

# Our Church

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

## **The Rite of Confirmation Sunday May 1, 10:30 AM**

The confirmation class of 2022 will in part be remembered as those who received instruction during a global pandemic. Through the faithful participation of students and unwavering support of their families, five young people will confess their faith in Christ Jesus and resume greater responsibility in the life of the church. During the past two years when many church buildings were shuttered we adapted our teaching styles, models, and formats to provide instruction for our young people. Classes were recorded and posted on line. Classes were held in person with physical distancing and masking protocols. Group activities were limited. But the students wrestled with the components of the Small Catechism and asked questions about faith and life. The nearly perfect attendance by participants permitted the class to cover the necessary units in a compressed period of time. On Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> we will recognize those who have completed their work: Emma Castro, Tanner Culp, Riley Jones, Allen Reep, and D.J. Zart. What is remarkable about this group is that by their witness, by their physical presence in class and during worship, they embodied a living hope that the church was in fact alive during those murky days of the pandemic. While the church was struggling through a pandemic they kept alive the power of God to do a new thing and to make a way forward when it seemed impossible to do so. I thank these students for their resiliency and their families for their prayerful support. Please do attend worship, express your words of congratulations, and give thanks for the power and work of the Holy Spirit in our midst.—In Christ, Pastor Reep



*Confirmation projects related to the unit on The Lord's Supper.*

## Worship during June, July and August

### Combined liturgy 9:15 AM

We begin the summer season with the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. The liturgy will be held outside on the south lawn. Please bring a lawn chair with you. The Fellowship Committee is working in conjunction with the Worship and Arts Committee to make our celebration meaningful and memorable. With the deep appreciation expressed from participants who attended the Palm Sunday breakfast the Fellowship Committee is preparing for a breakfast opportunity prior to the service at 8:45 AM. A brass ensemble will provide music themed for the day as we gather to celebrate Holy Communion. We will hear the story of the mighty power of God as the Spirit of God rests on the early followers of Christ Jesus. Following the liturgy a time of fellowship is being planned so that we can become better acquainted with one another.



For the remainder of the summer season we will gather indoors for a combined liturgy. As worship leaders change each week it will help us learn names and strengthen relationships within our faith community. The musical settings will be primarily from the *“With One Voice”* supplement. Fellowship opportunities are being planned. If you would like to help by contributing baked goods or fruits or veggies simply notify the church office and we can add you to the schedule. The desire is to have fellowship opportunities following worship each Sunday throughout the summer.



**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.

### *A Glorious Easter Morning!*







*New Members Top Left Clockwise: Cheryl Reifsteck; Ken Hinkle & Jennifer Ports; Garrett & Amber Jones (Vaught) and daughter Indiana Belle; Annie & Joseph Molenda and daughter Margaret Grace. Also received into membership but not pictured are Keith, Christine, Julianna, and Jacob Kates.*





## Witness Committee Update

The Witness Committee met on April 12. It was our first meeting since before Covid and so much has changed and we feel the need to regroup. One thing has not changed and that is the need for additional members to join us on the Witness Committee. What does the Witness Committee do? Our bylaws state that we shall bring new members into the Church and support those new members and foster support for congregations and ecumenical agencies in the community. To lead all members of the Congregation to awareness of the calling to be witnesses and equip them for their ministries in daily life and encourage congregational fellowship by promoting communication, awareness, and involvement by fostering a sense of responsibility and ownership for activities and programs.

Over the years we have had community get together in the summer for the neighborhood in the parking lot, had learning/social events for children in the neighborhood at our playground during the summer, dinner groups for our members and host/hostesses guests, annual Fall Luncheon for our senior members (great fun and lots of laughter), Valentine's dinner for our young couples with childcare, arranged and helped serve funeral luncheons, delivered Autumn Boxes to our seniors, and visited with our shut-ins. A big part of our communications is keeping the Webpage updated for everyone to view.

During our meeting and reviewing the bylaws, we came to the conclusion that our job is bigger than ever. Just a few of the items we discussed are listed. We have had so many new members join our congregation and we need to welcome them and plan events for them to get together and meet one another and members of the congregation. We have so many new parents and young couples with small children and we need to plan events for them to get together and meet each other and support and grow together in God (Example: New family moves to York, small children and no family in the area. We as a congregation need to help support that family and be their family), we need to be there for our seniors whose lives have changed so much with Covid. We have seniors that have not been to church since Covid hit. We have York College a few blocks away and we should be planning an event to welcome them to the neighborhood in the fall and make them aware that we are nearby and our doors are open to them. We need to be helping out with the Hospitality Group to welcome and greet visitors at community events and help them navigate our beautiful Church and make them want to come back after the event they are attending. We need to get the fellowship back we had before Covid. People are tired of being confined and not seeing their friends at St. Paul's. Of course, all of these things need to be done safely and we will be working with the Covid Task Force before proceeding with any events. The other big question...are people comfortable getting together?

What we are looking for from the congregation is ideas/suggestions for events. People to volunteer to help with the events! We would love to have you join us but you don't have to join the Witness Committee to get involved in our events. We know everyone has a busy schedule and we meet at a time when people are working (the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. and we don't meet every month). Meetings are very informal and last 30-90 minutes depending upon what is on the agenda. A committee member shared the following with those attending the meeting: ***Those who play together, pray together!***

See any of our committee members or Pastor with ideas you may have or if you would like to join the Witness Committee! Maybe some of you have event planning experience and ideas that have worked. The current/active Witness Committee Members are: June Heistand, Earline Jones, Peggy LeCates, Nancy O'Connor, and Council Liaison, Nancy Bennett.

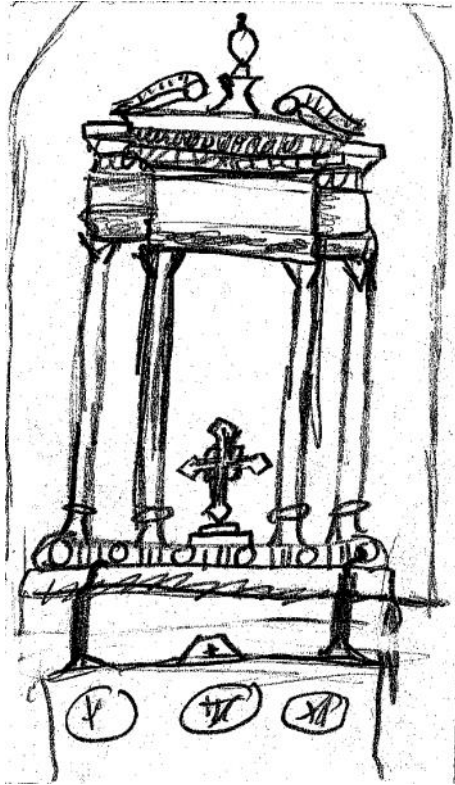
Earline Jones, Chairperson Witness Committee

Please remember to notify Pastor Reep of any life events, illnesses, joys or concerns. Call the office 717-843-8155 or email



### Donations for Jackson Elementary School

Inspire creativity this summer! Expand a child's mind by supplying them with the tools they need to grow! Last year with your generous support, we provided over 300 new and gently used books to the children of Jackson Elementary School. This year, in addition to collecting books for grades Pre-K through 8th grade, we are collecting items for outdoor and educational activities such as bubbles, dry erase storybooks or boards, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, coloring books, colored pencils & crayons, flashcards, etc. Please place all donations in the two collection boxes in the Good Shepherd Room by May 15th. Thank you!



### 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.

A drawing left by a St. Paul's worshipper in our pew!

### *The Palm Sunday Procession around the neighborhood.*





## Sunday Morning Education 9:15 AM

Classes run through May 22 for children & adults.

### Children:

Children from preschool through grade 6 will be gathering on Sunday mornings in May to discover and learn about some early Apostles from the book of Acts. These first Apostles helped to spread the message about Jesus Resurrection across the world. All ages meet in the nave at 9:15 where we will join in some singing and story. Children then move to their classrooms with their teachers. Come and join us anytime. Class size ranges between 4-10 children in each age group; Infant-Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6. The last class is Sunday May 22.

### Adult Sunday school Class

The Small Catechism—Christ Hall

The month of May provides an opportunity for us to complete the class that was begun early in the year on Luther's Small Catechism. While we covered a few sections of the catechism before taking a hiatus due to the uptick in COVID cases, there was still much to discuss. Please join us at 9:15 AM in Christ Hall. Pastor Reep will lead the discussion on most weeks. There will be a special presentation by our Social Ministry team on our outreach and ways to get involved on May 15. This is a reprise of the presentation held on a Tuesday evening in March. Do come to one or all of the morning sessions.

Adult Class meets in Christ Hall with Pastor Reep.

April 24	Office of Keys
May 1	Ten Commandments
May 8	The Lord's Prayer
May 15	Social Ministry presents on opportunities to serve.

**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.)



*Our kids enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt as you can tell by their smiling faces!*





## Food Pantry—May

**Items needed:** Rice (1 or 2 lb bags), dehydrated potatoes, powdered milk, tomato sauce and soup. 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 Update

The number of shoppers coming to St. Paul’s Food Pantry was up considerably in April. We are working hard to help our visitors feel welcomed and to keep the shelves stocked. Volunteers are always needed. Some people volunteer once a month, others more frequently. We will need extra helpers during the summer when regular volunteers are away of vacation. We need helpers on Tuesdays for distribution day, every other Thursday for food delivery day, once a month on Monday evening to pick up Panera Bread, and every other Sunday for stocking shelves. We are also looking for someone who is interested in learning about the ordering and inventory of food. Contact Janet Moore, Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder or the church office to volunteer. Please consider helping with this important ministry to our neighbors of York.

## Bridge of Hope Update

It is with much gratitude that we commend the volunteers who are members of the Community of Support for our Mother and Daughter as they embark on their journey to life in a stable and safe home. Since our launch on February 19th, with breakfast, fellowship and getting to know each other our Neighboring Volunteers have been very busy. Many of you have joined them in donations and contributions and we thank you. We are thrilled to report that mother and child have moved into an apartment in Red Lion. Moving day was Good Friday, and by the time the crew finished dishes were stored, beds made, and most furniture was in place. We will continue to update you on the progress of our family. She is so very grateful and appreciative of the generosity of St. Paul’s and her new “neighbors”.



**Join us on May 8th, Mother’s Day**, when the York College Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Grace Muzzo, will sing during the 10:30 AM service.

## Family Ministry - Picnics in the Park

**God’s Beautiful Creation 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

Join your friends from St. Paul’s for an evening picnic and bible activities at one of York Counties local parks. Each family is asked to bring their own picnic dinner to enjoy as we gather. The evening will include an interactive bible story along with a family activity and craft. All pavilions are located close to the park playground so your children can enjoy time playing with their friends. Restrooms and parking are located within walking distance.

5:30 – Picnic

6:00 – 7:00 – Bible Story, Camp Songs, Activity and Craft



<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b> Kain Park Perch Pavilion God Creates the Sky and Light	<b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b> Rocky Ridge Park Grey Squirrel Pavilion God Creates the Land and Plants
<b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b> John Rudy Park Blue Spruce Pavilion God Creates the Animals	<b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b> Kain Park Perch Pavilion God Creates the Creatures in the Sea





April showers bring May flowers. As the school year comes to a close, we are continuing to see God's beautiful works of nature. During May, the preschool staff and students will be learning about signs of new life. They will explore flowers and insects. The children will also perform in a Preschool Program for their families, recapping the songs that they have learned during the year. Later in the month, they will also honor their Mother's for Mother's Day.

Thank you to everyone who helped support the Preschool during the Sub and Sandwich Fundraiser. The proceeds will be going towards new toys for the classrooms and gym.

The Preschool is still accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Anyone who is interested in enrolling should contact the preschool at 717-854-1996. Please help the Preschool Ministry by sharing our information with others. The students and staff wish you a safe and happy summer.



## 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](mailto:director@stpaulspreschoolyork.com) or  
call 717-854-1996.

### 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.





## Congregation Council Highlights

Church Council met on Monday, April 11, 2022. President Tristan Ericson acknowledged the gratefulness of the church community's willingness to unite despite varying disagreements; the importance of being of the same spirit and loving one another is of great significance.



**Lenten Offerings:** It was announced that Lenten offerings for Hurricane Ida relief will be disseminated by the York County Community Foundation.

**Financial:** Treasurer Peter O'Connor reported that the church is currently under budget. A portion of Pastor Reep's salary was approved to be designated as housing allowance.

**Choral:** Worship Committee is requesting the purchase of a choral music library system to organize and store the chorale and music materials. The cost of the system is approximately \$13,000. On April 25<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee will meet and discuss the purchase of the Choral music library system with updated quote from the manufacturer. (This was removed from the renovation due to costs associated with construction overages.)

**Boy Scouts:** St. Paul's Boy Scout Troop will be non-operational for the foreseeable future. A request was presented for guidance regarding the disposition of Troop equipment and property.

**Preschool:** New Covid guidelines are being discussed for a clear plan regarding future masking policies.

**Sunday Attendance:** Church attendance is trending positive especially for the 10:30 service. Streaming viewership was between 75-80 households for Vespers 2022. The possibility of mid-week liturgy is being considered.

**Harvest Dinner:** A chef was secured for the evening.

**Next Meeting Date:** Council will meet next on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 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](http://www.stpaulsyork.org) by selecting the designated button or through our pew envelopes marking them "Ukraine".



***Our joyous Easter Altar!  
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!***



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## Worship Schedule

**May 2022**

Sunday Holy Eucharist  
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