

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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November 2021

8 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube

Holy Days as announced

All Saints Sunday

November 7, 10:30 AM

Remembrance of the Dearly Departed

All Saints Sunday is the day in the life of the church when we remember by name those who died during the past year. This year we committed to our Lord Jesus the lives of saints young and old. We include those who died from the congregation and those for whom Pastor Reep officiated at their funeral.

They are:

Betty Zehner	4-1-21
Mary Shank	5-7-21
Ralph Wolfe, Jr.	7-2-21 (non-member)
Tyler Smith	7-18-21
Brian Hoover	9-5-21
Sandy Shellenberger	9-13-21
James Ackerman	9-22-21 (non-member)
Betty Mehring	9-22-21



It is always a memorable service rich in liturgy, hymns and preaching. The Handbell Choir will add a beautiful dimension to the liturgy with the ringing of bells during the necrology. Please plan to attend showing your support to the many families and friends of the congregation who grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. This time together provides us opportunity to remember and give thanks to God for all of his promises to us, from our new life in Baptism to the communion of saints and the life everlasting.

Annual Meeting

Sunday November 21

The Annual Meeting of the congregation is an important part of our life together as sisters and brothers in Christ. It is the time when we conduct business, elect leaders for various aspects of our ministry and mission, and share our collective hopes and dreams for our community of faith. The Annual Meeting, November 21, 2021 will begin with combined worship at 9:15 AM. At 10:15 AM designated areas for coffee and refreshment will be provided to provide smaller gatherings in different locations. The Annual Meeting will be conducted at 10:45 AM in the Church Nave as we did last year providing electronic access via Zoom. At Noon the Fellowship Committee Will provide lunch which will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets for the dinner are available at the Springettsbury Avenue and South George Street entrances. Please make every effort to take an active role in the life of our St. Paul's Church congregation by attending the Annual Meeting.



Advent: Season of Hope and Expectation

Sunday November 28 ushers in a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. With the new liturgical year comes a lectionary grounded in the Gospel of Luke. Luke is a really good story teller. He has a way of making us listen and hear good news; the unexpected visit of an angel, a trip to visit a relative, shepherds on a hillside, a baby placed gently in a manger. These are the stories that we expect to hear in the next few weeks. With Luke we simply continue on hearing stories that are easily relatable and stories telling of hope when all seems lost. When you join in worship, expect to hear the story of God's love told with simple clarity. This is a season which brings hope, not only for people of faith, but as the angles proclaim; "News of great joy for all people!" Our Advent worship will be shaped by the joy which comes to us and is given to us by God's only Son, Christ Jesus. Come hear the story, let it give shape to your life, and let this season be filled with the good things of God.



Bridge of Hope at St. Paul's

A group of St. Paul's congregation are preparing to become neighboring volunteers to assist a neighboring family to move from homelessness to hope. The Bridge of Hope model is a partnership between a parent, normally a homeless mother, and her family, neighboring volunteers, and a case manager.

Bridge of Hope embraces the philosophy that homelessness is more than a housing crisis; it is also a crisis of relationship. Thus, each family becomes part of a Bridge of Hope Neighborhood of Support. These neighborhoods are designed to assist families facing homelessness with long-term solutions to homelessness and to develop social supports and social capital that will sustain them long beyond the completion of formal program services.

We invite you to consider being a Neighboring Volunteer by Opening your Eyes, your Heart, your Hands, and Doors of opportunity.

Pastor William Snyder is currently the chair of the Bridge of Hope National Board and would be happy to answer questions and talk about Bridge of Hope.

Youth Nights for Confirmation Students

The Confirmation students have concluded their fall term of instruction. Sunday November 14 & December 12 @ 6:30 PM Miss Kelly and Pastor Reep have planned activity nights for the youth. One night there will be a movie and discussion and one night there will be games. Snacks will be available both nights. It will be great to simply get together for fun!

Winter Confirmation Schedule

The next session of confirmation classes will begin on January 9 and run through February 27, 2022. The sessions will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Youth Room. Because we had such fabulous attendance we were able to move forward with our class material. An outline is provided for your planning purposes.

- January 9 - Church History Review and St. Paul's History
- January 16 – Holy Communion
- January 23 – The Liturgy
- January 30 – The Liturgical Year
- February 6 – Furnishings and Vessels
- February 13 – The Creed; God the Father
- February 20 – The Creed; God the Son
- February 27 - The Creed; God the Holy Spirit
- March 6 – Weather Emergency make up session
- March 13 – Game Night



Ring in Christmas with the Handbell Choir!

As the Advent and Christmas seasons approach, the bell choir is once again looking for new members! Having a larger bell choir for these seasons will allow us to use the full range of beautiful bells owned by our church. Our rehearsals include fun, fellowship, and great music! Students in 7th grade through adults are welcome to join the handbell choir. Previous music experience is beneficial, but not necessary for success. Please contact Leah McComas

(Lmccomas.stpaulsyork@gmail.com) or call the church office if you are interested in playing with the handbell choir in December and January.



The York College Symphony Orchestra and Chorale present *A Beethoven 250th Anniversary Concert Celebration*

Sunday, November 14, 2021, 3 – 5 P.M.

Waldner Performing Arts Center on the main campus

Concert is FREE and open to the public

In addition, Victor Fields will be piano accompanying a Mozart cantata with the Chorale.



Victor Fields will present a ½ hour Advent organ recital on Wednesday, December 1, 11:45am at the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd St. in Camp Hill as part of their Music, Art and Drama ministry. The concert is free and open to the public. There will be a lunch served at 12:15pm.

Sunday mornings....

Now through November 7 & 14 - *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.

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.

Wednesday morning Bible Study at 10:30 AM, Christ Hall through November 17th. Join church friends as we discuss the upcoming lessons to be heard on Sunday morning.



An Intergenerational Advent Event is planned for November 28 from 9:15-10:15 in the church fellowship hall (lowest level).

This will take the place of all Sunday School classes. November 28th is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent marks the beginning of the church year and a time of prayer and preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Families and individuals of all ages will have the opportunity to make devotional materials and decorations that they can use at home during the Advent Season. Face masks will be required to protect our youngest members. Social distancing can be maintained as each family sits at their own table. Come join your church family for this fun event.



Sunday Morning Classes 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 the age groupings for classes are as follows:

Infants- Pre-K: Red room #213

Kindergarten-Grade 3: Yellow room #214

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

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.)

Volunteers are needed for all positions during our Sunday services, especially for the early service. Please contact the office if you are able to serve.



Twelve Head Lice Kits were recently given to the nurse at Jackson Elementary School by members of our Social Ministry. Funding in the amount of \$250 was provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Any member of Thrivent, a financial institution offering counseling services for life insurance and wealth management, may apply for up to \$250 twice each year to provide support for a variety of community and congregational outreach ministries.



Officials at Jackson requested these kits upon seeing there was a need for this health service. We also delivered the kits last year.



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—November

Items needed: Stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, canned potatoes, pancake mix, 4 pks of toilet paper, 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 and 2022 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.

Vase	1	2
11/21/21		
11/28/21		
12/5/21		
12/12/21		

Calendar 2022 American Heritage

The St. Paul's 2022 calendar is in production. This year's theme “American Heritage” depicts scenes from York County Farms, New England, and Colonial Williamsburg. The original artwork was all painted on location by Pastor Stan Reep. This summer many of the farm scenes were posted on social media and drew many favorable comments. Folks enjoyed identifying the locations in the southern part of our beautiful county. This is the first time that inquiries have been made in advance to reserve copies of the calendar. You may wish to call ahead to reserve your copies as we are printing a smaller quantity in hopes to sell out rather than have to recycle unsold copies. The finished calendars should arrive by mid-November in ample time for gift giving. Once again, skip supply chain issues and purchase a calendar featuring original artwork and know that the proceeds of which provide food for the hungry. Your calendar purchase is in fact a double blessing.



St. Paul's
2022 Budget Proposal Summary

	2022 Budget
Revenues	
General Income	582,088
Other Income	2,400
Preschool Income	73,000
Total Revenues	657,488
Expenses	
Payroll Church	329,268
Mortgage Interest	79,200
Office Expenses	36,120
Worship Expenses	12,200
Witness Expenses	5,500
Fellowship Expenses	8,760
Christian Education Expenses	14,125
Social Ministry Expenses	4,450
Stewardship Expenses	4,800
Property & Utilities Expenses	89,750
Benevolence Expenses	47,000
Preschool Expenses	77,012
Total Expenses	708,186
Net Income	(50,698)

	2021 Budget
Revenues	
General Income	496,250
Other Income	3,240
Preschool Income	89,096
Total Revenues	588,586
Expenses	
Payroll Church	326,736
Debt Expenses	158,700
Office Expenses	34,370
Worship Expenses	12,200
Witness Expenses	1,000
Fellowship Expenses	8,446
Christian Education Expenses	13,500
Social Ministry Expenses	3,000
Stewardship Expenses	4,800
Property & Utilities Expenses	99,200
Benevolence Expenses	43,250
Preschool Expenses	81,550
Total Expenses	786,753
Net Income	(198,166)

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual
Revenues		
General Income	500,650	483,579
Other Income	0	15,620
Preschool Income	118,014	45,040
Total Revenues	618,664	544,240
Expenses		
Payroll Church	323,609	324,894
Debt Expenses	150,400	84,057
Office Expenses	34,370	35,893
Worship Expenses	11,400	8,254
Witness Expenses	1,000	1,540
Fellowship Expenses	8,446	1,221
Christian Education Expenses	13,500	3,996
Social Ministry Expenses	1,800	(50)
Stewardship Expenses	4,800	654
Property & Utilities Expenses	94,100	109,496
Benevolence Expenses	43,250	57,596
Preschool Expenses	99,379	73,018
Total Expenses	786,054	717,790
Net Income	(167,390)	(173,550)



What we did in October!

Stop, Drop and Roll were three very important words that the children in Preschool learned in early October. As we welcomed a new month, we also welcomed our local firemen who taught the children all about fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. There were lots of wide eyes as the boys and girls walked around the Fire Truck.



The firemen taught the children about how they prepare to fight a fire and what the equipment is used for

on the truck. They also reinforced that firemen are their friends when they come to fight a fire and that the children should not be scared of them. They were also taught that if there is a fire or an emergency the number to dial is 9-1-1. We also reminded the children to tell their families to replace the batteries in their smoke detectors.

In the classrooms, the children and teachers have also talked about all of the things Autumn brings. They have learned about crunchy apples, busy squirrels, falling acorns and colorful leaves. Excitement also continued to build as the boys and girls planned their costumes that they dressed in for Halloween. The parents will be decorated tables and the children had an opportunity to go Table or Treating.



A big thank-you to my neighbor and fellow church member, Nancy Banta. Nancy has provided the printed church service with the sermon since March 2020. I worshiped each Sunday morning with all of my church friends. Nancy, all you did was so appreciated.

This is also a thank you to Bill Banta for his life long services to the Boy Scouts of America—Norma Spencer



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.

Council Highlights

The Congregation Council gathered for their regular meeting on Monday October 11 at 7:00 PM in Christ Hall. The meeting began with prayer offered by Dan Garber.

The items approved electronically since the last meeting were entered into the minutes; the approval of matching funds up to \$5,000 for our sister congregation Mpuguso Lutheran Church Tanzania provided by a St. Paul's anonymous donor and a combined liturgy at 9:15 AM, Sunday November 21, 2021 in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

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The Nominating Committee completed their work. Their slate for presentation at the Annual Meeting was approved. Congregation Council: Alexis Heistand, Christopher Lipp, Steven Schedin and Carol Woodbury. Benevolence Committee: Lauren Smith. Mutual Ministry: Mike Bingham, Janet Fitch, Tom Ruth and Tony Culp. The council thanked the Nominating Committee for their extraordinary work.

The Treasurer presented; the financial report for the month ending, the results of the 2020 audit by RKL, the asset allocation of the investment account, and the proposed 2022 operating budget (a copy of which is included in this publication). All four reports were accepted by the council.

The President read portions of a letter from Bishop James Dunlop regarding care and support for the church rostered leaders. He is aware of the many stresses, anxieties, and depression that have taken hold during these last 18 months. He advocates for care and ongoing support for all who work in the church across the Synod.

Amendments to the Preschool Health and Safety plan presented at the September meeting were approved.

The Report of the Harvest Wine Dinner and Auctions indicated that everything is ready for the October 16th event. It was noted that the majority of participants are not congregation members and that there are a significant number of first time guests. Information regarding the pantry and the number of families served will be communicated at the dinner.

Patty Snyder reported on the first meeting within the congregation to become involved with the work of Bridge of Hope. There are seven people interested and willing to serve. An additional three persons are needed to complete the team. With our 10 volunteers identified then we can participate in Neighboring Group Training. We could possibly be ready in the spring to connect with a mother and children and their social worker to help them get established in the community. The length of commitment for this portion is about a year and a half.

The meeting concluded with prayer offered by Kathleen Lemke at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Reep



2022 Church Offering Envelopes

Church offering envelopes for the 2022 calendar year are prepared and will be available on the day of the Annual Meeting, November 21. They will be ready for pick up in the Good Shepherd Room. Please make every effort to collect your packet. The envelopes are in a tablet form so that each week's envelope can simply be torn out and brought with you to worship or simply mailed to the office if you aren't able to attend. This will save using an envelope and addressing an envelope. All you need do is add postage and mail! Also remember that you may contribute to the ministry of the congregation through electronic giving. For additional information on this simply notify the Treasurer, Peter O'Connor, for instructions. Thanks in advance for taking responsibility and securing your envelope packet for 2022 and for your faithful support of St. Paul's mission and ministry.



Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th

Originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the agreement that ended World War I at 11:00 A.M., November 11, 1918, this federal holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1954. At that time, it became a day to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Each year, special ceremonies are held at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Those who identified themselves as having served are:

JAMES BENNETT	US ARMY JAG	BYRON LECATES	US ARMY
GERALD BRIGGS, JR.	US AIR FORCE	ROBERT LITTLE	US ARMY
ORVEN COOK	US ARMY	JOE MOYER	US ARMY
THOMAS GIBSON	US NAVY	RICHARD RIESE	US NAVY
LARRY GROSS	US ARMY	RON RIESE	US ARMY & NATIONAL GUARD
MIKE HANSON	US ARMY	HAROLD SARGEANT	US RESERVES
PETER HARTMANN	US AIR FORCE	GREG SMITH	US ARMY
DAVE KOPP	US AIR FORCE	JOHN UFFELMAN, SR.	US AIR FORCE
		JORDAN YAKIM	US AIR FORCE <i>currently serving</i>

Poinsettia Orders

Decorating our beautiful church chancel and nave with brilliant red poinsettias is a Christmas tradition at St. Paul's. With the joyful anticipation of celebrating the Nativity of our Lord we are asking you to contribute a poinsettia. Plants this year are \$12.00. An order form is below. The donor recognitions will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. Once again, thank you for your support and for helping to make our church ready for our Christmas liturgies. The deadline for orders is Nov.15.



Cost is \$12.00 per plant.
They will be RED in
color.

List plant(s) as shown below
(please print clearly)

Number of plants _____ in Honor of:

Number of plants _____ in Loving Memory of:

Number of plants _____ Dedicated to the Glory of God

Your Name:

Plants may be picked up anytime *after* the
10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 26th.

Total # of Plants _____ @ \$12.00 each = \$ _____

Checks made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The completed order form with payment attached may be placed
in the offering plate or returned to the church office.

Orders due by Sunday, November 15th

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Worship Schedule

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