

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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September 2019

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

Rededication Service

9:15 AM Sunday, September 8

A combined liturgy, celebrating the culmination of our joint work in the renewal of our building and giving thanks to God for our life and witness, will be held on Sunday September 8 at 9:15 AM. A brunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

On that day the liturgy will bear witness to God's guidance, strength, and gracious outpoured love. The Festival Choir will sing, *Except the Lord Build the House*, by Alfred V. Fedak arranged for organ, brass quintet, timpani and congregation. The lessons chosen for the day are from the prophet Isaiah; *"Thus says the Lord who makes a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert....so that my people will declare my praise."* And from the Revelation of St. John the Divine *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth....and I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven."* And from the Gospel of St. Luke *"Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."* These biblical texts will give shape to the sermon delivered by Pastor Reep.



At the brunch following the service, held in the lower level Fellowship Hall, recognition and thanks will be made for those connected to the renewal project. The architectural firm, builder, various sub committees, and of course our St. Paul's staff members who persisted with their ministry through dust, cold, heat, packing, moving, unpacking, organizing, all to the sounds of jack hammers, power equipment, and the swoosh of paint rollers! Plan to be present as we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to: Deb Becker, Director of Preschool; Kathy Monk, Assistant Director of Preschool; Dale Zieger, Bookkeeper; Kelly Moore-Spencer, Youth Director; Victor Fields, Organist & Chancel Choir Director; Emily Reep, Director of Handbells and Children's Choirs, Patee Pizzarruso, Secretary; Ted Weikert, Sexton; and Stan Reep, Pastor.

This day brings to a close the vision that sprung forth from 12 cottage meetings held in 2012. At that time we only dreamt of a future time at St. Paul's when our house of prayer would be renewed extending Gospel ministry into the next century. In faith we embarked on this project. With God's abiding presence we persevered. Now we rejoice together as we rededicate this building and seek the direction of the Holy Spirit to lead us toward new ventures of faith.

Open House

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday, September 7

The Congregation Council invites you to attend our first Open House post renovation. The Open House is designed so that you can explore every level of our church building and see firsthand the opportunities we have for renewal in faith and life through our upgraded building. Members of the church will be available to give tours, talk about various ministry and future ministry that can now be facilitated. There will be intermittent musical selections in the church nave. Refreshments will be served in Christ Hall where a display of posters highlighting ministry opportunities available through St. Paul's Church. Please invite neighbors and friends to join you as you come and see and learn about our church and her mission.

Orientation Session for Trip to the Konde Diocese, Tanzania

The Mpuguso Committee announces an upcoming trip to Tanzania. Members of the congregation are invited to attend an Orientation Session which will explain what to expect during a tour of the Konde Diocese. This session will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in North York on Monday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. The Tour is scheduled for July of 2020. It is being planned by our Synod's Konde Committee, on which Martina Uffelman, a member of St. Paul's, serves. You may contact her at 717-840-3262 or Joe Moyer 717-880-4964 for additional details.



Pantry Distributes 160 Backpacks!

160 backpacks were distributed to children in grades K thru 8 whose parents are clients of St. Paul's Pantry. Many thanks to the children and staff of the Vacation Bible School who packed these backpacks with tablets, pencil boxes stuffed with pens and pencils, and other significant school supplies. And thanks to those who via the special Lenten Offerings supported the purchase of the materials. Staff of the Pantry gave extra time to establish a list of names of those families who received the backpacks. This is another way that St. Paul's is embracing the neighborhood with God's love.



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.

Fall Luncheon Scheduled for October 24

Save the Date: The Witness Committee will be hosting the annual Fall Luncheon for those 55 and older on Thursday, October 24 starting with worship at 11:30 and lunch at noon. We are changing things up a bit this year, primarily the menu. We are planning to switch from sandwiches to serving a hot meal! We hope you will come and join us for worship, lunch, fellowship and laughter of course. Reserve your seat by October 16! More details will be available in the October newsletter and a clipboard will be circulated the end of September/October during worship.



Status of the Directory - We have received the Proof for the new Directory and it has been returned to Lifetouch with some minor changes. Hopefully, it will be in the hands of those who had their photos taken or submitted a photo in September.

Council Highlights

Council Highlights: August 12th

- Discussed the Harvest Dinner and passed out invitations.
- Encouraged to be an inviting, adaptable people while keeping the traditions of the Lutheran Faith that bring us to Christ and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
- Received the Treasurer's Report noting that, as usually, attendance and therefore income is low during these summer months.
- Discussed plans for the End Of Renovation Celebration Weekend, September 7 & 8.
- Reviewed our Mid-year retreat with three areas discussed and next steps; Capital Campaign, New members, and Committee structures.
- Appointed Tim Yakim as Nominating Committee Chair.
- Received Committee reports and Pastor Reep's report.



Food Pantry—September

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

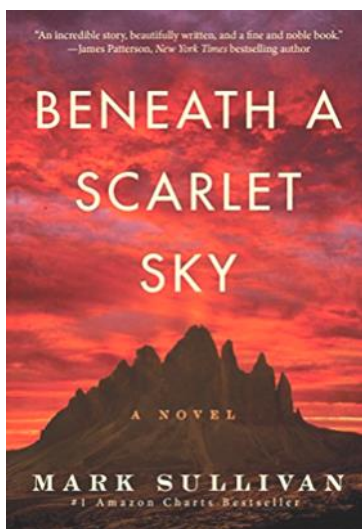
We need volunteers to sub on Tuesdays mornings to cover for those on vacations. Please contact Teresa Rohrbaugh if you are able to help in this way. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

Family Camp at Kirchenwald

In August our family had the opportunity to attend Family Camp for a half week at Camp Kirchenwald. It is our second year attending this annual camp. We find this camp to be a great place to spend time together as a family, to engage with other families in faith, and to unplug from electronic devices and connect with nature. Our 5-year-old son, Henry, loves camp too. He enjoyed the many outdoor activities, especially the big capture the flag game. – Kathryn and Dan Garber

Preschool News

Once again, with summer ending and preschool starting, the church will be filled with the sounds of little footsteps and young voices. School starts Monday, September 9th. The preschool's parent group will be hosting events throughout the year. The first event is a "Weep and Rejoice" refreshment hour that will be held during the first two days of school; this event will help parents connect with one another during this exciting, but, often bittersweet time. - Kathryn Garber, Preschool Committee



St. Paul's book club will next meet Wednesday, September 18, at noon. 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 slunch and join in the conversation!



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

Spirit of Gratitude and Generosity

Rev. David Bowman, guest Preacher

"We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part...they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints...Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking." II Corinthians 8:1-7



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 embark on our fall stewardship campaign. We are well aware of the grace bestowed up 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. But 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.

Part of our fall emphasis will be on vision. We want to know what you envision for our congregation as we approach our second century of gospel ministry in York. On September 15 when you come to worship there will be post-it pads provided for you to write down your vision for our shared ministry. Begin now to think and pray about your ideas for our congregation. We will post the notes on our glass wall located between the narthex and the church nave. Our ideas for our congregation's vision will be on display and should act as a catalyst for us so that even more ideas spring forth. At the conclusion of our stewardship emphasis we will collate them and share them with the Congregation Council and at the Annual Meeting.

Our Consecration Sunday will be held on October 6th with the Rev. David Bowman, former St. Paul's intern, 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 breakfast will follow the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Christ Hall and a celebration luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

In Love and Service to Our Lord,
Pastor Reep

Presentation of Bibles

Sunday September 15

The Christian Education Committee will present children and youth with Bibles on Sunday September 15 during the Sunday Liturgy. Infants new to the congregation will receive the *First Stories of Jesus*, a beginning bible board book. Students entering First grade will be presented the *Paraclete Bible for Kids*. Students entering Fourth grade will be presented the *Adventure Bible*. Students entering Seventh grade will be presented the *NRSV Student Bible*. Our hope as a faith community is that by placing in the hands of our children versions of the Bible that are age appropriate, we may get our young people more engaged in reading and discussing Bible stories. It is important for us to honestly use our Bibles. They should show signs of wear and use. The Reformation of the 16th century encouraged Christian people to read and study the Bible. Please be present in worship on Sunday September 15 to show your support and to give your encouragement to the children and youth of our congregation as they learn and grow in God's grace.

Christian Education News

Classes begin for adults and children on Sunday September 15th

9:15-10:15 each Sunday between liturgies.

Children

It's that time of year again. Children are heading back to school where they will grow in math, reading, writing, and science skills. As you plan for the fall, take time to help your children also **grow in their Christian faith**. Make a commitment, as much as possible, to bring them to worship and Sunday morning classes where they can learn about how God loves them and how He works through their lives.

Children will spend the fall meeting Old Testament Heroes and how God is always with them.

The Infants through Pre-K children will play, sing, and learn about the same Heroes studied by the older children. Parents should accompany children younger than age 2.

Youth Grades 5, 6, & 7—A new class for this age group is planned and will gather in the Youth Room on the upper level. Miss Kelly is the lead teacher and has worked with Pastor Reep to develop the curriculum. Plan to come and please bring your Bible!

Adult Faith Formation Fall 2019

From September 15 through October 20 there are two course offerings for adults. The first option is a study of the book *October 31, 1517* written by Martin E. Marty. The class explores 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 available in the Good Shepherd Room for those who plan to attend and want to begin reading the text. The second option is for those interested in our faith community. The class explores 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.

September 15	October 1517; An Invitation & Repentance St. Paul's; Early Beginnings
September 22	October 1517; Penance & Justification St. Paul's; Building on Faith
September 29	October 1517; Conflict & Repentance St. Paul's; Lutheran History
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.

Acolyte Training

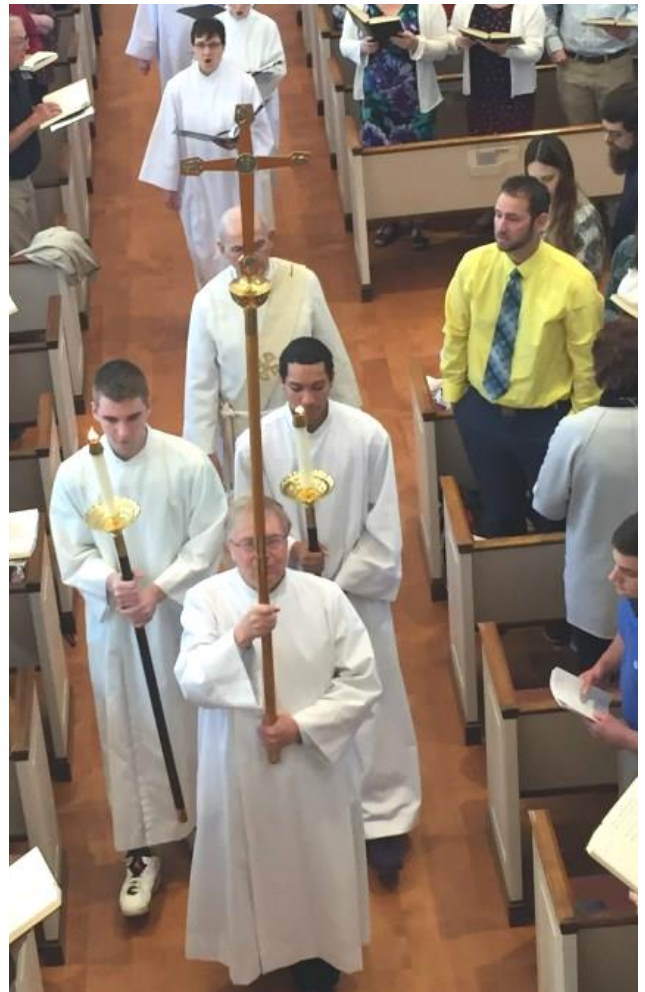
10:00 AM Saturday, September 14

With the renewal of our liturgical space it is only fitting that our acolytes, those children who faithfully assist during the liturgy, are provided training. On Saturday, September 14 beginning at 10:00 AM training will be available to prepare our children to serve as acolyte. This year we welcome many new children to this ministry.

The Ministry of acolytes has a long and honored history in the Church. A letter written in A. D. 251 by Cornelius, bishop of Rome tells us that at that time there were 42 acolytes in the city of Rome alone. By the 6th century, the ministry of acolytes had become so important in the life of the Church that acolytes were actually “ordained” to their ministry following a period of instruction by a bishop.

Acolytes are well named. The word acolyte comes from the Greek word *akolouthos*, which means: follower, attendant, companion; one who serves, assists or helps. In our time, acolytes are in most congregations usually (and unfortunately) looked upon as assistants who simply light and extinguish candles. However, their ministry is, or should be, much more than that. They assist in processions, in the distribution of communion, at baptisms, at other rites of the Church, at the offering, and in a variety of other ways. They help to give dignity and order to the worship of God’s people. The fact that acolytes are vested (robed) and are highly visible in public worship helps everyone in the congregation to see and understand that “ministry” is the work of all of God’s people, using their gifts of time and talent in service to the Lord.

We welcome all who serve as acolytes to this honored ministry in the life of Christ’s Church and we are grateful for their willingness to minister to the people of God at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.



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.



Are you interested in Electronic Giving?

Tony Culp will be available on September 15th between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. to assist you with the whys and hows of setting up Electronic Giving. Please meet him in the church office (Reception Room #107)



YOUTH FALL FUN

Create Music and Art at St. Paul's

Tuesday Evening Program Begins September 17

The Tuesday Evening program for our children resumes on Tuesday September 17 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.

Family and Youth Picnic and Hiking at Rocky Ridge

Sunday, September 29 3:00 p.m.

Pack a picnic dinner for your family and join your St. Paul's friends at Rocky Ridge for an afternoon hike and picnic. Miss Kelly will be contacting everyone that is interested in attending, with the name of the pavilion that we will meet at. Families can join together with other families or hike the trails on their own. If you don't want to hike or explore the park you can relax at the Pavilion. Picnic dinner will begin at 4:30.

Please let Miss Kelly know if you are interested in attending this event.

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.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 27 Family Bowling and Pizza

Sunday, November 24 Family Jumping at Adrenaline Trampoline Park



Up-Coming Events September – 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.

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
 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

**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 40th 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.

Music News

The Chancel Choir returns to Thursday night rehearsals starting **September 5, 2019 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 Festival Choir is preparing for our Church re-dedication service to be held on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15am. The choir has been rehearsing since August on Sunday mornings between the early and late services to prepare music to be sung. In addition to the Festival Choir singing, there will be a brass quintet, timpani and percussion playing for the celebration service. The festival choir will also rehearse in preparation for Christmas and Easter. Come and join the celebration!

The Handbell Choir resumes their Thursday night rehearsals starting **September 12 at 6:30 p.m.** There are still some openings available for anyone wishing to join the ensemble. As always, the year's schedule will be shared on the first rehearsal so as to avoid conflicts throughout the year. For additional information contact Emily Reep.



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.

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Worship Schedule

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