

# Our Church

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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May 2018

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

## Ascension Day

**Thursday May 10, 7:00 p.m.**

The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated with a liturgy of Holy Communion on Thursday May 10 at 7:00 p.m. The Ascension of our Lord brings to a close the post-resurrection appearances of our Lord (the Sunday scripture readings have borne witness to this) and points us toward the

Feast of Pentecost where the gift of the Holy Spirit is poured out on the community of faith. We will hear an elegant organ prelude, the choir will render an anthem, and the hymns will lift up the theme for the day. This is an opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join you. They will witness some of the *Building in Faith for Future Generations* work being done in the building, especially the church nave. They will hear our world class organ and see the new organ console. They will join their voices with people of all times and all places as we lift up our hearts to the Lord. This is a Holy Day. Be sure to come offering your prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God as He bestows on you grace and mercy.



## Pentecost

**Sunday May 20, 9:15 a.m.**

The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the giving of the Holy Spirit as recounted in the book of Acts. This day brings to a close the season of Easter and opens the season of Pentecost. We count our time week by week as we move through the summer and fall as Sundays after Pentecost. One of our parish traditions is that worshipers wear red colored clothing on Pentecost Sunday. It always sets a festive mood when you see the church nave filled with worshipers wearing the color of the day! Please join us in worship and prayer as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.



## Ministry in Three

### Fellowship Following Liturgies in May

During the Sunday's in May the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring fellowship events during which one of St. Paul's ministry opportunities will be highlighted in a brief three minute presentation. The gatherings will be held in the newly expanded narthex. The "Ministry in Three" will provide a topic for discussion as we share together and learn about a few of the vital ministries of our congregation. This will also provide time for us to get better acquainted, learn names, and make connections as we grow in faith. If you would like to contribute refreshments on one of the four Sundays in May, please contact Patty Snyder

Greetings,

Council has received over 80 responses to our service time survey. We would like to encourage everyone to turn in that feedback so we can get a complete understanding of the needs within the congregation. At this point, there are a nearly identical number of members who prefer one service as there are who prefer two services. The primary driver for those preferring one service is a strong sense of community and fellowship within the congregation. The primary driver for those preferring two services is the flexibility that multiple options affords. We anticipate making a decision regarding service times – at least for the summer, and likely fall – at our May council meeting.



We also understand that it can be hard for some worshipers to hear during Sunday services. As of last fall, we have been considering several PA systems, but a professional system may cost up to \$40,000. With shortfall experienced in Capital Campaign pledges, we've been reluctant to commit those funds at this time, but we are working to dedicate funds to that need and address the concern in the meantime. Council approved the wiring for a new system, which has now been installed, and we are looking to address the problem as soon as possible. We are evaluating temporary solutions until we reach that point.

Thank you to all who have made commitments to the Capital Campaign. If you have not already done so yet, please prayerfully consider making a commitment as we "Build in Faith for Future Generations."

Peace,  
Congregation Council

**Vacation Bible School**  
**Lake Side Stories with Jesus:**  
**Family Excursion**  
**June 11-14**



We are gearing up for summertime Family fun at VBS. Vacation Bible School will be held off site at Kain Park under the Bass Pavilion. Because of the extended school year in many of our school districts VBS will be held in the evenings. Family supper will start each evening at 5:30 p.m. The Bible story and activity will begin at 6:00 p.m. And the evening will conclude with Lake Side vespers at 7:00 p.m. By planning VBS in three distinct components families and church members can take part in as much of the evening as they desire. Some may choose only to come for the vesper liturgy. Others might participate in supper and Bible story but need to get home to get children ready for bed. Others can come for the whole thing and even stay till the park closes at sundown if they like. The important thing is that we want everyone in the congregation to participate as we take an excursion through the scriptures learning about Jesus' ministry around Lake Galilee. We are planning classes for: Toddlers, Preschool, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Jr.- Sr. High, and Adult. The dinner menu is as follows: Monday – Hamburgers, Tuesday – Chicken, Wednesday – Hot Dogs, Thursday – Everyone brings a covered dish to share. Also supplied will be paper products and drinks. Mark your calendar now and block of these four evenings for us to be together as we grow in God's grace and love.

## Faith Formation

Children in grades 3-6 learned about the Food Pantry ministry of St. Paul's on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Did you know that over 50 volunteers from St. Paul's help in many different ways. The children learned how the food gets donated and delivered to our pantry. They went through the steps that families go through when they come for food on Tuesdays. They put their muscles to work stocking the shelves with new food. Thank you to Larry and Janet Moore for this great presentation.

For more information about the pantry or to volunteer your time, please contact Theresa Rohrbaugh



## FALL PLANNING...

The Christian Education Committee is already beginning to make plans for the faith formation classes that will be offered starting in the fall of 2018. Do you have a topic you would like to discuss? Is there something you would like to learn about? Are you looking for a way to grow and strengthen your Christian Faith? Have you ever considered participating in a learning event at church? Would you like to teach or assist teaching a class for children? Sign up to be a helper in the Sunday evening catechetics classes for a great review of the catechism! Place your ideas in the offering plate, leave a message with the office or contact one of the Christian Education Committee members: Patty Snyder, Jamie Palmer, June Heistand, Kelly Moore Spencer and Pastor Reep.



## Consecration Sunday—Stewardship of Creation

**June 3, 9:15 a.m.**

**Bishop Robert Driesen, Preaching**

The Stewardship of Creation is the theme and emphasis for the 2018 campaign. Our guest preacher for the day is The Rev. Robert Driesen, retired Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Bishop Driesen has retired to York and is enjoying his time closer to family. Proceeding the day we will focus our attention on St. Paul's faith community and how we are attempting to take better care of the creation through: Increased utilization of our physical building, Reduction in energy consumption, Volunteering as an extension of care for others, and the stewardship of the environment from the ELCA Social statement. These four topics will be addressed in a series of short temple talks prior to each Sunday liturgy during the month of May. And as always we will join together for lunch following the combined liturgy on Sunday June 3rd. If the weather is fabulous it may be held on the south lawn. In the event of inclement weather we will gather in the social hall.



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



In April, many new pictures were added to St. Paul’s Webpage in both St. Paul’s Gallery (Easter and Scouting Events) and also in Renovation Updates (Spaces/Areas Nearing Completion). I am going to try to put up before and after pictures of spaces/areas as they are being worked on and finished. The format of the pictures has changed. If you haven’t checked out the Webpage lately, please do so. I have added links to help you get from one area to another of the Webpage but in addition to using the links, both the Renovation Updates and St. Paul’s Gallery are dropdowns from the About Us menu .

I am always learning and updating the Webpage has become much easier for me to be able to share all of these pictures with you and keep you up to date as to what is happening at St. Paul’s. As I am unable to always be at all of the events that go on at St. Paul’s or events outside of church (like Dinner Clubs, Choir Picnic, etc.), you can help by taking pictures and if you feel it is something that should be shared on the Webpage, please send them to me. It would also be very helpful if Committee’s could look at their pages and send me information on a continuing basis to keep their pages updated. Keeping the Webpage up to date is a never ending job.

If you have problems maneuvering around the Webpage, please see/contact me and I will be glad to help you. I always have my phone on me in church and the Webpage can be accessed on my phone.

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Earline Jones, Webmaster

### Food Pantry May 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

## **Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service**

### **The Joy of Christian Community**

“That your joy may be full” concluded the scripture reading on the Second Sunday in Easter! What joy we have been having. As we maneuver through the renovations there is much joy present around the physical renovation. There is the joy of having restrooms with baby changing stations in the newly enlarged narthex. On the day of the Easter egg hunt a parent with newborn entered from the George street steps seeking a place to change a baby. I pointed the way to the restroom as there were not yet signs indicating such a new addition to our physical plant. When the parent came out of the rest room minutes later the grin across his face was priceless “that changing area worked great!” During the Easter Vigil the new lighting on the Baptismal Font was a joyful sight as was the full light illuminating the altar laden with the brilliant colorful Easter flowers. There was joy on Easter morning when the church and balcony and chancel were nearly filled to capacity. Joy in hearing the Easter proclamation. Joy in seeing the smiling happy faces of the children surrounding the altar for the children’s sermon. Joy in the choir singing the anthem. Joy in hearing the handbells and flute. Joy as the brass players and timpani gave support and punctuation to our liturgical song. There was joy as worshipers gathered around the refreshment tables in the narthex. So far this Easter season has been most joyful. As I write these words I am aware that on Sunday we will sing “Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee...” as we make our way to the altar to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. “That your joy may be full” is more than just a pious wish. This is what has been gained and given to us through the suffering death and resurrection of Christ our Lord. I pray that amid things that are challenging, heart wrenching, and less than what you would like, that the joy of Christ, the joy of community of faith, the joy of everlasting life, will awaken you to the peaceful, joyful, good news of Christ our Savior.

In love and service to our Lord,

Pastor Reep

## **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!

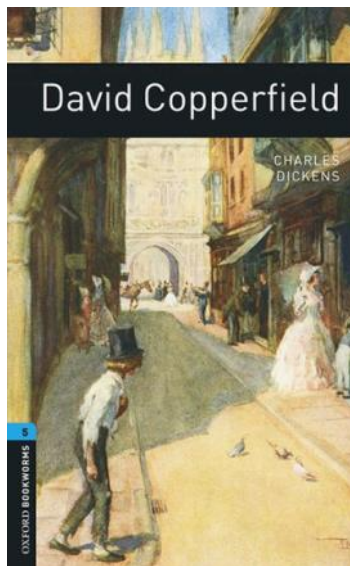
We are encouraging all of our children and youth to attend a week of church camp. Remember, camperships are available for our members! Please see Kelly Moore-Spencer for a camp brochure and more information.



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania**

### 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.



May 16 is the date of the next meeting of St. Paul's book club. The book we will be discussing, in accordance with our recent policy of reading a classic now and then, is *David Copperfield*, by Charles Dickens. All are welcome to bring a sandwich and join us!



*May 15 for June newsletter*

**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 interment 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.*





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## Worship Schedule

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