

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of December 17 & 18, 2022

Town Hall Meeting

All are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, December 18, 2022 following the 9:15am service held at Light of Christ in the Fellowship Hall. The Town Hall Meeting will be held to hear the presentation from our realtor on the proposed offer, accepted by all the congregational councils, to purchase all the properties. There will be time for questions and comments following the presentation regarding the offer presented. Also, a copy of the proposed Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church constitution and bylaws will be available at this meeting. This is in preparation for the upcoming congregational meeting, at which time, each congregation will have a separate vote on the sale of their property, and a joint vote on the acceptance of the Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church constitution and bylaws.

Christmas -The Nativity of Our Lord December 24 – Christmas Eve

3:00 PM - St. Peter's - Worship with Holy Communion

6:00 PM - St. John's Windish - Worship

8:00 PM - Light of Christ - Worship with Holy Communion

December 25 -Christmas Day

10:00 AM - Light of Christ Service of Lessons and Carols

Weekend Worship

December 17

5 PM at St. Peter's

December 18

9:15 AM at Light of Christ

This Week's Worship Ministers:

Presiding Minister:

Pr. Mike Button

December 17th:

Assisting Minister: Rosalie Adducie

December 18th:

Organist: Linda Maule

Assisting Minister:

Tony Villani

Lector: Steph McGregor

Communion Assistants:

Jimmy Bleier

Acolyte: Douglas Bleier

Ushers: TBD

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

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 than December 18.



Advent Daily Prayer

Join us in person or online for Advent daily prayer **December 19th-23rd at 9 AM** at St. Peter's campus. Prayers will be led by Brynn and Anderson and Josh Gulotta. We hope to see you there!

Church Happenings

Wreaths Across America

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



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

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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

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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This Week at Blessed Trinity

December 17th to December 25th

Saturday December 17th

- 11:00 AM: BES Bagged Lunch Project
- 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
- 8:30 AM: Adult Bible Study
- 9:15 AM: Worship at Light of Christ
- 10:30 AM: Town Hall Meeting

Monday December 19th

- 9:00 AM: Daily Prayer at St. Peter's
- 12:00 PM: Ladies Luncheon
- 7:15 PM: LoC Dart Baseball

Tuesday December 20th

- 9:00 AM: Daily Prayer at St. Peter's
- 7:00 PM: Joint Council

Wednesday December 21st

- 9:00 AM: Daily Prayer at St. Peter's
- 7:15 AM: Morning Fellowship at St. Peter's
- 9:00 AM: Ladies Fellowship at Light of Christ
- 7:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal at Light of Christ

Thursday December 22nd

- 9:00 AM: Daily Prayer at St. Peter's

Friday December 23rd

- 9:00 AM: Daily Prayer at St. Peter's

Saturday December 24th

- 3:00 PM: Worship St. Peter's
- 6:00 PM: Worship SJW
- 8:00 PM: Worship LoC

Sunday December 25th

- 10:00 AM: Worship LoC