

10. Finally – and by far not the least – is the wondrous, spacious and inviting church nave.



Our congregation has been strengthened through this time of trial and renewal. We are indeed blessed to have a wonderful Christian family and a place for all to gather to hear and spread the word of God.—Denise Rider

Looking to the Future

Planned and possible events for St. Paul's Capital Campaign

Current planned events:

Oct 2018 – 2019 Calendar utilizing artwork created by pastor Stanley Reep.

Feb 2019 – 183rd Birthday celebration for St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Oct 2019 – Benefit Dinner (In conjunction with live and silent auction)

Additional events could be researched, staffed, and possibly planned.

We need congregation members to help lead/conduct events. Additional ideas are welcome.

Here are some thoughts:

St Paul's conducted Charity Concert - Volunteers can offer their musical creativity, and we could sell concert tickets and raffle stubs to support our initiative.

T-Shirt Fundraising - Selling t-shirts is a classic fundraising approach for any age group. Thanks to online t-shirt fundraising services, this idea is even easier. We can design custom, high-quality t-shirts to sell to congregation members as well as friends and family outside the church.

Chili Cook-Off - A chili cook-off is the perfect church fundraising event for a congregation that loves to come together for fellowship and a great meal. Host your chili cook-off today. We will seek out our best chili chefs to cook a pot of their delicious stew and invite everyone to join us.

Walkathon - You can host a walkathon or we can plan one that starts from the church. We can choose a season that is a good temperature with minimal risk of rain. We can plan a backup location just in case! We can send out invitations and design some merchandise like t-shirts and water bottles - Tim Yakim

Peace,
Congregation Council and Capital Campaign Committee



Update: Renewal and Renovation at St. Paul's

October 15, 2018

These are exciting times at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of York as we continue to prepare our facility and ministries for future congregational needs. Our current endeavor – to renovate our building for ministry in generations to come – must be understood in the larger context of our church history. St. Paul's has always looked toward the future. Our roots trace back to Christ Church, the first Lutheran congregation in the city. York was a bilingual city in the early 1800's. German was used in most liturgical services, but English had a strong presence in the working class. When the English preacher at Christ Lutheran was not chosen to be the next pastor of that church, a group of forward-thinking leaders founded St. Paul's in 1836, the first English-speaking Lutheran church west of the Susquehanna River. After arson destroyed the second church building on King and Beaver, St. Paul's joined with St. Luke's and Augsburg to reform the congregation for the future. Our current site on the south end of town was chosen, with deliberate foresight, to establish a church presence in the growing suburban areas. Our history is also St. Luke's and Augsburg's history. Those parishes were marked by active Sunday Schools and service to the community. Our vision to renovate our facility for future mission is within our DNA. We are evolving into our next generation and remaining true to our congregational roots. We are honoring our past by looking to the future.—Tristan Ericson

Capital Campaign Progress

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Capital Campaign for the renewal of our church! This is the most significant project the congregation has undertaken since the building was erected in the early 1940's. This is a major undertaking. While the congregation has pledged over \$850,000 toward this \$3.6M effort, our work is ongoing.

We are currently reaching out to community sources to augment some of our projects. This is being done through grant applications for areas such as our food pantry and hunger ministry, as well as renewed spaces for community groups like AA Fellowship and St. Paul's Preschool. In February, 2019 we will celebrate the 183rd anniversary of our congregation. A party to celebrate this event is currently in the planning stages and as details become available the information will be shared for all to join in this celebration. A more current project in the works is a 2019 calendar. The calendar will feature original art by our multi-talented pastor. Pastor Reep, has donated his original paintings to be reproduced for the production of the 2019 calendar. We are planning to distribute the calendars before the end of October. We are asking each member to help sell calendars. Proceeds of the project will go toward our Capital Campaign. Keep in mind that calendars will make nice gifts for Christmas! On October 19, 2019 the Capital Campaign committee is planning a benefit dinner at the church when the original paintings will be auctioned to the highest bidder.—Ann Anstadt



Construction Update and Overages

Our facility is over 75 years old, so a project of this magnitude will inevitably uncover surprises leading to some additional expenses. An additional 10% cost was built into the renovation budget plan to cover overages. We have experienced a bit more surprises than expected, but the building team is working to keep costs under the congregation-approved budget. Significant unexpected overages experienced include asbestos abatement, the need to pour a new concrete floor in the nave, installed steel girders to support the balcony, uncovered trash/debris, a failed furnace, water in the elevator shaft, and additional permits.—Kem Vaught

Financial Update

A financial analysis shows that trust income alone can sustain a mortgage of \$2M. The total cost for the building renovation is hovering at \$3.6M. If the \$1.6M difference is funded through the Capital Campaign, St. Paul's will not be responsible for much heavy lifting through the life of the mortgage. This is the best situation for the congregation as we emerge from the Capital Campaign in February 2020. Using financial resources from the investment portfolio to achieve our \$2M mortgage directly decreases our ministry budget or requires increased envelope giving. We currently have about \$850,000 pledged toward the campaign (about \$250,000 is estate giving to be received sometime in the future).—Tony Culp

Use of New Spaces

Our renovation of the facility is only beneficial inasmuch as it enables us to proclaim the news of Christ and carry out our mission: to teach the world that God is love. In that context, the labor of this campaign promises to yield new opportunities and enable diverse ministries in generations to come, including:

1. Our thriving preschool has newly remodeled classrooms where children learn and grow.



2. The renovated pantry graciously serves the needs of our hungry community.
3. The former gymnasium will now be used as a fellowship hall to host a variety of events.
4. We now have a dedicated nursery and two handicap accessible restrooms with baby changing stations.
5. One lower level restroom has an independent shower. As well, on the same level a washer and dryer will be available to assist homeless individuals or victims of disaster.

6. The Boy Scout troop and AA members both have new areas to gather and support each other, as well as learn skills that may be beneficial in life.
7. The youth room and remodeled classrooms were needed to encourage the growth of faith in our younger members.
8. Music ministry can expand in the newly created area.



9. The newly developed gathering space inside the Springettsbury entrance and the former Chapel with enlarged kitchenette were both designed with the hopes for meaningful Christian fellowship.

