



UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:

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

# 'Till We Meet Again!

Week of February 26 & 27, 2022

## weekend worship

Worship on **Saturday, February 26** at **5:00 PM** will be held at **St. Peter's**. Worship on **Sunday, February 27** at **9:30 AM** and will be held at **St. John's Windish**. Facemasks are required!

### WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Mike

February 26:

**Assisting Minister:** Gina Brockway

February 27:

9:30 AM

**Assisting Minister:** Pastor Suzanne

**Acolyte:** Jimmy Bleier

**Lector:** Matthew Bleier

**Usher 1:** TBD

**Ushers 2:** TBD

**Processional 1:** Douglas Bleier

**Processional 2:** Quinn Jackus

**Processional 3:** Joe Bleier

## 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 uncomfortable 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

There will be **no Sunday school February 27th** due to the Transition Team Town Hall. We will be hosting a Youth Night Feb 26th 6-7:30 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!!*



## 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>).

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

### IN THE



**Pantry Sunday:** Thank you so much to everyone who donated food on pantry Sunday! We collected 4 bottles of jelly, 11 jars of peanut butter, 14 cans of soup, 29 cans of tuna, 9 cans of beans, 4 boxes of crackers, 9 bags of rice, 15 boxes of mac & cheese, 10 boxes of cereal, and 19 boxes of oatmeal. All donations from this collection will benefit New Bethany food bank.

**Souper Bowl Collection Tally:** The results of our Souper Bowl Collection are in! LA Rams bowl received \$27.00, the Cincinnati Bengals bowl received \$92.00, and the UPG and St John's bowl received \$105.00! All \$224.00 in proceeds will be going to World Hunger Relief. Thank you so much for your donations!

**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.

**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](mailto: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

michelloyd@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](http://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](http://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 packet, please contact the church office.

### **PASTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **THIS WEEK IN THE UPG: FEBRUARY 26— MARCH 6**

### **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 Saint Peter's

### **Sunday February 27**

- Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website ([upgbethlehem.org](http://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

### **Monday February 28**

- 6:00 PM St. Peter's Dart Baseball League at St. Peter's
- 7:00 PM Light of Christ Dart Baseball League (Farmersville @ LOC)

### **Wednesday March 2**

- 7:00 AM Fellowship Group
- 9:00 AM Christian Service
- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service at Light of Christ
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service at Light of Christ

### **Thursday March 3**

- 2:00 PM Midweek Bible Study at St. Peter's
- 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study at St. Peter's

### **Friday March 4**

- 7:00 PM Lenten Prayer Service at St. Peter's and livestreamed

### **Saturday March 5**

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

### **Sunday March 6**

- Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website ([upgbethlehem.org](http://upgbethlehem.org)) by 8:00 AM
- 8:00 AM Worship at Light of Christ
- 9:15 AM Sunday School at Light of Christ
- 10:30 AM Worship at Light of Christ