

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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May 2019
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days as announced
Education 9:15 a.m.

Wine Harvest Dinner and Art Auction **October 19, 2019 5:30 PM**

Plans are well underway for the Wine Harvest Dinner and Art Auction to be held in our newly renovated Fellowship Hall on Saturday October 19 at 5:30 PM. The Capital Campaign Committee continues seeking ways for us to narrow the gap between actual construction costs and the amount to be converted into a mortgage. The dinner and action is one such opportunity for us to raise money which will go toward the expenses associated with the upgrades to the Food Pantry ministry. This ministry is essential for many who reside in our local neighborhood.

The Food Pantry is rapidly moving to its 40th year of service to the community. Renovation costs associated with the pantry and entrance ramp were estimated at \$230,000. At this point we have received a grant of \$4,000 from the ELCA and Lower Susquehanna Synod to purchase a new commercial refrigeration unit and a new freezer unit, \$23,000 grant from the Powder Mill Foundation, and \$8,993 from 2019 Calendar sales. A quick calculation indicates that this ministry to support the York community still needs a tremendous amount of financial support.



The Harvest Dinner is being prepared by guest chef Brandon Hufnagel of The Glen Rock Mill Inn. The menu will feature locally sourced ingredients from his family farm and from farms in close proximity to Glen Rock. Each course will be complimented by a carefully selected wine. Following the dinner, winners of the silent auction items will be announced, and a live auction with paintings donated by Pastor Reep (depicted in the 2019 calendar) will ensue. It should be a delightful evening. All proceeds from the evening support the renovations for the Food Pantry. There are a limited number of tickets available. The cost per ticket for the dinner is \$100. The tickets are available from members of the Capital Campaign Committee and through the Church office. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church with "dinner" in the memo line. Tickets to the dinner and auction event supporting the work of The Food Pantry make perfect gifts for Mother's Day, Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries, or other special occasions.

Ascension Day

Thursday, May 30, 7:00 p.m.

An Ascension Day service will be held on Thursday evening May 30, at 7:00 p.m. On this day we celebrate Christ Jesus our Lord going up into heaven. This day also brings to a close the post resurrection appearances of our Lord. This is a joyous feast in the life of the Church. Please note that this is an opportunity for those who cannot attend on Sundays to receive Holy Communion and participate in the worship life of the faith community, and for those who may have missed worship on Memorial Day weekend. Be sure to join us in offering our prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God.



Confirmation May 19

On Sunday, May 19 at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy four young people will confirm their faith in Christ Jesus and assume greater responsibilities in the corporate life of the church. Kaitlyn Seydel, Ryan Butler, Alexander Hutton and Sophia Zart have completed the three year confirmation program. During the program they studied: The Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, The Apostles' Creed, and Church history with special attention on the Lutheran Reformation of the 16th Century. We pray that they will take a more active part in our life together at St. Paul's. Please be present in worship to show your support and to welcome them into the fullness of our community of faith. A reception will be held in their honor following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy.

Dogwood Tree Dedication

Sunday May 5

The Garden Club of York has provided St. Paul's Lutheran Church with a beautiful dogwood tree for our south lawn. The tree is planted in honor of our member Betsy Smith and celebrates the work, dedication, and commitment she has given to the Garden Club of York. The dedication will be held immediately following the 10:30 AM liturgy at 11:45 AM on the south lawn.



Please donate to the Letter Carrier's Food Drive, Saturday, May 11, 2019 . The food drive helps supplement the food pantries in York County. Place items in a bag at your mailbox on the morning of May 13th. The letter carriers will pick up the items and distribute to participating food banks.

*Volunteers are needed on that Saturday at 4:00 p.m. to pick up the boxes of food for our Food Pantry. Please call Teresa Rohrbaugh at 717-817-2372 if you are available to help.

Auxiliary Drive in Progress

The Annual Membership Drive of the Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran of York is being conducted during May. You are invited to become a supporting member of the Auxiliary's work with a contribution of any size.

Please make checks payable to "Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran" and give them to Jim Mummert or place in his box in the Office. Cash with a note is also welcome.

Proceeds are used to provide services to residents of the Kelly and Sprenkle Villages in York as well as other life-enhancing programs of SpiriTrust Lutheran, such as Deaf Connections, Domestic Abuse Solutions, Senior Companion Program and Touch-A-Life Program.

Council Highlights

As the finishing touches are being completed on our building's renovation, we, the church, are beginning to realize the potential we have in better serving God's people whether it be locally, nationally, or internationally. To share that potential with the community, Council has designated September 7th and 8th for our renovation celebration. Saturday, September 7th, will be an open house including tours. On Sunday, September 8th, we will have a combined service celebrating God's blessing. To make this happen, an ad hoc committee will be formed with representatives from worship, social, fellowship, property, witness, preschool, and council ministries. More information will be available in the near future. Mark your calendars now for this time of joy and celebration.



In recent months St. Paul's has had many visitors at its services. With two services it's sometimes difficult to know who is visiting our church and who may be "visiting" from the other service. So it's okay to ask when greeting an unfamiliar face. There are many factors involved in whether or not a visitor will return, but the one over which we have some control is how welcoming our church is. A smile, a handshake, and a simple question, "Are you visiting?" can make all the difference for someone seeking a spiritual home.

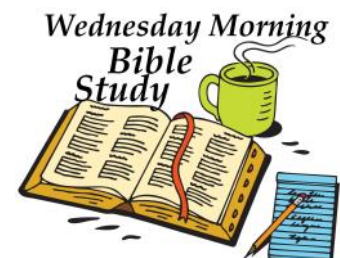
Submitted for the Church Council by Nancy Bennett

Benevolence Committee Application Process for 2019

The Benevolence Committee has posted applications for your ministry projects! Funding needed for projects to be carried out in 2019 should be received by May. Please make sure that you pick up an application (available in the narthex and on the Springettsbury bulletin board) the next time you are at church. Please start planning for a new project or think creatively about how to lend aide to an existing one! Members of the committee are: Becky Bingham, Amber Dull, and Pastor Reep.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join the Bible study group on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM in Christ Hall. We will be giving special attention to the readings for the season of Easter, especially those from Acts and Revelation. You may be surprised at how it enriches your Sunday morning worship experience. Please join us in this next season.



Adult Education Summer 2019

During the summer months our adult class plans topics that can be covered in a one Sunday session. We do this so that those who travel over a Sunday or two will not miss out on a large section of material. This year is no exception. We are putting together a lively and thought provoking array of subjects. Leaders of the class will vary week to week. Topics to be discussed will vary too. What will remain the same is the meeting time from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. each Sunday and we will meet in Christ Hall. Watch the Bulletin Board, the Sunday Bulletin and the June newsletter for the summer schedule!



Children's Weekly Bulletins are provided every week for your child and family at the same place you pick up your adult bulletin. These bulletins are designed to help children understand the Bible readings that are heard during church each week. Use them as talking points during the week and as part of your family prayer time at bed time or meal time. You are your child's chief Christian Education leader. Enjoy the walk together in faith.

Vacation Bible School: Who Is My Neighbor? Monday, June 17-Thursday June 20, 9:00-11:30 AM
Children ages 2 1/2 (3 by September 1) through 6th grade, mark your calendars NOW . During this fun filled week participants will learn about how God loves them and how we can thank Him by helping others locally and around the world. Several service projects are being planned. We are looking for volunteers to teach, decorate, provide and serve snacks, oversee crafts, and other activities. Talk with Kathryn Garber, Nicki Herdson or Patty Snyder if available to help.

VBS 2019

Monday, June 17 – Thursday, June 20
9 AM – 11:30 AM

for children going into a 3 year old
class in September, through those
going into grade 6.*

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Call 717-843-8155 for more
information.



Registration Form

(please print)

Name _____
Address _____
Church Affiliation _____ Is your child baptized? _____
Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Phone # _____
Allergies _____
Special Needs _____
Grade that child is going into in the fall _____
I would love to help. My name is _____

Please register by Sunday, June 2

Registrations also accepted by email – st.paulsyork@comcast.net

A Parent or Guardian must accompany child every morning at 9 AM for sign in at Springettsbury Avenue entrance and must pick child up at 11:30 AM in the Church Nave.

*5th and 6th graders may choose to help with a younger class or participate in special activities for their age group.

SERRV Spring Sale Sunday May 5th!

The Social Ministry Committee has arranged for a SERRV spring sale at St. Paul's. SERRV is an independent Christian organization that partners with artisans from developing nations and who sell their creations through SERRV. This arrangement enables artisans to become self-sufficient and to support their families.

There are a variety of items included for this event (spring and garden, lovely Mother's Day gifts, etc.). They will be available for sale on Sunday May 5th following both services but especially so from 9 –10:15 AM at which time breakfast items will be provided making for a delightful time for us to strengthen relationships and become better acquainted. There will also be shopping times on Monday and Tuesday mornings on May 6th and 7th from 9:00 –10:00 AM. So plan to attend now and purchase some unique gifts while supporting artisans from around the globe.

All proceeds made by St. Paul's from this sale will be donated to Lutheran World Relief.



The first photography sessions for the new directory are coming up soon! If you haven't signed up to have your portrait taken, please do so as soon as possible. We would love to see all of your smiling faces in our new directory. Palm Sunday we spoke with a family and their baby is due the first week of May. What a wonderful opportunity for them to receive a free 8X10 family portrait with their new daughter and for all of us to see that infant and her family in our new directory and what about the new members we received on Palm Sunday. Timeless memories!



Each family photographed will receive **a free 8X10 and a free Community Book/Directory**. All it will cost you is approximately an hour of your time. There is no obligation to purchase additional photos. If you do decide on additional photographs, the following discounts are available: \$5 if you bring in non-perishable items for St. Paul's Pantry, \$10 off if you give Lifetouch your email address so that they can contact you in the future, and a 20% discount for Seniors, Military, and first responders, plus you will receive a \$30 off coupon to be used on Shutterfly.com. A price list for additional portraits can be found in the Springettsbury vestibule and Patee has additional copies in the office. We also have friends and family cards if you know of someone who would be interested in having their portrait taken. They would not be in our directory but would receive a free 8X10 and the discounts shown above.

A member site has been set up for you to sign up online to be photographed – <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ypgt5bgv/> or you can sign on to our webpage: stpaulsyork.org and click on the Calendar Menu and then on the Lifetouch Scheduling and click on the above link which is in red and it will take you directly to our signup pages.

The dates and times the photographers will be here are:

Friday, 5/17/19 – 2-9 p.m.

Saturday, 5/18/19 – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday, 5/22 & 5/23 – 2-9 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday, 6/10-6/11 – 2-9:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, are having problems signing on, or don't have access to a computer to schedule an appointment, please contact Earline Jones at 717-880-5208 or see her 5/5 or 5/12 between services or after the 10:30 service in the Good Shepherd Gathering area.



Top to bottom: Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Service, Easter Children's Sermon Easter Service, Vigil Service, Vigil Baptisms





Up-Coming Events May – December

St. Paul's Committees began 2019 with a wide variety of plans to strengthen Worship, Fellowship, Community Outreach, and Global Awareness. We need everyone to take part in some if not all of these events. We extend our thanks and appreciation to our committee leadership for the vibrant witness of our faith community. Kindly add these events to your calendar.

SERRV Spring Sale following worship May 5th at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Dedication of Dogwood Tree in honor of Betsy Smith, presented by the Garden Club of York, May 5, 11:45 AM on our South Lawn
Pictorial Directory, Photography May 17, 18, 22, & 23
Confirmation Banquet, Saturday May 18, 6:00 PM
Rite of Confirmation, Sunday May 19, 10:30 AM liturgy
Ascension Day Service, Thursday May 30, 7:00 PM
Pentecost Sunday, June 9
Church Picnic, June 12, 5:30 PM, Kain Park
Vacation Bible School, June 17-20
Open House, tours of St. Paul's newly renovated facilities, Saturday September 7
Rededication Service and Celebration, Sunday September 8, Combined liturgy 9:15AM
Stewardship Sunday, October 6, The Rev. David Bowman, Preaching 10:30 AM
Education Now/529 planning, Tuesday October 15 at 6:00 PM
Local Harvest Wine Dinner & Auction, Saturday October 19, 5:30 PM
Wills and Trusts, Sunday October 20 at 3:00 PM
Reformation Sunday, October 27
All Saints Sunday (remembrance of the blessed dead), November 3
Preschool Recognition Sunday, November 10
Annual Meeting and Dinner, November 17
Christ the King, Sunday November 24
Advent begins, Sunday December 1
Deliver cookies for the Cookie Walk, Saturday December 7
Annual Cookie Walk, Sunday December 8, supports missions in Tanzania
Fourth Sunday in Advent, *The Ringing in of Christmas*, December 22 at 10:30 AM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services (identical) Tuesday December 24 at 7:00 & 9:00 PM
Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25 at 10:30 AM

We would like to express sincere thanks for all the lovely birthday cards and wishes. A milestone birthday was made special with memories to cherish by so many friends!

Also, our church family was there for us with prayers, cards, phone calls, and offers for help while we were recovering this past month.

Thank you with all our hearts for caring and sharing.

We are indeed blessed to have so many friends in our faith community.

Blessings,

Orven and Anna Mae Cook

GARDEN OF MEMORY- It is now nearly eleven 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 fourteen 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.

Food Pantry May 2019

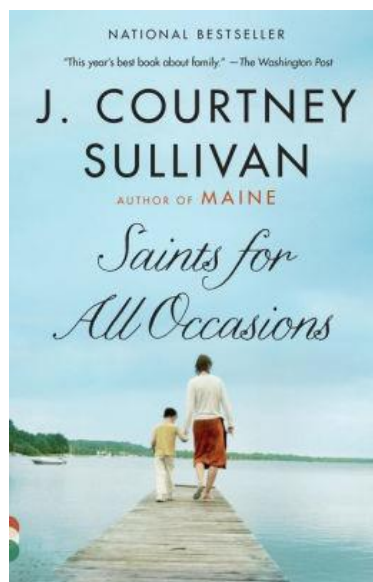
Items needed: Juice, boxes of potatoes and rice products, soup and jelly. We need volunteers to sub on Tuesdays mornings. Please contact Teresa Rohrbaugh if you are able to help in this way. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed



**Deadline for June
newsletter is
May 15th**



St. Paul's book club will be reading *Saints for All Occasions*, by J. Courtney Sullivan, when it meets Wednesday, May 15, about noon. It is a novel about a family struggling with secrets that are threatening to keep family members from discovering the meaning of life. Our discussions may help all of us ponder the questions the family faces. All are welcome to bring a sandwich and join the discussion

Young Adults needed to email mission partners in Tanzania

We are seeking young adults, persons in their 20s and 30s to reach out to individuals in the same age category who are members of our sister congregation, Mpuguso Lutheran Church, Tanzania. Last month a rather large article appeared in the *Our Church* about trying to make connections and deepen global understanding. If you are interested in this type of mission work, please contact our church office for the name and email address of a sister or brother in faith who desires to communicate with a fellow Lutheran in the US.

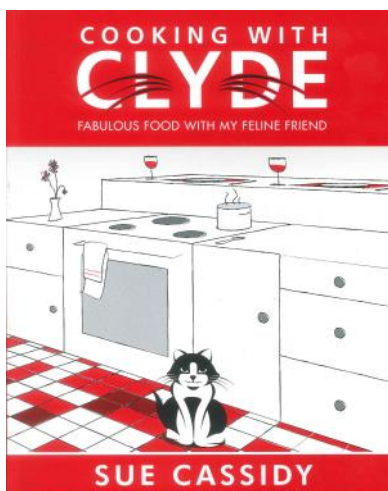


Our Church in the mail and email too!

Beginning last month and continuing forward we will send our newsletter in two forms. You will continue to receive your print copy through the USPS but we will send it out through email to everyone for whom we have current addresses. The electronic version will come to you in full color. It will also allow you to view it while waiting for Doctor's appointments, children to finish sports practice or music lessons, or while you are waiting to meet a friend for coffee or a colleague for work. Knowing that it is in your "in box" may make it more accessible for you. Our hope is that we can increase readership. The newsletter is filled with important information about our faith community. There are many opportunities for worship, service, fellowship and learning that seem to be overlooked. Teaching God's love is a central component of our life together. Being informed about opportunities at St. Paul's is sure to help us live more fully into our mission.

Available Altar Flower Dates

Thank you for the generous gift of flowers for our chancel. Because of your thoughtfulness the chancel was transformed to a beautiful garden for our Easter celebration. In these weeks of Eastertide we rejoice at the many special occasions of joy and gladness for which flowers are provided. But we are also aware of days that bring with them sadness and loss. In our community of faith we remember all of them. If you would like to contribute flowers in memory or in celebration simply sign up on the Springettsbury bulletin board or contact the church office to secure a date. At this printing dates available are: May 12 & 26, June 16 & 23, July 14 & 28, and August 4, 11, & 18. Once again thank you for the beautiful gift of flowers for the chancel.



“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.

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Worship Schedule

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