

Our Church

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August 2022
9:15 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM—Live Streamed YouTube
Holy Days as announced

I gave a recent *Temple Talk* that explained our congregation's need to fill some important volunteer positions. We'll soon look for candidates to serve on elected positions: Council, Mutual Ministry, Benevolence, and Synod Representatives. Elections take place at our Annual Meeting in November and terms begin the following calendar year. We will hold two 30-minute informational zoom meetings in mid-August to explain what it's like to serve in these positions. Each meeting will present the same information, so those interested need only attend one and attendance does not commit you any further! Please connect to learn more about St. Paul's leadership. Contact me directly to express interest or sign up!

Additionally, my *Temple Talk* highlighted other very important volunteer needs in our parish, principally around the financial aspects of our church.

Our Treasurer and Finance Committee chair have faithfully served our congregation for years, and it is time for new people to step into these roles. The current financial landscape of our parish should make these positions joyous and exciting! We are also looking to form a group focusing on stewardship, and another to help prepare a time of sabbatical for Pr. Reep. These are all important needs, and I'm hoping that the members of our congregation will answer!

The church is the people of God, and it only exists because her members nourish and sustain the worship, fellowship, and ministries at the heart of our Christian life. We all do this at St. Paul's in many ways, big and small. I worry sometimes, however, that the aftereffects of the most strained periods of pandemic through much of 2020 and 2021 have weakened society's commitment toward volunteerism. I would like to challenge us all to consider the needs of our congregation and how we might each play a role in our parish's optimistic future. It's easy to say "Oh, I don't have the skillset for that!" but our sacred scriptures are filled with examples that demonstrate God's use of unlikely characters. Please join us in charting the exciting future of St. Paul's!

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Sunday Evening August 28
Covered Dish Supper @ 6:00 PM Christ Hall
Vespers @ 7:00 PM Outside south lawn

The third summer outside Vespers will be held on Sunday August 28 at 7:00PM. The liturgy is a simple prayer service. Please bring a lawn chair with you. We will gather in a circle under the trees on the south lawn. Leadership roles will be assigned to those willing to do so prior to the service. If you would like to gather for a fellowship meal, bring a covered dish to share and join us in Christ Hall at 6:00PM. This time provides opportunity for us to resume friendships after a long hiatus of us being apart.



Children's Sermons

Sunday as part of the Liturgy

What joy and delight we experience as the children come forward for the Children's sermons. With Pastor Reep back from summer vacation, and with Covid numbers remaining relatively low, we are able to provide this meaning aspect of Sunday worship for our youngest members. In August we will;

- count stars with Abram,
- figure out what to wear to a wedding banquet,
- discover with Jeremiah that we can't hide from God,
- and hear from Isaiah that God will make our bones strong,
- and that Jesus heals even when people think that he shouldn't,
- and that mutual love should continue.



Please bring your children to worship and encourage them to come forward for the Children's Sermon. Do feel free to accompany them and sit with them and engage in the sermon with them. This is an important part of faith formation. And we are rejoicing that it is once again part of the Sunday service.

Confirmation Ministry—Begins September 11

The 2022/23 Confirmation ministry program will be held on Sunday morning concurrent with Sunday school. The majority of participants this year have younger siblings who regularly attend Sunday school classes. With this knowledge it was logical to switch instruction from Sunday evenings to Sunday mornings. This should work well for all of our families. The fall term will focus on prayer, specifically the Lord's Prayer. Sessions will begin on September 11 with an intergenerational kick off for God's Work our Hands. Units on the Lord's Prayer will follow for 9 weeks. Thanksgiving to Christmas will be devoted to a Nativity play scheduled for presentation on December 18 or joining with the adults on themes of the Advent Season.

Wednesday Scripture Study—Resumes September 7

Following the Labor Day Weekend our mid-week Bible study will begin on September 7 at 10:30 AM. With renewed enthusiasm we will delve into the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We begin with Exodus and the story of the image of a calf, Luke and the parable of the lost sheep, words from Amos about trampling on the poor, and words from Jesus about being faithful in little things. We will read from Timothy and hear the apostles asking the Lord to "Increase our faith!" The Biblical witness is lush with images that push our imaginations, brimming full with stories that call our motives into question, and comforting words of acceptance, love and grace which sustain us throughout our daily life. Please do plan to join in the reading, discussion, and Christian fellowship as we prepare ourselves for Sunday worship through Wednesday Bible study. (Do remember that September 7 is the first Wednesday of the month and street sweeping prevents parking on Springettsbury Ave.)



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.)

Help Needed-Handbell Polishing Party!

In order to keep our bells in great shape for years to come, they are in need of polishing. It is not a difficult task, but with over 60 bells, many hands are needed to lighten the work! If you are willing to donate your time and elbow grease, please join us for a polishing party on Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 PM. All supplies, training, and great conversation will be provided! Please wear older clothes that can get dirty, as the polish can stain fabrics. We appreciate your help in maintaining our beautiful instruments!



Ring out the News!

Handbell choir will resume rehearsing on Thursday, September 8! Students in 7th grade through adults are welcome to join the handbell choir. Previous music experience is beneficial, but not necessary for success. 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. Please consider ringing with us this fall! Our first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 8 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the music room. Please contact Leah McComas (Lmccomas.stpaulsyork@gmail.com) or call the church office by August 28 if you are interested in participating.

Sunday, August 14, we welcome Jacqueline and Jonathan Brettschneider who will be playing organ music during the morning liturgy. They are sister and brother ages 19 and 15 years old and both study with Victor. Jackie is currently a sophomore at the University of the South and Jonathan is a sophomore at Northern York High School. Their mother, Mabel Tang is our piano technician and an accomplished violinist. Their father, Dr. Paul Brettschneider is clinical psychiatrist at Penn State Health Holy Spirit Hospital. We thank them for sharing their talents.

Bridge of Hope

Our Neighboring Volunteers continue to support our family weekly with text messages, phone calls and visits. We gathered as a group in June in a backyard for conversations and snacks. Those involved are enjoying this new opportunity for building friendships.



Food Pantry—Summer

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

Volunteering at the pantry on Tuesday, distribution days, is always a rewarding experience. Shoppers are very appreciative of the food they receive and often say "Thank you" and "God Bless you" as they roll their groceries up the ramp to their cars. We need a few more volunteers for Tuesday's. You can help once a month or less often as your schedule allows. Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh. Food items always needed include, canned black beans, canned fruits and vegetables, pastas, 1 and 2 lb. bags of rice, peanut butter, and canned tuna. Thank you for your continued support.

COVID-19 and Our Congregation

The COVID Task Force, comprised of members of our congregation, has been providing insights and caring for us throughout the pandemic. Most recently when the local county rate of infections became greater than 5% we moved from “Masks optional” to “Masks recommended.” This move was mirrored with the change in signage on the entrances to the church, the weekly email commination, and within the Sunday Service Folder. At the Congregation Council Meeting additional clarification was given in the event the local rate of infection moves above 10% that we would return to “Masks required.” By utilizing these three categories we hope that all worshipers will continue to participate and that all of us will remain safe from the spread of virus. If this summer follows the trends of the past two years then we foresee a local rate moving below 5%. Similarly toward the end of the year, late autumn, we may see an increase in the local rate of infection moving above 10%. Please do watch for emails, signage on the church doors, and announcements in the Sunday Service Folder.

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



A special thank you to Earline Jones for all she does for St. Paul's. Earline is our go-to for our website and the Preschool website. She finds many ways to enrich our giving to the community and is also on the Witness committee. Thank you, Earline, for all you do!

You Can Help!!!

A Partnership Between Local Churches & LifePath Thrift Stores

Corners of Your Field is a partnership opportunity between local churches and Lifepath Christian Ministries. Corners of Your Field encourages attendees of our partner churches to be intentional about selecting their gently used household items as a donation to LifePath Thrift Stores. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to your church to help those directly in your care.



How Does the Partnership Work?

Individuals or families donate their gently used items to LifePath Thrift Stores (formerly York Rescue Mission). Three locations: 2414 Eastern Boulevard, 283 West Market Street, and 241 Pauline Drive.

The LifePath Thrift Stores employee serving them will ask the name of their church. (St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 25 W Springettsbury Ave, York). We need to be specific as there are multiple St. Paul's Lutheran Churches.

Quarterly, the church will receive gift cards to LifePath Thrift Stores that can be given to anyone who comes to the church in need.

Donors are still able to take advantage of the tax-deduction with every gift to LifePath Thrift Stores.

St. Paul's is signed up to partner with LifePath. Please keep LifePath in mind when you are cleaning out/ decluttering.

Visit LifePathYork.org for additional information.

A Month of Reformation Stewardship Planning is Underway

We have not been able to hold a stewardship campaign for the past two years. This year we are planning to focus on stewardship during the month of October. October is the month in which we observe Reformation and remember our history as Christians in a Lutheran tradition. It should provide ample time for us to focus on stewardship, our identity as children of God, and the need for us to give in response to God's steadfast love made known to us through Christ Jesus. During the summer we will be assembling a leadership team for this month long emphasis. If you would like to serve in this way please notify Pastor Reep. And in the meantime, please pray that God will provide the leadership needed and a congregation with receptive and generous hearts.

American Heritage Harvest Wine Dinner

With the menu being finalized, tickets being sold, silent auction items being gathered, the committee is at work preparing for the October 8 event at St. Paul's. The time and energy being put forth is well worth it knowing that the proceeds from the evening benefit the outreach ministry of our Food Pantry. There are many things that still need to be done. There are many jobs that need to be filled. And there are tasks yet to be assigned. Helpers are needed. But at this point, two months out, we are moving along in the right direction. A glimpse at the menu might encourage fence sitters to buy a ticket and hurdle over for a delicious meal. Wines and local craft beers are being selected to enhance the flavor profile of the menu. Please do purchase a ticket. Inquire as to how you can help by contacting any of the committee members: Ann Anstadt, Becky Bingham, Jessica Ericson, Linda Hanson, Earline Jones, Mike Poster, Ellie Rosenmiller, Norma Shue or Pastor Reep.



Hors d'oeuvres:

*Shrimp Cocktail, Country Kabob, Mini Beef Wellington,
Sweet Beet Poppers, Fruit & Cheese Tarts*

Salad

*York County Greens
Marinated Tomatoes*

Entrée

*Chicken Supreme with Smithfield Ham
Crab Cake*

Lost Colonial Sweet Potatoes

Dessert

*York County Apple Crisp
Perrydell Ice Cream
Dusted with Lavender Sugar*



As the school year came to an end, the preschool children were entertained by Story Teller, Bill Wood. The children enjoyed hearing fables and using their imagination. The preschool was also invited to Kain Park to enjoy a picnic dinner, a Bible story told by Pastor Reep, and a craft organized by Miss Kelly. A fun time was had by all who attended.

Although summer is here, the preschool teachers have already started preparing for the 2022-2023 school year. We are proud to announce that we will now be following a curriculum that was especially created for preschool children and teachers. In addition, with the help of Earline Jones and Stephanie Harrington, a brand new, updated website has been created for the Preschool. If you are looking for something to do this summer, please feel free to check out our website <https://stpaulspreschoolyork.kinsta.cloud/>

We are still accepting registrations for next year. If you know anyone who is interested in preschool, please have them contact us at 717-854-1996 or by email at director@stpaulspreschoolyork.com

We hope you have a safe and happy summer!



The Preschool Staff Summer fun is ending, preschool fun impending. Excitement is building on the preschool floor and preparations are being made for the 22-23 school year. The preschool is proud to present a newly designed webpage that can be accessed at <https://stpaulspreschoolyork.com/>. We would like to extend our gratitude to Earline Jones for all of her hard work.

Speaking of new, the Preschool also has adopted a new curriculum with refreshing new ideas to use with the children.

The preschool is still receiving registrations. We are excited to announce that for the first time since Covid, we will be running both 2 year old classes. If you know anyone interested in enrolling at our preschool, please have them contact us at 717-854-1996 or through our new website. We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer! - 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.



We are excited to let everyone know that St. Paul's Preschool has a new webpage (stpaulspreschoolyork.com). Please take a few minutes to check it out and share it with people you know who may have children 2, 3, or 4 years of age. Applications for 2022-2023 are being accepted now.

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 last 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 Coffee Hour Donations Requested. If you would be willing to help by contributing baked goods, fruits or veggies for Fellowship following any of our Summer 9:15 AM services

simply notify the church office or sign up in the Good Shepherd room and we can add you to the schedule. The desire is to have fellowship opportunities following worship each Sunday throughout the summer. A member of the Fellowship Committee will provide oversight for each gathering.

Social Ministries

With the help of Sandy Dickensheets, Jennifer Ports, and Jim Bennett, our Jackson Elementary School books/activities drive was completed May 15. Boxes of books and activities were delivered May 25. They included 280 books, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, jump ropes, activity books, flashcards, etc. Ms. Nelson, the school social worker, expressed great gratitude for our church's generosity. Thank you to all who donated to this



Once again, we are able to open our doors to groups for concerts and events. Our newly renovated building serves as a venue to reach out to the neighborhood and strengthen our commitment to serve our community. We need volunteers to staff a Hospitality Team for these events. As a member of the Hospitality Team you would greet and welcome our guests and offer assistance to help them while they are in the building. You would not be required to attend every event. A St. Paul's staff member would be in charge of the team for each event.



This is a great way to introduce our church to the community and also attend some wonderful events. Please let the office know if you would be interested in serving on the Hospitality Team.

Families Age 2 through Grade 6 Ministry Picnics in the Park

August 16th 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Kain Park, Perch Pavilion

Children and their Families

God Creates the Creatures in the Sea

Join your friends from St. Paul's for an evening picnic and bible activities at Kain Park. 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 craft. Perch pavilion is 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, Craft and Fellowship



Youth Group Grades 7 - 12

Sunday, August 14, 3:00 pm

Mini Golf and Ice Cream—Jim Mack's Mini Golf and Ice Cream

5745 Lincoln Highway, York, PA 17406

This will be St. Paul's first Youth Group outing of the year. Parents you are welcome to stay and golf. Following mini golfing I would like to have a short meeting with youth and parents about upcoming events that are planned for the year.

Please let me know if your youth will be attending this event. - Miss Kelly



Grade 6 Youth Group

Sunday, August 7—3:00 pm

Mini Golf and Ice Cream—Jim Mack's Mini Golf and Ice Cream

5745 Lincoln Highway, York, PA 17406

Parents you are welcome to stay and golf. Following mini golfing I would like to have a short meeting with youth and parents about upcoming events that are planned for the year.

This is a new youth group that we are creating. There will be activities scheduled monthly, and will be created for just grade 6, some activities will be joined together with youth in grades 7 – 12.

Please let me know if your youth will be attending this event. - Miss Kelly

God's Work Our Hands

Sunday, September 11, 2022

9:15 am till 10:15 am

God's Work Our Hands is an opportunity for our congregation to come together to participate in a Service project packing personal and baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits will provide much needed self-care for people in situations of fear and uncertainty around the world.

All items that are needed to complete the kits will be provided by St. Paul's.

The congregation will assemble the kits and pack them for Lutheran World Relief. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Kelly. If you would like to help with the organization and set up / tear down of this project, please let Miss Kelly or the church office know.



CREATE

Tuesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:15 pm

CREATE will be held in person Tuesday evenings beginning September 13 through December 13. During these sessions preschool through grade 6 will participate in interactive storytelling, creative activities, and prayer. This year the lessons will be on the Animals of the Bible and preparation for a special Christmas program. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Kelly.

Watch for more information in the September newsletter.



Sr High Sunday School

Grade 9 through 12

9:15 am – 10:15 am—Youth Room



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Join Miss Kelly for a weekly discussion on Bringing Faith into our Lives. This will include listening to and looking closely at the words to your favorite songs, books you may be reading and current events.

The first and last Sunday of each month you will be doing service projects that may include, helping with stocking the food pantry, creating packages for St. Paul's college students, making cards for St. Paul's home-bound parishioners, and wrapping Christmas gifts for Spirit Trust Lutheran Home. On weeks that Confirmation class is not held the confirmands are invited to join this class.

Congregation Council Highlights

The Congregation Council gathered for their regular meeting on Monday July 11 at 7:00 PM in Christ Hall. The meeting began with Kathleen Lemke providing opening devotions and prayer.

The Congregation Council half year retreat is scheduled for Saturday August 13 from 8:00 – 11:30 AM and will be held at St. Paul's. Agenda items proposed: Preschool, Future Staffing needs, Capital items and campaign, Mission trip to Tanzania in 2024.

President Tristan Ericson will present a Temple Talk on Sunday July 17 on the need for Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair and Stewardship Committee Chair.

Janet Fitch was added to the list of those persons approved by Congregation Council to server as offering counters.

The Nominating Committee is beginning its work. Tristan Ericson and Kathryn Wicker will head up the committee. Two Zoom meetings providing information for interested persons will be provided on Sunday, August 14 and Wednesday, August 17 @ 7:00PM. An in person event is scheduled for Sunday August 28 following the 9:15AM liturgy.

It was suggested that we invite with regularity confirmation age and High School students to observe the work of the church at Congregation Council meetings. This may help younger members of the faith community to take a more active leadership role in the life of the congregation when they are of the age to be elected to serve.

The Council initiated conversations regarding staff compensation and any COLA for the 2023 budget year. They will be in communication with the Mutual Ministry committee as data is collated and publicized for the region and community.

The summer worship schedule was discussed. Attendance has remained solid. It was noted that the energy of the combined service was a welcome switch from past summer 8:00AM liturgies where attendance was often sparse.

The York History Center has responded to our request to have the carvings of the 4 Apostles returned to St. Paul's. The carvings were part of the pulpit at the previous church building destroyed by fire. Ann Anstadt and Pastor Reep will continue to work with the staff members and board of the history center to bring this to fruition.

The meeting concluded at 8:40PM with closing prayer offered by Tristan Ericson.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Reep



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Worship Schedule
August 2022
 9:15 AM Sunday
 Holy Eucharist
 9:15 AM—Live Streamed
 YouTube