

# Our Church

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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**June 2021**  
Sunday Holy Eucharist  
8 AM Outside & 10:30 AM -Live streamed  
Holy Days as announced

## June Brings Outdoor Service at 8:00 AM

During the 2020 summer cottage meetings the outdoor worship opportunities provided during the time of COVID-19 were highlighted as something good that came out of the pandemic. Participants in several of the cottage meeting groups hoped that we would continue to hold outdoor worship even after the virus released its hold.

On the first Sunday of June we will resume the 8:00 AM liturgy on the South Lawn. The liturgy is planned from inception to be held out of doors so there will not be a lot of singing or liturgical music. We are planning to have children's sermons utilizing Hula-hoops as a way to provide social distancing for the children. The Hula-hoops will be strategically placed so that the children can sit or stand inside the colorful circle for the children's sermon time. We are eliciting the musical talent of congregation members to provide music during the distribution of Holy Communion. This might be instrumental, vocal, or a combination. If you are willing to share your talent please communicate with Victor Fields as soon as possible to schedule a Sunday. And as we have done in the past, please bring your own lawn chair, maintain a safe distance, wear your mask, and remain vigilant until such time that vaccine is available for our children and youth. These outdoor Sunday services make great opportunities to invite a friend to join you in worship at St. Paul's.



## Coming Next Month!

### Summer Bible Adventure

The summer Bible adventure will soon be here! The Bible adventure will take place on the Tuesday evenings during the month of July. Each Tuesday 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 we will introduce the Bible story for the evening followed by an activity/study page for families to work on together. We still need a couple of 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 at Rudy Park, Blue Spruce Pavilion; July 13 Rocky Ridge, Grey Squirrel Pavilion, July 20 Kain Park, Perch Pavilion & July 27 Cousler Park T&P Pavillions. To host or help bring the adventure to life please contact Miss Kelly or Pastor Reep.



## Altar Care: Setting up for the Sunday liturgy

During the past year Pastor Reep provided all of the altar care for every liturgy. Most recently we have returned to having an Altar Team clean up and put things away following the 10:30 AM service. We are now moving forward and need individuals to prepare the chancel, mark the Bible readings, and set the altar for Holy Communion. If you are willing to serve in this way please contact the church office so that you can be added to the schedule. Pastor Reep has written a guide for setting up for the Sunday liturgy. Instructions are clearly written. The sacristy cabinets and drawers are labeled and the items within them marked. The procedure is relatively simple. This might be something that you would like to do with a spouse, family member, or older youth. With the current practice of communion in one kind (bread only) during these days of pandemic, the tasks can easily be accomplished in the half hour prior to the 8:00 AM liturgy. For early risers this is a great ministry of which to be a part.

## 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.

Date	Vase 1	Vase 2
6-6		
6-13		
6-20		
6-27		
7-4		
7-11		
7-18		
7-25		

Date	Vase 1	Vase 2
8/1		
8/8		
8/15		
8/22		
8/29		
9/5		

## Council and Committee Chairpersons Meet on Retreat

The Congregation Council along with Committee Chairpersons will gather for a retreat on Sunday June 6 from 2:00 – 4:30 PM at St. Paul's. The retreat is for council members and committee chairpersons. The agenda addresses both shorter and longer term goals for the congregation. Some of the themes for the day pick up on items from the 2020 summer cottage meetings, moving forward from the pandemic, and connecting and reconnecting with congregation members and friends. Please keep the congregation's leadership in prayer as they gather faithfully to lead us forward in ministry and mission.



## Council Highlights from May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting

Heard financial reports including that envelope income continues to be strong.

Learned that our electric bill is high due to the increased amount of pulling fresh air into the building during the pandemic.

Moved to ask the Finance Committee to do research on investment portfolio management.

Set the agenda for the Council/Chairperson retreat to be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Moved to sell the grand piano in the upper-level Youth room that we do not use.

Received update on transfer of bookkeeping duties to an outside company.

Heard report about our food pantry. The Covid task force is advising pantry leaders on when it may be safe to invite our clients to come into the building to choose their own food.

Approved the details of a plaque in memory of Sylvia Little for her years of leadership to the food pantry. Discussed and will continue to discuss Covid mitigations on our campus. At this time, we still require that everyone over the age of 2 wear masks and keep physically distanced.—Patty Snyder

## Handbell Director & Children's Music Director

We have officially begun our search for a director for the Handbell Choir and for the Children's Music program. The position was divided from one position into two distinct positions in hopes that we might draw from a greater group of candidates. Someone might have the skills and temperament for working with the Handbell Choir and someone else might better be suited for working with our children in their music program. Or we might find one person whose skill and time permits them to do both jobs. The adds that have been posted on several sights are included here for anyone who may be interested.

Handbell Choir Director sought for St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 25 W. Springettsbury Avenue, York, PA. Congregation utilizes five octaves Malmark Handbells and Tone Chimes. The successful candidate will exhibit excellent music skills and work collaboratively with other staff members and volunteers to enrich the liturgical life of the congregation. 15 member Ensemble rings music level 3+. Compensation for this part time position will be commensurate with skill and experience. Send resume to [st.paulsyork@comcast.net](mailto:st.paulsyork@comcast.net) by June 14, 2021. Questions may be addressed through the church office 717-843-8155.

Children's Music Director sought for St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 25 W. Springettsbury Avenue, York, PA. The successful candidate will exhibit excellent music skills in working with preschool through upper elementary age children to develop the singing voice and utilize Orff Instruments, tone chimes, handbells, and percussion in their music making. The candidate will work collaboratively with other staff members and volunteers to enrich the liturgical life of the congregation. Currently there are two groups who provide vocal and instrumental music. Compensation for this part time position will be commensurate with skill and experience. Send resume to [st.paulsyork@comcast.net](mailto:st.paulsyork@comcast.net) by June 14, 2021. Questions may be addressed through the church office 717-843-8155.

## Graduation News

*Submitted by Church Families*



### Robert Jones III

(Robbie), graduating from Central York High School, 5/28/21. Robbie will be attending York College in the fall.

**Amelia Reep**, Graduating from Penn State with a Bachelor in music education, May 8, 2021. Will be employed as an elementary music teacher by the Solanco School District.

**Granddaughters of Bill and Nancy Banta**—**Alice Jane Banta**---graduating with honors 5/24/21 from Muhlenberg College in Allenton with a BA in Musicogy. Will study for a PhD at University of Michigan @ Ann Arbor. **Helen Rose Banta**---graduating High School with honors on 6/4/21 from The Bishop's School in La Jolla CA, Will study undecided @ Carton College in MN.

**Emily Gilbert**, Granddaughter of Ron and Norma Riese. Graduating Alvernia College. Doctor of Physical Therapy. May 15 2021.



**Deadline for the July newsletter is June 15**

## RAYAC Community Shred Event

*Get rid of old tax and confidential files in a safe and secure manner.*

**Sat., June 12**

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

### RAYAC

901 Smile Way, York

### Gettysburg Recreation Park

545 Long Lane, Gettysburg

This is a drive-through event. NO boxes may be dropped off.

Donations will be accepted for the **RAYAC Foundation** to support housing-related charities in York & Adams Counties and the Robert Murphy Disaster Relief Fund.



For more information visit [rayac.com](http://rayac.com) or call (717) 843-7891.





*To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to gain, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. -Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.*

### Music ministry moving forward from Covid-19

Last September, I wrote a newsletter article about how our faith community would implement choral and instrumental music during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the past ten months, we successfully implemented safety guidelines for allowing music to continue to be heard, sung and played. To that end, through trial and error, the church was able to continue to have weekly services with music including multiple Christmas services and music both indoors and outdoors during Holy week and Easter.

As the seasons change from late Spring to Summer then to Fall, so too will we now hopefully continue our journey to return to activity with music rehearsals for singers and instrumentalists.

Handbell and Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume this Fall once again on Thursday nights beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm. 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 press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 3:14***  
Victor

### Confirmation Ministry

The confirmation weekday camp previously scheduled for the week of June 14 has been canceled. Realizing the need for family vacation and travel as we begin to emerge from restrictions and shut downs made it challenging for us to muster a group. We have had plenty of challenges so we decided not

to add this one to the list. The intention of the morning weekday time together was to restore gathering in person and creating an environment for Christian fellowship along with teaching the curriculum. We are not planning to rush through the material. 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. A tentative 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

## 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—June

**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".

### The Mpuguso Committee

The chief responsibility of the Mpuguso Committee is to maintain a prayerful and financial relationship with our partnership congregation named Mpuguso Lutheran Church of the Kondi Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania.

We regularly communicate with the Bishop of the Diocese as well the pastor of our "sister" congregation. We have provided scholarships for students of pastors and church workers and medical students of the Diocese and those studying to be evangelists with the Mpuguso Congregation.

Our most recent project has been to contribute to the building fund for a new church to facilitate the growing Mpuguso congregation.

We welcome new members to this committee. Kindly contact any members of the committee for further details. A 5-page review of this committee's work has been published in the October 2020 issue of "Our Church". Copies are available in the Church Office. Committee members: Joe Moyer, Jim Mummert, Mike Hanson, Bill Banta, Kathryn Wicker, Martina Uffelman, Tom & Judy McKee, Dan Mays, John Monk, and Allan Wysocki and Pastor Reep.



**Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran**—The Auxiliary is conducting its Annual Drive for financial support for the primary work of providing support for the residents of the retirement villages of SpiriTrust Lutheran in York. Covid-19 was largely responsible for the loss of some \$20,000 to the Auxiliary's Treasury, and so there is hope that this will be a "bounce-back" year for the volunteer organization. [Thanks to all who already provided donations during the Geranium Sale.]

Checks are payable to "Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran" and should be sent to Jim Mummert, 770 Plymouth Rd. Your donation will be acknowledged by a phone call and our pastor will receive a note showing the names of all who contributed. Kindly call Jim at 717-309-4101 with questions.

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Thank you to all who helped to get this newsletter  
out this month!

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