

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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October 2021

8 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube
Holy Days as announced

The changing seasons are reflected in our Sunday worship. While each week is a celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection, seasonal changes help us to focus on different aspects of the liturgy. During the month of October we will resume the "continual reading" often referred to as the Second Reading. We will begin to read from Hebrews. Each week we read a bit more of it until we have read through its 13 chapters. This particular book of the New Testament provides us with insights from those who first heard the gospel through contemporaries of Jesus, and how their conversion to Christian faith brought on physical persecution. We will also begin to sing a four part setting of the *Sanctus*. You are encouraged to sing your voice part (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) for this beautiful musical setting by Franz Schubert. We haven't been singing very much through the past year and a half and our musical skills are surely beginning to atrophy. The hope of the Worship and Arts Committee is to have us singing in four parts in preparation for Reformation Sunday, October 31.



Additionally we will observe St. Luke Day with a service of healing on October 17. The handbell choir is scheduled to ring a peaceful anthem while worshipers come forward to receive anointing with oil and prayer for healing. We are blessed to have several retired clergy to assist Pastor Reep so that the healing component of the liturgy moves along smoothly. Later in the month we will recognize two of our former preschool teachers who retired at the end of the 2020/21 school year; Sue Deppen (2 year old teacher) and Kathy Monk (4 year old teacher and Assistant Preschool Director). On that day we extend an enthusiastic welcome to our preschool children and families and are planning to have our own St. Paul's children lift their voices in song. Recognizing the importance for ongoing reformation in the church and in our lives we will observe Reformation Sunday, October 31. In 1517 there were some 95 things that needed to be discussed for the faith community as they elected to live more fully into their baptismal calling. The list of things for us to discuss may not be any shorter today. We will include hymns from the reformation period as a way to show our solidarity and continuity with our forbearers in faith. We had hoped that we could restore the chalice to the gathered assembly at our Reformation observance, however with the surging cases of Covid-19 holding steady in our community that seems unlikely. We will continue plans to do so in the near future. To facilitate this important aspect of our Sunday liturgy we will need additional servers each week. Communion Assistants with steady hands to pour the wine into individual glasses. Altar guild members are needed to wash and sanitize the glasses following each service. Ushers are needed to direct and lead people to the chancel step. Currently we are stretched thin and are indeed short-handed in most areas of serving so if you are willing to take an active part or resume duties that you once performed please do notify the church office and provide that valuable information.

Be sure to come offering your prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God. And if you cannot join us in person then please do join us through the church live stream available through our YouTube channel (St. Paul's Lutheran Church S. George Street, York PA). A link to the channel is included each week when the service bulletin is emailed to you and through the webpage at stpaulsyork.org.

Harvest Wine Dinner

Saturday, October 16 @ 5:30 PM

The Harvest Wine Dinner provides a beautiful evening out with friends and family. It is a delightful way to support the ministry of the congregation. It is a way to support an independent restaurateur and folks who work in the industry. The Harvest Wine Dinner Committee works to create an atmosphere in which there is fellowship, outreach, and support all in one major event. Those who volunteer to help with this event give untold hours to create a successful evening with a delicious meal, entertainment through the live auction, and financial support for the congregation's Food Pantry and Preschool. The menu is finalized and the wines are selected to heighten the flavors of each dish prepared by Chef Brandon. You don't have to be a wine connoisseur to attend the dinner or even to sample the wine. You don't need to consume any of it if you choose. But if you do participate in the pairing, you may be surprised at how the wine enhances the flavors of the food and the food of the wine. Tickets are available through the church office. The cost per ticket is \$100.

Skip Supply Chain Issues! Get your Birthday and Christmas Gifts at our Silent and Live Auctions

The silent auction component of our fall fundraising event supports the Food Pantry and Preschool. By securing an item with the highest bid you will know that you have a great gift to give or to enjoy for yourself. The joy of course comes in knowing that through your generosity others are being helped, children through early childhood education and clients who come to the Food Pantry. If you choose to give an auction item away as a gift for birthday or Christmas the recipient will know that you care about them as well as our community in York. Provided is a list of items presented for the silent auction. Please take time to view the items on offer before the October event. Information on how to make your bid will be available at the display table in the Good Shepherd Room. Things to choose from: A Bachmann HO Model Train, Professional Family Photo Session, Dutch Appel Dinner Theater Tickets, Four 90 minute painting sessions with Pastor Reep for you and a friend, Wine Basket featuring the evening's pour, Trump Land and Lawn item, Royer's Flower Holiday item, and a Beach Weekend Getaway. Don't be disappointed when there are supply chain issues this holiday season. Make a generous bid and take home your item in October following the event at St. Paul's!

Those who are attending the Harvest Wine Dinner will have an opportunity not only to share in the delicious food prepared by Chef Brandon, and the choice wine selected by Mike Hanson and the Events Committee, but also the live auction of original water color paintings by Pastor Reep. This year there are 18 paintings on offer. If you are unable to attend the dinner but would like to bid on one of the 18 images, simply identify the image, place your highest bid with your name and contact information in a sealed envelope and write the name of the image on the outside of the envelope. Please have all envelopes to Ann Anstadt by Friday October 15. If you have the highest bid you will be notified following the event with instructions on payment for and pick up of your painting. Thank you for interest and support of the Food Pantry and Preschool.

Covid-19 precautions for the Harvest Wine Dinner and Auction

The planning committee is very much aware of the changing landscape as it pertains to the pandemic. From the beginning of planning for this year's event they have considered alternate plans and have taken into consideration the spaces in which the evening's events will take place. We are providing a few of them so to reduce any anxiety or fear. The goal is to hold this event safely with little or no risk of disease for participants.

Fellowship Hall seating will be less than half capacity.

Professional Chef and staff experienced with precautions during the pandemic.

Filtration and fresh air intake operable at highest levels.

Contingency plans for the appetizers and harvest table upon arriving.

Seating table of six upon request.

TICKET ORDER FORM

Name _____

Number of Tickets _____

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____

Please mail the ticket order form to:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Attention – Tickets
25 West Springettsbury Avenue
York, Pa 17403

Questions may be directed to:
ann@anstadt.com



Confirmation Ministry

The schedule for the Sunday evening 6:30-8:00 PM Confirmation Ministry is provided. 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. Thank you for your support of this valuable aspect of Christian life.



Fall Term Confirmation Unit The Sacrament 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

The students have been learning a great deal. They are actually having a bit of fun too. The request was made for Junior/Senior High Youth to gather for an activity and a game night. Currently we are planning on Sunday, November 14 and Sunday, December 12 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Please block off those times for us to be together and have fun! Thanks, Miss Kelly and Pastor Reep

God's Work our Hands

This year for the annual ELCA God's Work our Hands on September 12 the children and youth of St. Paul's enjoyed a variety of water activities out front on the Springettsbury Lawn. The focus this year was on the need for water, especially drinkable water, to sustain communities in places that are suffering from draught and lack infrastructure. The offerings they collected from St Paul's congregation and a donation from Benevolence will go to Lutheran World Relief and their efforts to supply water, wells, and irrigation so that people can flourish. The children and youth learned about how much water is truly needed to survive for both families and animals. 16 children and youth along with 17 adults participated in this activity.



CREATE

What an amazing turnout for the first few weeks of CREATE. It is so nice to have the children and youth back in the building. In September the children ages 2 through kindergarten heard the stories about Creation, Adam and Eve and Noah.

Along with the story they colored pictures and did a hands-on craft about the story. The children and youth grade 1 through 6 learned the first 3 commandments. They participated in a

discussion about how we use the commandments in everyday life and had fun playing minute to win it games and working on a banner about the commandments.

During the month of October children ages 2 through kindergarten will be learning about Joseph, Baby Moses, Moses and Pharaoh, and doing a fun Halloween craft. The children and youth grades 1 through 6 will be learning commandments 4, 5, 6 and 7, along with fun activities.



Ring out the News!

The handbell choir is open to new and returning ringers. We typically play for services once a month and on major feast days. We also add handbells to psalms, hymns, and other parts of the liturgy. In order to be sensitive to the changing nature of the pandemic, there will be a couple opportunities to join the handbell choir this year. At this time, we are looking for ringers who are comfortable committing to playing in September through November. Students in 7th grade through adults are welcome to join the handbell choir. Previous music experience is beneficial, but not necessary for success. Please consider ringing with us this fall! Rehearsals are on Thursdays, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the chancel. Please contact Leah McComas (Lmccomas.stpaulsyork@gmail.com or call/text 717-381-7363) if you are interested in participating.



Adult opportunities available this fall

Sunday mornings....

Now – October 17th “*by what authority? Rethinking early church history*” a video series followed by discussion will meet 9:15-10:15 am and be led by Pastor William Snyder. During this 5-week session we will see how the drama of the early church’s formation has direct connections to our life of faith today. Meet upstairs in Youth Room #208



October 24-November 14th *Isaiah: messages of hope* is the second course offered for adults this fall. Pastor Judith McKee will lead this video series and discussion on the book of Isaiah. In a time when we long for peace in the world we will look at the peace theme in Isaiah through bible study aided by visual expressions by major artists who have been inspired by Isaiah’s words.

November 28 – An Intergenerational Advent Event - watch for details

December 5, 12 & 19th *Intersections of Faith and Science* led by Tristan Ericson. We will explore the relationship between Christian faith and science: their intended purposes, the questions they seek to answer, where they agree, disagree, or avoid each other altogether.

Monday evenings 7-8 pm on ZOOM - Christian Conversations: Connecting Sunday worship with daily life. Join different clergy each week in reflections on what we heard in worship on Sunday morning and what we will take with us on our week long walk with God.

Wednesday morning Bible Study at 10:30 AM, Christ Hall.

Sunday Morning Classes Have Begun 9:15-10:15 AM.

Children up to Grade 3 are gathering at 9:15 in the church nave with Pastor Reep telling the story. They will then move to their classrooms upstairs. The story with Pastor Reep is also livestreamed on our YouTube Channel [St. Paul's Lutheran Church - South George St. York - YouTube](#)



The age groupings for classes are as follows:

Infants- Pre-K: Red room #213

Kindergarten-Grade 1: Yellow room #214

Grades 2-3: Orange room #204

Grades 3-5: Go directly to classroom at 9:15 AM: Multicolored room #202

Children in grades 4-6 will go directly to their classroom at 9:15 to meet their teachers for the story and learning activities. This group will be studying one of the Bible lessons heard each Sunday in worship.

Covid Mitigation for Children's Sunday School as of September 15, 2021:

The Christian Education Committee, with input from the Covid Task Force, is planning the following procedures: All classrooms will be cleaned before and after our use on Sunday mornings. Students will have their own pencil boxes with supplies. We will not be serving snacks. Children two and older and adults are asked to wear masks. If someone in your household is ill or exposed to a suspected case of Covid, please stay home and enjoy the online resources. We will be monitoring and updating procedures regularly.

Spark family magazine provides ways for you to talk about God and Jesus with your children. St. Paul's subscribes to this magazine for our families with young children sending it directly to your home. The third quarter issue arrived in August. Take time to read the stories with your children and try out some of the activities. Enjoy growing in faith together. (If you are not receiving this magazine, simply call the church office and asked to be added to the subscription list.)

Sunday School Opening Devotions and Bible Story—Live Stream at 9:15 AM

As a way to teach God's love through Bible stories, Pastor Reep will present a weekly story at the beginning of Sunday School from now through November 14. The story will start promptly at 9:15AM because it will be live streamed. If you can attend in person, please be in the church nave ready to start. The hope is that not only St. Paul's families who may not be able to attend in person, or who may be away, or children enrolled in our preschool, or friends and neighbors you may have and for whom there isn't any known Christian education, this will be a way to engage in a Bible story extending God's love. Please share this information! It can also be accessed through our YouTube channel [St. Paul's Lutheran church - South George St. York - YouTube](#) so that folks can watch if necessary at a later time.

October 3	Promise, Abram's Call, Genesis 12
October 10	Visitors, Abraham and Sarah's Visitors, Genesis 17&18
October 17	Blessings, Isaac's Blessing, Genesis 25 & 27
October 24	Freedom, Free from Slavery, Exodus 5
October 31	Making a Way, Crossing the Red Sea, Exodus 14
November 7	Life, Ten Commandments, Exodus 20
November 14	Barriers, Jericho, Joshua 6



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



St. Paul's Food Pantry – Volunteer Opportunity on Sunday & Tuesday Mornings

For those wishing to help, but unable to participate on Tuesday mornings due to jobs or school 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. We still are in need of additional helpers on Tuesday mornings, too! Contact Patty Snyder if you are willing to help in this ministry.



Food Pantry—Fall

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”.

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. The 2022 chart will be posted for you to reserve dates on October 1, 2021.

10/31/21		
11/7/21		
11/21/21		
11/28/21		
12/5/21		
12/12/21		

Council Highlights

The council's September meeting was another example of the relatively new and ongoing challenges facing our church in the midst of the pandemic. Yet, with the leadership of our staff and the support of our congregation, St. Paul's has consistently worshiped together both digitally and in person over the past 16 months. Our covid task force has worked diligently to provide our church the most up-to-date information to guide us in making wise decisions individually and as a church body. But there is that nemesis that emerges from time to time, fear! And so we remind ourselves of Jesus's Words from John 14:27 – “Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”



With that encouragement, as a church we move forward with our outreach ministries whether it be in Tanzania, our food pantry, Jackson Elementary School, and many others. And now we may have the opportunity to work collaboratively with other churches in our area to resettle up to three Afghan families. And so as we pray against fear, we can also pray that we love generously.

Our Annual Congregation Meeting is Sunday November 21st (time TBA) in our Nave. I would like to ask you to join in person if able or by zoom (registration instructions forthcoming) if that works best for you.

The Annual Meeting is an important opportunity for our parish leadership to discuss the direction of our congregational ministries, finances, facilities, and vision. We will review the 2022 budget, which sets our ministry spending priorities. We look to elect new members of parish leadership. We will describe the state of our parish and discuss plans for the future.

Please plan to attend this meeting if possible. Active participation in this important moment reflects an engaged membership, and I'm looking forward to discussing the future of our parish with you. See you then!

God's Peace,

Tristan Ericson, Council President



Rejoice! The Preschool welcomed the sounds of children's laughter and teacher's voices into the hallways and classrooms for the 2021 - 2022 school year.



Mrs. Passariello and Mrs. Stambaugh greeted their 4-year-old campers to their neck of the woods. They have been camping out in their classrooms, having campfires and making s'mores while learning about the beauties of God's world.

Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Rost, Mrs. Lehr and Mrs. Trump also embraced their two and three-year-olds who are all pieces of God's plan. Their little lambs followed them to school one day and began the year by jumping over candlesticks while learning about nursery rhymes and God's wonderful love.



Keep an eye out for our fun activities that we have planned for October. Fire Prevention week will be the first week of October. The Preschool is looking forward to seeing our local firemen with their fire-trucks at school so that the children can learn all about fire safety.

We all hope to have a happy, safe and healthy school year. We ask for your prayers for the staff as they continue to reach the hearts of children and for the children who learn about God's purpose and love.



Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers. They were a bright spot in my day. I'd also like to express my deep gratitude for all the prayers and offers of help from so many caring church members and the "special" angels who have helped with transportation and much needed support during my placement of Bill at SpiriTrust Lutheran The Village @ Sprenkle Dr. Rm 301 on Friday 9/3. His address is 1801 Folkemer Circle, Room 301, York PA 17404. His phone # is 717 900 6724. He has no cell # or email. God bless you all. - Nancy Banta



As the Holiday season approaches please consider giving the gift of your time! SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice is looking for volunteers to join the Hospice Team. Volunteer to visit hospice clients in your community to offer friendly support. Volunteers also help with office work, bereavement calls & visits, baking bread for bereaved families, sewing memory teddy bears. Call Cathy Sweeney, Volunteer Coordinator at 570-599-5390 to learn more.

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