

# Our Church

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**July & August 2019**  
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Days as announced

## Worship during the summer

During the month of July we will be using musical setting #6 from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. This jazz setting has a relaxed feel to it and allows the liturgical texts to speak to us with a renewed freshness. We will no doubt hear more of the piano and less of the organ. With this more contemporary musical style we will also utilize the version of the *Our Father* that is compatible with contemporary English usage. It may trip us up for a few weeks but soon enough it will become familiar to us and will also help us to hear with freshness the words our Lord taught his followers. Our summer worship bulletin has been designed to be used for a six week period. The hymns and Psalm will be announced as well as be listed with the weekly announcements and positioned on the hymn number boards at the front of the church nave. By re-using the service portion during a six week period we can reduce paper usage, printing costs, and be better stewards of what has been entrusted to us. The exterior cover can be taken home so that you have all the announcements, the readings for the up-coming Sunday and the parish prayer list. The portion that provides the confession, liturgical music and Eucharistic Prayer will be returned to the ushers and placed in the square baskets for use the next Sunday. We hope that the benefits may indeed outweigh any inconvenience. We thank you in advance for your patience as we seek ways to equip you for worship and be cognizant of our stewardship.



## Last Round Up

### Saturday July 27

The Property Committee invites you to join in one last round up associated with the construction renovation and renewal of St. Paul's. There remain many items that are no longer serviceable for our congregation. The items are all being corralled on the lower level hallway so that on Saturday July 27 they can be taken out to a dumpster situated by the newly installed pantry ramp. Yes, this time there will not be stairs to traverse! The group is gathering at 8:00 AM and anticipates the work to be accomplished in about one hour. With this task behind us we can hone in on preparations for the Open House scheduled for Saturday September 7.





## Supporting the Church

### It is good for you and the neighborhood

Earlier this year the Wall Street Journal printed an editorial on the importance of houses of worship in your community. The author was persuasive in his argument for providing financial support to religious establishments regardless of one's personal faith conviction or tradition or participation. The article focused on the benefits provided for residents. Even if you never darken the doors it is important to support your neighborhood house of worship. Do this now because of what the faith community is doing in and among and for the community and for your real estate value. When church doors close, blight is not far behind. When church doors are open, neighborhoods remain viable.

The persuasive nature of the article caused my own thoughts to be turned towards St. Paul's and our most recent undertaking in renewal of our aging infrastructure. What a blessing to be in a position to keep our doors open, and not just on Sunday morning for an hour or two. Thanks to the diligent work of the various groups of members, who planned and gave shape to our renewal for the building, it seems we are limited only by our own theological reflection and creative thinking as to who and for whom and for what our doors will be open.

Our primary focus as a congregation remains firmly rooted in the Sunday assembly as we gather to hear the word proclaimed and receive the sacrament of the Altar. There remain hundreds of people for whom such good news centers their lives. Perhaps you are one of them. Christmas services last year welcomed worshipers whose numbers exceeded not just recent memory, but the data recorded by our ushers for decades! Easter attendance was robust as we proclaimed joyfully the resurrection of our Lord. Preschool classes were filled. Baptisms, first Communions and confirmations have been celebrated. There are children present for Children's sermons at both liturgies. The congregation has children participating in the choir and youth programs. As I write this article the building is a buzz with the sounds of active children participating in Vacation Bible School with the theme "Who is my Neighbor." Weddings are once again being scheduled in our beautiful and fully accessible church nave. We have hosted York College of Pennsylvania for several musical events and more are being planned for the up-coming year. This is all so overwhelmingly positive. The congregation has positioned itself for ministry now and to the next generation of believers and worshipers at St. Paul's.

While there are so many hopeful positive things, I am also very much aware of those for whom the renovations have been painful and troublesome. There is lament over altering the appearance of our worship space, and the changes associated with creating spaces to accommodate the physical needs of worshipers and those utilizing our building in these current days. I am aware of neighbors who don't know how St. Paul's ministry impacts those around us by providing food for those daily struggling with food insecurity, by providing quality early childhood education at a reasonable cost, by housing AA Fellowship groups, Boy Scouts, and making space for adoption and foster care educational programming and family support. I wish I knew what questions to ask, what areas of concern need to be addressed, what can be done in order to bring the entire St. Paul's congregation together in support of our church and her mission to *Teach the World that God is Love*. Perhaps as you read this you know what can be done to bring everyone on board so that the congregation's mission and the financial support needed to address renovation expenses can both be met.

The potential for us to reach our goal is possible. Pastor Renee's feasibility study and her full report to the congregation indicated that we have the capability to make this happen. The desire to give, the desire to support the work and mission of the congregation, and the desire to hand the physical plant and financial resources to maintain it to the next generation is a choice. Like all choices there are consequences associated with the choices that you and I make. Many among us are seeking out ways for us to narrow the gap between

the construction loan amount (3.6 million) and a mortgage (2 million); they are seeking ways to press on to the calling that is ours in Christ Jesus. St. Paul's ministry to the community is important. I continue to say "Thank you" to all who have chosen to give for the renewal of this house of worship. Because of you our doors remain open, not just for ourselves, but for the community to which we are called to teach and share God's love. Generous love made known through the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

In love and service to our Lord,

Pastor Reep

### Council Highlights

Council Highlights, June 10, 2019

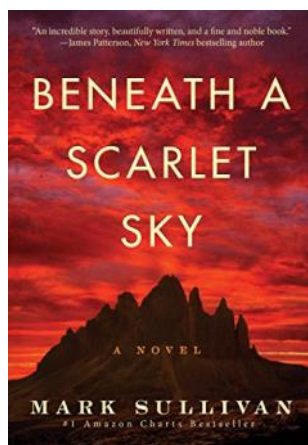
- Highlighted the upcoming Church Picnic at Kain Park, June 12th and Bible School June 17th (48 children enrolled)
- Were encouraged to welcome new members and visitors.
- Heard the treasurers' Report
- Encouraged to brainstorm ideas to help to keep Capital Campaign gifts coming.
- Learned about plans for the End of Renovation Celebration to be held September 7 and 8.
- Made plans for our midyear Council Retreat to be held Saturday, June 22
- Voted to approve two Preschool fundraisers for the 2019-2010 school year.
- Pastor Reep reported on Synod Assembly where Bishop Dunlop was elected for another 6 year term. Pastor Reep was installed for a four year term as Dean of the York Conference.

Submitted by Patty Snyder



### Council Gathers for Half Year Retreat

On Saturday July 13 the congregation council is gathering for a half year retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to allow the council the opportunity to move away from the regular business of the congregation and to focus on longer range plans or special projects. At this year's retreat part of the time will be given over to finalizing the plans for our Open House and Re-Dedication Service scheduled for September 7 & 8. While a special group has gathered to plan and prepare for these significant events in the life of our congregation, the council will be able to direct their attention to the matters at hand. Please keep our council leaders in prayer as they work to strengthen our faith community and plan for our future life together as we proclaim God's love to the world.



St. Paul's book club will next meet Wednesday, September 18, about noon or after Bible study concludes. The book we will be discussing is *Beneath A Scarlet Sky*, by Mark T. Sullivan. It is a book several of us have already been reading and enjoying, and we look forward to discussing it as a group. All are welcome to bring a sandwich and join in!



**Deadline for  
September newsletter  
is  
August 15th**

**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.



**The Witness Committee** thanks everyone who took time from their busy schedules and had pictures taken for our new directory and brought in items for St. Paul' Food Pantry! The turnout wasn't what we had anticipated but we had roughly 100-110 families participate. We will let you know when the new directories are received. Members who had their pictures taken or submitted a photo will receive a free copy of the new directory.

**Thanks for a wonderful Church Picnic!** A huge thank-you goes out to everyone who helped to make the Church Picnic a success. Games, Food and Fun made for a perfect evening. There was so much energy and excitement as the children played together, ate together, and prayed together. Thanks to Amelia and Pastor Reep for providing songs and prayers at the conclusion of the evening.

### **Rededication Festival Choir Your Voice is needed**

In preparation for the rededication on Sunday September 8 we are forming a Festival Choir to sing for the combined liturgy. We would like as many choir members as possible to sing for this momentous occasion. Those willing to participate in the Festival Choir are asked to sign up as soon as possible so that Victor Fields, our organist and choir director, can select music appropriate for the size and voice configuration of the group. Clip boards will be circulated through the congregation on Sunday mornings and will remain on the bulletin board by the elevator and at the Springettsbury entrance throughout the week. Rehearsals will be held during the month of August from 9:30 to 10:15 AM on Sunday and on Thursday August 29 and September 5 at 7:30 PM in the Music Room located on the main level. Please plan to take part in the Festival Choir as we give praise to God for this glorious occasion in the life of our faith community.

### **Acts 16:6-10 Vision, Request, Plea**

"During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'" This part of Paul's missionary journey serves as the catalyst for our stewardship campaign *Spirit of Gratitude and Generosity* scheduled for Sunday October 6. There are three distinct components to the biblical text; the vision, the request, and the plea for help. At the 10:30 AM liturgy the Rev. David Bowman, former intern/vicar at St. Paul's, will return as the guest preacher for the day. We are delighted to welcome Pastor Bowman back into our fellowship as we gather to make concrete and specific our response to God's vision for us, God's request of us, and God's plea for helping those in need. These three themes are the preaching points Pastor Reep is preparing for the preceding Sunday mornings in September. In preparation for our fall campaign please read the text from Acts, be in prayer for our congregation, our leaders and the mission to which God is calling us. May you be filled with a spirit of gratitude and generosity as you prepare to make your financial commitment to St. Paul's on Sunday October 6th.



# Memories of



I had an eagle's eye view of VBS this week as I worked in the front office. I saw all the comings and goings of the itty-bittys as they were dropped off and picked up. These kids loved every minute of it! All the teachers and helpers deserve a thank-you for all the work they put in and for the wonderful memories they created.

Here are a few memories from the congregation about their time at VBS.

Hello! My favorite part was by far the crafts...popsicle sticks always bring back fond memories...A close second for me was always being given a Bible verse to memorize! Those verses have stuck with me for over

50 years!!! - Thanks, Sharon Diaczun

My favorite memory as a kid was simply walking across the street for VBS. I always knew there were plenty of games, crafts, and most importantly snacks. Some years VBS was the highlight of my summer. I also fondly remember Linda Turner always being there to care of all of us kids. She was the sweetest. - Aaron Jacobs

It's been a very long time but I recall only 3 things: Playing whiffle ball, coming inside for fruit punch and cookies and then singing and dancing to Father Abraham had 7 sons. - Scott Herdson

My favorite thing to do when I was in VBS was going to see the garden and walking through the labyrinth. I also loved to sing the songs and make new friends! - Katherine Hutton

Sad to say...I did not grow up with Bible School! But as a youth and adult, my favorite part of camp was always the singing! - Patty Snyder

I never did VBS as a child, but Henry liked playing with his friends this week, and also enjoyed singing songs, doing crafts, and playing games. Thanks! - Kathryn Garber

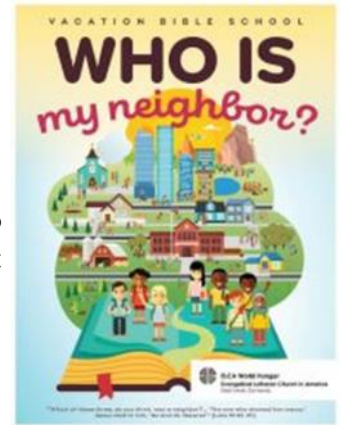
Finger jello. Hands down! I don't see much up here but in the Nebraska area EVERY Lutheran church serves finger Jell-O to the VBS students. It's cool and wiggly and we never had it in our house so it was always something I look forward to annually at VBS. It is still served in my home churches in central NE. - Tina Llorente

I was brought up Catholic so no VBS for me except for one memorable summer. My mother decided to take my brother and I to VBS for one week at a local church. Every day, the car ride to the church would be filled with anticipation of what would happen at VBS. I remember the fruit punch and cookies, and quiet time when we would all just sit and contemplate the life of a 5 year-old for a few minutes. But what I remember most is a craft we did on a paper-size piece of burlap. We fringed the edges and glued a picture of Jesus on one-half of the fabric and pictures of children's faces with different nationalities on the other. To this day I can see it clear as day in my head. When I think back to that week, I can honestly say that it was the first time Jesus became very real to me.—Patee Pizzirusso

VBS was a two week enterprise in my small western PA village. I was part of a two point parish. A school bus provided transportation to the host church. A big tent was set up on the side yard. The tent housed the older kids. Fruit punch, homemade cookies, super cool crafts, songs on the bus and in the church and playing Red Rover in the church cemetery.—Stan Reep

Prayers are answered! Back in the days, during the 70's, when VBS was a two weeks long, I was the coordinator for several years. We always had a full roster of teachers and helpers for the first week but very sketchy for the second week. And you know what? Our prayers were answered and that last week was fully staffed with knowledgeable, fun loving volunteers. A wonderful experience for all -for students and helpers! - Sylvia Little

**Who Is My Neighbor?** was the question heard throughout St. Paul's during Bible School in mid June. We had 50 children participating and 24 adults and 7 youth helping. During the week the children learned that God loves everyone and that we love our neighbors next door, around our town, and around the world. They visited the food pantry and collected food to share with hungry people. They prepared 100 backpacks for children who visit the food pantry. They learned firsthand from Joe Moyer and Pastor Judy McKee what life is like in our sister congregation Mpguso Lutheran Church in Tanzania. They prepared hygiene kits to be given to students at Jackson School, down the street from our church. Thank you to all the volunteers, the special visitors who shared about the ministries we serve and to all the children for a wonderful week.









## **Up-Coming Events July – 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.

Last Round-up, Saturday, July 27, 8:00 a.m.

Housecleaning for Open House, Saturday August 24, 7:30 a.m. coffee, 8:00 a.m. start

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

## **Music and Art at St. Paul's**



**PreK-Grade 1 - 6:00-6:30 music w/Mrs. Reep**

**6:30 art w/Miss Kelly**

**Grade 2-6 - 6:00-6:30 art w/Miss Kelly**

**6:30-7:15 Handbells, drums, and songs w/Mrs. Reep**

**Classes for the 2019-2020 will be held each Tuesday, beginning September**



## Make it a Sudsy Summer!

During the months of July and August we will be collecting dishwashing liquid and liquid laundry detergent. We are asking that you bring in a small size bottle because we want to provide these items to our pantry clients. Now that we are in our permanent home we have room and space to store the liquid soap. Many of our clients walk so a large size, while it may be the bargain, is not a bargain if you cannot get it to the laundromat or carry it home! These are things that many of us never have to think about. So while you are shopping, please consider donating a small bottle of liquid dish soap or laundry detergent. Liquid soap may be placed in the large basket in front of the altar. Thank you.

### Food Pantry—Summer

**Items needed:** Rice, jelly, pasta side dishes, and fruit juice.

We need volunteers to sub on Tuesdays mornings to cover for those on vacations. 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

### Available Altar Flower Dates

Thank you for the generous gift of flowers for our chancel. There are also many special occasions of joy and gladness for which flowers can be provided. 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: July 7, 14, 21, & 28, and August 4, 11, & 18. Once again thank you for the beautiful gift of flowers for the chancel.

**Tickets are on Sale Now  
for the October 19  
Wine Harvest Dinner  
and Art Auction**



The dinner and auction is a time for us to gather for fun and fellowship and support the Food Pantry ministry at St. Paul's. This ministry is essential for many who reside in our local neighborhood. The Food Pantry is rapidly moving to its 40<sup>th</sup> year of service to the community.

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 Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries, or other special occasions.

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**Worship Schedule**

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