

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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August 2017

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



For several years we have been considering electronic giving as an option for members who would find this helpful to them. This spring the Finance and Stewardship Committees teamed up and created a test group to utilize the service of electronic giving through Vanco. A test group was formed with a small number of St. Paul's households participating. After several months of use it is now time to offer the service to anyone in the congregation who would find it helpful to their personal stewardship and financial giving to St. Paul's church. Tony Culp, Treasurer, will be available on Sundays August 6, 20, and 27 in the church library to answer questions and to give assistance to anyone who would like to register an account. The appointments will be in 15 increments and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the Springettsbury Ave. bulletin board as well as circulated prior to worship on Sunday morning. Appointments are from 9:00—10:15 a.m. For additional information feel free to contact Tony at your convenience.

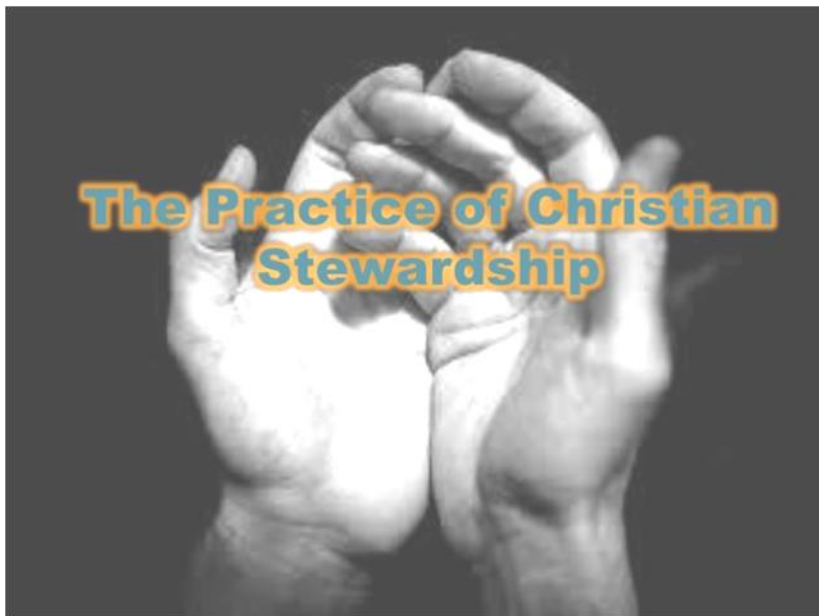
Pack, Walk, Learn

Things are taking shape as we look forward to a new educational academic year in September. We begin with two inner-generation events on September 10 and 17 and with regular classes beginning on Sunday September 24. You will want to take part in the God's Work Our Hands project on September 10. On this day we join hands with Lutherans across the nation reaching out to help others. This year we will be preparing and packing 2,000 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief! Beth McKinley from LWR will be with us to share an overview of the work and witness of Lutheran World Relief and to express sincere appreciation to St. Paul's for taking on such a huge project. We will need lots of helpers so please invite friends to join you.

Then we will have a Luther Walk on September 17. As part of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation we are holding an inner-generational dramatic event. As you meander around the designated walk way you will follow the time line of Martin Luther's life. You will begin with his family and birth and then move along the walk experiencing many of the characters and events that shaped his life and led to the German Reformation. Mark your calendar now and be part of these events that will lead us into a new education year at St. Paul's. *And please do invite a friend to Pack, Walk, Learn!*

Practice Stewardship

Being awarded the Dr. Peterman Good Steward Award brings with it some rights and responsibilities! I presented a workshop at the synod assembly entitled “The Art of Living Generously.” My hope through that presentation was to instill in the participants, that living in response to God’s generous and abundant goodness, is a bit of an art. Art of course doesn’t just happen. It takes practice. When I haven’t been painting it takes a while to get back into the groove. My technique is rusty and needs some practice. I don’t mix colors quite right the first time, so that too needs practice. I don’t always get the image situated on the page so the composition is off. That too needs practice. This is true in everything from music to sports. You need to practice!



I know it won’t come as a surprise to you when I say that you need to practice your faith. Many people just wait until they need something from God or from the faith community and then they think things should just happen miraculously. Stewardship needs practice. Weekly giving, daily praying, regular scripture reading and study, reception of Holy Communion, all of these need to be practiced. The blessings come when you least expect them! But living generously means that you need to practice it. You need to make a commitment to live in a new a different way. That idea has been communicated to us through the Sunday gospel readings during the month of July. We have heard over and over again how Jesus wants us to get involved, be involved, engage in activity that bears fruit for the gospel.

As Christians in the Lutheran tradition that is why we rise in the morning, make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism, and start out on a new day to live differently, to live in the way of God made know to us in Christ. His abundant love, forgiveness, grace and mercy allow us to live artful lives. Such lives need practice! So stop procrastinating. Remember your baptism, read your devotional book, pray daily, give regularly, be active in the life of the faith community and you may be surprised by the generosity that starts to flow from you. And it may surprise others that you have moved from a turned in on self-person to a turned out to the world person; that of course is the direction given to us by Christ Jesus gives when he says “go” and “do” and “tell.” Live a generous life. But remember it will take practice!

In love and service to our Lord,

Pastor Reep

Property Care

During the summer season many things have been accomplished for the care and beautification of our building. The exterior trim was all scraped and repainted. The balcony maple floors were sanded and refinished and the balcony pews were realigned for better visibility and to create additional access points for worshipers. The narthex stairways were sanded and refinished. The flowerbeds have been lovingly maintained for yet another growing season by a member volunteer. The playground fence has been repaired and all of the vertical rails reinforced with aluminum rods. This should help to keep the fence in good working condition to keep our preschool children secure while playing. In the month of September the Steeple will again be painted. It seems like we just painted it the other year, but alas, that was nearly eight years ago. This work is not done for free. The painting of the steeple and exterior trim cost \$67,000. So please continue your financial support. Please continue to remember the Property Committee members and all of the work crew at St. Paul's in your daily prayers. Keeping our facility fresh, neat, and clean assists us in our work and mission, proclaiming God's love to the world.



Handbell and Cantabile Choir News

It's hard to believe how quickly the summer is flying by. As I write this, it is the middle of July. The stores have reduced their stock of summer items to one aisle, and rolled out their displays of backpacks, notebooks and pencils. Our theme for this year will be *flexibility*! The current start date for construction on the nave is the beginning of August. At this time, we are planning to hold our rehearsals in the chapel space. I have some great music chosen for both groups. Current members of both choirs should keep an eye out for a detailed letter containing all performance dates for the 2017-2018 season. We are always looking for new members in each group. Please see the details below if you or your child might be interested in joining one of these choirs.



Adult Bell Choir – Who: Students in grade 7 to any age? Some experience reading music is helpful but not necessary.

Rehearses: Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Plays: Approximately once per month and most major feast days of the church year.

First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 14th

Cantabile Choir – Who: Students in grades 2-6 (and mature 1st graders)

Rehearses: Tuesday evenings 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Plays: Approximately once per month at the 10:30 a.m. service

First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 12th

If you have any further questions, please contact Emily Reep at sea2reep@comcast.net.



Installation

Pastor Greg Lindsay, who served with us in 2016, has been called as Pastor of St. Simeon Church, Gratz, PA. A Service of Installation with Pastor Reep preaching will be held on Sunday, August 27 at 2:00 p.m. He has extended an invitation to the entire St. Paul's congregation. The address is 173 North Center Street, Gratz, PA 17030, (717) 365-3139. If you would like to car pool with Pastor Reep please contact him at your earliest convenience.

Preschool News

Summer is the time for organizing and preparing for a new school year to begin in September. This year has some challenges, like the rest of our congregation's ministry, we don't exactly know where we will be holding our classes. But the good news is we will have classes!

Our enrollments are solid for this point in the summer. Our staff is committed and excited about a new year working with the children. Pastor Reep has outlined the Bible stories that will be used each week in chapel and has learned some new songs to teach the children. Please keep the Preschool Ministry in your prayers as we prepare for our September Orientation and first day of class.



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 Congregation Council met Monday July 10th according to our regular monthly schedule. Vice-President Tim Yakim led the meeting.

Pastor Reep shared information sent by Treasurer Tony Culp (who was excused from the July meeting) on our financial situation. Electronic giving through Vanco will be live for everyone soon, and Tony will meet with interested individuals between services in the near future. We are slightly over budget at this point in the year, but we're not out of line with a reasonable trajectory. Much of the overage deals with architect fees, and we expect things to line up by the end of the year.



The Council discussed matters related to the Renewal Campaign: finances, construction, and worship. The contract with Arthur Funk and Sons was signed by Council President Harold Sargeant. This document will be a part of the final elements of the loan approval with York Traditions Bank (almost finished). We expect construction to begin by/around the end of August. At that time, the congregation will receive a schedule from the general contractor and we'll know what spaces will be off limits for construction. When construction activates reach the naïve, our 8:00am Sunday services will be in the Chapel and 10:30am services in the gym downstairs.

Pastor Reep reported that several new families are interested in joining the congregation, so he may hold new member classes in the near future. Council was uplifted by this news of growth that encourages us all in the Renewal work that we share at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. God help us to wisely and graciously use our talents and resources to strengthen and build this community of faith and to love our neighbors in York and abroad.

Peace,
Tristan Ericson
Congregation Council Secretary

Current and New Choir Recruits!

Come to the Pot Luck Picnic!

Thursday August 31, at 6:00 p.m. a combined Handbell and Vocal Choir pot luck picnic will be held at the home of Pastor and Emily Reep. If you would like to ring or sing with the ensembles this year please plan to attend the pot luck picnic. We will spend time getting acquainted, share tales of the summer, and read through some anthems for fall. It should be a fun and relaxed evening. Eagerly awaiting a new year of music making, we hope to see you there!





Building in *Faith* for Future Generations

Congregation up-date July, 2017

Building in Faith for Future Generations

I. Financing

- A. The loan with York Traditions bank has almost reached its final approval
- B. We did not receive a \$200k grant from the National Fund for Sacred Spaces supported by the Lilly Foundation, but
 - i. We were encouraged to apply again next year, and
 - ii. National Fund for Sacred Spaces did give us some information regarding other opportunities

II. Construction

- A. The contract with Arthur Funk and Sons was signed by Council President Harold Sargeant and, we assume, the general contractor
- B. Major construction expected to begin by the end of August

III. Worship

- A. During construction work on the nave, we will hold 8:00 a.m. worship in the Chapel and 10:30 a.m. worship in the gym downstairs. (The elevator will most likely be out of commission)
 - i. Pastor Reep has been working with the Worship and Arts Committee on strategies to handle worship in those spaces.

IV. Other

- A. Pastor Reep communicated with Pastor Renee to discuss strategies to manage components that will be needed after the Renewal project like furniture and landscaping
- B. To undertake construction in multiple areas, some furnishings will be cleaned and stored in an offsite POD (for 1 year)

- V. 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.

Please remember to give to the Building in Faith Capital Campaign



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.

Luther's Birthday Banquet—On Friday night, November 10, Luther's Birthday we will gather for a joyful celebration. The Dockenspielers will provide music from 5:30—6:30 p.m. with special cake. And Rev. Dave Bowman (former vicar at St. Paul's) will present sites and commentary from his summer trip to Germany.

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.

NOURISH YOUR FAITH

The Gospel Reading for July 16th was the Parable of the Sower, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. The sower planted seeds in many places and many obstacles kept the seeds from growing. The seeds thrown on rocky soil grew quickly but then died in the sun due to the lack of roots. We, as Christians, find many challenges to our faith. We must take time to nourish our faith so that our roots may grow deep and strong to help us through those challenges.

Here are a few opportunities to assist you and your family as you nourish and grow your faith.

Weekly Scripture Study begins again August 23rd. A group meets each Wednesday at church from 10:30-11:30 to read and discuss the Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday. It's a great way to enrich your Sunday morning experience. You do not have to come every week, just come when you can. Interested in a similar evening study? Contact Patty Snyder.



Adult Sunday Morning Classes begin September 24.....*Prayers of the Reformers* 9:15-10:15 AM.

Children's Classes begin September 24 9:15-10:15 AM. We will have classes for the following age groups.

- Nursery (age 0-3)
- Preschool -(ages 3-Pre-K)
- Kindergarten- Grade 2
- Grade 3-6
- Grade 7-12

Nursery through grade 2 will begin together each week with Godly Play (music and movement) led by Emily Reep. This was a big success last year as parents and children joined in on the fun. Groups will then split for their lesson.

Grades 3-6 will begin with light breakfast as they catch up on each other's week, followed by a lesson.

Children will begin the year with stories from the Old Testament. They will meet many characters including Joseph, Moses and King David.

Grades 7-12 Mornings with Miss Kelly The youth will gather for a conversation based on a variety of current topics. Miss Kelly will be supported by a guest who will provide added theological and Biblical commentary.

Personal Devotions Did you know that St. Paul's has the daily devotional called **Christ In Our Home**, available for free at each entrance to the church? This little book comes out quarterly and has a daily reading, lesson and prayer for every day. Pick one up! Do you prefer reading on your device? Why not sign up for the devotional **God Pause** from Luther seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. It will come to your email every day! Here is the link. <http://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/default.aspx> Both devotionals use the readings for the coming Sunday.

While regular Sunday Morning classes begin on September 24th, don't miss out on two great events earlier in the month.

Sunday, September 10- Join St. Paul's members as we put our faith into action - God's Work our Hands. We will be assembling 2,000 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Work will begin at 9:15-10:15 and continue after the late service and Second Sunday Sandwiches. Come for part or all of this great project.

Sunday, September 17 - Luther Walk - 9:15-10:15 AM - As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, come and meet several characters 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.

TANNENBERG ORGAN RECITALS

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

Fridays @ 12:15pm in July and August

August 4	Victor Fields
August 11	Rodney Barnett
August 18	Richard Frey
August 25	Phillip Cooper



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.**

Food Pantry August 2017

Items needed: Soup, jelly, boxed potatoes and rice products.

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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Worship Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.