

Our Church

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

Consecration Sunday, October 6 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Spirit of Gratitude and Generosity

Rev. David Bowman, guest Preacher

⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. - Acts 16:6-10



It all started with the vision Paul experienced of the man from Macedonia. The man in his vision was beckoning him to come over to Macedonia and help them. Because of his willingness to respond to God's call, Paul began ministry with and for people living in what we know today as Eastern Europe. It is through this journey to Macedonia that the message of Christ Jesus and his love is extended to us. Paul responded to the vision by making the missionary journey to a land that was foreign to him, but one to which he was truly called. This story is recorded in the 16th chapter of the book of Acts.

It is in the spirit of this story that we embarked on our stewardship campaign. We identified the grace bestowed upon us, the riches of Christ's forgiving love, and the power of his Spirit among us. It is what has led us and sustained us through our 183 year history and most recently through our renovation of our church building. Now we are journeying into a new land, a completed renovation project, preparing to assume a mortgage, and praying for renewed participation and vision for our congregation. We asked for you to share your vision for our congregation as part of this campaign with your brightly colored Post-It notes placed on the glass wall. We asked you to pray for those with whom we partner in ministry. We asked for you to consider requests for help and discern which ones are of God. All of this prayer, reflection, and discernment ultimately lead us to greater commitment to God, our neighbor, and to our faith community through which we are equipped for praise of God and service to neighbor.

Consecration Sunday will be held on October 6th with the Rev. David Bowman, former St. Paul's seminary intern (2010-2011), as our guest preacher at both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM liturgies. Pledges for the 2020 year will be received during the offertory procession. A celebration coffee hour will follow the 8:00 AM Liturgy in the Good Shepherd Room and a celebration luncheon will follow the 10:30 AM liturgy in the Fellowship Hall. The luncheon menu consists of Vegetarian Paella, Chicken Breast marinated in Greek Gazebo, Green Salad, Green Beans, Red Skin Potatoes, a dinner roll and for dessert, Pumpkin Bars and Brownies! Please sign up for the luncheon. We are delighted to welcome Pastor Bowman to St. Paul's and eagerly await his proclamation as he announces God's abundant and generous grace to us. May we always rejoice at opportunity to share in the ministry of the saints, hearing God's call and responding to it in a spirit of gratitude and generosity.

Harvest Wine Dinner and Auction Saturday, October 19, 5:30 PM

This event is the first of its kind at St. Paul's. The meal is being prepared by Brandon Hufnagel, chef of the Glen Rock Mill Inn. The menu features locally sourced ingredients from his family farm and from other farms in the Glen Rock area. Each course features a carefully selected wine to enhance the flavor of the food. This is a five course meal designed to take us through the evening.



Upon arrival at 5:30 PM in the Good Shepherd Room, there will be a harvest table of delicious appetizers. While conversing with friends and making new acquaintances a table displaying a variety of silent auction items available for bid. Items include: Dinner for 2 and overnight accommodation at the Glen Rock Mill Inn, an autographed football, a spa basket, a Maryland Wine basket, Weeks' Vacation to Chincoteague Island, Painting of a room in your house, Winter Dinner for 8, Memory Quilt, Garden Ornament, Mulch delivered, Travel Cooler. Additionally it will be the first opportunity to purchase the new 2020 Calendar *Italian Holiday*.

Moving to the Fellowship Hall you can view the 13 original paintings donated by Pastor Reep. They will provide the excitement and entertainment as they are auctioned off following the main course and before dessert is served. The auctioneer is our own Larry Gross. For those who attended fund raisers for the National Youth Gathering in past years, Larry has a gift for lifting our spirits and lightening our wallets in support of the designated ministry project. We are sure that this year will not disappoint. If you cannot attend the event but wish to place a bid, simply write your name, telephone number, the month's image, and the dollar amount of your bid and submit it to the church office before October 18 so that we have all bids prior to the day of the auction.

The evening will conclude with dessert. There will be happy owners of original art. Thrilled bidders who acquired silent auction items and some disappointed folks whose generosity was out matched by others. But everyone will leave with a shared knowledge that the event generated interest in the Food Pantry ministry, the congregation's outreach, and finances in support of the Food Pantry renovation.

Mpuguso Committee

We are excited to hear from Tanzania! Elisha sent a letter of thanks for our sponsorship of two evangelists in the Mpuguso sister congregation. The evangelists help in Tanzania go to sub-parishes that are 25-30 miles away because many cannot travel to the main church weekly. You can see how they are used in his thank-you note:

“We continue to heartily thank you for your current scholarship initiatives for our two youngsters, Emmanuel Sanga and Christina kipande and those at our Diocese Head Office including Meshack's daughter, Ansajiye. Our two evangelist students have proved a great help to Pastor Mbilinyi in leading Sunday services when he is away on his directorate's duties. They also help Sunday school teachers to teach our kids. An additional credit goes to Emmanuel, who during his entire holiday led all Sunday services at our sub-parish, Nsongola”.

Christian Education News

Classes begin for adults and children 9:15-10:15 AM each Sunday

Children—We have begun our year of learning together in Sunday School. We are delighted to welcome new students to our classes.

We are spending the fall meeting Old Testament Heroes and learning how God is always with them.

The Infants through Pre-K children continue to play, sing, and learn about Bible Heroes. Parents should accompany children younger than age 2.

Youth Grades 5, 6, & 7—Join us in the Youth Room on the upper level. Miss Kelly is the lead teacher and has worked with Pastor Reep developing the curriculum. Please bring your Bible with you when you come!

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.

Adult Faith Formation Fall 2019

Sunday at St. Paul's – 9:15 AM

We continue with our two options for adult education through the end of the October. The first option is a study of the book *October 31, 1517* written by Martin E. Marty. The class is exploring the events leading up to the Reformation of the 16th century and the aftermath. The class is held on the Main Level in Christ Hall with Jim Kapoun leading the class. Copies of the book are still available in the Good Shepherd Room for those who plan to attend and want to begin reading the text. The second option is a class exploring the events leading up to the formation of St. Paul's congregation in 1836 and the aftermath. The class is held on the Lower Level Community Room #4 with Pastor Reep leading. This class also serves as a new member class for anyone wishing to unit with our faith community on Reformation Sunday, October 27. You need not attend of the classes in order to become a member of the congregation. The remaining schedule is as follows:

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| October 6 | October 1517: Change of Heart & Diversity
St. Paul's, Chief Sacraments |
| October 13 | October 1517; Reconciled & Sacraments
St. Paul's; key leaders |
| October 20 | October 1517; Can One Day Change the World?
St. Paul's, Extending God's Embrace |
| October 27 | Reformation Breakfast begins at 9:00 AM – Fellowship Hall
Join in fellowship as we welcome new members & reconnect with friends |

Small Groups for Bible Study and Devotional Reflection

Are you interested in meeting with a small group of people to discuss a book of the Bible or to share thoughts about daily devotions and prayer? One group is currently sharing thoughts on the readings from "Christ In Our Home." This group decided to do this electronically instead of meeting in person. This way each person can write their thoughts at the time that works best for them. One person does their daily devotions first thing in the morning. Another person does it before going to bed. "This has been a great support for me as I read and pray each day. I get to hear other perspectives on the reading, I am challenged to keep up my daily devotions, and forgiven when I skip a few days. We also share personal challenges and pray for each other during the day." If you are interested talk with Patty Snyder or Pastor Reep about possible ways to get started.

529 Planning -Parents preparing now for education financial needs

On Tuesday October 15 Mr. Ron Louder will lead a session for parents on the importance of planning for the future educational needs of their children. One mechanism that he will address is 529 plans. He will provide an overview of products to assist in this important financial aspect of life. The group will meet in Christ Hall from 6:00 – 7:15 PM. This is an information session only. Please plan to join us.



School started in September and is off to a good start. Some parents attended a coffee hour to “Weep and Rejoice” in the start of a new year and to get to know other parents. The preschool has started a new Friday class for four-year-olds and 9 students attended so far. The preschool also offers an afternoon program called PM Pals and enrollment is high. Later this month we will be talking about the fall season and apples. The children have already begun to attend chapel on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

York Conference of Lutherans

Working Together to Support the Mission of Christ’s Church

The York Conference of Lutherans Tutoring Program is seeking volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with students on Monday or Tuesday evenings during the upcoming school year! Tutors need not be teachers, or even have a degree. We need people who are willing to assist elementary grade students with homework, read with them, help them learn spelling, math facts, etc. There is also time for fellowship, playing games, sharing a snack, and just being a positive role model for these wonderful young people. We welcome tutors of ages 15 and up! If you like young people and want to make a difference in the life of a young person, then this is for you!!! Tutors must apply for clearances, but there is no charge to you as a volunteer. Can’t commit every week? We always need substitutes!



Tutoring takes place on Mondays at Christ Lutheran Church, 29 S. George St., and Tuesdays at Union Lutheran, 408 W. Market St. Contact Shari Young at ycltutoring@gmail.com or 717-586-9310 for more information.

The Witness Committee will be hosting their **annual Autumn Luncheon** for members and their guests 55+ on **Thursday, October 24**. There will be a simple worship service in the Nave at 11:30 followed by lunch at 12:00 in Christ Hall. We are changing the menu from sandwiches to an assortment of homemade casseroles, salad, and yummy fall desserts and we can’t send you home without some laughter and trivia! Being together in worship draws us more deeply together as a family of faith. Being together in fellowship lifts our spirits and helps us remember things past and rejoice for things yet to come.



Fall Luncheon

In addition to the faces we usually see at the luncheon, we are hoping to see some new faces. Deadline to sign up is October 20. A signup will be circulated October 6, 13 & 20 during the service for you to sign up or you can call Patee at 717-843-8155. If you are in need of transportation, please notify any of the committee members or simply call Patee so that we can make arrangements for you to participate.

Food Pantry—October



Items needed: Soup, jelly, rice, canned vegetables (carrots, beets, Lima beans)

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”.

Council Highlights

The Congregational Council met for its monthly meeting on Monday, September 9th. Much of the meeting focused on wrestling with questions about how we enter into a new phase of faith and life at St. Paul's. Now that we have amazing renovated facilities, we are engaged in discussion about how we can use them for the good of the community and parish while being good stewards of these resources. We continue forming a draft building use policy, work to prioritize capital projects, discuss events in the building, and recognize the need for updated evacuation planning.



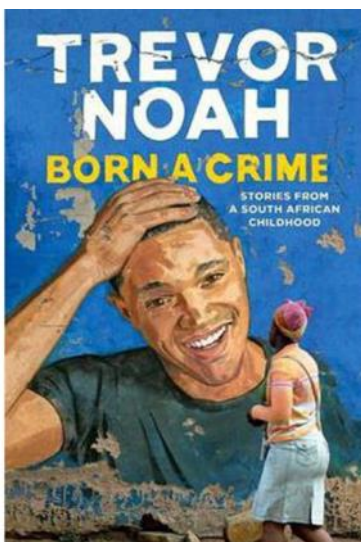
At this time of year, as always, we are also discussing next year's budget, nominations for committees in 2020, and our Annual Meeting.

Council also reviewed our celebration weekend. Around 170 people attended the Sunday brunch, which demonstrates continued excitement within the congregation for the future of St. Paul's Church. We will continue our prayerful efforts to live into our new spaces, serve the community with cheerfulness, and be good stewards of our resources. Many thanks to everyone who attended the brunch, and we hope all St. Paul's members will help us look forward to new opportunities while we stay rooted in our Lutheran tradition. Council also thanks the Fellowship Committee for their hospitality and everyone who donated to our "staff gift." We have a wonderful staff who can't be thanked enough, but your donations did total \$3710, or \$412 for each of our nine staff members. Peace, Tristan Ericson, Council President

Preparing a Will

October 20, 3:00 p.m.

We are offering a gift to you, the gift of preparing a will. It is a gift for your family and one from the St. Paul's congregation to you. The costs are being underwritten by the Benevolence Fund. All you need to do is sign up on the Springettsbury Hallway bulletin board and let us know that you are coming and if you are in need of childcare for the afternoon's presentation by Attorney Mac Brillhart. He is an estate planning attorney at the law firm of Stock and Leader, LLP. He frequently counsels clients in the preparation of estate planning documents, including wills, durable powers of attorney, living wills and trusts, as well as elder law matters. Mac regularly appears before the York County Orphans' Court in matters relating to incapacity hearings, guardianships, name changes and adoptions. If after this short presentation by Mac Brillhart, families or individuals that are interested could make an appointment for a personalized confidential session and the costs will be covered up to \$500 through the generosity of the St. Paul's Benevolence Fund. We feel this session will be informative and provide a terrific opportunity to have an impact on our St. Paul's families needing these documents. Please come and join us in this relaxed environment in Christ Hall.



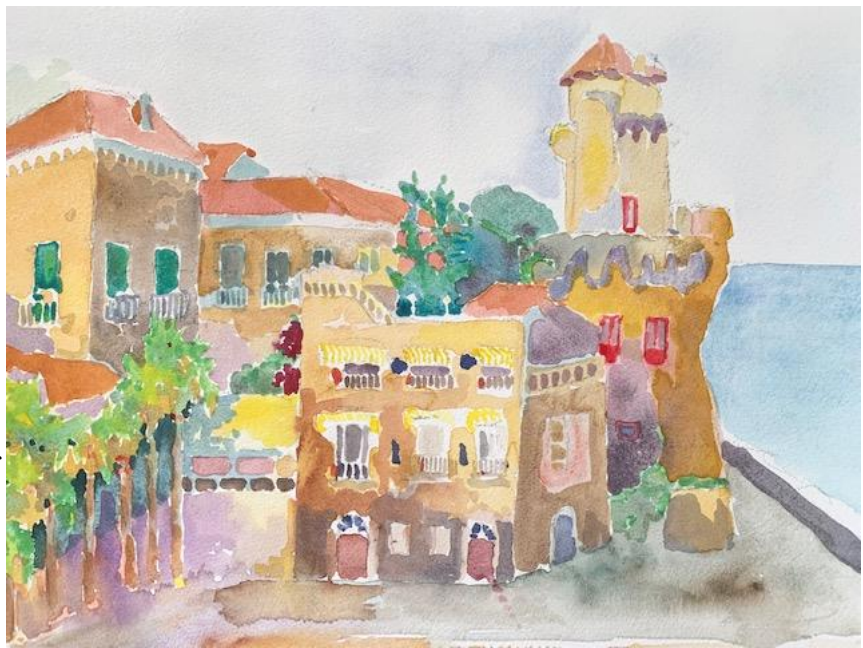
St. Paul's book club will next meet **Wednesday, October 16**, about noon. The book we will be discussing is *Born A Crime*, by Trevor Noah. It is a memoir of a boy growing up in South Africa. The meaning of the title will not become clear until we are reading the book. All are welcome to bring a sandwich and join the discussion of this interesting true story.



**Deadline for the
November newsletter
is
October 15th**

2020 Calendar *Italian Holiday*

The Capital Campaign Committee will have 2020 calendars ready on Sunday October 20. The calendar for 2020, *Italian Holiday*, features 12 watercolor paintings by Pastor Reep. The twelve images were painted on location in Italy and represent four decades of his life and the joyful memories that go with them. The paintings have been photographed by our former member and good friend Kurt Moran and then turned over to Ann Anstadt, who oversaw the layout and production of the finished product. All proceeds from the calendar sale will be earmarked for the renovation expenses associated with St. Paul's Food Pantry and Preschool.



The price for the Calendar is \$20. They make exceptional gifts for the Christmas

holiday. The committee will have bundles of them ready for church members to sell. This is a way for those who cannot financially give more to support the congregation in her effort to move the congregation firmly towards 200 years of gospel ministry. This will also provide a simple tool to allow us to talk about the ministry of the congregation to coworkers, family members, neighbors and friends. Just about everyone will need a calendar for 2020 and those who purchased one for 2019 hopefully will purchase again! The success for St. Paul's Lutheran Church calendar sale will need everyone's participation. In addition to the images being used for the 2020 Calendar, Pastor Reep will donate select images to help raise enthusiasm for our Italian Family Night Dinner which is slated for October 17, 2020.

GARDEN OF MEMORY- On November 1, 2009 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 in 2009, 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, 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 interment 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.

Social Ministry Seeking Gently Used Coats

In our partnering with Jackson Elementary School we learned of a need for the students. This time of year, as the weather begins to change, students often do not have coats. If you have a gently worn clean coat that you would like to donate (students ages are from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade) please bring it to the church and place it in the specially marked box in Christ Hall.

Thank you, Patsy Griffin, for the Committee





YOUTH FALL FUN

Create Music and Art at St. Paul's

Tuesday Evening Program

The Tuesday Evening program for our children continues on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. The arts component of the program is led by Kelly Moore-Spencer and the music component is led by Emily Reep.

The sessions break out as follows:

PreK – Grade 1

6:00 – 6:30 PM Music Room, Main Level

6:30 -7:00 PM Art/Youth Room, Upper Level

Grades 2 – 6

6:00 – 6:30 PM Art/Youth Room, Upper Level

6:30 -7:15 PM (Handbells, drums, & songs) Music Room, Main Level

This year the Creative Art part for both groups will be designed around STORYTELLING:

Pre – K through Grade 1

Each Tuesday a bible story will be presented with props, movements, costumes or puppets. After listening to the bible story, the children will get to create a craft that was part of the story. To help the children learn the story it may be told for several weeks through a different creative means. Some evenings they may even help to act the story out. Parents are asked to stay and participate with their children for this portion of the program.

Grade 2 – 6

During the Fall session the youth will be using their creative minds to listen, learn and create the characters and scene for a Bible story from the stories associated with the Jessie Tree. On Reformation Sunday there will be Congregational Breakfast held during which time the youth will have an area where their bible story creation will be set up for the congregation to see.

Please let Miss Kelly or Mrs. Reep know if your child is planning on attending.

50th Greater York CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 13, Sign-in at 1:30 PM and Walk at 2:00 PM

Join together to help end hunger in our community and around the world! This year St. Paul's is one of four congregation sites that will be the starting and ending location. Sign-in and walk from St. Paul's to the 50th Anniversary Gala celebration in Continental Square, York, on the steps of the Old Courthouse, and then walk back to St. Paul's, approximately a 2-mile round trip.

See Miss Kelly for a Sponsor packet, then start asking sponsors to sponsor you by contributing per mile or in a lump sum. The proceeds are used to fight hunger locally and globally. Watch for more information throughout September.



Sunday, October 27 2:00 PM Family Bowling and Pizza

Suburban Bowlerama Cost: \$5.00 per person

Join other St. Paul's families for a fun afternoon of bowling, fellowship, and pizza. Please let Miss Kelly know if you are interested in the event.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 24 Family Jumping at Adrenaline Trampoline Park

Up-Coming Events October – 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.

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

St. Luke Healing Service, Sunday October 20, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Seniors Luncheon, Thursday October 24, Worship 11:30 AM Luncheon to follow at noon.

Reformation Sunday, October 27 (Reception of members and Breakfast)

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

Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion, Sunday December 29, 10:30 AM



Acolyte Training in September proved to be a delightful time as the children of the congregation prepared themselves for this important service. As they each take part in the Sunday liturgy, please remember to thank them for serving God and the congregation. Encouraging and supportive words go a long way in strengthening Christian faith.



The Chancel Choir has Thursday night rehearsals **beginning at 7:30 p.m.** in the Music Room. Anyone is invited to sing in the choir. Most of the choir members do read music but that is not mandatory. A love of singing and making music for the Lord is the heart and soul of the choir.

The Handbell Choir has Thursday night rehearsals **at 6:30 p.m.** There are still some openings available for anyone wishing to join the ensemble. For additional information contact Emily Reep.

Handbell Choir to Ring in October

The Adult Handbell Choir will open their season ringing *Festive Peal* on Sunday, October 6 at the 10:30AM liturgy. This striking bell peal moves from high to low bells seemly calling the listener to return, to return to the Lord. This selection accentuates the call of the Christ Jesus to consecrate our lives to him. The Choir rings again on Reformation Sunday, October 27, at the 10:30 liturgy with an arrangement of the classic Lutheran reformation hymn *Lord Keep Us Steadfast in your Word*.

Cantabile Choir and Cherub Choirs to Sing

The children's choir program gets their year off to an amazing start with the Cantabile Choir ringing *Percussive Praise* on Sunday October 13 at 10:30 AM. This piece highlights the energy and joy of our young choir members. The following Sunday, October 20, at 10:30 AM the Cherub Choir featuring our youngest voices will render *Little Things*. Their voices raised in song will fit beautifully that day as we remember St. Luke and offer the ministry of anointing for healing.

Chancel Choir Singing at the 8:00 AM liturgy Sunday, October 13

The Chancel Choir will sing at the 8:00 AM liturgy on Sunday October 13. This is the first time that we are trying this. It is indeed something new. It is in an attempt to enrich and enliven the early service time with some additional musical offerings. It was evident that over the summer months when we welcomed several guest musicians that it added an additional dimension to worship. It is our hope that we can periodically do this throughout the choir season.

Mark your calendars now for two outstanding choral concerts to be held in November and December.

Sunday, November 24 starting @ 7:00pm, The York County Senior Honors Choir will perform a concert of all sacred music in our Sanctuary. The 100+ voice choir will perform music from medieval chant to 21st century music. The Choir will perform the magnificent Requiem by the French composer Gabriel Fauré accompanied by Victor Fields on organ. They will also perform music of Franz Joseph Haydn, Jan Sweelinck, Moses Hogan plus several other modern composers.

Sunday, December 8 starting @ 3:00pm and 7:00pm, The York College Choral Department will present 2 identical concerts featuring the York College Chorale, The York College Chamber Singers and the Vocca Bella Women's Chorus in a holiday choral program. The Choral Department is offering 2 concerts this year as there was a record overflow attendance in December of 2018.

St. Luke Healing Service

On Sunday October 20 we will celebrate the feast of St. Luke with a healing service. Those wishing may receive the laying on of hands and anointing during the healing rite at both liturgies. This has proven to be a very meaningful liturgy for those who have participated in past years. Please use this opportunity to invite a friend or coworker with you. It is very clear how much we are in need of healing; in our lives, congregation, neighborhood, nation, and world. Come and pray with us.

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Worship Schedule

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