutton52@gmail.com

Pastor Suzanne: 610-217-1375, strump@ptd.net

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Teryan Gerhard, 610-762-9154 ·

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Ken Remaly, 484-934-4534

Stephanie Skinner, 610-515-4079

Joe Boligitz, 610-762-9417

Mary Karol, 484-456-1555

Gayle Nemeth, 484-560-4971

Carol Henn, 610-868-7390

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Treasurer: Joe Bleier, 610-737-6613

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

December 10th to December 18th

Saturday December 10th

5:00 PM: Worship at St. Peter's with live stream on Facebook

Sunday December 11th

8:00 AM: Worship Video premieres on YouTube and UPG website

8:30 AM: Sunday School at Light of Christ

9:15 AM: Worship at Light of Christ

10:30 AM: Light of Christ Congregation Meeting

11:00AM St. John's Windish Congregational Gathering for Healing at Kaiser Auditorium

Monday December 12th

7:00 PM: LoC Dart Baseball

Tuesday December 13th

9:00 AM: Staff Meeting at Light of Christ

7:00 PM: BAM Meeting

Wednesday December 14th

7:15 AM: Fellowship Group at St. Peter's

9:00 AM: Blessed Trinity Ladies Fellowship at Light of Christ

7:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal at Light of Christ

Saturday December 17th

11:00 AM: BES Bagged Lunch Project at St. Peter's

5:00 PM: Worship at St. Peter's with live stream on Facebook

Sunday December 18th

8:00 AM: Worship Video premieres on YouTube and UPG website

8:30 AM: Sunday School at Light of Christ

9:15 AM: Worship at Light of Christ