

Our Church

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April 2021
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Days as announced



Holy Week Services

Holy Week planning this year took into consideration the pandemic and the need to keep the services within a shortened timeframe. With the completion of our audio visual system in the church nave we are able to live stream most all of the scheduled liturgies held in the church nave. They may be accessed by going to YouTube and entering our channel title “St. Paul’s Lutheran S. George, York PA.” We are aware of the length of the title. The popularity of the church name St. Paul’s across all denominational lines let alone in the “Lutheran” family made it a challenge to secure a channel name that had not already been claimed. Please note that we are very late to the art of live streaming services and hosting a YouTube channel. It is with great thanks and appreciation that Tom Gibson stepped up to receive training on our system. He is eager to share the knowledge and provide training to those individuals committed to serve the congregation in this new area of ministry. If you are interested in serving on the A/V Team, please notify the church office. For your convenience the services can still be accessed after the live stream concludes. The link will be shared through the church Facebook page. May you find renewal and hope through your participation in Holy Week services.

Holy Week Schedule 2021

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 PM Indoor Sermon, Foot Washing, Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 2

3:00 PM Outdoor (weather permitting/bring lawn chair) Passion Narrative & Prayers at the Cross
7:00 PM Indoor Passion Reading & Litany of the Cross

Vigil of Easter, April 3

7:00 PM Begins outdoor with New Fire Moves indoor for readings, baptism, Holy Communion

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day, April 4

8:00 AM Indoor (advance reservations needed) Holy Communion, Organ, Handbells, Cantor
10:30 AM Outdoor (weather permitting/bring lawn chair) Holy Communion, Brass Ensemble

Spring Bulb Bouquet

The calendar image featured this month, *Spring Bulb Bouquet*, utilized the spring flowers cut from our front garden to grace the altar for the 2020 Easter service at St. Paul's. The florists and greenhouses were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We were about a month into recording services and posting them on social media. Wanting flowers at the altar on Easter Day, I went out to the front garden and cut as many blooms as possible to fill our largest vase. I took them to the church and placed them at the altar. Following the service they were brought home and placed in the corner of our dining room. On Easter Monday I spent the day working on the watercolor painting. I placed them on a purple table runner that Dave Klein (Family Heirloom Weavers, Red Lion, PA) had given to us. The beautiful blooms pale in the wake of Easter's news "Christ is risen!"



Easter Flowers

Thank you for providing spring bulbs to adorn our church for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Flowers may be taken home after the 10:30 AM Easter service. If you choose not to pick up your flowers the bulbs will be planted at the church to beautify the grounds. Once again thank you for providing such a brilliant display of spring color.

Sunday Worship 5:00 PM Concludes with Palm Sunday Service

The Sunday 5:00 PM liturgy time was added to our worship schedule as a way to provide an additional worship time so that we could facilitate more people in worship without having to deal with larger numbers in the church nave during this time of COVID-19. This was clearly a wonderful option for some and it provided a unique way to provide catechetical instruction during the season of Lent, but it is evident that the additional liturgy at this time of day was not conducive for our faith community. The Palm Sunday 5:00 PM service will bring to a close this worship opportunity. Thank you to all who attended and to the faithful support and participation by our St. Paul's staff in providing this option.

Church Occupancy CDC/Governor/Task Force Guidelines

As this edition is being prepared for printing and distribution, guidelines for occupancy and group gatherings are being up-dated. The CDC has released that with masking, wiping of surfaces, hand washing, and proper ventilation, physical distances between individuals can be reduced to one yard. The Governor has increased indoor secular venues to 25% of capacity which translates to 100 in the pews and up to 25 in the chancel of St. Paul's. Our Taskforce continues to monitor the number of virus cases in the county and the procedures related to our congregation's activities chiefly; worship, preschool and food pantry.

With the approaching warmer weather, the roll out of vaccines, and the amendments to guidelines, St. Paul's facilities remain among the lowest risk for participants. We will continue to; keep the liturgies at about 45 minutes in length, commune in one kind receiving the host, wear masks, clean all surfaces between liturgies, and monitor the airflow ratio of external air coming into the building.

CREATE

The last 2 evenings of CREATE will be held on Tuesday evening April 6 and April 13 via Zoom. Ages 2 through grade 1 will be held 6:00pm till 6:30pm. Grades 2 through Grade 6 will be 6:45pm through 7:15pm. Age 2 through grade 1 will hear the stories and do a craft for their felt boards about Jesus is Alive and Jesus returns to his father.

Grade 2 through grade 6 will do activities about The Resurrection. On April 20 at 6pm families will be invited to join me at the church for planting flowers around the church yard. Each family will be assigned their own space to work in. All that you need to bring are your garden gloves and shovels. If you are interested in participating in this I will need to know by April 1 so I can plan ahead. In case of inclement weather I will notify everyone that has signed up and reschedule the event.—Miss Kelly



The “Prayer of the Day” (the short prayer near the beginning of worship before the lessons are read) in the regular bulletin also supports the lessons and theme of the day for each week. This is a great prayer to include in your family devotions or table prayer throughout the week.

Spark Family Magazine has great resources for Easter and Pentecost (50 days after Easter when we celebrate God’s sending of the Holy Spirit) Your next issue for the summer months should arrive soon. If you have children and are not receiving this in the mail, please contact the office to add your name to the mailing list. Please note that this magazine is mailed from the publisher and not from our church office. While you await your first copy, grab a copy from the table near the office.

Summer Bible Adventure Planning Hosts Needed

The Christian Education Committee continues its planning for a summer Bible adventure as a way to get our children, youth and families actively engaging with one another and with the Bible. The Bible adventure will take place on the Tuesday evenings during the month of July. Each Tuesday we will feature one of our local parks. The plan is to gather at a designated park and pavilion. Arrive at 4:30 PM to utilize the park playground and hiking options. At 5:30 PM under the protection of a pavilion there will be a meal time prayer followed by time to enjoy the picnic supper that you have brought along for your household. At 6:00 PM a biblical storyteller will introduce the Bible story for the evening followed by an activity/study page for families to work on together. We are in need of two host families to serve each evening. Hosts will welcome others, provide some oversight for the playground, and lead the meal time prayer (prayers will be provided if you should need them). Hosts may wish to plan additional activities for greater engagement for those who participate. The dates are July 6, 13, 20 & 27. To host or help bring the adventure to life please call Miss Kelly or Pastor Reep.



Summer Camp 2021

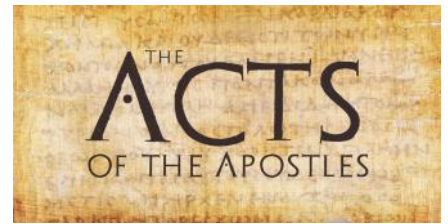
The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA is planning to hold camps this summer. Check out their website www.lutherancampin.org and see which week works best for you. Then remember to talk with Miss Kelly about St. Paul’s Camperships to help with the cost. Do you know why our church camps are so important? Ask any camper, they will be glad to talk with you about their experiences.



Wednesday Bible Study

The Book of Acts

Wednesday Bible Study is held at 10:30 AM in Christ Hall. During the season of Easter the first reading each Sunday is from the book of Acts. We will spend a portion of our time together gaining greater insight into the book of Acts while still spending time reflecting on the Easter gospel readings. The Acts of the Apostles is a continuation of the narrative of the Gospel according to Luke. The book of Acts can be divided into two large portions. The first portion centers on Peter and deals with the early church in Jerusalem in the days following the resurrection of Jesus. The second portion centers on Paul and deals with his three missionary journeys and the expansion of the message of Christ crucified, raised and ascended. These readings direct our Sunday worship during this joyous season of Easter with a dual focus on the good news that God has raised Jesus from death to life and in our missionary effort to tell and share the good news with others here and around the world. Please bring your Bible and join us!



Confirmation Ministry

Students in grades 7 and 8 have completed two units of instruction; The Lord's Prayer and The Ten Commandments. Students, if they have not already done so, need to submit their worship notes and final exams for these sessions to Miss Kelly or Pastor Reep. The next scheduled time to meet is slated for a week in June, tentatively the 14-18, mornings outside at a designated local park. During that time we will review what we have previously covered and move on to the units on Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. With this schedule we should be back on track for a unit in the fall on Church history and the Reformation and a unit in the winter/spring of 2022 on the Creeds, especially the Apostle's Creed. With this time frame we will have a class ready to confirm their faith in Christ Jesus and take a more active role in the community of faith in the spring of 2022.

Worship Resources

Are you worship at home alone or with your family? Here is a way to involve your children. When the bulletin is sent each week in an email from church, a copy of the Children's Bulletin is included. There is an older and younger version. This resource supports the Bible lessons heard in church each week. Print enough for each of your children and have them ready for when you worship together at home. Use them as discussion starters about the Bible lessons and living as Christian.

Your Help is Needed for Fall Christian Education Plans

The Christian Education Committee is currently making plans for Sunday morning classes and discussions. Adult evening in person and Zoom classes are being considered as well. Please consider if you will help teach, lead discussions, or assist a class of children, youth, or adults. We would like to have a larger number of volunteers to share the responsibilities. We will follow CDC guidelines to ensure a safe environment. Please speak to a member of the committee if you are interested in helping. Committee members include Jamie Palmer, June Heistand, Stephanie Harrington, Carrie Oberholtzer, Amy Lipp, Patty Snyder, Kelly Moore-Spencer, and Pastor Reep.







**Deadline for the
May newsletter is
April 15th**



Please remember to notify Pastor Reep of any life events, illnesses, joys or concerns. Call the office 717-843-8155 or email st.paulsyork@comcast.net

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p>  <p>Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Indoor with Organ, Handbells, Cantor RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 9:15 AM New Members Class - Christ Hall 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Outdoor with Brass Ensemble 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Indoor RESERVATIONS REQUIRED</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 PM ZOOM-Scout Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:15 AM Pantry Volunteers 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM FOOD PANTRY 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM ZOOM - CREATE: Age 2 - 1st grade 6:45 PM - 7:15 PM ZOOM - CREATE: Grades 2 - 6</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study - In House</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Preschool Easter Vacation 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Indoor Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Good Friday Preschool Easter Vacation 3:00 PM Good Friday Outdoor Bring Lawn chairs 7:00 PM Good Friday Indoor</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Easter Vigil Preschool Easter Vacation 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Begins outdoor moves indoor</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>Preschool Easter Vacation 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Indoor with Organ Handbells Cantor RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Outdoor with Brass Ensemble</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Office Closed Preschool Easter Vacation 6:30 PM zoom-Scout Leaders Mtg. 7:00 PM ZOOM-Scout Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Preschool Easter Vacation 9:15 AM Pantry Volunteers 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM FOOD PANTRY 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM ZOOM - CREATE: Age 2 - 1st grade 6:45 PM - 7:15 PM ZOOM - CREATE: Grades 2 - 6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM No Parking on Springettsbury 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study - In House</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel 7:00 PM ZOOM - Pre-school Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
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Council Highlights

Greetings and blessings to all! It is strange to think that last year we were just beginning to understand the changes that were coming our way in this time of Covid-19. Here we are a year later and, while there continue to be challenges before us, there also continues to be boundless hope. As a community, we continue to find innovative ways to share in relationship with each other and with the Lord. To that end, it is with glad hearts that we offer our thanks to those who helped make the pivot, allowing so much to continue growing and evolving at St. Paul's. This includes those supporting our pantry ministry, our new tech ministry, all those hosting meetings and ministries, and everyone who offer prayers and continue to check in on their neighbors. We are also abundantly blessed to welcome new visitors and new members to services. As we enter the time of Easter and new beginnings, we look forward to continuing to grow in fellowship and faith together.



Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee oversees and supports opportunities of Christian learning to assist church members in their daily Christian walk. Some of the ways this happens is through Sunday morning classes, summer programs, youth group activities, confirmation classes, "Create"-Tuesday evening children's ministry, encouraging participation in Lutheran Camping programs, service and learning projects, church newsletter materials to be used at home, adult Bible studies, discussions groups, and book discussions studies.



The current members of this committee are June Heistand, Amy Lipp, Stephanie Harrington, Carrie Oberholtzer, Jamie Palmer, Patty Snyder, and staff Kelly Moore-Spencer and Pastor Reep. New members are welcome for service on the committee, assisting with specific projects, and sharing ideas for future programs.

If you would like to join this committee contact Patty Snyder billpatsnyder@msn.com



Food Pantry—April

Items needed: Pancake mix, 4 pks of toilet paper, canned or boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, jelly, boxed rice. We also need paper grocery bags with handles. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

2021 Flower Chart

The 2021 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is \$30 per vase. You are welcome to sign up to provide one or both vases. After you have signed up, simply make a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark it altar flowers. This is a great way to honor someone, celebrate a milestone in life, or remember a loved one. The flowers may be taken home with you at the conclusion of the 10:30 AM liturgy or you may have them given to someone who is sick, shut it, or hospitalized. If you wish, you can contact the office to reserve a date, and to provide us with all of the correct information for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. In advance, thank you.

Open dates	Vase 1	Vase 2
5/2/21		
5/9/21		
5/16/21		
5/23/21		
5/30/21		
6/6/21		
6/13/21		
6/20/21		
6/27/21		

Geranium Sale—Last Day to Order is April 5

Red and salmon geraniums will again be available from the Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran for Mother's day. Orders and checks are due on Monday, April 5. Kindly call Jim Mum-mert at 717-309-4101 to secure your order. He'll accept your check at 770 Plymouth Rd. York, PA 17402. The cost per plant is \$3.75. Checks must be made payable to "Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran".



The Auxiliary last year contributed \$24,500 to primarily support activities and projects for the residents of the homes at Kelly and Sprenkle Villages. Only \$4,630 was raised by the Membership Drive and the Geranium Sale, as the virus made it's horrendous impact.

The plants may be secured at the church between 11:00 and 11:30 Saturday, May 8, or they can be delivered to your home. Contact Jim for further details.

A **hot cross bun** is a spiced sweet bun usually made with fruit, marked with a cross on the top, and traditionally eaten on Good Friday in the United Kingdom; Ireland; Australia; India; New Zealand; South Africa; and some parts of the Americas, including Canada and the United States. The bun marks the end of Lent and different parts of the hot cross bun have a certain meaning, including the cross representing the crucifixion of Jesus, and the spices inside signifying the spices used to embalm him at his burial.

Ingredients

- 2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast
- 2 cups warm whole milk (110° to 115°)
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 6 to 7 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup dried currants
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 large egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons water
- **ICING:**
- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 4 to 6 teaspoons whole milk



Directions

- In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in warm milk. In a large bowl, combine eggs, butter, sugar, salt, spices, yeast mixture and 3 cups flour; beat on medium speed until smooth. Stir in currants, raisins and enough remaining flour to form a soft dough (dough will be sticky).
- Turn onto a floured surface; knead until dough is smooth and elastic, 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch down dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; divide and shape into 30 balls. Place 2 in. apart on greased [baking sheets](#). Cover with kitchen towels; let rise in a warm place until doubled, 30-45 minutes. Pre-heat oven to 375°.
- Using a sharp knife, cut a cross on top of each bun. In a small bowl, whisk egg yolk and water; brush over tops. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool slightly. For icing, in a small bowl, mix confectioners' sugar and enough milk to reach desired consistency. Pipe a cross on top of each bun. Serve warm.

Nutrition Facts—1 bun: 171 calories, 3g fat (2g saturated fat), 28mg cholesterol, 145mg sodium, 31g carbohydrate (12g sugars, 1g fiber), 4g protein.

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