

# Our Church

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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February 2019

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



Birthday celebrations are important opportunities in our lives to rejoice and give thanks for the things we have been able to accomplish and to look forward to the new things that we are approaching. In the life of a congregation recognizing a birthday provides us with the opportunity to look back in awe and amazement and in gratitude. It allows us to acknowledge the gifts of time and talent and treasure that have been given to provide us with the current facilities, the financial health, the faithful members and friends who graciously give of their skills and gifts to make the love of God known here and around the world. Teaching God's love has been a hallmark of the St. Paul's congregation. From its first liturgy, first capital campaign, first building, first Sunday school class, first organ, first need to expand and prepare for a next generation of Lutheran worshippers, St. Paul's has risen to the occasion. As we prepare to celebrate our 183<sup>rd</sup> year of Gospel ministry on Sunday February 17, we ask you to take time to look back in awe and amazement and to count the abundance of blessings especially the congregants who have come before us. Be sure to join us for the birthday celebration. A day of activities has been planned. We ask you to take part in some of them, or all of them. Invite friends and neighbors and former members to join us in this event!

## 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.



## **“Fields & Friends”** *Music for organ and instruments*

A concert will be held in our newly renovated church on **Sunday, February 17, 2019 beginning at 3:00pm.** The concert is open to public. A good-will offering will be collected supporting the Capital Campaign. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this event. You may submit a gift to the church via mail or you may place an envelope in a basket that will be available the day of the concert.

Our organist Victor Fields, along with his friends, will present a concert of music for organ and instruments, with flute, english horn, french horn, organ duet, piano, soprano and violin.



### ***Guest musicians performing are:***

*Elizabeth Erenberg, flute; Jill Haley, english horn; Nelle Baily, french horn; Christine Kates, Organ ; Gretchen Dekker, piano; Erin Lippard, soprano and Katelyn McClinton, violin.*

Music by American composers include: Moonyeen Albrecht, 4 Psalms, Calvin Hampton, Variations on “Amazing Grace”, Gardner Read, De Profundis, Charles Callahan, Fiesta for 2 organists, David Conte, Songs of Consolation plus the Prelude, Fugue and Variation of Cesar Franck for piano and organ and Abendlied and Gigue for violin and organ by Joseph Rheinberger. All of the musicians are friends of mine and I have had the privilege to work with many of them at York College as well as with the Harrisburg Choral Society.

Come enjoy an afternoon of music for the King of Instruments joined by a variety of beautiful instruments that are sure to bring delight.

***(If you can serve as a greeter or usher, please contact Victor Fields or Kristine Gross.)***



**Food Pantry  
Donations Needed**

### **Food Pantry February 2019**

**Items needed:** Juice, boxes of potatoes and rice products, soup and jelly.

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”.

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**



### **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 upcoming 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.

## **York Conference Confirmation Ministry February 10, Winter Sessions Begins**

The next session for Confirmation in our joint program is Sunday February 10. The program runs for 8 consecutive Sundays and concludes the last Sunday of March. The first and second year students will be studying Holy Communion. The third year students will be completing the Apostles' Creed and Church History. Sessions begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. Families having students confirmed will want to mark their calendars for the Confirmation Banquet and Student led Evening Prayer on May 18 with confirmation on May 19 at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Information pertaining to the banquet will be mailed to confirmation Students next month. This year we anticipate four students confirming their faith on Confirmation Sunday. They are: Ryan Butler, Alexander Hutton, Kaitlyn Seydel, and Sophia Zart. Please keep these students in prayer as they complete their final session of catechetical instruction.

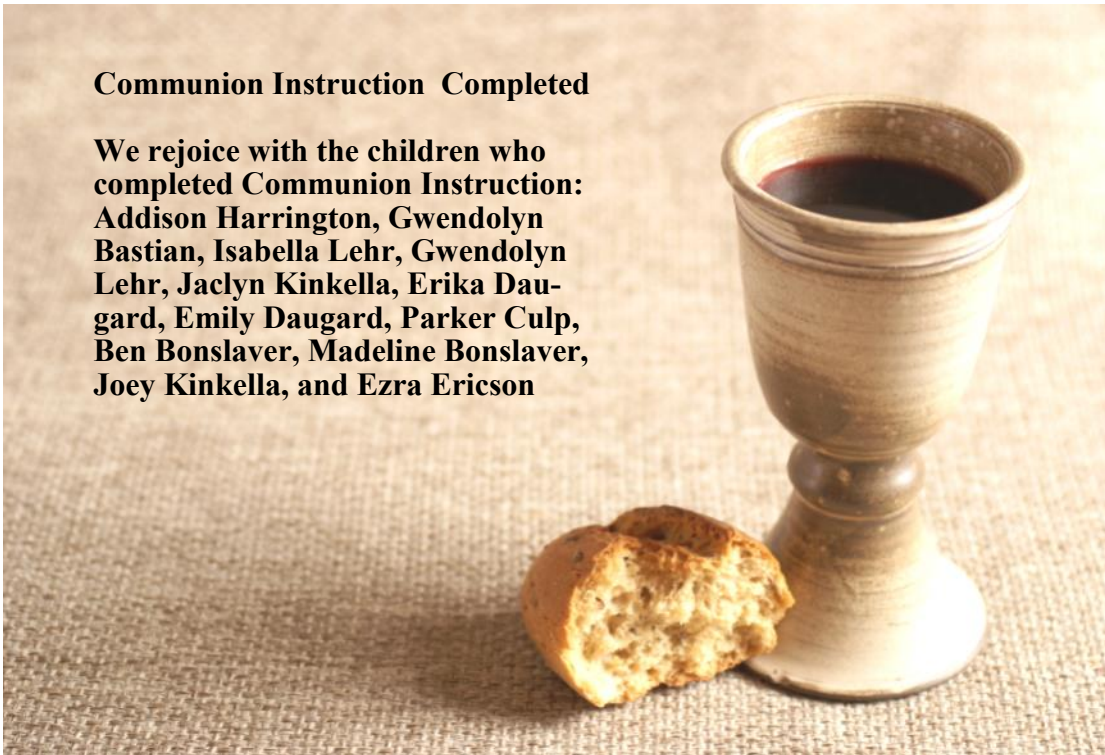
## **Preschool Open House Saturday, February 9**

On Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 AM members of our Preschool staff will be available to answer questions that you may have regarding St. Paul's Preschool and enrolling children for the fall program. We offer classes for two year olds, three year olds, and four year olds. Children must be the appropriate age by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Opportunities range from two days per week for 2 year olds, to five days per week for 4 year olds. Additionally a student can have an extended day by signing up for PM Pals. Members of St. Paul's receive a discount as do families who have two or more children enrolled. This year we will be sharing information regarding the completion of our renovations as they pertain to the preschool ministry. Families who attend the open house will see firsthand the newly renovated spaces in which classes and activities will be held. The Open House provides another way for us to reach out to our neighborhood so please share this information with others to whom it may be interest. For additional information or questions regarding the preschool please contact Mrs. Becker, Preschool Director.

preschool  
Open House

## **Communion Instruction Completed**

**We rejoice with the children who completed Communion Instruction:  
Addison Harrington, Gwendolyn Bastian, Isabella Lehr, Gwendolyn Lehr, Jaclyn Kinkella, Erika Daugard, Emily Daugard, Parker Culp, Ben Bonslaver, Madeline Bonslaver, Joey Kinkella, and Ezra Ericson**





**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.



### **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.



### **First Sunday Breakfast**

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| 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast—Christ Hall                               |
| 9:30 a.m. | Adult Class “We are Lutheran” -<br>With Pastor Reep |
| 9:30 a.m. | Children Combined Class                             |

**Friday, February 22**

**6 PM till 7:30 PM**

**Families**

**Foos Ball Friday**

**Games and Pizza at St. Paul’s**



Back by popular demand, join the families of St. Paul’s and have a fun night filled with fellowship and games. Following a pizza party there will be games for all ages including everyone’s favorite Foos Ball. Let Miss Kelly know if you would like to attend.

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## **Adults Sunday Morning 9:15-10:15 AM - 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.*



## **March 10-April 7 -Lenten Study-**

### **OUR SACRED TEXTS AND HOW WE READ THEM.**

Join Pastor William Snyder and Doctor Peter Hartman as they discuss five stories from the Bible from different perspectives. Peter will look at the texts from a Psychological Perspective and Bill will respond with a literary and theological point of view, suggesting that we all can experience holy writing from our point of view. And we will consider how the Church reads Holy Scripture from many angles. Join us to consider: The Creation and Fall, The Binding of Isaac, The Birth of Jesus, The Crucifixion, The Conversion of Saint Paul.

**40 Days of Prayer** During the 40 days of Lent: 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 March 10. Several members used this resource last fall. Some enjoyed it so much they want to do it again this Lent. 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. If you would like to be part of the 40 days of prayer then mark your calendar now for the beginning day, Sunday March 10. During the 40 days we will meet each week (day and time to be determined by the group, but one suggestion was Wednesday prior to Lenten Suppers and mid-week worship) 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. 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 or talk to Patty Snyder if you plan to participate (717-843-8155).

## **Children**

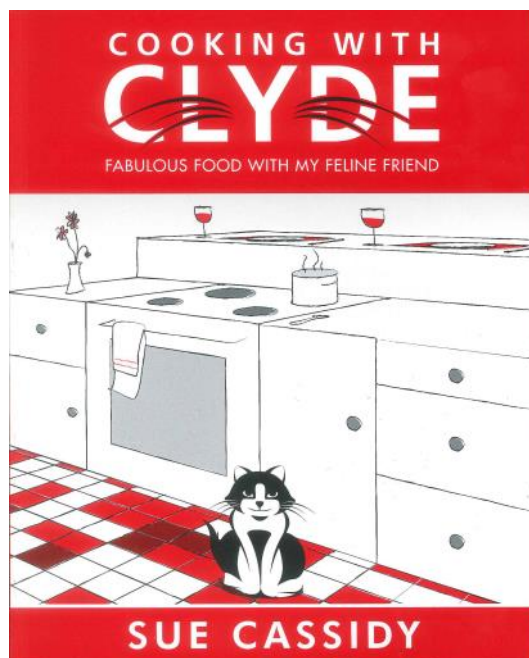
### **Sunday morning classes for children from 9:15-10:15AM, infants through grade 6**

Children in preschool through grade 2 will be hearing stories about Jesus leading up to Holy Week on April 14. The preschool class begins each week with singing time with Emily Reep. Grades 3-6 are starting a unit on Kings and Prophets from the Old Testament. Join us anytime.

**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



Classes of all ages discuss baptism on January 13,  
The Baptism of our Lord



**“COOKING WITH CLYDE”** – This is a collection of 60 years worth of cooking all within the 230 pages of this incredible cookbook. This gem was created by “Sue Welsh Cassidy” the younger sister of our own Kristine Gross. Susan loved to be in the kitchen as a child with her mother Toni Welsh, a long time member of our church and wife of Dr. John Welsh, likewise a member here for 50 plus years. Susan’s sidekick in the kitchen was her beloved cat “Clyde”, (until his demise several years ago) thus the title of the book – “Cooking With Clyde” Sue has generously given St. Paul’s a number of these books to sell with all proceeds going to our Renovation Fund. This gem that retails for \$25.95 can be yours for a mere \$20.00. They are located in the gathering space area for your inspection.

## Council Report

A significant part of the January Congregation Council meeting was devoted to organizational matters. Committee liaisons were determined, opening and closing prayer dates were selected. President Ericson presented his goals for the Council during 2019 as well as some adjustments to be made to the way Council would conduct its business.

The treasurer’s report showed very favorable results for the income side of the full year. After lagging for much of the year, envelope giving ended well above budget as a result of very good giving in December. Trust income was also above expectations. Committees kept their expenses in line with their budgets. The final results still need to be reviewed to be certain that all items have been correctly accounted for.

The Council made some decisions about its annual retreat with committee chairs. The retreat will be held at Spiritrust Lutheran Village at Sprenkle Drive in February 23. The proposed agenda was distributed and will be discussed at length at the February meeting.

Pastor Reep’s report included statistics about attendance at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services since 2005. The Christmas Eve 7 PM service had the highest attendance in decades. There has been a strong upward trend in the Christmas Eve services while Christmas Day has declined by about a third. This information will be included in a review of Christmas worship by the Worship Committee.



## 2019 Church Offering Envelopes

Church offering envelopes for the 2019 calendar year are 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.



# 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.

## **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

or email [ycltutoring@gmail.com](mailto:ycltutoring@gmail.com)

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

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

## Gift List

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. Please prayerfully consider how you can provide one or more of the items needed. Costs are estimates.

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

Monitor screens for electronic bulletin boards. 3 are needed at \$2,500 each.

Thank you for the gifts received:

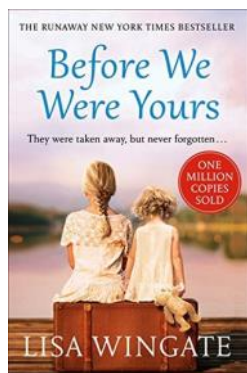
2 TVs for the Nursery and Youth Room

Window treatments for Good Shepherd Room and restroom

A dishwasher for the kitchen

A refrigerator for the Youth Room

2 ranges for the kitchenette and Pre-school kitchen



St. Paul's book club will next meet Wednesday, February 20, about noon. The book we will be discussing is *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate. It is a sad but informative story, a fairly new book and is popular at the library, so reserve a copy soon. Hope to see many of you Feb. 20!



Just a friendly reminder that deadlines are put in place to enable our staff, committees, and groups to plan events and keep you informed.

## St. Paul's Dinner Group

The Dinner Groups will be gathering March through May. 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 in the Springettsbury entrance and sign up today!



## 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.**

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**February**



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**Worship Schedule**

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