

# Our Church

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**January 2018**  
Sunday Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.



## Ministry Renewal at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Reimagining Sunday Morning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian

Since the beginning of Christianity, Sunday has been the principal day of worship. Our worship and liturgy are at the center of our communal life in Christ. Other crucial aspects of our faith life involve education, faith formation, our prayers and devotion, our fellowship, equipping, serving, advocacy, and action. Reimagining Sunday for the faithful takes all of these into account.

Our parish family has grown. You are a part of that growth. We no longer know all of our members by name. Christ calls us by name in baptism. It is important for us to make every effort to expand and deepen our relationships with one another. As we prepare to welcome others to join in our Christian witness it is important for us to also learn to call them by name. Our new spaces will provide a variety of places to gather for Christian fellowship: in the Fellowship Hall, in a gathering space at the Springettsbury entrance, and at the George Street narthex; in a community room on the lower level; and in the Good Shepherd Room (formerly the chapel). These spaces will provide for a robust ministry of fellowship allowing for everything from sit down breakfast and dinners to simple coffee hours and everything in-between. A newly imagined Sunday morning at St. Paul's will incorporate the use of these spaces and provide sustenance for our journey. The use of name tags may also help us become more familiar as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Our worshipping community is centered on Word and Sacrament. Sunday worship involves a broad base of church members who lead and support the liturgy. With our newly designed space, both physical and visual barriers will be greatly reduced to allow for the greatest participation by the congregation. Our worship space will be elegantly proportioned providing conducive space for the entire congregation to offer prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God as one community. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, where Christianity no longer enjoys a central place in the secular community, it is important that we put forth our brightest light, showing the strength and vitality of the congregation as we witness to each other and to guests who enter St. Paul's Church through one of the many doors. A newly imagined Sunday morning at St. Paul's will center on one chief liturgy from which everything else flows. Our doing of the liturgy, our singing of the hymns, our hearing the Word and receiving the sacrament as one unified vibrant congregation will renew our souls for service, stir our hearts to deeper devotion, and equip us as we live into our mission; "To teach the world that God is love."

Our learning doesn't stop when we reach a particular age. Opportunities for faith formation from the youngest to the oldest are critical. The Bible, the Catechism, the Confessional writings, The Sacraments, all these are resources we need to mature in faith and lead others to the hope and salvation that is made known in

and through Christ Jesus. With this in mind, each Sunday morning will involve a broad range of classes, groups and opportunities for Christian caring and service. Envisioned are; classes for the youngest members, information sessions for those interested in the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, adult forums based on pertinent topics led by members or guests, and membership classes. There will be opportunities to work in the Food Pantry, to prepare care kits and school kits for LWR, to participate in Catechetical Classes, or gather to knit for the prayer shawl ministry. These are just some beginning places. Parents will be actively engaging in ministry or learning or leading a class while their children are learning the beginning building blocks of faith. Some classes will be offered several times throughout the year while others will be seasonal. Our desire is for a high level of involvement as we grow more deeply in Christ, so that we are able to better articulate the Christian faith to others who will deepen their own faith in Christ Jesus.

A Sunday morning for St. Paul's would need to have a schedule and flow that would facilitate such robust fellowship, worship, education, and community service. A hypothetical Sunday schedule would look like this:

8:30 a.m. Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

9:15 a.m. The Holy Eucharist – Church Nave

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Gathering Spaces

10:45 a.m. Education, Faith Formation, Mission – Classrooms, Pantry, Community Room

11:30 a.m. everyone on their way to serve the Lord!

On Feast Days the schedule may be different in that we might dispense with education, faith formation, and mission. On days calling for congregation meetings or celebrations we might dispense with breakfast and serve brunch following the liturgy. Everyone will be able to fully participate in the full life of the congregation (no coming back later for part of the congregation). The choirs will be stronger, the usher corps and greeter pool will be large enough to monitor all eight entrances and provide service to the balcony. Imagine reaching the top of the steps and having an usher or greeter open the door and welcome you to the balcony! The altar guild will have a larger group of participants (with fewer altar linens to launder and press.) Nursery attendants will get to know the children and their families better, and the group of parents utilizing the nursery can share in the nursery tasks. Different groups could adopt a Sunday to prepare breakfast. It may even grow into a healthy competition as each group tries to outdo one another for the sake of Christian good will! The possibilities are really endless, limited only by our understanding of the Gospel and our creativity.

Experiencing Sunday as a day of rest and a day of new beginnings and abundant opportunities is bound to change the way that we go about life throughout the remainder of the week. It will, no doubt, allow for greater sharing with neighbors, friends, coworkers, and classmates regarding things that we have learned, activities in which we have taken part, conversations in which we have participated. Sunday morning will better equip us for living faithfully throughout the week and identify us as God's children by what we say and do.

These are initial ideas surrounding the reimagining life at St. Paul's on Sunday morning. For some this may be unsettling. For other this may raise concern. For others it will be embraced and become Sunday at St. Paul's. Our forebears had a vision for the life of the congregation that was different from what they had previously known, but apprehensions and anxieties were overcome with a shared vision. Their bold action leads us into our 182<sup>nd</sup> year of ministry in York. Please join in the conversation, discussion, and experimentation. Please withhold negativity and judgment until there is sufficient evidence pointing us in a different direction. As a community of faith let us learn to better know one another, love one another, and share in Gospel ministry as we move confidently toward the second century of Christian witness in York, striving to "Teach the world that God is love."

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



## Up-Coming Events at St. Paul's

Installation of Council Members	9:15 a.m.	Sun. January 7
Council and Committee Chairpersons Retreat	8:00 a.m.	Sat. January 27
Feast of the Transfiguration	9:15 a.m.	Sun. February 11
Ash Wednesday Services	Noon & 7:00 p.m.	Wed. February 14
Lenten Breakfasts Begin	8:30 a.m.	Sun. February 18
New Members Class Begins	10:30 a.m.	Sun. February 18
Lenten Mid-week Vespers begin	7:00 p.m.	Wed. February 21
Preschool Open House	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Sat. March 24
Palm/Passion Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Sun. March 25
Holy Week:		
Confession Service	7:00 p.m.	Wed. March 28
Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Thur. March 29
Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fri. March 30
Vigil of Easter	7:00 p.m.	Sat. March 31
Easter Breakfast	8:30 a.m.	Sun. April 1
The Resurrection of Our Lord	9:15 a.m.	Sun. April 1
The Second Sunday of Easter	9:15 a.m.	Sun. April 8
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Boy Scout Troup 19	11:00 a.m.	Sun. April 8



## Lenten Breakfast Cooks Needed!

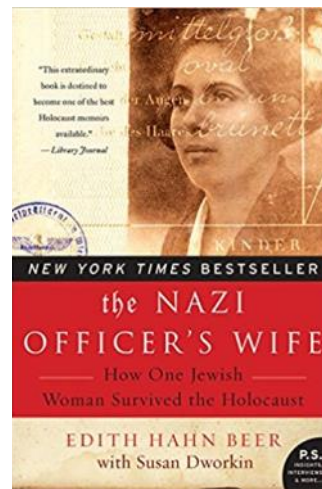
During the season of Lent we will be starting our Sunday at St. Paul's with breakfast for the entire congregation as well as anyone who might wish to join us for the morning meal. We anticipate that our Fellowship Hall will be complete and the kitchen cleaned and ready to go on the First Sunday in Lent, February 18. As we reimagine Sunday at St. Paul's Lenten breakfasts quickly became a subject of great interest. Knowing that we did not include this particular category on the Time and Ability Forms, we are seeking

volunteers willing to cook breakfast. The hope is that enough people volunteer so that we can create teams and no one group or person will feel stuck or unnecessarily burdened. So if you are keen on flipping pancakes, scrambling eggs, making toast, and pouring some waffle batter, then by all means sign up on the Springettsbury Hallway bulletin board and or notify the church office today.



*January 15 for February newsletter*

St. Paul's book club will next meet on Wednesday, Jan. 17 about noon. The book we are to read and will discuss is *The Nazi Officer's Wife*, by Edith Hahn Beer with Susan Dworkin. It is a non fiction account of events that occurred in Nazi Germany. There are only a few copies in the Library System, so it would be a good idea to reserve the book ahead of time. All are welcome to bring a sandwich and join the discussion. Please stop in the church office to find out the location for our discussion.



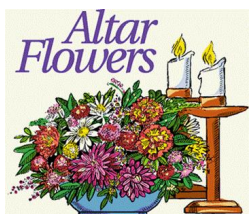
### 2018 Church Offering Envelopes

Church offering envelopes are prepared and are available. If you did not pick up your box of church offering envelopes on the day of the Annual Meeting, they will be available on the Sunday morning information cart and then in the church office during the week.

**Prayer Shawl Update** – In March of 2007 the St. Paul's prayer shawl ministry had its beginning. During the ensuing 10 years 110 shawls have been given to our members, their relatives, neighbors, and friends. If you need a prayer shawl for yourself or someone you know who would like to have one, see Kristine Gross.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

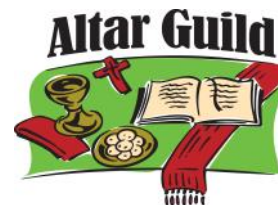


Altar Flowers

### 2018 Flower Chart *Reserve you date now!*

The 2018 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 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.

**Altar Guild Request** – Each Sunday the flowers that adorn the altar are given to members, family or friends who are ill, hospitalized, depressed, homebound, or in celebration of a special occasion. We use cans that are 7 inches high and 4 inches in diameter. We are always in need of these cans for this ministry. If you have some cans of the size please bring them to the sacristy.



Altar Guild



Food Pantry Donations Needed

### Food Pantry January 2018

**Items needed:** Canned tuna or chicken, soup, jelly, rice, stuffing mix.

We need volunteers to sub on Tuesdays mornings. Please contact Teresa Rohrbaugh if you are able to help in this way. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".



## Reorganization for Usher Teams

In this new year with soon to be finished worship space, gathering space and narthex we need to rethink and reorganize Usher Teams. For many years, we operated with three teams serving for a month at a time. The Worship and Arts Committee discussed the need for a total overhaul of our current system. They are in the process of drafting a new Usher manual/handbook to help us all work together in renewed spaces. Beginning in January we will try a 5 team system where each team takes one Sunday each month, the first week, second week, third week, and fourth week leaving the fifth Sunday of each month team to also provide ushering service on mid-week Holy Day liturgies like Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. With one combined liturgy on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. this will allow for more people to be involved while at the same time reducing the work load of serving for an entire month. We are blessed to have Ushers who also serve as Assisting Ministers, Deacons, and Communion Assistants. With this in mind the January Serving Schedule will identify 2 ushers needed for the balcony and 4 ushers needed on the main floor. On large Feast Days we may need to go back to the days of needing 8 ushers on the main floor and 2 ushers in the balcony (we can utilize members from team 5 to augment the usher corps). Please be willing to try these new configurations. It was intentional that the teams comprise worshipers from both of the previous worship times. By working together we will get to know one another and strengthen the community of faith at St. Paul's Church.

TEAM 1 First Sunday	TEAM 2 Second Sunday	TEAM 3 Third Sunday	TEAM 4 Fourth Sunday	TEAM 5 Fifth Sun. & Holy Days
Dave Kopp	Joe Triggs	John Uffelman	Bob Reed	Orven Cook
Kent Matson	Larry Becker	Matthew Yinger	Alex Bastian	Becky Bingham
Marleen Matson	Kem Vaught	Ron Sturges	Josh Riese	Mike Bingham
S. Dickensheets	Cindy Vaught	Nancy Sturges	Joe Moyer	Carol Woodbury
Ron Riese	Tim Yakim	Pat Rudacille	Jeff Riese	John Monk
Jeff Owen	Melissa Yakim	Gerald Briggs Jr.	Steve Heistand	Deb Becker

### St. Paul's Dinner Group

The Dinner Groups will be gathering March through May. They are a great way to socialize and get better acquainted with our church friends, new and old.

### What is the St. Paul's Dinner Group?

It is groups of about 6 people (singles and couples) who get together for dinner and fellowship. The host of the dinner provides the main meal and their guests provide the appetizer, salad, or dessert. The host may also invite others (new members, current members, prospective members, and neighbors). Those who would like to participate but are unable to host are also welcome. They have been great fun and we hope you will join us!



*Look for the poster in the Springettsbury hallway and sign up today!*

# Sunday School / Faith Formation / Social Ministry Projects

## New Time – 10:30 a.m.

Adult opportunities for building faith will follow the 9:15 a.m. morning liturgy at 10:30 a.m. with the location to be announced. While construction continues we will find places to gather for our morning classes, discussions, and service projects.

### January 7 - February 11 Sunday Morning Discussions

We will discuss Christian perspectives on everyday life using a video series called Nooma. Discussion topics will include: How to love those with who we disagree? Do our lives have meaning? What truly matters in life? Does God answer prayer? These sessions will be facilitated by Rhada Hartman and Patty Snyder.



### February 18 - March 18 Lenten Series with Pastor Snyder

Where Does God Hide in the World, and Where Do We See and Know God? Come on board this Lenten journey as we think about our experience of God in presence and absence, in community and solitude, hidden and revealed. We will examine Scripture, what Luther and other Christian theologians and writers have to say, and think about our own experience. For those who would like to do so, you will be invited to keep a journal of reflections and add to it during the week. We will also pick a watchword for each week to round out our thinking and reflection.



### February 18 – March 18 New Member's Classes with Pastor Reep

A new member's class will be held during the season of Lent for those wishing to unite with the St. Paul's congregation. Pastor Reep will lead the five week session covering basic topics of: Sacraments, Lutheran Reformation, Church History, Ministry at St. Paul's, How to get involved. The location of the class will be announced at a later date. If you plan to participate please notify the Church office. This will help determine the space needed in which to meet. Thank you.



### Children's Sunday Morning Classes January – March

The lessons for the season of Epiphany focus on the life and teachings of Jesus. The Children will be presented with stories and activities to engage them in their faith formation and learning.

Infants through grade 2 begin on the first floor for singing then proceed to their designated classes for their Bible story and games. (Parents of children younger than age 2 are asked to stay)

Grades 3-6 meet upstairs for breakfast, conversation and study with their teachers.

Grades 7-12 meet with Kelly Moore-Spencer for fellowship and learning.





Children grades 1 through 6 are invited to attend one of our programs that are designed to help them in reading the Sunday lessons so they can become young lectors on Sunday mornings. During the program they will have a lunch, learn the bible story and do a creative activity.

Young Readers Group is for grades 1 – 2 – 3 and Adventure Time is for grades 4 – 5 – 6. Let Miss Kelly know if your child is able to attend.

Young Readers, Sunday, January 14	11:30 – 12:45
Adventure Time, Sunday, January 28	11:30 – 12:45



The Mpuguso Committee thanks everyone who contributed to the success of our 2017 Christmas Cookie Walk. The proceeds of over \$2700 will be used for the medical education of Ansajiye Njinga. She will provide medical care to her local community when she completes the necessary classes and training. Thank you!



Election Results:  
 President: Tristan Ericson  
 Vice-President: Tim Yakim  
 Secretary: Mary Heilig  
 Treasurer: Tony Culp  
 Council: George Harrison, Harold Sargeant, Tony Culp, Denise Rider  
 Mutual Ministry: Ann Anstadt and Gerald Briggs  
 Benevolence: Suzanne Moyer  
 Synod Representatives: Ellen and Andrew Doughty

Dear Friends at St Paul's,

I want to "Thank You" for your prayers, calls, cards, the altar flowers, your get well wishes and also Pastor Reep's visits during my recent hospitalization and surgery. I truly appreciate your concern and support.



Sincerely, John Uffelman

## 2018 Always Being Made New

Our gifts to the Always Being Made New Campaign in 2018 will be given to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Domestic Disaster Fund. These resources will be kept in the Synod's Fund to be released for disasters in our Synod territory. The Synod Goal is to have \$100,000 in reserve to provide immediate assistance for individuals and congregations in need following a disaster. A monthly envelope is included in your envelope pack for 2018. Thank you.



## Council Highlights

The Congregation Council met for their regular meeting on Monday December 11 in the Chapel. The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Tony Culp. Devotions were from the Prophet Micha and connections to ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Newly elected members, Denise Rider and George Harrison, were welcomed. Appreciation for faithful service was expressed to those completing their terms: Tom Ruth and Tom Throckmorton.

The Treasurer reported on the trends in envelope giving and will have a full report to share at year end. During construction we remain on track with gifts to St. Paul's.

The Council and Committee Chairperson Retreat will be held on Jan. 27. The location is yet to be announced. Tim Yakim is graciously providing lunch. Participants are asked to bring something to share for breakfast. The agenda for the day was presented and approved.

The election of Council Officers was held yielding the following results: Tristan Ericson, President; Tim Yakim, Vice-president; Mary Heilig, Secretary; Tony Culp, Treasurer.

Construction update – The offices and library will need to have the asbestos abated early in the New Year. For this reason the offices will be moving to the current chapel space. The church nave will be used for the location of the Sunday Service. When the Springettsbury Hallway is abated the offices will be accessed through the exterior chapel door. Signs will be posted. This will mean that temporarily there will not be any accessible entry for those persons needing to use the ramp. We are sorry for this temporary inconvenience.

The recommendation to have one Sunday Service at 9:15 a.m. from the Worship and Arts Committee was approved. This schedule will begin on January 7. The liturgy will be held in the church nave. We will need volunteers to set everything up starting at 8:00 a.m. as well as helpers to take it down and pack it up when the service concludes. This is necessary so that the construction workers can continue their work during the week days. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Springettsbury hallway bulletin board for those willing to help.

Installation of Congregation Council members and officers will be held on Sunday January 7 at the 9:15 a.m. liturgy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with prayer offered by Patty Snyder.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Reep



*We give you thanks, O God, for all who respond to the call to serve. Give them joy and fulfillment, care and guidance in their tasks. Help us all to give willingly and to receive thankfully the gifts of leadership, that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*





## President's Report

As council president for 2018, I'd like to share some thoughts with the congregation about the state of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and some things that I hope we can focus on over the coming year. Foremost, this is truly an exciting time to be a part of this congregation and faith community. We've carried a lot of positive energy through the early stages of renovation, a process we believe will position St. Paul's for success in generations to come. With a general decline in mainline denomination church attendance, St. Paul's is not just

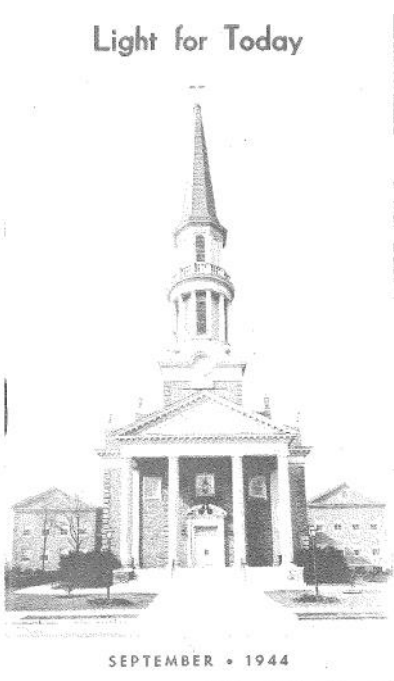
growing; we are giving and sacrificing to see that growth extend for decades to come.

Through this process of growth, we must be mindful that we are growing *together*. That means that we really need to know each other through fellowship and the sharing of our lives with one another. Amidst the very visual construction of our building, we also need to build our relationships with one another. I'll quickly admit that I don't know a lot of St. Paul's worshipers, but I hope to change that. I encourage everyone to engage with more members – especially new ones – whom you don't know yet. Throughout 2018, I hope to strengthen existing and develop new initiatives that will help us know one another.

Our capital campaign commitments and contributions are strong. We are about 80% towards our goal of one million dollars in commitments. That is a strong statement of support from our congregation and the community. At this time the numbers seem to be plateauing, so it's a good time to reflect on what this project means to us. Maybe new members want to jump on board. We are close to our goal, and I hope we can make it! With a mind that our goal is to build for the future, I see this as an opportunity to "force your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn long after they are gone."

At our 2017 congregational meeting, Kristine Gross said "In my long tenure on the Worship and Arts Committee, I've never been this excited about what is happening at St. Paul's." Amen! I'm excited to see what happens when we trial a single Sunday service time early this year because I think it will strengthen the congregation (the people!) alongside our commitment to the facilities. Finally, I offer many thanks to our staff. They have done a wonderful job managing the extra work, unexpected problems, and daily inconveniences of our renovation project.

Peace, Tristan Ericson



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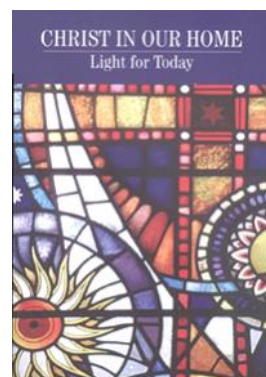
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