

# Our Church

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## July & August 2021

Sunday Holy Eucharist  
8 AM Outside & 10:30 AM -Live streamed  
Holy Days as announced

### Summer Bible Adventure Tuesday Evenings at Local Parks July 6, 13, 20 and 27

Bring your Bible, picnic supper, and join other St. Paul's families with children on Tuesday evenings in July. The schedule is simple.

- 4:30 PM Arrive and utilize the play areas and hiking paths.
- 5:30 PM Meal time prayer and enjoy your picnic supper under the designated pavilion.
- 6:00 PM the evening's Bible story will be introduced and a Summer Bible Adventure worksheet will be passed around for participants.
- 6:45 PM gather to share insights from the story that you can use during the week.
- 7:00 PM Evening concludes with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

Those wishing to stay later into the evening may do so. Those needing to depart for children's bed times, well that is great too! Host families will be present to greet you. Look for your St. Paul's friends.

- July 6 - Rudy Park, Blue Spruce Pavilion
- July 13- Rocky Ridge Park, Grey Squirrel Pavilion
- July 20- Kain Park, Perch Pavilion
- July 27- Cousler Park, Pavilions T & P



### Mary Mother of Our Lord Sunday August 15 @ 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM Magnifying the Lord!

When the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is going to bear a son, the Savior of the world, not only does she welcome the privilege to serve God, but she sings out *My Soul Magnifies the Lord!* We know the song of Mary as the Magnificat. On Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary with our own magnifying of the Lord. The goal is to magnify:



Magnify our attendance, both in person outside on the south lawn at 8:00 AM or inside at 10:30 AM, or through social media by sharing the Facebook and YouTube links. This means that you personally get active, you invite a friend or coworker, and or you share St. Paul's ministry through your social networks.

Magnify our World Hunger offerings through the use of the envelope included with your yearly booklet of envelopes, through the Donate Now button on the website, or through a special offering envelope provided in the pew racks.

Magnify our daily prayers especially in remembering the lowly in our community and around the world.

These are just a few ways to move us to action as collectively we magnify the Lord through what we say and do.



**ADULT: Fall ideas:** Plans are forming regarding classes for adults in the fall. We plan to offer in person classes on Sunday mornings on a variety of topics. Online Zoom classes will also be offered periodically during the year. Would you like to listen to a pod cast and then discuss it with a group on Zoom? The September issue will provide a complete line-up.

**CHILDREN:** The new issue of **Spark Family Magazine** for the summer months just arrived in your homes recently. There are wonderful ideas on how to learn, explore and grow together as a Christian family. Check it out.

**Did you know....**there are many lesson available on the church website under the LEARN tab. Check them out and use one or more with your children.

**Fall Plans** are underway for classes on Sunday mornings as well as Tuesday evenings. Set aside those times NOW in your schedule and watch for details.

### Come CREATE with Us!

CREATE will be held in person and through Zoom on Tuesday evenings beginning September 14 through November 15. During this 10-week session ages 2 through grade 6 will participate in interactive storytelling, video clips, creative activities including age-appropriate games, and prayer. Each group will have a theme, age 2 to Kindergarten will be based on Old Testament Bible stories, Grade 1, 2 & 3 will be based on Prayer and Grade 4, 5 & 6 will find their way using the Commandments. More information will be provided in the September newsletter but plan now to come and CREATE with us!



### Confirmation Ministry

At this point youth who began in the fall of 2020 have covered The Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Both of which we plan to review when we resume a regular schedule on Sunday evenings this fall. The schedule for the Sunday evening 6:30-8:00 PM Confirmation Ministry is provided. The fall session consists of seven weeks. Participants and their families should plan accordingly. The schedule is being made available so that we can have the fullest participation. We will conclude before Reformation (Halloween) October 31. The next session will begin in January of 2022. In addition to the class time confirmands will be asked to complete worship notes. New forms are being created and will be available prior to our start date in September. If you would like to have your daughter or son enrolled please notify the church office. Thank you for your support of this valuable aspect of Christian life.



### Fall Term Confirmation Unit The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

September 12 Sunday morning presentation of Bibles and enrollment @ 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
 Sunday evening 6:30-8:00 PM Classes begin with a review and begin unit on Holy Baptism  
 September 19 The Church  
 September 26 The Rite of Holy Baptism  
 October 3 The Means of Grace (The Living Word, The Written Word)  
 October 10 The Means of Grace (The Spoken Word, The Tangible Word)  
 October 17 Confession & Absolution  
 October 24 Christian Burial & The Resurrection of the Body



When we began the year, we weren't sure how it would go,  
but we put on our masks and went with the flow.  
Our teachers were amazing and the kids persevered,  
the year was a challenge but we didn't have to fear.  
The staff and the parents kept the school safe, healthy and clean,  
the obstacles they had were certainly unforeseen.  
The teachers and kids had a year they will never forget  
and they are so very thankful for each day that they met.  
So today on the last day of the year,  
we want to say "Thank you" and give a big cheer!  
It is because of everyone's efforts that the year has been a success  
and we wish you a happy summer and nothing but the best!  
-Allison Lehr

### Coming to St. Paul's in September Things for Which to Watch

Within our faith community there are some new things coming, some things resuming and familiar things returning. What follows is a brief outline provided to help keep us all informed. We will rely on our COVID-19 task force to make sure that everything we are planning can be fully implemented. If not, we will make adjustments as necessary. We hope you will be excited about at least one of these items as we go into the Season of Late Pentecost.



Welcome back Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for worshipers at 8:00 & 10:30 AM as well as Education at 9:15 AM for all ages.

Education for primary age children gathering in the church nave at 9:15 AM presented by Pastor Reep and live streamed for those who cannot physically gather.

Red and Green demarcation of pews for seating will be removed.

Children's sermons included at both service times.

Returning to a former pattern for distribution of Holy Communion. For those who can even remember the pre-renovation pattern (spring 2017).

Handbell Choir rehearsal resumes Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Chancel Choir/Small Ensemble rehearsal resumes Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> with presentation of Bibles for infants, First grade, Fourth grade, and students 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up enrolling in Confirmation Ministry. Wells, Water, and a Global Need is the God's Work Our Hands project.

Fall unit of Confirmation on the sacrament of Holy Baptism, begins September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and runs through October 24.

Create for children age 3 through grades 6 begin September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with a 10 session unit concluding on November 16<sup>th</sup>.



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](mailto:st.paulsyork@comcast.net)





## St. Paul's Food Pantry – Volunteer Opportunity on Sunday Morning

Thankfully, the St. Paul's Food Pantry has been able to remain open, with modifications, throughout the pandemic. In March 2020, pantry volunteers moved quickly to prepackaging food for clients and meeting them outside with groceries. Our highest numbers were up to 80 families per week. Now we are closer to 40 which is in the high range of pre-pandemic times. Every family receives 3-4 frozen meats, 1-2 dozen eggs, milk, cheese, and often a fresh fruit along with cereal, pastas, soups, canned fruits, beans, and vegetables.

While some volunteers were unable to continue serving, some stepped forward and began serving weekly instead of monthly. At least 8 new volunteers have participated as well. For those wishing to help, but unable to participate due to jobs during the week, there is a new volunteer opportunity. Twice a month volunteers work between Sunday services at 9:00 AM to stock the shelves. Contact Patty Snyder if you are interested.

Pantry volunteers look forward to the time when we can once again safely bring clients into the building to select their own groceries.



### Food Pantry—Summer

**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, Patty Snyder, 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”.

### Graduation News

*Submitted by Church Families*

**Jack Schultz**, son of Michelle and John Schultz and grandson of Jim and Elaine Mummert graduated summa cum laude from North Carolina State University May 14. After a "gap-year", he will enroll in a school to become a Physician's Assistant.



I am excited to start planning for our Fall music ministry. We expect new musician(s) to join our music staff to direct children and youth and handbells starting this Fall.

Adult Handbell and Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday nights beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm. This has been a long time coming for us to return to having vocal and instrumental ensembles rehearse and provide music for our liturgies.

The American Choral Directors Association continues to provide guidelines and recommendations for the safety of group choral singing. Effective communication between choir members and choir directors is necessary to ensure the safety and comfort level of everyone.

#### Foundational stipulations

- No group singing situation can be made completely safe from COVID-19 risk, even with a vaccine now available.
- A return-to-singing decision will be a tradeoff between a mitigation of COVID-19 risk and a focus on group/individual safety and the natural human need to gather and sing as a group.

#### Decision-making process

After appropriate research and discussion by the choral leader and associated others, the following steps complete the decision-making process.

- Identifying an acceptable mitigation of risk level.
- Making decisions based on this level.
- Communicating the rationale of these decisions to participants and other interested parties. Rehearsals will be conducted with safety in mind as well as following all CDC guidelines as well as those provided by professional choral and instrumental organizations.

I along with the Pastor and our Covid team will continue to monitor the safety protocols necessary to fully engage in choral singing and handbell ringing and instrumental playing for all age groups. I am excited to invite everyone back to the music room and chancel.

Victor Fields



## 2021 Harvest Wine Dinner & Auction

### Benefits St. Paul's Food Pantry and Preschool

In the heat of summer it is difficult to even imagine fall schedules, cooler weather, and fewer hours of daylight. But the Harvest Wine Dinner committee has been turning up the heat on plans for our 2021 event. In consultation with Chef Brandon Hufnagel, of the Glen Rock Mill Inn, the committee announces Italian inspired cuisine for the October 16<sup>th</sup> dinner.

Upon arrival at the Springettsbury Avenue Entrance a Harvest Table in the Good Shepherd Room will feature a selection of Italian artisanal cheeses, charcuterie, breads, spreads, and antipasti. There will also be passed hor d'oeuvres of Baked Brie, Marinated Artichoke and Cream Cheese Crostini, and Baked Pesto Stuffed Mushroom Caps. While sampling the delicious treats you may view the original water color paintings up for auction later in the evening. This will provide opportunity to view the art; its dimensions, matting and framing up close and personal, as well as critically peruse the silent auction table. Patrons can discern in advance the item(s) they wish to acquire and the generosity of a bid supporting the pantry and preschool.

Proceeding to the lower level Fellowship Hall, dinner guests will be seated in anticipation of the meal. In true classic style the committee has planned for five courses:

Zuppa: Classis Minestrone

Primi Piatti: Mushroom Risotto

Insalata: Classic Caesar Salad

Secondi Piatti: Braised Pork Osso Bucco Milanese,  
Garlicky broccolini/seasonal vegetable, Baked  
herbed polenta

Il Dolce: Profiteroles, Macerated Berries, Zabaglione  
sauce

Vino: Featured wines from various regions of Italy  
paired with dinner courses.



The Harvest Wine Dinner Committee is not able to pull off an affair like this without physical help. In 2019 they learned that they needed more physical support from the congregation. Committee members relied heavily on family members and personal friends to bring together an event which brought great attention to our Food Pantry and Preschool ministry. St. Paul's grossed more than \$30,000 in one night in support of ministry to and for the community. There are a variety of tasks that need to be accomplished; some well in advance, some the day before, and some the evening of the dinner. Before your fall schedule is set, please volunteer to help, purchase a ticket/sponsor a table, and or donate an item of value for the silent auction. You may contact any member of the planning committee to gain clarity of the tasks associated with the Harvest Wine Dinner. Please play a part in some aspect of this year's dinner and auction. As our neighbors need food and children in the community need preschool, you are needed to achieve our greatest potential with this event.

Current Active Planning Committee Members: Ann Anstadt, Becky Bingham, Larry and Kristine Gross, Mike and Linda Hanson, Earline Jones, Pastor Reep

### 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.

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## Worship Schedule

**June 2021**

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8 AM Outside &

10:30 AM -Live streamed

Holy Days as announced