

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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April 2018

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

100 Year Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 19—Sunday, April 8

BSA Troop 19 Today

Boy Scout Troop 19 firmly believes in serving the community. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. We participate in numerous services projects throughout the year. We host an annual metal drive, participate in Scouting for Food, help with the Church pantry and volunteer for our local council sponsored events. The troop also collects old and torn U.S. Flags from the community and conducts periodic flag retirement ceremonies. We hope the philanthropic attitudes and values that we teach the boys now will carry over into their adult years.



Tom Gibson - Scoutmaster, Evan Dommel - Senior Patrol Leader, Jake Hamme - Scribe, Dr. Monk - Committee Chair, Josh Hamme - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Nick Kapoun Chaplain, Ariel Arrieta – Quartermaster, Jon Hess – Unit Commissioner, Not pictured Bill Banta - Charter Organization Representative, and Alden Funkhouser – Assistant Scoutmaster



Troop 19 likes to incorporate FUN into our programs too... a boy will not stay in scouting if he is not having fun. The boy scout program is designed to take place outdoors; It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another.

We also enjoy other exciting activities including backpacking/hiking, climbing, canoeing, whitewater rafting, cycling, shotgun shooting, archery, winter sports and many other activities.

We are happy to welcome new Scouts at any time, whether you're bridging from Cub Scouts or have no previous

Scouting experience. Boys who are at least 11 years old or have completed the 5th grade are welcome to join our scouting program. You need not start your scouting experience at age 11; you may start at any age between 11 and 18.

For more information about Troop 19, please contact Scoutmaster Tom Gibson at, troop19@paihs.org 717-845-5086 or by leaving a note in our Church office mailbox.

The Early Days of BSA Troop 19

On April 8, 1918 a meeting was called to organize a troop of Boy Scouts at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Ben Truett was elected Scoutmaster and Edw. B. Frey, Sr., Carl S. Witmer, H.S. Hayes and Rev. Clinton E. Walter, DD., Pastor of St. Paul's as Troop 19 Committeemen. The following boys signed up: E. H. Mann, James H. Truett, Palmer Diehl, W.M. Harry Rochow, Paul Diffenderfer, John Truett, and Carl Witmer. W.M. Harry Rochow was elected Scribe and Palmer Diehl, Treasurer.

June 3, 1918 - Troop 19 won the Honor Flag for pulling the most tacks from poles used during the war for posters – 7,999 tacks.

March 21, 1919 – Out of 11 Troops; Troop 19 won the 1st Kiwanis Cup, based on appearance.

May 20, 1919 - For the Liberty Loan Drive & War Saving Stamps Campaign, the troop won every award and prize offered. Total sales - \$53,950.00

July 14, 1919 – Camp Ganoga, the camp for York County Boy Scouts was dedicated with Troops 19 being the first to use the camp.

July 24, 1920 – Troop to Washington, they traveled by train and camped in tents.

February 22, 1921 – Hike to Camp Ganoga in snow, knee to waist deep and had a grand time.

September 5, 1920 – Held 1st electric light globe sale.

February 19, 1923 – Our first meeting was held in the new building. (The building was not significantly damaged in the Church fire of 1939, all Troop records and the original scout benches survive.)

In 1942 when the present St. Paul's church was completed, the Fellowship Hall was dedicated as a tribute to James B. Truett for his faithful service and leadership of Troop 19. A bronze plaque was placed on the wall in the Fellowship Hall which is suitably inscribed.



*BSA Troop 19 Eagle Scout applicant
Ariel Arrieta presents his Eagle Scout Project*



Rejoice at New Births in Our Community of Faith

Birthdate	Name	Parents	Baptism
9-7-17	Bennett	Josh & Lisa Miller	4-29-18
1-18-18	Caroline	Leah & Sean McComas	4-29-18
2-19-18	Harry	Michael Berkey and Carrie Oberholtzer	5-1-18
2-24-18	Bennett	Tom & Sarah Throckmorton	3-31-18
2-24-18	Henry	Alex & Erin Bastian	4-22-18



In this issue there are many fantastic things for us to celebrate in our lives of faith and as a community of faith. There are five baptisms scheduled for the Easter season! Our Boy Scout Troop #19 celebrates its 100th Anniversary! The York College Chorale will sing at St. Paul's during the Sunday liturgy! These three top the list, but there are many others. Please read this issue with joy and gladness as we rejoice during this season of Easter, a season of resurrection and new life.

Also included in this issue is an important survey from the Congregation Council seeking your feedback and insights regarding Sunday morning at St. Paul's. During this time of construction we have been forced to try some very different things, configurations, and service times. In August we added a third worship time in order to facilitate attendance when we were gathering in the former chapel space. In late December we moved into the nave, be it without any lighting, so we couldn't meet at 8:00 a.m. as it was too dark to set up the worship space. We switched to 9:15 a.m. as a way to allow for set up before worship and time to break down the entire set up following worship so that no one needed to stay into the afternoon (most Sundays during the Epiphany season 9:15 a.m. still seemed to be too dimly lit!). Also, knowing that the window shades for the south side of the church nave were going to take a long time to be fabricated, we hoped we could avoid the bright sunshine when our clocks would spring forward! Needless to say throughout the many configurations of time and space we have been drawn closer to one another and we have been given opportunity to learn names and make new friendships. This all leads us to the conversation about our community of faith and the centrality of worship in our lives and how best to move into newly refurbished spaces and how best to welcome others into a vibrant faith community. So we need you to prayerfully complete the enclosed survey. And we thank you in advance for doing so.

Once again dates of completion have not been met by our contractors for many and various reasons. This does of course affect planning in the short and long scope of things. With the organ not being able to be installed because of the chancel construction delays, Victor and I had to plan Easter a second or third time. This sort of thing drains resources of time and energy. We value your patience and your thoughtful words of encouragement and support. I was asked just recently, "So when will this all be finished?" I wanted to respond in the words of our Lord when he is asked about the day and hour of the coming of the Son of Man, but I know people would think I was being too snarky if I said "Only the Father knows." So I ask you to remain enthusiastic, filled with abundant joy over those good things in which we can rejoice, and steadfast in your faithful participation in worship, prayer, study, and generosity.

May you and your family have a most blessed Easter season filled with the abundance of God's grace and mercy.

In love and service to our Lord,

Pastor Reep

Relay for Life sponsored by York College College's Against Cancer

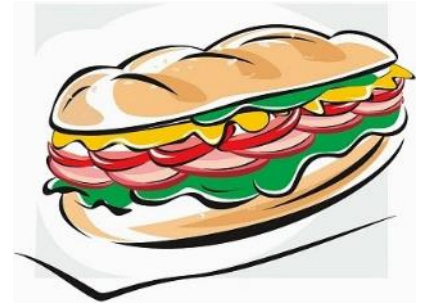
Friday April 20th - Saturday April 21st
6pm to 2am Farquhar Fields

\$10 donation when registering by April 19th
or \$20 donation when registering on site! Website: relayforlife.org/payorkcollege
See the website for more information on the event and to donate.

Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran Sandwich and Sub Sale

Two kinds of sandwiches are available this year. For \$4.00 one may have a Pretzel Ham & Swiss Sandwich or an eight inch Italian Sub.

Orders with checks or cash are due by noon on Monday, April 9. Pew envelopes or any envelope may be used to submit an order. Checks may be made payable to "Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran" or "Auxiliary to STL". A sign-up sheet will not be used this year. Orders may be placed in Jim Mummert's mailbox in the Office.



Red and Salmon Geranium Plants Available on Mother's Day



The Annual Geranium Sale is underway and the proceeds will benefit residents of the SpiriTrust Lutheran homes at the villages of Kelly Drive and Sprenkle Drive.

The plants may be secured at the church on Mother's Day, May 13. Checks or cash are due with orders by noon of Monday, April 16. Checks are payable to "SpiriTrust Lutheran".

An Evening with Nadia Bolz-Weber

Join members of St. Paul's and Christians in York and Lancaster County for an evening with Nadia Bolz-Weber, Saturday, April 28. 7:00-8:15 PM at Lampeter-Strasburg Performing Arts Center, Lancaster. Nadia is a pastor in Denver Colorado. Heavily tattooed and often profane, Nadia takes an unusual approach to church. She will be speaking about her own faith journey and her vision for the changing church.

Call the church office or speak to Patty Snyder to reserve your free tickets. For those interested we will carpool and possibly stop for dinner on the way.



Grades 3-6, Learning and Service Opportunity. On Sunday April 15th, 10:30-11:30 AM, we will learn about and do work in St. Paul's Food Pantry. Come help with this important ministry of our church.

Preschoolers through children in grade 6, Don't miss this Special Sunday Morning event as we Celebrate God's World on **Earth Day**, April 22, at 10:30-11:30.

Adults: During the Easter Season, beginning April 8th the adult class on Sunday morning will discuss topics of faith and life with the help of the video series Nooma. Watch for details for the location of these classes.

Food Pantry April 2018

Items needed: Juice, soup, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, rice

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".



Food Pantry
Donations Needed



Building in *Faith* for Future Generations

Survey: Input wanted for Sunday Morning at St. Paul's

As you know, during the time of renovation we have altered our worship schedule. From August to December 2017 we operated with three services; 8:00, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m. Most recently, January to present we have been operating with one Sunday service time through our renovation period at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We are in a transient situation as we learn to live into a new building. The Congregation Council recognizes advantages of continuing with one service time (fostering growth and community as one congregation) as well as advantages of a two-service model (convenience and flexibility in scheduling). You can see that construction continues, even in the nave, so a decision about future service times is still pending. In the meantime, Council would like to hear your opinion on these matters. This survey is going out by email and within the newsletter. Please respond only once. Written responses may be mailed to the church or dropped in Sunday offering.

Your name (optional, but appreciated): _____

1. Considering the life and health of our congregation, do you think that St. Paul's should pursue one service time or two? Please circle one number below.

1	2	3	4	5
(strongly in favor of 1 service)				(strongly in favor of 2 services)

2. Please comment on why you feel one or two services is right for St. Paul's.

3. What is the greatest need in the St. Paul's community right now?

3. Thinking about the faith community, what one service time would meet that greatest need?

A: 8:30am (+/- 30 min) B: 9:30am (+/- 30 min) C: 10:30am (+/- 30 min)

4. On average, how much time does it take for you to travel to St. Paul's on a Sunday morning?

A: 0 - 10 minutes B: 10 - 20 minutes C: 20 - 30 minutes D: 30+ minutes

5. Please circle your age group

18-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 55-67 68+

6. Please use the back of this form for any additional comments or feedback.

Thank you for your input, and we appreciate your prayers for the congregation during this period of discernment and growth.

St. Paul's Congregation Council

Please return the survey on the other side as soon as possible so the Council may respond to the Congregation's needs. Thank you.

Mpuguso News

Pastor Samson Mwakisu, the pastor of the Mpuguso Lutheran Church in Tukuyu, Tanzania, has kindly provided us with photographs of Christina Xvael Kipande and Emmanuel Damian Sanga, the two young members of the Mpuguso congregation who will be embarking upon their three year evangelistic training program at the Matema Bible College.

In addition to the thoughtful response which we received from Pastor Mwakisu, I also received a very personal letter from our dear friend, Elisha Mwamwaja, on March 7th, a portion of which I'd like to share with each of you. Elisha indicated, in pertinent part, as follows:

“Let the grace and blessings of the Lord be poured unto you and the members of St. Paul’s Mpuguso Committee and your entire congregation for taking up the burden, which was to be on our shoulders, of paying tuition fees for Christina and Emmanuel at Matema Bible College.

Last Saturday, 3 March 2018, we had a church council during which Pastor Mwakisu informed members of the council that monies for the two scholarships will be arriving anytime this month. All members at the meeting greeted the announcement with applause, thanking the Lord through you for the wonderful offer --- an outreach missionary work indeed!

We hope it won't discourage you next year to see tuition fees raised a bit because of the anticipated inflation in these developing nations.”

I know you'll each appreciate the warm and thoughtful responses from Elisha Mwamwaja and Pastor Samson Mwakisu.



College Chorale to Sing at St. Paul's Church

The York College Chorale under the direction of Dr. Grace Muzzo will be our guests singing in worship on Sunday, April 22nd. The 50 voice college choir will sing sacred choral music by Mozart, Stanford and Alice Parker. The Chancel Choir will join the Chorale singing Charles V. Stanford's Psalm 119, verse 1, "Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord."

The York College Chorale and Chamber Singers will be performing songs from Ireland and Great Britain

for their Spring Choral concert to be held on Sunday, April 15th, 3:00pm in Waldner Performing Arts Center on the college campus.

The York College Chorale is preparing to travel to Ireland in June to participate in a 7 day music festival and sight-seeing tour. Over 20 current and alumni singers plus several music faculty including Victor Fields will be traveling with the choir to participate. The music festival will be held at the University of Limerick accompanied by an Irish Festival Orchestra. Each day there will be time for sight-seeing to castles and the cliffs of Moher and Burren. The singers will then travel to Dublin for several days of sight-seeing plus a concert to be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Invite your friends and neighbors to worship that morning to experience some glorious choral music in our newly renovated worship space.

GARDEN OF MEMORY- It is now nearly thirteen years since we celebrated the completion of the columbarium on the corner of our property at S. George Street and Springettsbury Avenue, making an improvement to both the neighborhood and our beautiful grounds. Responsible stewardship of the creation God gave us grows, making cremation a popular choice for the “end of life” decisions. It is not or ever will be our intent to make a profit from this service. The intent is to offer an affordable and dignified alternative to current members, former members, and faithful friends. As the pricing was thirteen years ago it remains the same today, ranging from \$250 to \$1500. If you have spiritual concerns regarding cremation Pastor Reep (717-843-8155) will personally meet with you to answer your questions. Should you want to pursue the details of this service, we have a packet of information that will be provided to you by calling the church office to pick up or have it sent (717-843-8155). The current membership of the Columbarium committee is Tom Ruth, chairman, Pastor Reep, Bob Little, Ron Sturges and Larry Gross, all of whom will be glad to answer your questions and/or help you with the documentation should your choice be cremation and internment in our Garden of Memory.

Having your “end of life decisions” made, properly documented, and communicated to your loved ones is one of the best gifts you can provide them in their time of grief.

SUMMER CAMP 2018

Camp Kirchenwald and Camp Nawakwa

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

The Lutheran Camps offer – Christian Community, Worship, Daily Prayer, Making New Friends, Seeing Old Friends, Fun Activities, Adventure and Acts of Service.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation carries out its mission as a gracious expression of God’s. The heart of that mission is to: The Church, in a place and time apart... Where God’s presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ’s love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel! Our goal is for each child to experience the love of Christ through!

We are encouraging all of our children and youth to attend a week of church camp. Remember, camperships are available for our members! Please see Kelly Moore-Spencer for a camp brochure and more information.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania

Benevolence Committee Get Ready, Get Involved!!!

Are you thinking about a project all ready to launch now that needs funding to get started in 2019? Please prayerfully consider new ministries and organizations that could benefit from our gifts of time, talent, and money AND pick up an application to get the process started.

In the recent past, the St. Paul’s Benevolence Committee has approved assistance to the following entities: the Bridge of Hope National Campaign, a local York County Hospice, Lutheran World Relief, Hurricane Maria relief, a mission trip to Tanzania, and the St. Paul’s Education Committee.

Resource Request Applications are located in the back of the Church. Look for the Applications on bright Pink Paper. In addition, they can be found on-line at <http://stpaulsyork.org/benevolence>.

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.

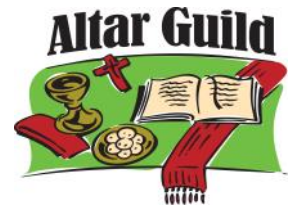




2018 Flower Chart *Reserve you date now!*

The 2018 flower chart is posted on a clipboard located on the trolley at the George St. entrance. 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.

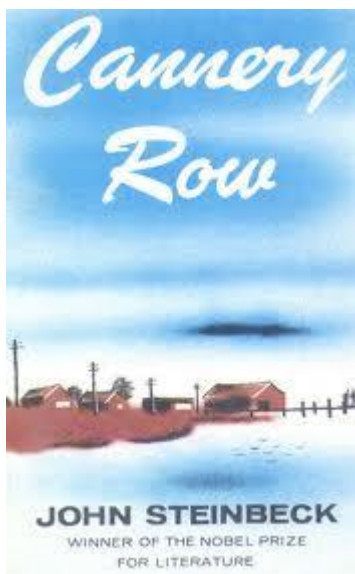
Altar Guild Request – Each Sunday the flowers that adorn the altar are given to members, family or friends who are ill, hospitalized, depressed, homebound, or in celebration of a special occasion. We have been using cans that are 7 inches high and 4 inches in diameter. These are almost nonexistent! So please wash out a plastic 2 liter soda bottle, cut the top off, and make the container 7" high. This should be a more modern solution for gifting the altar flowers. You may drop off the bottles in the sacristy.



Sunday, April 1
Sunday, April 8

Sunday, April 22
Sunday, April 29

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Festival Holy Communion, 9:15 a.m.
Holy Communion with recognition of Boy Scouts, 9:15 a.m.
100th Anniversary of Scout Troop #19, Program and Banquet 11:00 a.m.
York College Chorale singing, 9:15 a.m.
Handbell Choir, 9:15 a.m.



St. Paul's book club will next meet Wednesday, April 18, about noon. We have realized there are some classics we have either not read or forgotten, so the book we have selected to discuss in April is *Cannery Row*, by John Steinbeck. All are welcome to bring a sandwich and join us!



April 15 for May newsletter



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Worship Schedule

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