

Our Church

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April 2022
8 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube
Holy Days as announced



Holy Week Schedule 2022

*The schedule is provided to aide you in your worship plans.
Please note deviations from the normal weekly worship pattern*

Palm Sunday – April 10

8:00 AM Morning Prayer, church nave
Chancel Choir

8:45 AM Fellowship, outside at multiple stations
Breakfast sandwiches, fruit, pastries, coffee & tea

9:15 AM Blessing of Palms, outside Garden of Memory
Neighborhood Procession

10:30 AM Holy Communion with Passion Reading, church nave
Handbell Choir

Maundy Thursday – April 14

7:00 PM Holy Communion, church nave
Absolution, Foot washing, Striping of the Altar

Good Friday – April 15

7:00 PM Service of the Word, church nave
The Passion According to St. John, Prayers, Ceremony of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 16

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter, begins outside Garden of Memory
Lighting New Fire & Service of light
Exsultet & Readings
Affirmation of Baptism
Litany
Easter Proclamation
Holy Communion

The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 17

8:00 AM Festival Holy Communion, church nave
Organ & Brass
10:30 AM Festival Holy Communion, church nave
Organ, Brass & Chancel Choir



Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion—8:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 9:15 AM, and 10:30 AM

We begin Holy Week by observing Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion on April 10. The entire morning is given over to this important day in the life of Christian faith. The worship schedule has been altered to facilitate the many aspects of the day. You may participate in the entire morning or select those portions that will be most meaningful for you and for your family.

We begin with Matins (Morning Prayer) at 8:00 AM. The liturgy welcomes the morning and sets before us a reading from the Old Testament from the prophet Isaiah and a reading from the New Testament from Philippians. The Chancel Choir will render the morning Psalms and an anthem. There will be a sermon based on the texts. And the prayers for the community and world will bring the service to a close. There will not be a celebration of Holy Communion at this liturgy.

Following Morning Prayer the Fellowship Committee will provide a simple breakfast outside. Breakfast is provided for those who have gathered for Morning Prayer as well as for those who are coming to participate in the Palm Sunday Procession. The time of fellowship is offered as a way for us to begin to get to know one another. Please do share in conversation and do introduce yourself. Please don't make assumptions about people knowing who you are.

At 9:15 AM we will gather at the Garden of Memory for the Processional Gospel Reading, the blessing of the Palms, and a short homily about the day and our participation. Children in the Create Tuesday program should bring the shakers that they made to make musical accompaniment as we process through the neighborhood waving our palm branches and shouting "hosanna!" Please wear appropriate shoes for walking! When we arrive back at the church there will be a short Sunday school lesson provided for children. Adults will gather in Christ Hall for coffee and conversation.

The 10:30 AM liturgy will begin with a joyful Palm Sunday handbell anthem provided by our Adult Handbell Choir. The liturgy will quickly change tone to a more somber character as we hear the Prayer of the Day and move immediately to the reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Palm branches will be available for worshipers to take home.

Please plan to participate in some aspect of Palm/Passion Sunday. Give consideration to taking in the entire morning. Perhaps this approach to the day may open up something new to you. And do invite a friend or family member to come with you. With such a rich beginning to our Holy Week observance we are bound to be drawn closer to Christ our Lord and Savior and to our sisters and brothers in our community of faith.

The Vigil of Easter, Holy Saturday 7:00 p.m.

On Holy Saturday we shall gather to celebrate what is, unquestionably, the most important liturgy in the church year – The Great Vigil of Easter. Around this liturgy the entire church year was built. Unfortunately it has been greatly neglected by the church. These days more and more congregations are celebrating it and recognizing the powerful message that it holds. It is a liturgy you will not want to miss. What follows is a fairly detailed description and explanation of it.

The Easter Vigil is the church's yearly celebration of the Paschal (Passover) Feast. It celebrates our Lord's "Passover" from death to new life, his passage and exodus to the Father. In this most solemn liturgy, the faithful followers of Christ go from death to new life with him.

This theme of death to life is appropriately expressed in the entire content of the Easter Vigil. As the message of the Vigil is proclaimed, there can be no mistaking the true meaning of the resurrection. We are impressed with the fact that Christianity is a passage religion, that in fulfillment of Israel's exodus out of Egypt, Jesus leads the new Israel, his Church, through yet another "Passover." He leads us out of bondage to sin and death into a new and promising life of holiness and joy. There are four parts to the Easter Vigil. The first centers around fire or light as a symbol of Christ who said "I am the light of the world," and who, "from three days sleep in death, as a sun has risen." The liturgy begins in darkness, the darkness of sin, the darkness of the tomb, and the darkness of death that covers an unredeemed world. In the midst of this darkness, a new fire is struck. The Old Testament tells us that God chose fire as a sign of his presence in the burning bush on Sinai, in the pillar of fire in the wilderness, and in the fire of sacrifice on the temple altar. The kindling of this new fire is a vivid reminder of the presence of Christ with his people.

Following the striking of the new flame, the Paschal Candle is lighted. This large white candle, symbolic of Jesus, the new "Pillar of fire," is carried into the darkened church by a deacon as if carried into the tomb. Light from the Paschal Candle is gradually spread to candles held by everyone in the church. The deacon then sings the great Easter announcement called "The Exsultet," which proclaims the good news of the Resurrection.



Altar Care—We have resumed our historic patterns in worship. With this return we are in need of persons willing to prepare and clean up the altar each week. Historically this ministry team served a month at a time. Please contact Pastor Reep for additional information.

Lenten Offering Opportunity

In late August and early September Hurricane Ida rolled into Pennsylvania leaving widespread flooding and destruction in her path. Along with others, volunteers from the Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Network began reaching out to homeowners needing assistance and helped to muck out basements and make assessments about repair work that would be needed. Funds are needed to assist homeowners with replacing hot water heaters and furnaces, purchasing building materials and supplies to restore homes and simply to carry out the work of long-term recovery right here in York County. Make checks payable to St. Paul's and mark for "Ida".



Lutheran Disaster Response

Ukraine Offering

Offerings to give aid to Ukrainian refugees, orphans, widows and humanitarian help can be given through St. Paul's website www.stpaulsyork.org by selecting the designated button or through our pew envelopes marking them "Ukraine".





Welcome to new members
Matthew, Catherine, and Delaney Duvall!
Delany was Baptized and Matthew and Catherine joined our congregation on January 9th.

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 PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR EASTER EGG HUNT

For ages toddlers to 3rd grade
Bring your own basket



Meet on
George street steps.

If Rain, an egg bag
will be handed out-
no hunt

Saturday April 16th 2022
10am



Congratulations to
Leah & Sean McComas on the
birth of their daughter,
Molly Mae on March 14th!

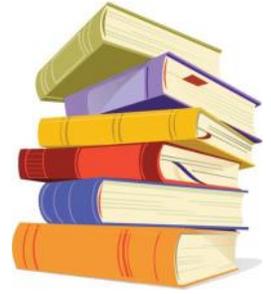


Did anyone lose a jacket?
This is a men's size
large. It's been here quite
awhile. Contact the office
to claim it.

IT'S BACK

Yes, the end of school year book drive for Jackson Elementary School is back. The school's staff, knowing how important our contributions are to the kiddos during summer break, is very grateful. We'll be collecting *new and gently used books* appropriate for grades *Pre-K through 8th grades*. In addition, the staff has asked if we can offer outdoor and educational activities such as sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, coloring books/colored pencils, crayons, bubbles, dry erase storybooks or boards, flashcards, etc.

Beginning Sunday, April 10th, and continuing for *six Sundays* through May 15th there will be two collection boxes in the Good Shepherd Room. One box will be designated "Books" and the other "Activities." The boxes will be emptied regularly, so there will always be room for more. Our last book drive provided more than 300 books!! Our Jackson Elementary School team is sure we can do at least that well along with the summer activities request. Thank you in advance.



Volunteers Needed at Hershey Park and Giant Stadium

A Project of the Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran

The Auxiliary is recruiting individuals to volunteer in the fast-food establishments at Hersheypark and the Giant Arena.



Examples of jobs offered in the food-service areas are dishwashing, floor sweeping, condiment station tending and hamburger making.

Personal rewards for volunteers are tickets worth \$75 for entry into Hersheypark anytime in the next 1 ½ years, Monday through Thursday only. For example, one volunteer 3 years ago earned 17 tickets so she could take her extended family to the Park!

In turn, the Auxiliary benefits as six dollars per volunteered hour are donated to the Treasury.

The proceeds benefit the residents of the Villages at Kelly Drive and Sprengle Drive under the management of SpiriTrust Lutheran. Kindly notify Jim Mummert at elainenjim@comcast.net or 717-309-4101, or send a note to 770 Plymouth Rd. York, PA 17402 that includes your email address and/or your phone number. Additional information will be joyfully shared with you.

This is a "WIN-WIN" volunteer opportunity for all involved. If you prefer, we will assist you with travel arrangements. You qualify if you are 16 and older. Let Jim know of your interest today and you could be sweeping floors at a hockey game in Hershey in a few days.

We would like to thank St Paul's Lutheran Church for providing the Memorial Service. The music was lovely and Rev. Recep's kind words were very much appreciated. Sincerely, The Spells Family



Easter Flowers

Thank you for providing spring bulbs to adorn our church for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Flowers may be taken home after the 10:30 AM Easter service. If you choose not to pick up your flowers the bulbs will be planted at the church to beautify the grounds. Once again thank you for providing such a brilliant display of spring color.

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.

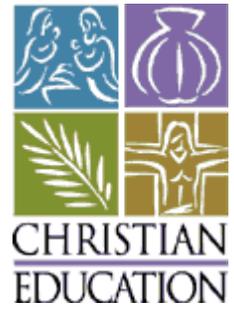
Sunday Morning Education for Children

Classes began again on Sunday, March 6 with all children gathering in the nave at 9:15 am for a large group opening including songs and introduction to the story. Children will then be dismissed to their classrooms.

Infant-preschool- room #213

Kindergarten-grade 3 – room #214

Grades 4-6 – room #204



Children are using lectionary-based curriculum which means they will be studying one of the lessons that are read in church each week. Families can take the opportunity to revisit the stories later in the day, looking at the learner leaflet, discussing what they remember and what they will take with them throughout the coming week.

Palm Sunday: All classes will meet outside for the blessing of the Palms and parade through our church neighborhood. A short class will follow. See the details in this newsletter.

Easter Sunday: There will be no classes. Classes begin again on April 24 and run through May 22.

Weekly Bible Study continues Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 AM. Come and discuss the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday. It is a great way to grow in faith and to enrich your worship experience. Don't have time on Wednesdays? You can find next week's lessons listed on the bottom of the back page each Sunday. Save your bulletin for use during the week.

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. . 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 Morning Education for Adults: Join us for the final speaker in the series "Ministries – Locally, Nationally, and Globally.

April 3 – Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania LAMPa – Tracey DePasquale, director, will present informative news about the ways Lutherans can keep informed, and participate in, state and national government discussions and legislation as guided by LAMPa's mission statement: *In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we advocate for wise and just public policies in Pennsylvania that promote the common good.*

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study is held at 10:30 AM in Christ Hall. During the season of Easter the first reading each Sunday is from the book of Acts. We will spent a portion of our time together gaining greater insight into the book of Acts while still spending time reflecting on the Easter gospel readings. The Acts of the Apostles is a continuation of the narrative of the Gospel according to Luke. The book of Acts can be divided into two large portions. The first portion centers on Peter and deals with the early church in Jerusalem in the days following the resurrection of Jesus. The second portion centers on Paul and deals with his three missionary journeys and the expansion of the message of Christ crucified, raised and ascended. These readings direct our Sunday worship during this joyous season of Easter with a dual focus on the good news that God has raised Jesus from death to life and in our missionary effort to tell and share the good news with others here and around the world. Please bring your Bible and join us!

Confirmation Ministry

Students will complete their session of confirmation when they submit their packet of worship notes to Miss Kelly or Pastor Reep. The next scheduled time to meet is slated for September when we begin a new unit and welcome new students.

Students who have completed the units on; The Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments, Holy Baptism, Lutheran Church History, Holy Communion and the Apostles' Creed will participate in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday May 1, 2022 during the 10:30 AM liturgy. Those students confirming their faith in Christ Jesus are: Emma Castro, Tanner Culp, Riley Jones, Allen Reep, and David Zart, Jr. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important day in the life of our congregation.



Food Pantry—April

Items needed: Rice, egg noodles, powdered milk, jelly, stuffing mix and canned potatoes. 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. . 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 Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office.

Sunday 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. You do not need to be an official member of the congregation to take part.

Mother's Day Geranium Sale - Last day to order is April 6

Red, white and salmon geraniums will be available for Mother's Day, May 8 from the Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran.

Kindly contact Jim Mummert at 717-309-4101 or elainenjim@comcast.net by Tuesday, April 5. Also, by that date, mail him a check payable to "SpiriTrust Lutheran" to cover your order. This year the Auxiliary's cost per plant is **\$4.00** per plant.

The flowers will be delivered to your home unless you make special arrangements to obtain them in the parking lot of Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover between 8:30 and 9:30 or at St. Paul's between 10:15 and 10:30 on Saturday May 7th.

Proceeds from this project benefit residents of the Villages of Kelly Drive and Sprengle Drive managed by SpiriTrust Lutheran of York. The Auxiliary has budgeted \$5,000 for this year for the agency's "Benevolence Fund" which assists with residential care for those who cannot afford the entire cost for their care.



Family Ministry Picnics in the Park

On May 17th join your friends from St. Paul's for an evening picnic at Kain Park, Perch Pavilion. Plan on bringing your own picnic to enjoy as we gather. The evening will include an interactive bible story along with a family activity and craft. Perch Pavilion is located next to the playground so your children can enjoy time playing with their friends. Restrooms and parking are located within walking distance.

Upcoming Picnics

June 21st Rocky Ridge
July 19th John Rudy Park
August 16th Kain Park

More information will be included in the May newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact me.-Miss Kelly



Music and Create

Tuesday, April 5th will be the last evening for this session of Music and Create. The children will have fun filling 12 Easter Eggs with hands on items that will help them to know the Easter Story. Pastor Reep, Mr. Cody, and Miss Kelly will guide them as they hear the Easter Story and then help to retell the story.

This session of Music and Create has been filled with fun songs, New Testament Bible stories and crafts, Peace, Joy, Love and Kindness! The 22 children ages 3 through grade 6 had fun learning together and creating lasting friendships. We look forward to seeing everyone at worship and events throughout the summer. Fall planning has begun and this year we are looking forward to having a Christmas program for the children to participate in.





Do you hear that? The sound of birds cheerfully chirping outside, and childrens' joyful laughter on the playground. The preschool is busy preparing for spring. We will be making crafts, reading stories and learning about God's beautiful works of nature.

As we begin April, the teachers will be talking about the importance of Easter. The children will be anticipating the arrival of the Easter Bunny and the resurrection of Jesus.

During April, the preschool will be holding a sub and pretzel sandwich fundraiser from R & K subs. The fundraiser will begin April 18 and all order forms will be due by April 27. Please plan to pick up sandwiches on May 4 at the church from 12:00-1:30 pm. You also stop by the church office or contact the preschool at 717-854-1996 to place an order. Payment is due when the order is placed. Thank you for your continued support with the preschool. We hope that you have a happy and peaceful spring!

Think Spring...The Preschool Staff



**Preschool Registration
NOW OPEN**



Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open!

You may visit the church website to register or contact the preschool via email at

director@stpaulspreschoolyork.com or call 717-854-1996.

Congregation Council Highlights

Church Council met on March 7th in the Good Shepherd Room. President Tristan Ericson expressed that many activities and Committee Reports reflects the health and growth of church life.



Financial: Treasurer Peter O’Conor announced that even with the Stock Market challenges the church’s investment fund value is 3.6 million dollars and the current pattern of giving should carry the church through the year. Peter advised that we remain careful and strategic regarding the church’s investment portfolio now managed by Fulton Bank.

Council approved that Refugee Aide Donations for Ukraine will begin immediately and be handled by the ECLA Disaster Relief because 100% of the donations will go to aide and no administrative fee will be charged.

Harvest Dinner: Ann Anstadt reported that the Harvest Dinner and Auction will now be called Harvest Dinner and will take place October 8th. The chef who provided food for the past dinners is unavailable and a new chef will be sought. Ticket sales will begin on Mother’s Day and proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry.

Summer Service: Worship and Art recommended that summer worship be a combined liturgy at 9:15 AM and with evening Vespers once a month. The intention is to have a 9:15 AM combined summer service from June to August. The expectation is that the summer schedule will provide more fellowship amongst the congregation.

Preschool: The preschool will purchase a formal curriculum, *Play to Learn*, which will be implemented in the fall of 2022. Preschool staff will receive specialized training to support students with behavioral concerns.

Attendance: Sunday attendance at the 8:00 AM service is consistent and we are experiencing growth for the 10:30 AM and live-stream services. It was suggested that council explore the possibility of providing technology training for members wishing help to access the virtual service option.

Masks: With York County trending toward the CDC benchmark and our Task Force recommended metric goal of 5%, council approved to make mask wearing optional for both services with the elimination of the Red Zone Pews. Communion servers will continue to wear masks at distribution of communion. Council also recommended that Preschool leadership communicate with the Covid Task Force for determine the best next steps regarding masking.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Reep shared that there will be two baptisms at the Easter Sunday 10:30 AM Service, there will be five students confirming their faith on May 1st, and a goal is to reactivate the Women’s Group over the summer of 2022 so that it can resume in the fall.

Benevolence Committee

Application Process for 2022-23

The Benevolence Committee has posted the applications for ministry projects to be funded in 2022 & 2023. Please make sure that you pick up an application (available at the entrance to the church nave) the next time you are at church and begin planning for a new project or think creatively about how to lend aide to an existing one! This committee provides a formal mechanism for the faith community to actively and enthusiastically engage in charitable giving of its resources of time, talent, and money for the care and redemption of our neighbors here and around the world. Members of the committee are: Rhada Hartmann (2022), Mike Bingham (2023), Lauren Smith (2024), Kathryn Wicker (Council Appointment) and Pastor Reep.



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Worship Schedule

April 2022

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