## Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 25 West Springettsbury Ave., York, PA 17403 717/843-8155 – st.paulsyork@comcast.net

#### December 2021

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



#### **Christmas Worship Schedule**

Please note the alternate service times throughout the Christmas/Epiphany Season

#### **Sunday December 19 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM, The Holy Eucharist (liturgy spoken)

Blessing of the Crèche

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist (liturgy sung)

The Ringing in of Christmas

#### Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24 - The Nativity of Our Lord

4:00 PM, The Holy Eucharist (liturgy sung)

Youth Handbells, Organ, Children's Choir

7:00 PM, The Holy Eucharist (liturgy sung)

Handbells, Organ, Choir

#### Saturday December 25 – Christmas Day

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist

German Chorales

#### **Sunday December 26 – The Feast of St. Stephen**

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist

"Lord, Jesus, receive my spirit"

#### **Sunday January 2 – The Second Sunday of Christmas**

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist

Lessons, Readings & Carols

#### Thursday January 6 - The Epiphany of Our Lord

7:00 PM, Vespers

Piano, Flute, Handbells

#### Sunday January 9 - The Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 AM, The Holy Eucharist (spoken liturgy)

With Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist (sung liturgy)

### The Blessing of the Christmas Crèche 8:00 AM Sunday, December 19

The Child in the manger and other representations of the Nativity has been used in churches since the first centuries. The earliest known depiction comes from around A.D. 380 and served as a wall decoration in the burial chamber of a Christian family in St. Sebastian's Catacombs, Rome. The crèche as we know of it traces its origins to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crib popular through his celebration on Christmas Eve 1223, with a Nativity scene including live animals.

At the conclusion of the liturgy on the Fourth Sunday of Advent we will have the blessing of our Christmas Crèche. The simple order for the blessing of the crèche calls our attention to God's gift to us in and through Christ Jesus. It recalls how God works through the ordinary to bring about his plan to save us from sin. Sin separates us from God. Christmas points us to the infant Jesus who takes away sin and makes the way for us to be



brought into right relationship with God. The liturgy will be spoken and the hymns sung. For those seeking a holiday liturgy with less singing and fewer in attendance this service option may be right for you.

### The Ringing in of Christmas 10:30 AM Sunday, December 19

Bells have been rung throughout the centuries to mark both solemn and joyful occasions. At the conclusion of the liturgy on Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> the members of the Handbell and Children's Choirs will join forces to ring in the joyful season of Christmas at St. Paul's. The bell peal will begin with the tolling of the largest handbell. As it tolls other bells, tone chimes and suspended chimes will add to a rich cacophony of sound. Then after the peal has had time to joyfully announce the end of Advent and the beginning of the Christmas season the care will be added to the season of the christmas season.



son the organ will be added as it introduces *Joy to the World!* We will add our voices joyfully singing together with our thoughts focused on the birth of our Savior.

#### Christmas Decorating Tuesday December 21, 6:00 PM

The Worship and Arts Committee invites anyone able and willing to help with the church decorating this year on Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. We will work with fresh evergreens and fruit so that our decorations are at their peak for our Christmas services at the end of the week. If you are able to help decorate please notify the church office. Thank you.

#### The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve 4:00 and 7:00 PM

The Christmas Eve services will be held this year at 4:00 and 7:00 PM on Friday December 24. With the radical shift currently being seen in attendance patterns the Worship and Arts Committee has planned earlier service times to facilitate those who are currently attending in person liturgies, mostly young families and older adults. The services will be nearly identical with the exception being the children's choirs will ring handbells and sing at 4:00 PM and the Chancel Choir and Handbell choirs will sing and ring at 7:00 PM. The church will be beautifully decorated and we will enjoy the sound of our beautiful pipe organ leading us in our prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God for the great



gift of his Son, Christ Jesus. Our Christmas Eve liturgies have become one of the favorite services of the entire year. Do come, invite friends and family members, and rejoice as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

#### Christmas Day 10:30 AM

Our Christmas Day liturgy 10:30 AM December 25<sup>th</sup> will provide yet another opportunity for us to celebration the joyous Nativity of Our Lord. This celebration of the Holy Eucharist will reveal in the beauty of morning light, the new day that is ours in Christ. On this Holy Day we will remember the greatest gift given, God's Son, Christ Jesus. And we will rejoice in the life, health and salvation given to us through him. We will sing several of the traditional German Carols. This lit-



urgy is becoming more popular among our church family. It helps in a very concrete way to keep Christ Jesus our Lord at the center of this Holy Day.

#### St. Stephen's Day Sunday December 26

The Carol "Good King Wenceslaus" is associated with this feast day. For many of us that may be all that we know about the day. But there is so much more to the story of Stephen and his Martyrdom. In the gospel of Luke we hear that Stephen was "full of grace and power and did great wonders among the people." In the book of Acts we learn of his sincere faith, his love for those who persecuted him and his death by stoning (Acts 6 & 7). In the Western church St. Stephen's Day is the first of three red days that follow Christmas Day; St. Stephen, St. John, and the Holy Innocents. We will commemorate St. Stephen on December 26 with one liturgy at 10:30 AM.





#### Baptismal Festival Sunday January 9, 10:30 AM

A Baptismal Festival is planned for Sunday, January 9 at the 10:30 AM liturgy. If you or someone you know desires to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism please contact Pastor Reep for details on the day's event.

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





#### God's Work Our Hands Water Project

On the second Sunday in September between the 8:00 & 10:30 AM liturgies the children of the congregation participated in a variety of water awareness activities. Some highlighted the distance people need to carry their drinking, cooking, and bathing water. Others sought out the amount of water consumed by a variety of farm animals. And there were others that were just fun; balloon toss and bucket/sponge relays. The morning produced gifts totaling \$871 enough to purchase a family H2O system through Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to everyone who worked on the project, participated in the project, and financially supported the project.



#### **Giving Tree**

During the Sunday's of December we are collecting items needed for students attending Jackson Elementary School. The Social Ministry Committee has been working with leaders at the school to identify ways that we at St. Paul's can tangibly extend the loving embrace of God to the students. We have provided coats, head lice kits, personal care grooming kits, as well as breakfast during PSSA testing. This Christmas season we ask you to help students at Jackson Elementary School by providing socks, tights, leggings, mittens or gloves. Take ornament/tag from the giving tree in the Good Shepherd room, purchase the item and bring it unwrapped and place it in the Gift Box by the tree. Gifts will be delivered to the school on Monday December 20<sup>th</sup> prior to their Christmas Holiday Vacation.





Thank you for supporting the Harvest Wine Dinner and Auction - In appreciation to all who worked to bring the event to fruition, to all who attended, all who bid, all who secured items, and all who simply made gifts in support of the ministry of the congregation, thank you! The event netted more than \$16,000.

**2022 Offering Envelopes -** Envelope packets for 2022 are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury Ave. Entrance). Please help us get all of the envelopes out of the church building and into the homes of our members by simply taking envelopes to neighbors and family members who may not be able to attend church services in person.



#### **Property Notes**

**Interior Directional signs-** The Boyer Sign Company have installed our long awaited interior directional signs. We are so please that those visiting and those new to our building can more easily find their way throughout the facility. This project was provided as a gift to the parish.

**Exterior Steeple lighting -** After more than a year we have secured both the new LED lighting fixtures and a company to install them on the lamp posts. When you come to the church in the evening you should notice a difference with the steeple illuminated.

#### **Angels Leave Us to Our Tasks**

Angels leave us to our tasks,
pondering words of peace and favor.
Shepherds go to Bethlehem,
seeing the Word made known.
Gloria in the highest!
Shepherds lead us to the Child,
praising God for grace and mercy.
Christ has come to Bethlehem,
as child wrapped in cloth bands.
Gloria in the highest!
God tells us to live in hope,
proclaiming love amid dark skies.
Gazing at the Word made flesh,
angel's song rings out again.
Gloria in the highest!



#### 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

S. Reep



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

Victor Fields will present a ½ hour Advent organ recital on Wednesday, December 1, 11:45am at the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church presents

#### **HOLIDAY VOICES**

#### Sunday, December 5, 3:00 PM



The York College of PA Choral Department under the direction of Dr. Grace Muzzo will present a holiday concert in the sanctuary featuring the York College Chorale, Chamber Singers and Treble Voices.

The program consists of choral music with Ancient Voices, Radiant Voices, Outside Voices, Dancing Voices all interspersed with appropriate Readings.

Choral Music spanning the English Renaissance through the Romantic period, plus music of Canadian, European and American composers will be heard. The program will feature "Festival of Light" a Hanukkah song newly composed by York College Dean of Enrollment Management Dr. Danny Green.

Come out to help celebrate the holidays and support the work of the many talented student singers and faculty.

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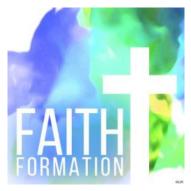
#### Sunday Morning Classes 9:15-10:15 AM.

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.)



#### Sunday mornings....Christ Hall 9:15 AM

December 5, 12 & 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Education for the New Year The Small Catechism Christ Hall @ 9:15 AM

The Small Catechism of Martin Luther provides the basis for our Lutheran Confirmation Instruction on Sunday evenings for our Jr and Sr. High youth. Beginning on January 9 Pastor Reep will be presenting and leading discussions centered on the parts of the catechism. For many of us it has been a long time since we were in High School. And for others of us we weren't raised in a Lutheran tradition. The hope is that this basic review will help us to engage more with one another and with our children and families by providing a common vocabulary. A schedule is provided for your planning purposes.

January 9 – Holy Baptism

January 16- Holy Communion

January 23 – The Office of the Keys

January 30 – The Ten Commandments

February 6 – The Lord's Prayer

February 13 – The Apostles' Creed; God the Father

**Youth Night for Confirmation Students -** The Confirmation students will meet on December 12 @ 6:30 PM for movie night. Miss Kelly and Pastor Reep will provide information as to the movie. We will follow up with a discussion on the themes presented in the movie. Snacks will be provided.





#### **Food Pantry—December**

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".

Food Pantry volunteers needed. We need shelf stockers every other Sunday from 9-10:15 AM. The next date is December 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Patty Snyder or the church office for details. We also need volunteers on Tuesdays for distribution of food to the community from 9:00-11:30 AM. Many people volunteer once a month. Contact Teressa Rohrbaugh or the church office.



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.

#### 2022 Flower Chart

The 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.

2022 American Heritage Calendars - 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 are available for gift giving. Please know that your gift purchase supports the work of our food pantry. We ask for a donation of \$20.00 for the calendar.





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. Volunteers also help with office work, bereavement calls & visits baking bread for bereaved families, sewing memory teddy calls & visits, baking bread for bereaved families, sewing memory teddy bears. Call Cathy Sweeney, Volunteer Coordinator at 570-599-5390 to learn

# Dinner Prayer for Advent

the leader says:

Come Lord Jesus!

All respond:

Come Quickly

The leader says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you in this food and in our sharing.

Blessed are you as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

And all conclude together:

For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

A verse of an Advent hymn may be sung.



# Dinner Prayer for Christmas

The leader says:

Christ is born for us!

All respond:

Come, let us adore him!



The leader continues:

Lord Jesus, in the peace of this season

our spirits rejoice:

With the animals and the angels, with the shepherds and the stars,

with Mary and Joseph we sing God's praise.

By your coming

may the hungry be filled with good things, and may our table and home be blessed.

Then the leader says:

Glory to God in the highest!

and all conclude together:

And peace to God's people on earth! Amen.

A verse of a Christmas song or carol may be sung.



#### **Council Highlights**

At its November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting the Congregational Council...

- Heard a report from the President Tristan Ericson about the new members who will begin service on Congregational Council, Benevolence Committee, and Mutual Ministry Committee beginning in January.
- Accepted the Treasurer's monthly report.
- Heard details about worship schedule for Christmas through January 6.
- Discussed the need for more ushers.
- Discussed plans for the upcoming election for council officers in December.
- Heard questions from the Covid Task Force and wish to thank them for their continued guidance.
- Heard that worship numbers continue to be strong.
- Discussed plans for the Annual Meeting to be held on November 21.
- Heard a report from Ann Anstadt and Mike Hanson regarding the Harvest Wine Dinner. The event grossed \$16,000. They are beginning discussions about similar or different events in the future.
- Heard a report from Nancy Bennett and Kat Lemke about their research and meetings regarding preschools in the greater York area.
- Heard that Social Ministry Committee has sent health kits and coats to Jackson School.
- Heard the Pastor's report.





Fall fun and excitement has been in the air at preschool. In late October, we were happy to welcome our preschool families to Preschool Sunday and honor Kathy Monk and Sue Deppen for their years of service. The preschool children were given the chance to sing their songs that they have learned during Chapel time with Pastor Reep.

The children also enjoyed their Halloween parties and Table or Treat during the week of Halloween. We would like to thank the families who helped provide candy and the Preschool Committee for planning a fun event.

During November, the preschool staff and children will be talking about their blessings as Thanksgiving quickly approaches.

As we talk about Pilgrims and Native Americans, the children will learn dances and

each classroom will have their own Thanksgiving Feast. We will also be focusing on sharing, caring and helping others in need. The preschool families and staff will be collecting and donating non-perishable items for the church pantry.

As the holiday excitement continues to build and we look forward to December, the children will be anticipating a visit from Santa and more importantly, the birth of Baby Jesus.





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Worship Schedule

December 2021

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8 AM & 10:30 AM

10:30 AM Live streamed

Holy Days as announced