

# Our Church

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**October 2017**

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

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



## Consecration Sunday October 22

When Jesus says "if any want to become my followers let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" he is inviting us into a committed way of life. On Consecration Sunday in the presence of God and of one another we make our commitment known in very real and tangible ways.

First there is the matter of our time and ability. All of us are given the same amount of time. We each have 24 hours in a day. As people of God a portion of our time is to be utilized in service to God and our neighbor. Things like, daily prayer, weekly worship, sharing in some aspect of our life and mission at St. Paul's, are all part of using time for God and neighbor. Then there is the matter of our ability. All of us are given ability too! This is where the beauty of God's diverse gift set is made known. Here again as people of God some aspect of our varied abilities are to be utilized in service to God and our neighbor. One way to help figure out how to faithfully use our time and ability is through the simple form published annually to assist with the ministry of the congregation. There are a wide variety of things that require time and ability of our members in order to carry out our mission "To teach the world that God is love." So please, look over the form, and decide how you would like to use some of your time and ability for the up-building of the kingdom of God. (A copy of the form is included with this mailing) Check off a few boxes and complete the form bringing it with you to worship at one of three service times; 8:00, 9:15, or 10:30 a.m., on Consecration Sunday.

Second there is the matter of our financial gifts. Our financial situations are all different. They vary about as much as our talents. But one thing is consistent, God is, has been, and will continue to provide for our earthly needs. Consecration Sunday serves as a day when we spend some time in thoughtful reflection about what God has done, is doing, and promises yet to do in our lives. During the month of October make time in your daily devotions and prayer to consider anew what God can do through your financial gifts to St. Paul's. But mostly reflect on God's gracious goodness to you, to your family, and to the community. Living generous lives really does have something to do with our generosity to others. Then, after prayerful consideration and thoughtful reflection, complete a 2018 Commitment Card and bring it with you to worship on October 22 and place it at the altar as a sign of your consecrating your life; time, talents and possessions, to the Lord.

The Stewardship Committee is at work throughout the year preparing for the annual Consecration Sunday Celebration. This year it will be a bit different due to the renewing of our building for ministry. But do plan to come. Do prepare. Do pray. Because following Jesus demands that we take up cross and follow him. Consecrating our life to him draws each of us closer to Our Savior and Lord and closer together as a faith community.

## Always Being Made New—Theological Education

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans writes *But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”* (Romans 10:14 & 15) Theological education has been our commitment during this calendar year. We have been collecting special gifts through the use of the yellow colored monthly envelopes in our envelope boxes, and by placing gifts in the “Special Envelopes” that are available on the table prior to entering into the Chapel space for worship. Our gifts for theological education are critical. In order to prepare men and women for Gospel Ministry we need to have the financial resources to support and sustain anyone entering into a call in ministry. The theological landscape is changing. Seminaries in all church bodies are seeking quality candidates for ministry. Lutherans are no different. We need to raise up pastors and deacons who will bring good news. One of the hurdles for most seminarians is the escalating costs of theological education. By supporting the leaders fund we will help ease that burden. With ample financial resources available we have lessened one burden thus making it more accessible for those who sense a call to Gospel ministry. On Reformation Sunday, October 29, we will receive a special offering for theological education. This has been our practice for many years and seems to be especially fitting on this the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Please give generously. Come to worship prepared to make your gift. Keep the seminaries, the candidacy committees, and all candidates for ministry in your prayers during this month of October. Renewal calls for beautiful feet, people who will bring the message of hope and salvation made known through Christ Jesus our Lord.



**The York Conference of Lutherans Tutoring** program is looking for dedicated volunteers who like to work with children for our tutoring program. Tutoring occurs either on Monday or Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM. Tutors work with children in grades 1-6 to assist with homework, help with study skills and serve as mentors and role models.

If interested, please call Shari Young at 717-586-9310

or email [ycltutoring@gmail.com](mailto:ycltutoring@gmail.com)

or visit our website: <http://ycltutoring.weebly.com/>

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## The Sunday Holy Eucharist

**8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.**

During the renewal of our building we are holding worship in the Chapel. It is accessed through the Cleveland Alley entrances as well as Springettsbury Ave. The Chapel is on the main level of the church building making is accessible for everyone. The liturgy during the month of October is setting #9 from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. This is a new musical setting for us. It lends itself nicely to the intimate worship setting and accompaniment on the piano. With the liturgical music being new to us, we have selected familiar hymns for the Hymn of the Day and for during communion. In order to facilitate this temporary worship schedule, please note that the prelude will precede the 8:00 a.m. liturgy. The prelude will begin the 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. liturgies at the appointed time as is our custom at St. Paul's. With this minor adjustment we will provide a bit more time between the conclusion of the first service and the beginning of the second. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this renewal period.



## Your Final Plans

Sunday October 1, 3:00 p.m.

The Stewardship sponsors events to help us deal with many differing aspects of life. Stewardship is all about how we live and what we do with all that is entrusted to us. So over the past few years they have had will planning workshops, stressed the importance of a durable power of attorney, and the benefits of living wills. They have provided information on St. Paul's Garden of Memory for persons interested in cremation and who would like to make their final resting place at St. Paul's. These educational segments on Sunday afternoons have proven to be helpful to our members and friends. On Sunday, October 1 at 3:00 p.m. another such seminar is planned. This one focuses on your final plans; what will your funeral service look like, what options are there for burial, what information is needed by a funeral director, what is preplanning and how can it help me and my family. Information such as this will be shared with participants so that they have a realistic understanding of what is involved. This event will be hosted at Kuhner and Associates Funeral Home directly across the street from St. Paul's Church. Mr. Kuhner graciously invites us to use his facility while we are renewing our building. This educational opportunity will be led by Pastor Reep and Mr. Kuhner.

## God's work. Our hands.

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped with the God's Work Our Hands project on September 10<sup>th</sup>. From set up to loading the truck, everything was done with efficiency, good humor and happy hearts. Also, to those who helped on our work day back in July with preparing the items that would go into the kits. Your speed and efficiency were amazing. Special THANKS to Greg Smith, Mary Heilig and Martina Uffelman who helped Saturday morning prior to the event in getting everything from the basement to the first floor in preparation for Sunday, and to Ted Weikert who has supported us in multiple ways with time and muscle in the months leading up to last Sunday. Lastly, THANK YOU to Larry Gross for taking responsibility for renting the truck, getting it to the church, loading and delivering our kits, and to Richard Griffin for assisting with delivery. It was a gift to us having one less thing to organize. We are truly grateful for all of your help.

Janet and Larry Moore & Social Ministry Committee

Dear Jesus, thank you so much for all the good gifts you give us each day. Thank you for the opportunity to share our gifts and talents with our neighbors around the world. Please bless the kits we have provided and the people who receive them. Help us always to remember to be generous. In your name we pray. Amen





## Adult Sunday Sessions 2017

*Faith Formation for Adults at St. Paul's Church*

### The Reformers and Their Prayers

During this 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation we are highlighting the prayers of 12 reformers. Some of them you may know or have heard their names mentioned. Others you may not know or have never heard of their significant contributions to the reform movements. Join your sisters and brothers at 9:15 a.m. in room #26 (upper level, turn right when you exit the elevator). It has been said that you can tell a lot about a person by their prayers. Together let us discover new insights from the reformers through their prayers.

October 1	John Huss 1369-1415, Czech priest, burned at the stake
October 8	Ulrich Zwingli 1484-1531, Swiss priest, political and religious reform
October 15	Martin Luther 1483-1546, Augustinian priest, Founder of German Reformation
October 22	William Tyndale 1494-1536, <i>Bible</i> translator, burned at the stake
October 29	Martin Bucer 1491-1551, Dominican friar, preacher of Lutheran Doctrine
November 5	Thomas Cranmer 1489-1556, <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> , Archbishop of Canterbury
November 12	Philip Melancthon 1497-1560, Professor of Greek, Wittenberg
November 19	John Calvin 1509-1564, French Theologian, reformation in Geneva
November 26	John Knox 1513-1572, Scottish Reformer, chaplain to Edward VI

### Advent Wreaths for the family - December 3

Create a wreath to aid in family devotion for the Advent Season. Bring 4 Christmas coffee mugs, everything else will be provided. Devotional booklets for the season were created by our members. Be sure to pick one up in the narthex or during the class.

### Rick Steves' European Christmas - December 10

As part of the *Luther and the Reformation* video, Rick has produced an elegant video of the customs and celebrations across Europe. Please join us promptly begins at 9:15 a.m.

### Christmas letters - December 17

Participants will write an old fashioned pen on paper letter to those who can't come to worship

### December 24

No classes on this Feast Day

Do note the adjusted worship schedule for the Festival of Christmas

## Handbell and Cantabile Choir News

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. All choirs are currently rehearsing in the chapel. Please enter through the Springettsbury Ave. doors.

**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.

**Cantabile Choir** – **Who:** Students in grades 2-6 (and mature 1<sup>st</sup> graders) **Rehearses:** Tuesday evenings 6:30-7:15 p.m. **Plays:** Approximately once per month at the 10:30 a.m. service

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Reep at [sea2reep@comcast.net](mailto:sea2reep@comcast.net). 717-654-2950 (cell)

## Chancel Choir News

**Chancel Choir** --**Who:** Students in grade 7 to any age. Music reading is helpful. **Rehearsals:** Thursday evenings 7:30—8:30 p.m.

If you have any further questions, please contact Victor Fields at [vfields.stpaulsyork@comcast.net](mailto:vfields.stpaulsyork@comcast.net)

**Labels for Education** – St. Paul's has been collecting **Labels for Education** for our Preschool and the program will be ending in the near future. We will be sending in all of the labels collected through the middle of October so that the points can be exchanged for merchandise for St. Paul's Preschool before the program ends. If you have any labels, please drop them in the Pantry basket in Springettsbury Hallway or give them to Earline Jones or Patee as the collection boxes have been emptied and removed. A number of our members sent in **Box Tops for Education**. Unfortunately, we did not qualify for that program and all of the Box Tops were given to Jackson or McKinley, elementary schools in St. Paul's neighborhood. For each Box Top, the school receives 10 cents (10 labels = \$1.00). Suggestion would be if you would like to keep clipping the Box Tops for Education and help a school that you drop them off at an elementary school in the school district that you reside or give to a grandchild or child in your neighborhood to take to school. I think most of the elementary school PTO's collect the labels. The schools appreciate the labels as the money is used for the students. I think Jackson was using the money to get new playground equipment. Thanks for your support over the years! Earline Jones



### **Renovation Up-date 9-11-17**

Keeping Church members, Preschool families, and Fellowship Groups apprised of the work schedule

#### **Things Accomplished**

Church pews removed and stored off site

Demolition begun on the church nave and chancel and on the upper level (south wing) future preschool classrooms

Piano and harpsichord removed and stored in climate controlled storage off site

Parking plan for Diakon adoption and foster care, construction workers, and church staff so as to provide the majority of spaces for preschool families which are closest to the preschool entrance

Phase II permits completed

Fire and security monitoring transferred to the new firm who will up-date the new system need for the renovated spaces and monitor it going forward

Secured a spider web of electrical wires some of which were live under the scout room

#### **Things Beginning**     *Subject to change without notice*

Asbestos abatement scheduled to begin in the church nave 9-12-17. Remember that these are professional people who are licensed and meet all state and federal regulations. The areas of the building affected by the abatement process will be completely secured.

Jack hammering out stone and placing in dumpster (This will be noisy this week). It is imperative that this stage gets completed as quickly as possible so that the infill needed to level the floor has 30 days of curing time plus an additional 10 days to allow the new maple wood flooring to acclimate prior to installation.

Submitting for structural steel, aluminum, glass, door frames and hardware

Removing the carpet in the Fellowship Hall 9-13-17, removal of basketball boards, frames and hoops in preparation for new heating and cooling systems to be installed

Framers will begin on the upper level (south wing) future preschool classrooms

Music room and future site of Youth Room to be emptied for demolition 9-14-17

Pack, label and prepare to move the preschool storage and office materials

Once again, thank you to everyone for your patience and flexibility as we

**Build in Faith for Future Generations**

## Council Highlights

The Congregation Council received an update about the progress that has been made on renovation program to date. A report on that can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and will also be made to the congregation at the end of each service September 17.

We then began to look forward to our work for the balance of the year. Chairs of the various committees of the church are to be reminded of the deadline for submission of annual reports for the annual Congregational meeting. The deadline for reports is October 15 and the Annual meeting will be held November 19, 2017. The time and place are yet to be determined. That will depend on progress of construction and what space is available for a large gathering.

Treasurer, Tony Culp, reported that there are a few items needed before the first draft of the budget can be presented to the Council for its consideration. The proposed budget to be presented to the congregation will be approved at the November meeting of the Council.

The Council/Committee Chairs Retreat was discussed. The Executive Committee will set the date at its next meeting. The Council Liaisons were reminded to invite Committee chairs to the retreat. This led to some discussion of topics that might be on the agenda for the retreat.

As committee reports were heard, there was a lively discussion about the question of how might St. Paul's operate after the renovation is completed. Questions such as maintenance of the building were raised.

I would like to commend the congregation for how we have accommodated the changes that have occurred in the two weeks since we stopped using the nave for worship. We have unexpectedly moved from the gym upstairs to the chapel which then has been arranged in two different seating patterns. All of this has been accomplished with good humor and in fact with a number of positive comments about the worship space.

When Tim Yakim reported on the renovation update the last Sunday we used the nave, he warned us that change was coming. It has come sooner than we expected and we have handled it well. We know more change is coming. Let us all pray for the patience and good humor to take it in stride and continue to do God's work.

Harold Sargeant, President



October 18 is the date for the next church book club meeting. Because few people were able to attend the September meeting, it was decided to discuss two books on this October 18 date. They are *Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult and *Gift From the Sea*, by Ann Morrow Lindberg. Both deserve attention, and it was felt that we could find time to discuss both books. All church members are welcome to bring a sandwich and join us in Room #26 about noon.

**Victor Fields will be giving an organ recital** at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N 23rd St. Camp Hill on Wednesday, October 4 beginning at 12:15pm. A light lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 11:45-12:15pm. Victor will perform organ works of Durufle, Franck and Bach on the church's Schantz pipe organ. The lunch and recital are free and open to the public.

### Food Pantry October 2017

**Items needed:** Soup, tuna fish, jelly, rice and noodle side dish products. There are still some monthly slots that need filled if anyone is interested ! Thanks Teresa  
Thank you to everyone that volunteered over the summer!  
Plastic Bags are still needed. Money donations are always gratefully accepted.  
Please place cash or check in a pew envelope marked "Pantry".



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

We are still planning many great things! 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. And please remember, as renovation construction progresses, some of these events may need to change. Thanks in advance for your flexibility.



**Friday night, November 10—Luther's Birthday Banquet**—We will gather for a joyful celebration on Luther's Birthday. The Dockenspielers will provide music from 5:30—6:30 p.m. Banquet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with special Birthday cake. And Rev. Dave Bowman (former vicar at St. Paul's) will present a Powerpoint of sites with commentary from his summer trip to Germany 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Saturday December 2—Cookie Walk** - Mpguso Committee is sponsoring the annual event. 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, or attend the planning session Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 6—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.

#### **Senior Luncheon      Thursday October 19**

One of the many colorful aspects of parish life is the annual Senior Luncheon. It will be held on Thursday, October 19 beginning with a simple service of worship at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious luncheon prepared by the Witness Committee members. Call Patee today (717-843-8155) if you are 60+ and say you will come to our **Annual Fall Luncheon**. Deadline to sign up is October 19. Being together in worship draws us more deeply together as a family of faith. Being together in fellowship lifts our spirits and helps us remember things past and rejoice for things yet to come. Be sure to come. If you are in need of transportation please notify and of the committee members, or simply call the Church office so that we can make arrangements for you to participate.



Dear Pastor Stan and St. Paul's Congregation:

I greatly appreciate your prayers and encouragement during my knee surgery and rehab.

May God bless you for your kindness!

Peace be with you, Marlene Matson



**Preschool Openings!** We still have some openings in our 2 and 3 year-old classes. If you are interested in signing your child up for a class, he/she must be 2 or 3 by August 31. Please contact Deb Becker at 717-854-1996 for more information.

Our Parent Group also wants to remind you that they will hold a community night fundraiser at the **Isaac's Restaurant in South York Plaza, 235 Pauline Drive**. This event will take place on **Wednesday, October 4**

**from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.** On this night, 25% of the proceeds from dine-in and take-out meals will go to supporting the school's toys and equipment. Flyers will be available at the church and in the church bulletin to take with you on the night of the event so that the school can get credit for your meal. You can also pick up a flyer at the restaurant on the night of the event. If you have questions, please contact Allison Lehr at 717-515-2398. Thank you and we look forward to an enjoyable year.



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## Worship Schedule

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