Our Church

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September 2018

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

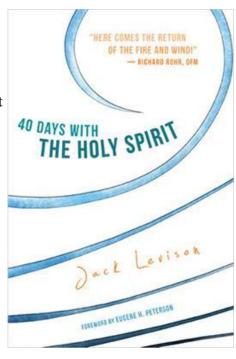
September Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

During the month of September we will be utilizing the musical setting from *Evangelical Worship* #9. For those who attended the 8:00 a.m. liturgy during the summer months the music will be familiar. For those who attended the 10:30 a.m. liturgy the music for the communion portion of the service will be familiar. In September the same liturgy will be rendered at both service times. Those worshipers at 8:00 a.m. wishing to grow in their stewardship of creation can simply return the worship folder to the baskets located at the entrances to the nave. They will be utilized by worshipers at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. This will help us grow in stewardship, care of the environment, and help to reduce costs. If you are concerned about the weekly schedule remember that it is always posted on the church web site www.stpaulsyork.org. It is with renewed joy and energy that we approach the fall season.

40 Days with the Holy Spirit

Prayer is a major component of Christian faith. Often prayer in our lives finds a backburner until we have a need, request, desire, and then we come up short with words to communicate with God. St. Paul suggests in his epistles that we pray without ceasing; lives of prayer, but that doesn't seem to fit in the pace of modern life. For those seeking a renewed life of prayer, or wanting to establish a pattern of prayer, we will embark on a 40 day prayer journey on Sunday September 30.

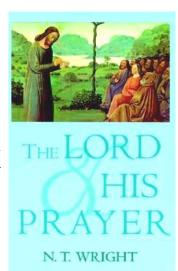
As a resource for the journey we will be utilizing a little guide by Jack Levison who is a professor at Perkins School of Theology. He responds to the question "Why forty days of prayer?" That is the length of time that Moses waited on Mt. Sinai for the Ten Commandments. The length of time it took Joshua and Caleb to scope out the Promised Land. The length of time Goliath taunted Israel before David used his trusty sling shot and brought down the giant. The length of time Elijah spent in a cave escaping the wrath of Queen Jezebel. The length of time God offered Nineveh to change their ways. And the length of time that Jesus spent in the wilderness. You may be thinking of some additional Bible stories that use the number 40 and by all means add them to this list. Imagine what is in store for you as we embark on 40 days of prayer.



If you would like to be part of the 40 days of prayer then mark your calendar now for the beginning day, Sunday September 30, 9:15 a.m. During the 40 days we will meet each Sunday to offer one another support, encouragement and to share insights about our lives and how the Holy Spirit is changing us, working on us through our lives of prayer. We will conclude on Sunday, November 11. The room where the prayer group is gathering will be posted by the stained glass window of the Good Shepherd. In order to provide copies of the prayer guide it would be helpful to know the number of participants prior to the start date. Simply notify the church office if you plan to participate (717-843-8155).

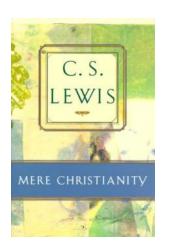
The Lord and His Prayer September 16 – October 28 9:15 a.m. Christ Hall (formerly the chapel)

The first adult class sessions begin this September with a study on the Lord's Prayer. The class will use N. T. Wright's book, *The Lord and His Prayer*, as well as Luther's explanation from the *Small Catechism*. As we approach the text we will open ourselves to the seven petitions and what they have to say to us in our modern age. N. T. Wright is professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, and one of the most highly respected biblical scholars in the world today. Utilizing his text as a spring board for discussion we are bound to have lively conversation about a central component of our Christian faith, the Lord's Prayer. Join us on Sundays, September 16 – October 28. We will begin meeting for this class in the front of the church nave.



Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Our weekly Wednesday morning Bible study at 10:30 a.m. resumes on September 5th. The study delves deeply into the readings for the up-coming Sunday assembly. It proves to be an enriching activity. The Gospel of Mark will provide continuity as we look at texts from Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Numbers, and James. The location for the Bible study will be posted by the stained glass image of the Good Shepherd. Please enter the building through the Springettsbury lobby. Please join us as we study and learn and grow in God's grace. *Please remember that the first Wednesday of each month is street sweeping so please park in one of the lots and not on Springettsbury Ave. on September 5th.*



Book Discussion coming this Fall

A small group engaged with dialog on faith met at the Yakim's home for several weeks over the summer. It was an excellent opportunity to share on faith and life. We will take a short break and begin a new series at the Ericson's home to study C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. Anyone is welcome to join; participation in the prior group not necessary! We will meet for 9 weeks on Thursdays, starting Sep. 20th, from 7-8pm. If there is interest from young families, we will explore childcare. Please email Tristan Ericson at tericson@ycp.edu if you might like to attend.

Many of us look to God during times of trouble for comfort and support. You often hear people say that it was "their faith in God," that got them through difficult times. Our faith needs nurturing just as a seed needs water. **How will you grow in your faith this year?** As a new academic year begins, take time to strengthen your faith. Look for the many opportunities offered at St. Paul's this fall. Watch monthly newsletters, the church website and the weekly bulletin for updates and new offerings.





Sunday morning classes for children, infants through grade 6 Beginning September 9th at 9:15 a.m.

Children and teachers will be using the newly finished upstairs classrooms and the Youth room. Our third through fifth grade students will be using a new, two year curriculum called Connect. They will be spending this first year on Old Testament stories and the second year on the New Testament. Through the use of engaging videos and activities, they will get to know themselves, each other, and the Bible in new ways, strengthening their faith in Christ Jesus. Our younger children will continue using the Spark Curriculum hearing about favorite Old Testament heroes in the fall and the life of Jesus in winter and spring. Please bring your child(ren) to Sunday School. The time and effort put forth is important for strengthening faith. And, it is more fun to have a full class. And, the teachers who volunteer get to use their skills and gifts for the up-building of God's Kingdom!

New Nursery

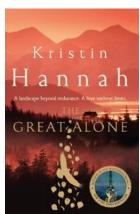
As construction comes to an end we are rejoicing that we have a dedicated nursery. Our families with young children will benefit greatly from this new space. We will need a Nursery coordinator and parent volunteers during the Sunday liturgy, especially 10:30 a.m.. Please contact Pastor Reep if you are willing to help.

St. Paul's Book Club

The Book Club will next meet on Wednesday, September 19, about noon. The book we will be discussing will be *The Great Alone*, by Kristin Hannah. She is known for writing some incredibly interesting stories and this, her latest, is an example.

Readers might keep another popular book, *The Ninth Hour*, by Alice McDermott, in mind. That will be the book we discuss in October.

Hope to see lots of you - with a sandwich - at book club!



Preschool Committee Openings

The Preschool Committee has openings for new members. The committee works most effectively when there are about 7-8 members. Our thriving preschool works to educate the entire child by focusing on social and academic development while working to foster independence in children. The preschool committee works to assess the school's educational, financial, and property needs in order to maintain a high-quality preschool. Meetings are held in the evening on the second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Nicki Herdson at 717-428-9452 or nks.nicki high-quality preschool. Meetings are held in the evening on the second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Nicki Herdson at 717-428-9452 or nks.nicki high-quality preschool.

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It is official. We have been under construction for more than a year. The facilities are starting to take on the look and feel rendered by the architectural team. The HVAC systems are being tested in the church nave and, soon we hope, in the remainder of the building. The bookkeeper, secretary, and pastor have resumed their positions at the Springettsbury Avenue entrance. Looking around the 38,000 square foot structure it is evident that there is still more work to be completed. Flooring, wiring, plumbing fixtures, exterior entrances, and the elevator needed to smoothly connect all four levels, are still in flux.

It is official. The staff has been bearing the brunt of this year of construction. The perpetual: noise, dust, packing, unpacking, and makeshift work stations, rehearsal spaces and classrooms, have more than taken their toll. It has been challenging for them to keep working in such conditions and yet the staff has continued to plug away. At times; nerves are raw, frustrations become nearly unbearable, and the exhaustion associated with renovating has proven taxing even among the most level headed, logical, and enthusiastic members of the St. Paul's staff. It is evident that there is still more to come, more obstacles, more need for patience, and more need to remain focused on a church facility designed for ministry in our time.

It is official. The pledges for the *Building in Faith for Future Generations* campaign did not reach the levels anticipated through the feasibility study. That coupled with the many hidden additional costs associated with renovations to a 1940's building bring the congregation's financial picture into sharp focus. Much work has been done by the Finance Committee to provide guidance and to offer options to close the gap between actual costs and shortfall in pledged revenue. If not already shared by the time of this issue their insights will be forthcoming.

It is official. The congregation has embraced a Sunday morning schedule offering two opportunities for worship, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. With the normal summer vacation and travel schedule of our families, attendance has been reduced. As schedules for school and work resume we anticipate increased participation at both services. With the two service schedule there are more pews available on the main floor, better spaces for parking, and more opportunities for serving as lector, usher, assisting minister, altar helper, communion assistant, and greeter to name a few!

It is official. The ministry of the congregation is being renewed through the renovations of our building. Members have committed themselves to: prayer, financial generosity, sacrificial giving, and weekly worship. Members have set up, moved, relocated, scrubbed, dusted, vacuumed, and joyfully participated during perplexing times. Members have stayed connected through weekly worship and coffee hours between services, mid-week family room gatherings in homes, and weekly scripture study. There are many things being planned to renew our lives of faith in this new academic year.

It is official. God's great love for us in Christ Jesus has led us into a time of renewal; of our building, of our congregation, of our commitment to the community, and most importantly of ourselves as believers in Christ Jesus and his message of hope and salvation.

In love and service to our Lord,

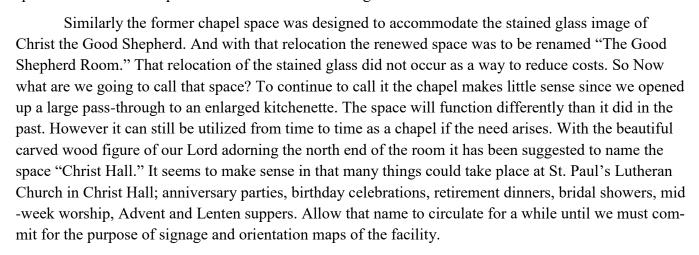
Pastor Reep

Naming spaces

What are we going to call it?

As our spaces are being renewed for 21st century ministry it is clear that we will need to refer to spaces by different names.

The first example that comes to mind is the former gym. With the design decision to create a dedicated Fellowship Hall, all of the former components and evidence of gym have been removed. Training ourselves to refer to the renewed space as the "Fellowship Hall" will take some time to get used to.



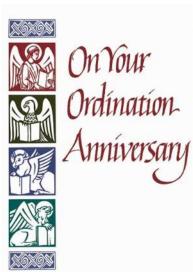
A gathering space is now accessible from the church nave and from the Springettsbury lobby. Perhaps the name "Good Shepherd Room" that had been planned for the former chapel might better be used here. The beautiful stained glass image of our Lord as Good Shepherd is really hard to miss and it certainly keeps the names of our spaces biblical and Christ centered. Perhaps this is another place where we should see if the name fits as we settle into spaces and before we need to commit for signage.

There are many other spaces and rooms that will need to have thought and attention given as we begin to name them; the former "soap room" and "pantry" and "Scout room" and "boiler room" and... the list goes on. What we call things, rooms, spaces, really does matter. We of course are called by name in the water of Baptism and made heirs of Christ's Kingdom. The names given to our renewed spaces hopefully will reflect Kingdom life.



The Benevolence Committee would like to thank all who have submitted applications to be considered. Please keep in mind that the Committee will accept submissions at any time by completing the coral-colored applications located at the exits of the church and online at https://stpaulsyork.org/. Please consider those projects, organizations, or persons in need of our support.





It's a Time to Celebrate! Congratulations Pastor Reep, on the 30th Anniversary of Your Ordination!

Join us on Sunday, September 9th during "Second Sunday Sandwiches, following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy, as we congratulate Pastor Reep on this milestone of ministry serving Christ and his church.

The Congregational Council invites gifts to be made toward the Capital Campaign for the building renovations in honor of Pastor Reep's ministry. Mark contributions "In honor of Pastor Reep's Anniversary of Ordination."

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Please remember the Capital Campaign when commemorating a special event.

BIRTHDAYS * GRADUATIONS * ANNIVERSARIES * MEMORIALS * ETC.

Recipients or family members will be notified of your generosity with a letter and your gift will be published in our "Our Church".

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH

I would like to honor this special person(s) with a Capital Campaign Gift.

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Mid-Year Council Retreat

The Church Council is thrilled to be a part of this pivotal point in St. Paul's history, building in faith for future generations. In recent weeks, the Council held their second retreat of the year at Spiritrust at Sprenkle Drive. Goals, which were established at the first retreat as being short, medium and long term were reviewed, as well as our biggest needs within our Congregation and greatest opportunities at this time were identified. Review of progress of the building renovation and funding of the Capital Campaign was discussed.



At long last an end of the renovation is in sight. Within a few weeks the contractors will have completed their work in all areas except the elevator, which will require several months of continued work. Sunday school activities will resume as will other educational programs. The preschool will begin their new schoolyear in completely renovated second floor classrooms. Pastor Reep's 30th Anniversary of his Ordination will be celebrated as well.

Please join us in welcoming new visitors to our worship services with warm handshakes from everyone. Feel free to guide our visitors on a tour of our new spiritual home. St. Paul's belongs to us all.

For the Council,

Mary Heilig

St. Paul's Boy Scout Troop 19 Popcorn and Nut Sale

The sale starts Friday, August 17th with the start of show and sell and runs till Monday, October 22nd when the order is turned in to the popcorn and nut companies. All popped popcorn will come in a printed can. Some popcorn and nut items are sold with a chocolate coating. There is a sack cloth bag of salted in the shell peanuts available too!

Troop 19 will be selling popcorn and nuts between services on Sunday, Oct 14th and Oct 21st. These dates fit into the expected finish of the gathering place. Scouts along with leaders Tom Gibson and Bill Banta will have order forms available from Sunday, August 19th through Sunday, October 21st. Delivery will be the weekend of November 11th. Please support Scouting in its 101st year at St. Paul's and order nuts and popcorn from Troop 19. You can call Bill Banta (717-848-6627) for additional information or to place an order.

St. Paul's Boy Scout Troop 19 Open House

The Scout Troop is scheduled to move to its new Scout Room in the lower level of the Church on Monday, September 10th. There will be an open house in the new Scout Room on Monday, September 17th. Boys in grades 5th through 8th and their parents are welcome to attend. Boys through the ages like to build fires and use pocket knives. We teach and certify that they can do this safely while camping.

We have a fun filled program that also teaches Scout skills that will be useful in life. Badges will be earned for learned skills all the way to Eagle Scout.

Boys should attend with a parent and bring a friend. Scouts in other Troops can visit and transfer to Troop 19, if they wish. We are looking forward to a new year and many new recruits.



Adventure Time and Young Readers

Adventure Time and Young Readers is for children in grades 1 through 6. They will meet in the new Youth Room on the first Sunday of every month, from 11:45 a.m. till 1:00 p.m., starting in October and ending in April. During their time together, the children will venture into their bibles, enjoy lunch together, and do an activity or

art project together. By reading stories from their own bible, children will learn to become Young Lectors for worship. Grades 1, 2 & 3 will read from their Paraclete Bibles and grades 4, 5 & 6 from their Adventure Time Bibles.

Youth Group

Welcome to the 2018 - 2019 SPY (St. Paul's Youth) Group for youth in grades 6 through 12. We are so excited to invite you to our new meeting space. The new youth room is a large open room on the upper level that is very casual and comfortable. The room has been designed so different activities can take place at the same time. I want the youth to feel at home when they walk into their youth room, whether they are hanging out, having Bible study, playing games, preparing a meal, or making new friends. It is my hope that by participating in SPY the youth will gain a sense of belonging with their church family. The events that we are planning are a time for the youth to connect with one another and their leaders.

Most youth group meetings will take place on the first 4 Sundays of each month from 4:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.. Some Sundays there will be other youth activities in place of youth group. If a youth is part of the Confirmation Program, they will attend Confirmation from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m.. September's youth meetings will be held on, September 9th, 16th and 23rd. Each family will receive a more detailed calendar that will include the evening's meal and activities.

Creative Fun on Tuesday Evenings Children, Youth and Parents

Beginning on Tuesday, September 18, the Youth room located on the upper level will be open for the children and youth of St. Paul's to come for "Creative Fun"! Join Miss Kelly in MAKING FUN, "COOL" Bible themed original pieces of ART. Every week, there will be a variety of art projects offered! Some projects can be completed in a short amount of time, while others can take a few visits to complete – the choice is yours. If you don't want to make a supplied project, there will always be assorted art supplies available to design your own one of a kind art piece or you can play a board game or talk with a friend. "CREATIVE FUN" will run the same time as Cherub Choir and Cantabile Bell Choir – 6:00 till 7:15 PM. If a child is in one of the Choirs they are welcome to come to "CREATIVE FUN" for part of the time.

Upcoming Children and Youth Family Activities

Sunday, September 16 Mini – Golf and Ice Cream Family Event 5745 Lincoln Highway, York, PA 17406 1:00 p.m.

Meet at Jim Mack's Ice Cream in Hellam. Enjoy playing 24-hole Miniature Golf. Followed by delicious homemade Ice Cream



Sunday, October 21

Fall Foliage, Camp Nawakwa, Family Event

Everyone is invited to Camp Nawakwa for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is always fun to see old friends and make new ones. You can even bring a new friend along to introduce them to camp. The event runs from 1-6 p.m.. Enjoy pumpkin painting, apple butter boil, hayrides, hiking and more. I am inviting everyone to join me for a picnic lunch on the way up to Camp Nawakwa. Pack your family a picnic lunch and we will leave St. Paul's following Sunday School and have the picnic on the way to camp.



Friday, November 9

Game Night – Family Event – 6:00 till 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with other families from St. Paul's. There will be different types of games and activities for all ages. Bring your favorite snack to share and plan on making some new friends. This will be held in the Youth Room on the upper level.

Sunday, December 9, 6:00 p.m. Rocky Ridge Christmas Lights, Family Event

Bundle up and enjoy a walk in the woods with other St. Paul's families to see the twinkling Christmas lights and animated scenes. We will take some time to stop and get warm while enjoying hot chocolate and popcorn along the way. The children always enjoy stopping to watch the train display and a visit with Santa.



I look forward to having more time and space with our children and youth as we start this school year!

If you have any questions, please text or email me,
Miss Kelly 717-578-9832 klmoorespencer@comcast.net

Fall News for Handbell and Children's Choir

Hopefully all of the adults and children involved in our music ministry are taking a well-deserved rest, and spending time with family and friends. The members of the adult bell choir, and Cantabile choir, worked incredibly hard during this past year to provide music that praises God and enhances worship for the congregation. Their flexibility in adapting to a variety of rehearsal/performance venues during construction was truly a blessing. I have spent the summer assessing and planning for a new musical year; and dreaming of moving into our new music suite! Hopefully the renovations will be complete in time for our first rehearsals.

Adult Bell Choir: We will have several vacancies that we need to fill in order to continue ringing our full 5-octave set of bells. Last year I played and conducted, and it would be wonderful if I could concentrate on just conducting. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Ringers will receive the schedule for the entire year in August, and our first rehearsal will take place on Thursday, September 6th. Students in 7th grade through adults are welcome to join. If you can keep a steady beat; and have any prior musical experience (even if it was long ago), please consider giving bell choir a try. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Emily Reep.



Cantabile Bell Choir: The children in this choir did an amazing job last year. We also will have openings for new students, grades 2-6, in this choir. I will also take students as young as 1st grade if parents feel they can handle a 45 minute rehearsal. No prior music experience is necessary. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Our first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 18th.



New! Cherub Choir: Several families have inquired about music making opportunities for our younger children. Starting this fall, we will offer a music class for our musicians in pre-K through grade 1. This class will focus on active music making, vocal exploration, playing instruments, and learning some simple songs to be sung during our worship service. Parents are welcome to stay with their children during this time if necessary. Class will be held on Tuesday evening from 6:00-6:30 p.m., and will begin on Tuesday, September 18th.

If you have any questions regarding any of our handbell or children's music ministries, please contact Emily Reep at sea2reep@comcat.net or 717-654-2950.

The Music Ministry is excited to begin our Fall season in our newly renovated rehearsal space. The new space in now located on the main floor on the North side of the building. Our space provides us the space and flexibility to rehearse the singing choirs and the instrumental handbell choirs. The room is now equipped with much storage space and cabinets for musical instruments, equipment and supplies in addition to storage of vestments and music files and music folders.

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m. We will gather in our new rehearsal space. New members are always welcome! If you are interested in singing, please contact me at vfields.stpaulsyork@comcast.net or 717-858-4982.

Chancel Choir is comprised of members of the congregation who desire to lift their voices in song during worship. Chancel Choir rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Most of the singers read music and enjoy singing choral music spanning from the Renaissance to the 21st century. The Choir also helps with chanting and singing Psalms as well as providing leadership for singing the liturgical music settings sung throughout the service. Members of the choir also are called to sing solos and duets, etc. in worship and offer their talents by playing instrumental solos and sometime provide instrumental support for worship.





Dear Members of St. Paul's and Preschool Parents.

We are excited to announce that we are participating in the new Rutter's Rewards Schools program!

We are looking to raise money for updated/new toys. You can help us get this much-needed funding by signing up today!

It's easy:

- 1. Log in to ruttersrewards.com or the Rutter's mobile app.
- 2. Click Rutter's Rewards Schools, then Select St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool from the list and click the Support selected charity button.
- 3. Each time you shop at Rutter's using your Rutter's Rewards card or Phone Number ID and passcode, it will help us reach our fundraising goal.

Shop at any Rutter's location; purchase fuel, candy, snacks, coffee, or fresh made food and use your Rutter's Rewards card or Phone Number ID and passcode. Every dollar you spend helps us raise money!

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| \$4,000 | \$200 |
| \$5,000 | \$250 |
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Not a Rutter's Rewards Member or VIP?

Pick up a card at any Rutter's store.

Go to ruttersrewards.com and register today!

Please encourage your friends, family, coworkers and neighbors to register their Rutter's Rewards card and choose St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool from the list!

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you will consider participating in this program.



St. Paul's Dinner Group

The Dinner Groups will be gathering October through December. 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 on the Springettsbury entrance bulletin board and sign up today!

2018 Flower Chart Reserve you date now!

The 2018 flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Springettsbury lobby. 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.

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.

Presentation of Bibles Sunday October 7

The Christian Education Committee will present students with Bibles on Sunday October 7 during the Sunday Liturgy. Students entering First grade will be presented the *Paraclete Bible for Kids*. Students entering Fourth grade will be presented the *Adventure Bible*. Students entering Seventh grade will be presented the *NRSV Student Bible*. Our hope as a faith community is that by placing in the hands of our children versions of the Bible that are age appropriate, we may get our young people more engaged in reading and discussing Bible stories. In conjunction with the Youth Ministry of the congregation Miss Kelly will be working to develop a Young Readers group and an Adventure group. Students entering into Confirmation Ministry will be using their study Bibles throughout their three year Catechetics Program. It is important for us to honestly use our Bibles. They should show signs of wear and use. The Reformation of the 16th century encouraged Christian people to read and study the Bible. Please be present in worship on Sunday October 7 to show your support and to give your encouragement to the youth as they learn and grow in God's grace. (If your child is entering grade 1, 4, or 7 please notify the church office so we can have your child's Bible ready on October 7. Thank you.)

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. 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



September 15 for October Newsletter

Food Pantry September 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".





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