

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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December 2018

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

The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve 7:00 PM

The Traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light service will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday December 24 in our newly renovated church. The Festival Liturgy of Holy Communion with sermon will feature the Handbell and Chancel Choirs. The church will be beautifully decorated and we will enjoy the sound of our beautiful pipe organ leading us in our prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God for the great gift of his Son, Christ Jesus. This liturgy has become one of the favorite services of the entire year. Do come, invite friends, and rejoice as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.



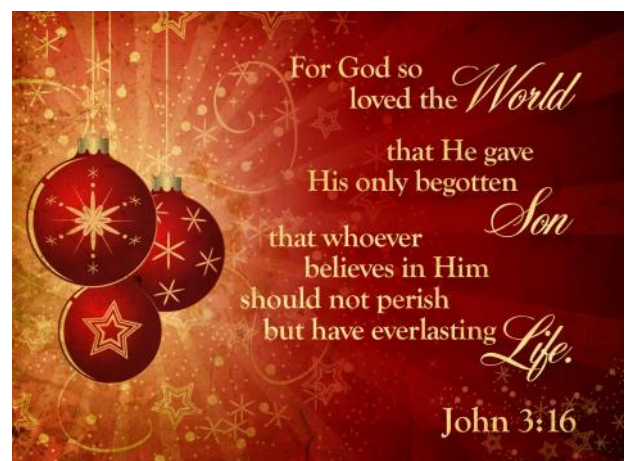
Carols in Candlelight 200th Anniversary of *Silent Night* Christmas Eve 11:00 PM

The Christmas season is upon us. This year with our newly renovated worship space St. Paul's is offering to the Greater York Community the opportunity to experience our splendid church nave fully decorated for Christmas and the opportunity to sing beloved carols in our beautiful church led by our magnificent pipe organ, superb grand piano, and delightful harpsichord. Carols in Candlelight will be held on Christmas Eve at 11:00 PM. This is the 200th anniversary of the beloved carol *Silent Night*. It is hard to imagine Christmas Eve without singing this cherished hymn. This is an opportunity for us to welcome into our worship space people who may not have a church home, folks who love to sing but don't have such a gorgeous space in which to sing, and folks who may not be religious but for whom this time of year still has significant meaning. Please invite friends and coworkers to Carols in Candlelight at St. Paul's. Please note that there will not be a sermon or communion at this carol sing. The Christmas story will be read, prayers offered, and we will light hand candles and sing *Silent Night*.



Christmas Day Holy Communion 10:30 AM

December 25, Christmas Day, we will gather to rejoice in the birth of our Savior. The Christmas Day liturgy has grown in popularity with attendance growing steadily each year. We often host some hospital personnel who have to work Christmas Eve and for whom this service meets a need. It is also popular for those who don't like large crowds or for whom driving at night is not a possibility. It is a simple yet elegant service welcoming the Christ Child. Attending Christmas Day service helps to keep the focus on the true gift of Christmas, God becoming flesh and dwelling among us. Plan to put the Christmas Day service into your holiday schedule this year and join your brothers and sisters at St. Paul's on this Feast Day.



Advent Vespers **Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.**

During the season of Advent we gather for prayer on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This time set aside for corporate prayer and reflection centers our lives on Christ Jesus and God's great love for humanity. It is a service of quiet beauty as we gather in the nave with candle light, reciting Psalms and singing hymns. Vespers will feature three participants from the 40 day prayer journey who will each share an important aspect of their devotional reading and how it has given shape to new patterns for daily life. Please join your sisters and brothers in prayer during the Advent Wednesdays.



Advent Suppers **Wednesday 6:00 p.m.**

Advent suppers will be held in Christ Hall at 6:00 p.m. The items for each meal are provided by volunteers. If you would like to contribute to the meal, please sign up on the appointed sheet on the bulletin board in the Springettsbury vestibule. Many of us find this to be an important part of our Advent journey. The simplicity of an evening meal shared with good friends marks the season in a particular way.

Intergenerational Breakfast and Learning Event **The First Sunday in Advent, December 2, 9:30 am**

Share in a light breakfast. Make an Advent wreath for your home. Join in the Jesse Tree activity and hear stories from Jesus' family tree. Play games of waiting and fun. What is Advent? It is the four weeks before Christmas that Christians set aside for contemplation and prayer. We wait expectantly for the celebration of the coming of Jesus at Christmas, the coming of Jesus through Holy Communion and His second coming. Come learn more.



Gingerbread Manger

Tuesday, December 4

6:00 till 7:00 PM

Parents and children are invited to create your own Gingerbread Manger. There will be no Cherub or Cantabile Bell Choir for the children this week so that a longer sustained time can be given to creating a gingerbread manger. Take as long or as little as you need to make this. Everyone is invited, even if your child is not part of the choirs we invite you to come for this special evening event. Please let Miss Kelly know if your child plans on attending so she can plan accordingly.



Adult Classes **Wednesday Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.**

Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 10:30 AM. The study delves deeply into the readings for the up-coming Sunday assembly. The Gospel of Luke will provide continuity as we look at texts associated with the Advent themes. Please enter the building through the Springettsbury lobby. Currently we are meeting in Christ Hall.

God's Global Barnyard

Please join our 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Sunday School class in collecting quarters to buy farm animals for families all over the world including our country. The barnyard "headquarters" is located in the Good Shepherd Gathering Room each Sunday before and after Sunday School through December 30th.

In early 2019 the class will decide on which animals it will purchase from a selection of chicks, goats, honey bees, and piglets. Advent offering have been designated to help the children reach their Barnyard goals, so please use your advent envelope and give generously.

Please note: In addition to quarters for the "quarter tube," other forms of monetary contributions will be accepted either at "headquarters" or in the offering plate (please specify for **God's Global Barnyard**).



Christmas Decorating Wednesday December 19 5:00 PM

This is our first Christmas in our newly renovated worship space. The Worship and Arts Committee has spent time reimagining our decorations as we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth. Please join in the holiday fun as we work together, then share supper together and then evening prayer together in our beautifully decorated church. Some jobs will need to be done ahead of time on Monday or Tuesday. If you are able to help during the day please contact Kristine Gross.



Intergenerational Breakfast and Learning event January 6, 9:15 am

As we bring the Christmas season to a close on Epiphany, January 6, we will enjoy a full breakfast together followed by activities and fun. Just as we remember the wisemen bringing gifts to baby Jesus on Epiphany, we ask participants to bring a gift for the Women's Care Center of York (formerly the Pregnancy and Family Resource Center). Also bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift for a new version of the Christmas story. *(white elephant....a small inexpensive gift or item in your house that you do not want, sometimes silly)*

Needs list for Women's Care Center
New, for size newborn-12 months:
Onesies
Baby outfits
Socks
Shoes
Snowsuits



Gently used, for children ages 2-5:
Boy or Girl clothing
Socks
Shoes
Coats

For our Moms:
New or Gently Used maternity clothes
Sample sized toiletries, such as Burts Bees hand cream, shampoo, conditioner, new makeup samples, shower gel, anything small we can give to Moms

Required Minimum Distributions RMD

As we near the end of the year, individuals who over 70 1/2 with IRAs need to review their current status regarding their Required Minimum Distribution to insure compliance with tax law. If you have not met the RMD yet, you may be able to save some income tax payment by making a Qualified Charitable Contribution from their IRA. If the Distribution is made payable to a charity, e.g. St Paul's Lutheran Church, the amount counts toward your RMD and will reduce the taxable amount of the RMD. Your financial representative can assist in the process.

2019 Church Offering Envelopes

Church offering envelopes for the 2019 calendar year will be available in early December. They will be ready for pick up in the Good Shepherd Room. Please make every effort to collect your packet. The envelopes are in a tablet form so that each week's envelope can simply be torn out and brought with you to worship or simply mailed to the office if you aren't able to attend. This will save using an envelope and addressing an envelope. All you need do is add postage and mail! Also remember that you may contribute to the ministry of the congregation through electronic giving. For additional information on this simply notify the Treasurer, Tony Culp, for instructions. Thanks in advance for taking responsibility and securing your envelope packet for 2019 and for your faithful support of St. Paul's mission and ministry.



St. Paul's Preschool collected food items for the Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. Here is just a sampling of the generosity exhibited by our kids!

Council Highlights

The Congregation Council gathered for their regular meeting on Monday November 12 at 7:00 PM in Christ Hall. Jeff Riese provided the opening prayer and devotions highlighting words for the late Billy Graham.

Newly appointed member Dan Garber was welcomed to the Council.

The Treasurer presented the financial report.

Marlene Matson reported on the Building Use Policy that is being worked on through the sub-committee. It is nearing completion.

Denise Rider gave the results of the nominating committee: Pattey Snyder and Kem Vaught for Congregation Council, Becky Bingham for Benevolence, Peter & Rhada Hartmann and Andrew Doughty for 2019 Synod Assembly, Tim Yakim for Mutual Ministry. We will need to nominate at least one person from the floor the day of the annual meeting to fill the Mutual Ministry Committee. The slate was approved for presentation at the annual meeting.

The Agenda for the Annual Meeting was approved.

Capital Campaign Fund received to date \$427,609.08

The Mutual Ministry Committee recommended the hiring of two aides for preschool, Nicole Blount & Elizabeth Wagner for the 2018/19 school year.

The meeting concluded with prayer offered by Denise Rider. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Reep



Come Celebrate the Season With Us!

Advent & Christmas Worship, Education and Fellowship Events

- December 2 First Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion 8 & 10:30 AM
Advent Breakfast 9:00 AM Christ Hall
Family Advent Workshop 9:30 AM Christ Hall
Cherub Choir 10:30 AM *Light One Candle*
- December 5 Wednesday Advent Supper 6:00 PM
Evening Prayer 7:00 PM
- December 9 Second Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion 8 & 10:30 AM
Cookie Walk Noon-3:00 PM
York College Choral Christmas Program 3:00 PM
- December 12 Wednesday Advent Supper 6:00 PM
Evening Prayer 7:00 PM
- December 16 Third Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion 8 & 10:30 AM
Handbell Choir 10:30 AM *Savior of the Nations, Come*
- December 19 Decorating the Church for Christmas 5:00 PM
Wednesday Advent Supper 6:00 PM
Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

Modified Christmas Worship Schedule

- December 23 Fourth Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion with the Blessing of the Crèche 10:30 AM
Cantabile & Handbell Choirs *Ring in of Christmas*
- December 24 Christmas Eve
Festival Christmas Eve Holy Communion with Candle Lighting 7:00 PM
Carols in Candle Light 11:00 PM *Community Carol Sing*
- December 25 Christmas Day
Christmas Holy Communion 10:30 AM
- December 30 First Sunday After Christmas
Holy Communion 10:30 AM
- January 6 The Epiphany of our Lord
Holy Communion 8:00 AM
Breakfast (wise men cooking) 9:00 AM Christ Hall
Family Epiphany Event 9:30 AM Christ Hall

Food Pantry December 2018

Items needed: Juice, soup, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, boxed potatoes, 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

COOKIE WALK Sunday, December 9
9 – 10 AM for church family
Noon – 3 PM for the York Community

The annual Christmas cookie walk is the soul support for our mission project in Tanzania. Those who generously bake and decorate the hundreds of dozens of cookies and those who come and walk around the tables laden with elegantly prepared homemade Christmas cookies support the mission. This event provides financial assistance for a medical officer to provide care and medical attention for the local community. For a \$15 donation you receive a plastic glove to slip over your hand and a container in which to place your selected cookies. This event is sponsored by the Mpuguso Committee. Thank you for your generous support of this project.



York College Choir Presents
Holiday Light
December 9, 2018, 3 PM

The York College Chorale, Chamber Singers and Voca Bella will present a seasonal program in the inspiring setting of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Selections by contemporary composers and classical masters will center around themes on light and hope. The choirs will be conducted by Grace Muzzo and Christine Kates, and the singers will be accompanied by a variety of instruments including St. Paul's handbell choir. Victor Fields will perform and accompany from the organ. This special program will also include appropriate readings for the season. Please invite your family and friends to this concert which promises to be a beautiful array of holiday music.

We expect to have a large attendance so come early for a good seat. A post-concert reception will be held in our newly finished Good Shepherd room.



The Ringing in of Christmas
10:30 AM Sunday December 23

Bells have been rung throughout the centuries to mark both solemn and joyful occasions. At the conclusion of the liturgy on Sunday December 23 the members of the Handbell and Cantabile Choirs will join forces to ring in the joyful season of Christmas at St. Paul's. The bell peal will begin with the tolling of the largest handbell. As it tolls other bells, tone chimes and suspended chimes will add to a rich cacophony of sound. Then after the peal has had time to joyfully announce the end of Advent and the beginning of the Christmas season the organ will be added as it introduces *Joy to the World!* We will add our voices joyfully singing together with our thoughts focused on the birth of our Savior. This is a combined liturgy so the entire St. Paul's family of faith can usher in the Christmas season together. Be sure to come adding your voice to the joy of the season.



Savior of the Nations, Come

The handbell choir will ring a beautiful setting of *Savior of the Nations, Come* on Sunday December 16th at the 10:30 AM liturgy. The hymn which dates to the 4th century and is attributed to St. Ambrose has shaped Advent worship for Christians throughout the ages. In 1523 Martin Luther prepared a literal translation of the text for his German speaking community. Later, J. S. Bach wrote four organ settings of the plain-song tune and included the melody in Cantatas 36 and 62. The hymn remains a staple for Lutheran Advent worship. Join us in hearing the beautiful melodic melody of this Advent hymn and add your voice in singing

Savior of the nations, come; Show the glory of the Son!
Every people, stand in awe; Praise the perfect Son of God.

Music News

We are host for several music concerts and recitals to be held at St. Paul's beginning in 2019. Please mark your calendars for these special events. Invite your friends, neighbors and anyone who enjoys live Classical music.

"Fields & Friends"

Sunday, February 17, 2019, 3:00 PM Music for organ and instruments

Our organist, Victor Fields, will collaborate with his friends and colleagues to present a variety of sacred and concert music for organ with bassoon, flute, english horn, french horn, piano, soprano, and organ duet. Guest musicians performing include: Robin Plant, Jill Haley, Elizabeth Erenberg, Nelle Bailey, Gretchen Dekker, Erin Lippard and Christine Kates.

This concert will be a fund-raising event to support the ongoing efforts of our St. Paul's Capital Campaign.

Music for Trumpet and Organ

Sunday, March 10, 2019, 3:00 PM

Victor Fields will collaborate with professional trumpeter Jonah Kappraff of Lewisburg, PA. Jonah has played with many professional music ensembles in the Boston area for the past 15 years. He currently performs throughout the Susquehanna Valley & Central PA and has performed with the York and Williamsport Symphony orchestras. Jonah is married to Beth Willer who is Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at Bucknell University.

York College of PA Wind Ensemble

Sunday, April 28, 2019, 3:00 PM The York College Department of Music will be bring the wind ensemble to perform in St. Paul's Sanctuary. Selections include music for band and will feature Victor Fields playing organ with the ensemble. The Wind Ensemble is directed by Dr. Matthew Inkster, Professor of Music at the college.

Harrisburg Choral Society & Orchestra *Requiem Mass* *Durufle*

Sunday, May 5, 2019, 3:00 PM The 50 voice Harrisburg Choral Society and Orchestra to present a concert of sacred music. The featured work, Requiem Mass, of French composer Maurice Duruflé. A 20+ piece orchestra and Victor Fields playing organ will accompany the Choral Society under the direction of Dr. Jason Vodicka. The Harrisburg Choral Society is the oldest choral ensemble in the Capital Region founded in 1895.

The Way of the Cross, Organ & Art

Good Friday, April 19, 2019 beginning at Noon.

Our organist Victor Fields will present a music and art depiction on the Way of the Cross. This will feature a 14 movement virtuosic organ work Le Chemin de la Croix - "The Way of the Cross" by the 20th French virtuoso organist and composer Marcel Dupré considered one of the greatest organists of all time. Artwork shown on a projection screen will accompany the dramatic music. This 70 minute presentation will allow you to reflect on the drama and passion that our Lord Jesus endured on the way to the Cross. This music is rarely heard and seldom played, so it will be a way to guide you through Good Friday during Holy Week.

The York Conference of Lutherans Tutoring program is looking for dedicated volunteers who like to work with children for our tutoring program. Tutoring occurs either on Monday or Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM. Tutors work with children in grades 1-6 to assist with homework, help with study skills and serve as mentors and role models.

If interested, please call Shari Young at 717-586-9310

or email ycltutoring@gmail.com

or visit our website: <http://ycltutoring.weebly.com/>

or message us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ycltutoring>

Gift List

In the early 1940's when the current church edifice was in its final stages of completion the congregation published a gift list, actually it was a professionally published booklet with artist renderings of items needed to complete the structure and to make it fully inhabitable. It listed everything from pulpit and altar to window treatments and everything else imaginable that the construction contract did not cover or provide. As we approach the final stages of completion of our fully renovated building there are many things that the construction contract did not cover or provide but which are critical to make our house of worship, education and social outreach fully inhabitable. What follows is a simple gift list. It is not elaborately published. It doesn't contain artist renderings but all of the items are needed. Please prayerfully consider how you can provide one or more of the items needed. Costs are estimates.

- ADA electric range for main level kitchen \$1,000
- ADA dishwasher for main level kitchen \$1,000
- ADA electric range for upper level preschool kitchenette \$1,000
- Refrigerator for the upper level youth room \$800
- Washer and electric dryer for the lower level sexton workroom \$1,200
- Window treatments for the main level nursery \$2,150
- Window treatments for the main level music suite \$3,560
- Window treatments for the upper level red room \$2,600
- Window treatments for the upper level yellow room \$2,700
- Window treatments for the lower level community rooms \$3,000
- Window treatments for the lower level Food Pantry and workroom/office \$4,200
- Public address system for the church nave \$36,000
- Large screen TV for viewing the church service in the main level nursery \$800
- Large screen TV for the upper level youth room \$800
- Monitor screens for electronic bulletin boards. 3 are needed at \$2,500 each.

2019 Calendar Sale Be a Holiday Hero

Be a holiday hero, purchase 2019 Calendars, and help the Food Pantry and Preschool. These newly renovated spaces make the hunger ministry better meet the needs of clients through accessibility, and improved refrigeration for fresh produce, and the learning ministry safer, friendlier, and more convenient for students. The calendars feature paintings by Pastor Reep. The original art work is on display in the Good Shepherd Room each month it is featured. The calendars are available on Sundays in the Good Shepherd Room and during the week in the Church office. The calendars are \$20 each. For those who like to give gifts, one of St. Paul's calendars can be given or sent through the mail. If you cannot make it to the church to purchase your copy, but want to be a holiday hero, simply call the church office and calendars can be mailed to you. An auction is planned for October 19, 2019 at which time the paintings will be sold and the total proceeds donated to the Capital Campaign *Building in Faith for Future Generations*. As the months pass by in 2019 you will know that your heroic effort in purchasing and selling calendars is helping the pantry clients and preschool children have an improved experience at St. Paul's!



Annual Meeting Re-Cap

The congregation gathered for the regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday November 18 following the 10:30 AM liturgy. The Fellowship Committee provided refreshments. Tim Yakim, Vice-President called the meeting to order. Opening Prayer was offered by Pastor Reep. The minutes from the 2016 and 2017 Annual Meetings were adopted as presented in the 2018 Bulletin of Reports. The Vice-President identified four appointments to Congregation Council all of which are for one year. Those appointed are: Nancy Bennett, Dan Garber, Kathleen Lempke, and Kathryn Wicker. A unanimous ballot was cast electing: Patty Snyder and Kem Vaught to 3 year term Congregation Council; Becky Bingham to a 3 Year term on Benevolence Committee; Peter Hartmann, Rhada Hartmann, and Andrew Doughty voting members to the 2019 Synod Assembly; Tim Yakim and Carolyn Kaupon to 3 year term Mutual Ministry. Kem Vaught provided an up-date on the church renovation construction project. The next item for business was the presentation of the 2019 operating budget by Tony Culp, Treasurer. A Budget of \$789,037 was adopted. In order to complete the renovations an additional \$600,000 is needed. It was approved to secure the amount from York Traditions Bank with the same terms that are currently associated with the 3 million dollar construction loan. Oral reports were given by: Larry Moore for the Food Pantry, Nicki Herdson for the Preschool, Martina Uffelman for the Mpogus Committee, Tom Gibson for the Boy Scouts, Patty Snyder for Christian Education, Kristine Gross for Worship and Arts and Pastor Reep on ministry and the congregation’s bright future.

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