

# Our Church

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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July 2017

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

## Pastor Reep Receives National Award

Pastor Stanley Reep earned a national award for stewardship ministry by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Good Steward Award is given annually to the church leader who exemplifies outstanding stewardship through preaching, teaching and example. The Good Steward award is in honor of Dr. Richard Lee Peterman and was established in 1984 (the year Pastor Reep began seminary) by the Lutheran Laity Movement for Stewardship. It honors the pastor that has shown the importance of stewardship by using innovative programs, new resources or made significant gains in stewardship during the last year or over a longer period of time. One recipient is present the award along with a check for \$500 for the use in the congregation he or she serves. This year Pastor Reep donated the \$500 toward the ***Building in Faith for Future Generations*** campaign at St. Paul's Church. We rejoice with him and with his family for this national honor. Please be sure to extend your congratulations to Pastor Reep!



## Father, Creator of All, Thank You for Summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.



## Summer Worship

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. throughout the summer. The liturgies will be a bit more relaxed, using a variety of musical styles and relying heavily on setting five from the *With One Voice* supplement. We always welcome members to share their musical talent during the summer while the choir is out of session. Please see either of our musicians, Victor

Fields or Emily Reep, to schedule a musical selection for a summer Sunday service.



## SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORTS

### *Denise Rider*

Our unity is in Jesus Christ! This would be an excellent description of the worship service and agenda for the recent Synod Assembly held at Messiah College. The gathering included the Holy Eucharist with Necrology of 10 pastors, Affirmation of Vocation for all the baptized and the Rites of Consecration (Deacon April Trout) and Ordination (Pastors Matthew Best, Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, Amy Wagner, Linda Shank).

The altar was gracefully decorated with orange and red flowing fabric in observance of Pentecost. Blue and green flowing fabric adorned the Baptismal font and lectern respectfully. The cross standing behind the altar was extremely unique and beautiful. Entrancing would best describe the appearance on stage.

A magnificent organ provided the accompaniment for most of the hymns that were carefully selected for the weekend. (Open Your Ears, O Faithful People; We Come to the Hungry Feast; Wade in the Water; A Mighty Fortress is our God). The hymns with the uplifted and unified voices of the present congregation inspired hope for a problematic and dwindling faith community.

The Rev. Bishop Dunlop provided a moving message about how Christians are at times like small children who are attempting to tell others, we do not seem to understand what they desire or need. Frustration, anger, or tears can develop. Someone else, like an older sibling, may have to intervene to decipher what is being said. In order for congregations to reform, renew, and revision we need to make special attempts in listening to what others are saying or suggesting. We need to ask questions, if necessary have others decipher, respect all opinions, and above all, pray for guidance. With the Holy Spirit present, we all must reach out, take chances, grow in faith and keep trying till we are heard, supported, and understood. Only then can we begin to take baby steps to create gradual changes that are necessary for Christian growth.

The communion feast was touching. The entire assembly came to various communion stations hungry and begging for the love of God that will not be denied.

After such a joyous service, it was with lightened heart that we could head to our dorm rooms or home and look forward with hope to the next day filled with the business meetings.

“Jesus is indeed the center of all things!”

### *Andrew Doughty*

Several weeks ago I was honored with the request to be a Voting member for our congregation at the Synod Assembly taking place June 2nd to June 3rd 2017. During this Assembly there were several educational seminars being offered which we could choose to attend and I felt that you would like a report from me on what I saw, learned, and experienced.

The first seminar that I attended was presented by Pastor Reep himself. “The Art of Living Graciously”. He provided a uniquely folded piece of paper which, as you unfolded it, provided what I would call thought points on the topic. I think in some ways I learned more about Pastor Reep than the subject but, with his stories and examples, he got me to think about how I can start to live Graciously.

The next seminar I attended was about Tanzania. The presenter, Pastor Cliff Eshbach, with the help of a video, guided us from flying to Africa to show what life was like in that country and what it would cost if we would like to go on a mission trip there. It was interesting to see what life is like in that country. So vastly different from what we experience here.

The last presentation I will document was “Renewing Congregations” with Pastor David Daubert. This was a two part presentation as Pr. Daubert was the keynote speaker for this year’s assembly. According to him, a large portion of our churches are dying, due mainly to the overall age of the congregations. In another ten to twenty years if nothing is done the churches will be dead. Yes you read that correctly. The synod, along with Pastor Daubert have devised a new Synod Initiative, “Reform, Renew, Revision (R3)”, to prevent this. I think it would be best if people went out to the Synod website and read up on this since there are many components.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to attend this meeting.

### ***Deacon Ellen Doughty***

My part of the report will focus mainly on the second day of the Assembly and I will include my thoughts on the 2 seminars I attended on Friday since Andrew, Denise and I decided to split up for those.

The first seminar I attended was entitled, “It’s Time to Stand Up!; There were three presenters, although only one was named on the listing. Sr Dottie Almoney; Pr. Kevin Stout and another pastor whose name I can’t recall (sorry) spoke about human trafficking, Refugee and Immigration and LWR.

The second seminar I attended was “Tanzania Travel 2018” with Pr. Cliff Eshbach. I loved the presentation as it laid out most of what can be expected for those who choose to go on a trip to Tanzania. The costs were actually lower than I expected. Andrew and Angie Hammer were present and shared about how living in Tanzania for 8 months was a life changing experience for them and their three children.

During the afternoon session on Friday, On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the ELCA program director for stewardship in the Domestic Mission Unit, Keith Mundy, presented Pr. Reep the Dr. Richard Lee Peterman Good Steward Award. This award is given annually to one ELCA leader who exemplifies outstanding stewardship through preaching, teaching and example.

Saturday was set aside for the business of the synod. First was Morning devotion with the Order of the Opening of the Assembly and the installation of conference deans and secretaries and the installation of the Lutheran Youth Organization board members. Next followed the Bishop’s opening remarks, a chance to practice with the voting machines, certification of voting members; presentation of the 2016 Synod Assembly minutes and the report of the Synod Planning Committee. This last one was very important as the assembly voted on the agenda presented and amendments to the agenda and also voted to adopt the rules of procedure.

Reports from committees happened at their scheduled times throughout the day. Additional actions that occurred included adoption of the proposed 2018 budget (followed by a report on the Always Made New Campaign); adoption of minimum salary guidelines and adoption of Constitutional Amendments. It is always interesting to see the dynamics at play when it comes to budgets.

The afternoon session is where we were able to make use of the voting machines as we had some decisions regarding various committees as to who the assembly felt called to vote for. Any committee reports that were not presented in the morning were presented during this session. No conferences presented any memorials for the assembly to discuss. New business involved the presentation of two proposals, both of which were voted down.

After the order of closing of the assembly, the new treasurer of the synod and newly elected Synod Council Members were installed.

I enjoy the Synod Assemblies because they give me time to reconnect with friends and colleagues from all over the synod in learning, sharing and worship.

Peace and Blessings



## Community Garden

The St. Paul's gardeners are bringing fresh produce for the Food Pantry to distribute on Tuesday mornings. This past week we had lots of Romaine lettuce. Many of us have the luxury of purchasing fresh produce on a regular basis. Imagine if you were not so fortunate. Thanks to the work of the community gardeners those who come once each month for the Tuesday food distribution will receive locally grown produce from our garden not more than a football field way from St. Paul's. If you have not visited the garden on the grounds of the Unitarian Congregation on South George Street, please stop by

and check it out. Workers gather at a variety of times to carry out a variety of tasks, weeding, harvesting, and replanting so that the 20 X 60 foot plot produces the greatest amount of produce.

## KNOEBELS Saturday, July 29

Meet at St. Paul's by 8:45 AM, Bailey's Charter Bus will transport everyone to Knoebels, arriving approximately 11 AM. Enjoy a fun filled day with, swimming, rides, amusement games and shows with your family and St. Paul's friends at the park. For your convenience, a Pavilion has been reserved and can be used all day. A picnic style Dinner will be provided at 5 PM. The bus will load at 6:45 and depart no later than 7 PM, arriving home by 9 PM.

Lunch will be on your own, you can pack a picnic lunch or purchase food at the park.

**Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending this event! The bus and pavilion are reserved.**



## MINI GOLF AND ICE CREAM

5745 Lincoln Highway, York, PA 17406

Sunday, August 27

1:00 PM

Meet at Jim Mack's Ice Cream in Hellam

Enjoy playing 24-hole Miniature Golf



## 2017 Flower Chart

The 2017 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury hallway bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is \$30 per vase. You are welcome to sign up to provide one or both vases. After you have signed up, simply make a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark it altar flowers. This is a great way to honor someone, celebrate a milestone in life, or remember a loved one. The flowers may be taken home with you at the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. liturgy or you may have them given to someone who is sick, at home, or hospitalized. If you wish, you can contact the office to reserve a date, and provide us with all of the correct information for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. In advance, we thank you for your kind generosity and for making the chancel ever more attractive with fresh flowers each Sunday.





## Council Highlights

The Council met Monday June 12 for its regular meeting. Pr. Reep had been excused which meant that the Council was limited to acting on the agenda that he had approved at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Jeff Riese joined the Council. He will complete the term of Ray Gordon who has taken a position out of State.

Treasurer, Tony Culp, reported that St. Paul's finances remain strong. He pointed out that envelope giving is slightly down, but not enough to be worrisome. He noted that the church budget is not weighted by month which usually means that at year end small short-falls are typically made up by heavier giving than at the first part of the year.



The Council received an update on the progress of the building renewal. The start date on actual work is still not firm. The general and sub-contractors are working with the architects to get full detailed drawings completed so that permits can be obtained from the city. This also means there is no firm schedule of when portions of the job will be scheduled. Sub committees of the church are making decisions on suggested changes in lighting and flooring. There will be a report to the congregation by a Council member at the conclusion of each service on June 25, at which time it is hoped more firm information will be available. It is planned that there will be such a report on a Sunday following each Council meeting as the project moves forward.

The Council named the chair of the nominating committee. This committee will be seeking candidates for the Congregation Council, Benevolence Committee, Mutual Ministry Committee and Voting Members at the 2018 Synod Assembly. Elections will be held at the Annual meeting in November. Please prayerfully consider serving in any of these positions. I hope you will answer "yes" if contacted by a committee member. Your hands can be doing God's work. Newer persons in these positions bring new fresh ideas that can help improve our ministry to God's people in this congregation and in York.

Peace,

Harold Sargeant.

Congregation Council President

## Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic ministers take the sacrament of Holy Communion to our members and friends beyond the doors of St. Paul's who for various reasons cannot be present for the Sunday Eucharist. Currently we have three Eucharistic Ministers: Kristine Gross, Bob Reed and Patty Snyder. We are in need of additional people to help with this ministry. A training session will be scheduled so that those volunteering to help receive proper training and feel at ease as they help members and friends stay connected with Christ Jesus and the congregation through the reception of Holy Communion. If you would like to; learn more, participate in training, or serve in this capacity, please contact Pastor Reep and plan to attend the training scheduled for Sunday July 16 at 9:15 a.m. in the library, room #12.

**The Benevolence Committee** would like to thank everyone who submitted applications for 2017-2018. We are pleased to report that six applications were approved and a total of \$23,500 will be distributed. There is also one pending application for another \$5,000. We want to remind you that out of cycle requests are always welcomed and can be submitted anytime. Furthermore, it is not too early to start thinking about next year's submittals. Please be aware of those who are in need of God's help through us at St. Paul's.

# TANNENBERG ORGAN RECITALS

**York County History Center  
250 East Market Street  
York, PA 17403  
717.848.1587**

**Fridays @ 12:15pm in July and August**

<b>July 7</b>	<b>Cameron Wentz</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Todd Davis</b>
<b>July 21</b>	<b>Todd Davis &amp; Katie Eckman, flute</b>
<b>July 28</b>	<b>Jonathan &amp; Marian Noel, flute</b>
<b>August 4</b>	<b>Victor Fields</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Rodney Barnett</b>
<b>August 18</b>	<b>Richard Frey</b>
<b>August 25</b>	<b>Phillip Cooper</b>



## Building in *Faith* for Future Generations

### **Congregation up-date from Temple Talk**

#### ***Building in Faith for Future Generations***

A word from the architects, Marotta/Main - The building permits have been submitted to the city of York. The Final drawings are almost complete.

Implications for our congregation - When permits are issued, construction can begin. The Phasing schedule will then be solidified. That means we will finally know when they will work on which spaces....nave (worship space) classrooms, preschool rooms...

A word from the builders, Arthur Funk and Sons - We signed the letter of intent with Arthur Funk and Sons. We have now received the contract from them and it is awaiting council approval and signatures.

Implications for our congregation - When it is signed, work can commence.

A word from the Finance Team - We have chosen York Traditions for the building loan. We have moved our daily operations money to York Traditions. The finalization of the loan will be completed as soon as the 2016 audit from RKL is complete.

Implications for our congregation - Currently we have 120 family units who have made commitments totaling \$838,500. Just under \$200,000 cash has been received. Please continue to send in your commitments and contributions.

A word from the Organ Company - On Monday June 26 the organ console will be removed. All organ chambers will be sealed to protect them from debris and dust during the construction.

a. What does this mean for the congregation? We will be using the piano and harpsicord for worship during construction.

Grounded in God's Word, Christ Jesus, let us tell to the coming generations the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders he has done.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out these future events! Contact a leader and let him or her know that you would like to help plan and/or execute one or more of the following events. Every event has many different components to it so there is a need for many different skills and gifts to be put to God's good use.

**God's Work Our Hands** – Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring this event on Sunday September 10. The rigorous plans call for assembling 2,000 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. To help with this ministry event contact Kelly Moor-Spencer or Janet Moore.

**Luther Walk** – Christian Education Committee is sponsoring this event on Sunday September 17. The plans call for people willing to role play a character from the life and times of Martin Luther. Participants will walk along a pathway leading from the birth of Martin Luther to his death, and will discover key dates and events along the way. To help with this education event contact Patty Snyder or Kelly Moore-Spencer.

**Consecration Sunday** – Stewardship Committee is sponsoring the annual event on Sunday October 22. The plans call for a breakfast and lunch and of course a beautifully planned liturgy designed to support the theme *Building in Faith for Future Generations*. To help with this stewardship event contact Larry Gross or Ron Sturges.

**Cookie Walk** - Mpguso Committee is sponsoring the annual event on Saturday December 2. The plans call for cookie bakers, phone callers, set up, sales, greeters, and clean up all so that we can raise money to provide a doctor, medical care, for our sisters and brothers in Tanzania. To help with this mission event contact Martina Uffelman or Kathryn Wicker

**Advent Wreaths** – Worship and Arts along with the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring this intergenerational event on Sunday December 3. The plans call for the gathering and preparing materials needed for the day so that the advent wreath making is a joyful family time. To help with this family friendly event contact Kristine Gross or Kelly Moore-Spencer.

**St. Nicholas Family Dinner** (Yes Santa Claus is Coming to St. Paul's!) Worship and Arts along with the Christian Education and Fellowship Committees are planning a huge family friendly dinner with St. Nicholas, Family Photos, and of course chocolate coins for all participants! This event is scheduled for St. Nicholas Day, Wednesday, December 6. To help with this event contact Pastor Reep.

## Educational Opportunities for Youth and Adults at Gettysburg Seminary

Is this the year you make the big leap of faith? Will you consider going to seminary for a course in personal enrichment or leadership training?

For youth in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade there is a "Summer Theological Academy" offered July 22 – 29. Registration deadline in July 1. And for youth in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade on the same dates ( with the same deadline) a course entitled "Summer Leadership Academy" is available.

Young adults and adults may be interested in the "Lay School of Theology" during July 23-29 with a registration deadline of July 10.

Finally, the "Youth Ministry Certification School" is conducted on week ends, beginning September 14-16. The sessions take place on each month through April and they enable adults to work with children, youth and families in the congregation.

Pamphlets are available in the Springettsbury Hallway, and the Scholarship Committee is eager to speak with you regarding financial aid and other concerns. Kindly contact Jim Mummert for additional information.



### St. Paul's Now Registered in Amazon "Smile" Program

St. Paul's is now registered as a recipient of funds from the Amazon Smile Program. This program allows you to designate ½ of one percent of a purchase you make on Amazon to go to St. Paul's.

Amazon requires that orders be placed on the Smile program page of their website. The link to that page is on St. Paul's website. Once you are registered at the smile program, it would be helpful to make that page one of your favorites to be certain you order from the correct location.

Since many people shop an Amazon, this could be a fairly significant amount of funds coming to St. Paul's over a year. If most or all of that money were directed to the fund raising campaign, it might be equivalent to an additional contributor or two.



### Annual Membership Drive Underway for the Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran

This May our congregation participates in the annual drive to raise funds for the Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran.

All proceeds from the drive are used to provide services to residents of The Village at Sprenkle Drive and The Village at Kelly Drive in York, plus provide support to other life-enhancing ministries of SpiriTrust Lutheran such as Deaf Connections, Domestic Abuse Solutions, Senior Companion and Touch-a-Life programs.

Contributions may be made in cash or by check. Checks should be made payable to "Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran" and placed in the mailbox of Jim Mummert in the Church Office.



**GARDEN OF MEMORY** – Cremation is an ever increasing choice for those who plan their “end of life” decisions. Our St. Paul’s “Garden of Memory” remains an affordable and dignified alternative for former and current members, as well as faithful friends. The prices remain the same as eight years ago, ranging from \$250.00 to \$1500.00, based on the available choices. To address spiritual concerns regarding cremation, Pastor Reep will meet with you to address your questions/ concerns. Simply call the office to make that appointment – 843-8155 and/or request the information packet that details the procedure to apply for a ground plot or a wall niche. You can also contact a committee member for information - Pastor Reep, Tom Ruth, Bob Little, Ron Sturges, Larry Gross. **Whether it is cremation or the traditional burial, having these important decisions made in advance is one of the best gifts you can give to your loved ones during a very stressful time.**

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** – If you are a Thrivent member (years ago known as The Lutheran Brotherhood) through your participation in their insurance and/or annuity offerings you earn “Choice Dollars” which you can direct to thousands of organizations such as congregations, schools, seminaries, camps, etc. Through this charitable outreach program the members get to choose who will receive the approximate fifty million dollars generated each year for approved causes/ organizations. Yes, the number is correct - **\$50,000,000.00**. And yes, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church can be a recipient if you so designate or any other approved organization in the Thrivent network. The important thing is that you take the time to send “Your Choice Dollars” to a worthy cause. This can be accomplished by doing it on-line at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com). If you don’t have a user I.D. and password you will be asked to create one. If you are registered simply click on the tab “Choice Dollars” and pick the cause of your choice and send the dollars to it. You can also accomplish the same effort by telephone 1-800-847-4836. Should you have any questions about Thrivent, our local representative is John Spadafora, 717-764-0877.

*Thrivent Choice*

## Food Pantry June 2017

**Items needed:** Soup, jelly, tuna, rice, and boxed side dishes.

Plastic Bags are still needed. Money donations are always gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a pew envelope marked “Pantry”.

If any teenagers need service hours over age 13 this is a great place to earn them.

**Looking forward towards summer**, we need some volunteers to sub in for vacations. Anyone who can volunteer a day or more, please contact Teresa Rohrbaugh.



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**Spring Worship Schedule**  
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.