



UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:

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

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of February 5 & 6, 2022

weekend worship

Worship will be live streamed on the UPG Facebook page on **Saturday, February 5** at **5:00 PM**. The live stream will be available on YouTube and the UPG Facebook page on **Sunday, February 6** at **8:00 AM**.

This Week

IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED

Due to the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the area, we will be suspending all in-person activities through **February 6th**. We will be live-streaming the Saturday night worship service on the UPG Facebook page and it will be available on YouTube Sunday morning. Please keep a look out for updates throughout the month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at **9:15 AM on Zoom** **through February 6th**. If you are interested in attending, please email Josh Gulotta at jagulotta@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

There will be a Sunday morning Bible Study over **Zoom** starting at **9:30 AM**. If interested, please email church@stpetersbethlehem.org or check the Saturday morning email for the Zoom link.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION RETURNS!

Since we are unable to gather for coffee and worship we encourage you to join the livestream worship on Saturday afternoons or Sunday morning for the recorded worship. Once again, we will host a coffee and conversation on **Monday nights at 7 pm** for an opportunity to connect with each other while remaining safe via **Zoom**. No set discussion, no set beverage required, join us as you are able, and share in some fellowship. Please look out for the Zoom Link in the Saturday Morning email.



YOUTH GATHERING CANCELLED

This summer's Youth Gathering in Minneapolis unfortunately has been cancelled due to concerns about Covid-19. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Gulotta at jagulotta@gmail.com

TOWN HALL MEETING POSTPONED

The Transition Team Town Hall meeting has been postponed **until February 27th**. Please look out for more updates throughout the month.

NINE WEEK BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study hosted by Pastor Richard A. Mathisen will be postponed until **February 10th**. Please look out for further updates.

PANTRY SUNDAY

We will be collecting items for the New Bethany Ministries Food Bank on **February 13th**. They are specifically looking for cereal, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal-flavored, soups, tuna fish, milk – shelf stable, rice, macaroni & cheese, beans, and crackers. They are aiming for low sodium items but will gladly accept any offering.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Please vote for your favorite Super Bowl Team or Team UPG/St John's Windish on Sunday, February 13 at St. Peter's. Your monetary donations placed in the soup pot of your choice will help to alleviate hunger. Thanks for being generous.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

This Lenten season, we will be offering evening prayer services throughout the week. 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.

from the mailroom

Dear friends,
Thank you so very much for the many thoughtful and caring birthday messages you sent to our mother, grandmother, great - grandmother, Betty Lou Terry on her milestone

birthday! Betty Lou enjoyed sending and receiving cards. She shared many of the cards and messages she received with us throughout the years. She was certain to keep her family connected by updating all of us with everyone's new mailing address as family members and friends moved. A happy memory is when Betty Lou read all of her birthday messages to us the first year she lived at Country Meadows. Thank you for remembering her! It means so much to her and to us!

In peace,
Jon and Lynn Terry and family

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Notes from the January Joint Council Meeting:

1. The live stream vendor will be contacted for assistance in improving the output.
2. Both the town hall meeting & upcoming vote to determine the UPG & St. John's Windish futures have been moved back a month due to the current COVID pandemic environment.
3. The staffs & council members of all three (3) campuses will continue to monitor the COVID environment & make decisions on in-person activities based upon the science & data of the pandemic.

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.

End of the Year Statements: Anyone needing a year end statement should contact their home church. If possible, please arrange to pick it up.

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!

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 packet, please contact the church office.

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THIS WEEK IN THE UPG: FEBRUARY 5— FEBRUARY 13

Saturday February 5

5:00 PM Live Stream Worship on the UPG Facebook page

Sunday February 6

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

9:15 AM Sunday School on Zoom

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study on Zoom

Monday February 7

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 Dryland)

7:00 PM Coffee and Conversation over Zoom

7:00 PM Sacred Ground on Zoom

Tuesday February 8

7:00 PM GWOH/SAM Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday February 9

7:00 AM Fellowship Group

9:00 AM Christian Service

Thursday February 10

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

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

Saturday February 12

5:00 PM Live Stream Worship on the UPG Facebook page

Sunday February 13

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