

# Our Church

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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**January 2019**  
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Education 9:15 a.m.

## 2019 Calendar Sale

There is still time to 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. January's original art work, *Lemons with Blueberry Branch* is on display in the Good Shepherd gathering space. All proceeds are donated to the Capital Campaign *Building in Faith for Future Generations*.



## Epiphany Breakfast

On Sunday January 6 beginning at 9:00 AM in Christ Hall breakfast will be served in conjunction with an intergenerational Epiphany event. Come join in the fun! As we remember the Wiseman bringing gifts to the infant Jesus we are asking you to bring a gift for the Women's Care Center of York (formerly the Pregnancy and Family Resource Center). Also bring a "white elephant" gift for a new version of the Christmas story. Wrap up anything that you do not want or something inexpensive to add to the silliness and the fun of our celebration. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Springettsbury Vestibule Bulletin Board for cooks, helpers, and those wishing to enjoy breakfast.

## Needs list for Women's Care Center

*For our Moms:*

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

Gift Cards for Wal-Mart or Burlington

*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

## **St. Paul's Birthday Party** **Sunday February 17**

On Sunday February 17 we shall celebrate the 183<sup>rd</sup> year for St. Paul's congregation and rejoice in the ministry that has been carried out in the name of the Lord for nearly two centuries! You will want to be present for the birthday party and for the activities that are scheduled to help us celebrate this milestone in our life together. Plan to come for all of the day's events or pick and choose what works for your schedule. But be sure to come. Currently the day of celebration is shaping up as follows:

Holy Communion, 8:00 AM – Church Nave  
Christian Education, 9:15 AM – Locations as announced  
Holy Communion, 10:30 AM – Church Nave  
Birthday Dinner, NOON – Christ Hall  
Birthday Cake, 2:00 PM – Good Shepherd Gathering  
Field's and Friends Concert, 3:00 PM – Church Nave  
Reception, 4:00 PM – Good Shepherd Gathering

All donations received during the day; lunch, cake, concert, reception, will be placed in the Capital Campaign Fund—Building in Faith for Future Generations.



### **Dinner plans underway**

The Capital Campaign Committee, under the leadership of Ann Anstadt and Mike Hanson, has begun work on the October 19, 2019 dinner event and auction. Excitement was heard in the voices of those sharing ideas. Gathered around the table in the Good Shephard gathering space, different committee members agreed to take charge of varying aspects for the dinner and evening. The evening's benefit dinner will be held in the newly refurbished Fellowship Hall. With Pastor Reep donating the paintings for auction and Larry Gross agreeing to serve as auctioneer the evening's plans are starting to take shape. A guest chef is being asked to prepare the meal. A volunteer has already spoken for the task of creating table center pieces. The goal of the group is to push forward with plans so that tickets might be ready for purchase as Mother's Day presents! Keep watching the newsletter and the website for information as plans for the event unfold.

**Ice Skating**  
**Family and Youth Ministry**  
Sunday, January 20  
1:45 pm till 3:45 pm

York Ice Arena  
941 Vander Avenue  
York, PA 17403



Join your friends from St. Paul's for a fun afternoon ice skating experience. Whether or not it's your first time skating or you are a skilled skater you will have fun on the ice. Cost is \$5.00 for ages 4 & 5, \$7.00 for ages 6 and up, under 3 is free. Skate rental is \$3.00 per person.

Meet at the Arena at 1:40 and stay as long as you want until 3:45.

Please let Miss Kelly know if you are planning on bringing your family so she can make reservations, **no later than Sunday, January 13.**

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### Adults

**Sunday Morning 9:15-10:15 AM - January & February**

Bishop Eaton's Four Emphases Bible Study

*We are CHURCH.*

*We are LUTHERAN.*

*We are CHURCH TOGETHER.*

*We are CHURCH FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD.*

**Sunday mornings March 10-April 7**

Join Pastor William Snyder and Dr. Peter Hartman as they discuss five stories from the Bible from different perspectives.

### Children

**Sunday morning classes for children from 9:15-10:15AM**, infants through grade 6, have been growing in attendance. Children and teachers are using the newly finished upstairs classrooms and the Youth room.

*Make Sunday a priority in your family in this New Year.*

**New Nursery** As construction nears completion we are anticipating 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 AM. Please contact Pastor Reep if you are willing to help.

### First Communion Class

Plan now for Communion instruction, or Communion review, for children. It will be held on Sunday, January 13 from 12:30—2:30 PM in Christ Hall. This session will be led by Pastor Reep.

### Wednesday Bible Study at 10:30 AM

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 Epiphany themes. Please enter the building through the Springettsbury lobby. Currently we are meeting in Christ Hall.



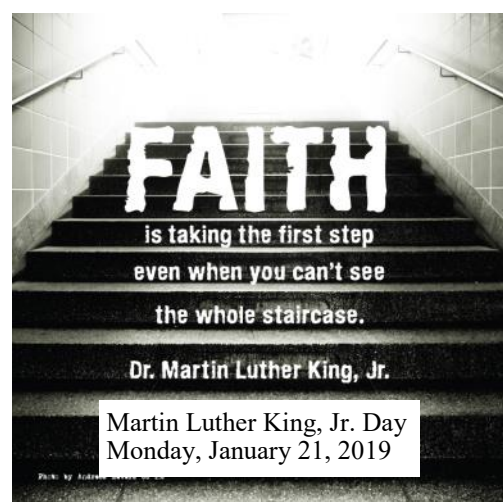
Food Pantry Donations Needed

### Food Pantry January 2019

**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".



## 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.

## In Grateful Appreciation

Many thanks to those who gave of their time and talent to make our Christmas liturgies beautiful, meaningful, prayerful, and joyous! The organ and bells, the voices soaring in the beautiful decorated church nave, the instrumentalist, the decorators, the ushers, lectors, deacons and assisting ministers. Thank you.

## Council Highlights

The Congregational Council met for its monthly meeting on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Building Renewal Project and the Capital Campaign status were primary talking points. We understand that the elevator will not be installed until sometime in (probably late) January, primarily because the installer requires the shaft to be 100% ready, and because they have a busy schedule. The news of work continuing into 2019 is unwelcome, but we see signs of completion throughout the building. The light of the end is visible!

We were encouraged by an immediate response to our Capital Campaign Update cards. Several cards were received in the offering on the first day they were available! Among them were at least one new contributor and several extended gifts totaling \$16,000. This is obviously great news, but there is still a ways to go before we reach our goal. To understand that goal in simple terms, remember one date and one figure. The date is August 2020. The figure is \$2,000,000. If we can reduce our mortgage debt to that amount by that time, we have trust income that will handle the principal and interest of a mortgage loan. The congregation would essentially be "off the hook" if we reduce our construction debt to \$2M by August 2020. We are focused on covering expenses above that (roughly \$1.6M) through the Capital Campaign and fundraisers. If we are all willing to sacrifice now to reach that mark, our ministries will be able to thrive unaffected.

We held officer elections and look forward to installment of the following officers on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM:

President: Tristan Ericson

Vice-President: Tim Yakim

Secretary: Kathryn Wicker

Treasurer: Tony Culp

Finally, the Council set plans for its annual retreat on February 23<sup>rd</sup> for leadership building, vision formation, and long-range planning. The Executive Committee also plans to reform its meetings to focus on the broader goals of the parish. It remains an exciting time at St. Paul's, with new visitors, renovated spaces, strong Sunday School attendance, and increased ministry capacity.

Peace, Tristan Ericson, Council President



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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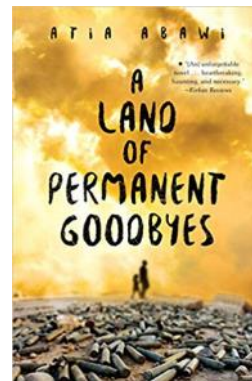
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## Gift List

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.

St. Paul's book club will next meet Wednesday, January 16, about noon. The book we will be discussing is *The Land of Permanent Goodbyes*, by Atia Abawi. It is an up to date description of the situation in Syria. All are welcome to bring a sandwich and join in the discussion!



## A Prayer For Those Who Volunteer in the Church

Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our churches;  
that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people;  
and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ,  
offering to you their gifts and talents;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*(Adapted by Sharon Ely Pearson from the Collect at a New Ministry, Episcopal Book of Common Prayer)*

### Gifts of Gold and Silver

The Capital Campaign Committee is hoping you will participate in their efforts to providing ways to add dollars to the fund. In this Epiphany season you may donate old gold and silver jewelry, twisted up chains, broken pieces, one ear ring from a set, etc. If you would like to participate, simply place your items in a zip lock bag with your name and phone number. We will get back to you with how much your items brought and you will be able to get a receipt for tax purposes. If you are not sure if the pieces selected are really gold or silver we will check them out and respond to you. Becky Bingham has agreed to provide oversight to this project. Questions can be directed to her at 717-741-2061. Simply leave a message and she will get back to you responding to your questions.



### Capital Campaign Gifts

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.**

NAME OF RECIPIENT(S) \_\_\_\_\_

DONOR(S) OF GIFTS WITH ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Worship Schedule**

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