



UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:

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

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of February 19 & 20, 2022

weekend worship

Worship on **Saturday, February 19** at **5:00 PM** will be held at **St. Peter's**. Worship on **Sunday, February 20** at **8:00 AM** and **10:30 AM** will be held at **St. Peter's**. Facemasks are required!

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Presiding Minister: Pastor Suzanne

February 19:

Assisting Minister: Brynn Anderson

February 20:

8:00 AM

Assisting Minister: Stephanie McGregor

Communion Assistant: Karen Favinger

Lector: Nancy Kostas

Usher: Josh Gulotta

10:30 AM

Assisting Minister: Pastor Mike

Lector: Gene Luff

Usher: 1 Ed Little

Usher 2: Pat Little

Acolyte: Sandra Butch

This Week

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

As we move back to in-person worship we will continue the following measures to keep each other as safe as possible from spreading Covid-19.

1. Masks, correctly worn, covering the nose and mouth are required at all times in our buildings, no exceptions. If this is something you are un-

comfortable with, we encourage you to worship using the livestream.

2. Windows will remain open in the sanctuary for worship, please dress appropriately

3. Maintain physical distancing at all times including when in line to receive Holy Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be having Sunday School **February 13th** and **February 20th**. There will be **no Sunday school February 27th** due to the Transition Team Town Hall. We will be hosting a Youth Night Feb 26th 6-730 pm at Saint Peter's. Please contact Josh Gulotta if you have any questions.



TOWN HALL MEETING

COME ONE, COME ALL!! Please plan to attend the scheduled Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, **February 27th!** The service and meeting will be held at **St. John's Windish Lutheran Church**. The Town Hall meeting will take place in their spacious Fellowship Hall, **immediately after the service**, which is scheduled for **9:30 am**. This town hall meeting is the second in a series of meetings designed to provide information to the congregations about possible future plans for our three churches. The opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback will be welcomed. The meeting will be recorded and made available for those who may not be able to attend in person. *OUR FUTURE IS IN*

YOUR HANDS!!

NINE WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Starting **February 10, 2022** at **St. Peter's**, a special **nine-week** Bible study will be presented for our churches and the public at large. It is open to anyone who wishes to attend. What makes this Bible study special can be seen from the title, "The Entire Bible for Everybody, from Atheists to Christian Believers!" The course will start from the assumption that the Bible is about answering life's most important question, namely, "What is the Meaning of Life?" Besides offering the Bible's answer to life's meaning, the course will also offer the competing answers given by modern science and the secular world. Then it will be up to us to compare and contrast those answers. Classes will be held at both **2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**, using PowerPoint slides, maps, timelines, and other supplementary materials. Each class will be **90 minutes in length**. The same material will be presented at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

This Lenten season, we will be offering evening prayer services on **Tuesdays and Fridays** at **7:00 pm**. Just like the Advent prayer services, these would be available in-person as well as livestreamed. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help out at these services in a variety of ways such as leading, providing music, and preparing the service. Please contact Brynn at church@stpetersbethlehem.org for more information and if you would like to assist.

SYNOD BOOK STUDY

The synod's Racial Justice Task Force will be sponsoring a 5-part online Lenten Book Study,

beginning **Monday, March 7th at 7pm on Zoom**. They will be reading and discussing the book *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. The study will be lead by Pastor Samantha Drennan and Pastor Suzanne Trump. Participants will be asked to purchase their own copies of the book. If you are interested in attending, please register on the synod website (<http://nepasynod.org/>) or on their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=northeastern%20pennsylvania%20synod%20of%20the%20elca>).

from the mailroom

Attention Thrivent Members: If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars to distribute, please do so before the **March 31 deadline**.

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Social Justice Committee: As voting rights move forward in public discussion, urge your U.S. Senators to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R.4) with a customized message through the ELCA Action Center. The Social Justice committee is asking you to take part in sending a note/email to your senator to ensure all votes are heard and all people have the opportunity to vote. Take Action. You can do this from home.

Visitation: If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like a visit, please let the church office know. We will find someone to come and visit you or give you a call.

College Readiness Webinars: ELCA colleges and universities are offering free webinars to answer questions about applying and preparing for college. The webinars will be taking place throughout February. Please contact the church office for more information.

Dr. Irene Todd Scholarship: Dr. Irene Todd was a member of Rosemont Lutheran Church from the 1940's until she died in 2004. Upon her death, she bequeathed funds to Rosemont Lutheran where they established a scholarship in her name. The scholarship is for students who achieved academic competency as well as serve compassionately in their church community. If selected, the student would received \$1500 to go toward undergraduate, Bachelor's, Associate's or Trade School degree from an accredited institution. If you have any questions or are interested in applying, contact Rosemont Lutheran Church at (610) 867-3705 or by email at secretaryatrosemont@yahoo.com.

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter: The Bethlehem Emergency Shelter opened it's doors on Monday, November 15 for the start of the 2021-2022 Sheltering Season. The UPG and St John's have partnered with Star of Bethlehem to prepare and serve meals and to provide volunteers to register guests and monitor the showers on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. There are many other opportunities to serve such as providing desserts or breakfast items or even to apply for a Thrivent Action team to help purchase food items if you cannot be present at the shelter to help out. Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of this outreach team that provides a warm meal and shelter in addition to caring fellowship for our brothers and sisters...and we have fun doing it! You can sign up using the following link <https://signup.com/go/RMoFYeL> or contact Michel Lloyd at 484-695-3921 or

michellloyd@gmail.com. Peace and blessings!

Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund:

The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund is a program that provides eligible Pennsylvania homeowners with up to \$30,000 in assistance to ease mortgage delinquencies, foreclosures, and utility disconnection. To be eligible for assistance, you must own a home in Pennsylvania, meet certain income requirements, and have experienced financial issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are interested in this program, visit pahaf.org or call 888-987-2423.

Utility Assistance this Winter: Do you need help with utility bills this winter? There are government programs which can help. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides \$200-\$1000 to utilities companies as credit on the customers bill. There is also the Emergency Rental Assistance Program which can help those who struggled to pay for their utilities due to the pandemic. If you want more information, contact the County Public Assistance Office weekdays at 866-857-7095 or go to dhs.pa.gov.

Enter the Bible: Luther Seminary has created a resource called "Enter the Bible" to help people understand scripture better. It breaks down each book in the Bible and gives an overview of its background and context. It is free to use and can be found at <https://enterthebible.org/free-account-registration/>.

WEEKLY MAILINGS

If you have returned to in-person Worship and

are no longer in need of the weekly mailing pack-
et, please contact the church office.

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THIS WEEK IN THE UPG: FEBRUARY 19— FEBRUARY 27

Saturday February 19

5:00 PM Worship at St. Peter's with Live Stream on the UPG Facebook page

Sunday February 20

Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website (upgbethlehem.org) by 8:00 AM

8:00 AM Worship at St. Peter's

9:15 AM Sunday School at St. Peter's

10:30 AM Worship at St. Peter's

1:00 PM Young Adult Fellowship at St. Peter's

Monday February 21

12:00 PM Ladies Luncheon at Perkins

6:00 PM St. Peter's Dart Baseball League at St. Peter's

7:00 PM Light of Christ Dart Baseball League (Light of Christ at SOB)

7:00 PM Sacred Ground Meeting over Zoom

Tuesday February 22

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast at The Palace Restaurant

Wednesday February 23

7:00 AM Fellowship Group

9:00 AM Christian Service

Thursday February 24

2:00 PM Midweek Bible Study at St. Peter's

7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study at St. Peter's

Saturday February 26

5:00 PM Worship at St. Peter's with Live Stream on the UPG Facebook page

6:00 PM Youth Night at St. Peter's

Sunday February 27

Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website (upgbethlehem.org) by 8:00 AM

9:30 AM Worship at St. John's Windish

10:30 AM Blended Town Hall Meeting at St. John's Windish