

Our Church

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8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube
Holy Days as announced

A Month of Reformation

October is the month in which we Lutherans observe Reformation Sunday, remembering the events surrounding the reformation of the 16th century. That period brought sweeping changes to the life of western Christianity. The traditional seven sacraments of the church were reduced to two chief sacraments; Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. The chalice was returned to the worshipers restoring Holy Communion in both kinds; bread and wine. The language of the mass was spoken and sung in the language of the people. Clergy were permitted to marry. Understandings shifted; the pope was not infallible and the clergy were not spiritually superior or more competent than the laity. These, among other changes, brought with them new considerations regarding life and living, about relationship between Christ and the church, commitment and devotion, faith and practice. The reformation period plunged ordinary people into extraordinary decisions about their identity as God's people and how they would live out their Christianity. Needless to say these were challenging times.



October is the month this year in which we will emphasize stewardship and observe a period of time pondering all that we have been given; our time, talent, and financial resources. We will be asked to pray every day. We will be asked to reflect on God's generosity to us made known through his Son, Christ Jesus, and our use of time and ability to build up God's kingdom. We will be asked to increase our giving, not from a position of need but from a position of gratitude. We will make pledges signifying a renewal in our Christian commitment. Along the way we will be guided by a variety of voices; members of Congregation Council, sermons from the pastor, biblical texts read during worship, and in the prayers offered by assisting ministers. The month of reformation is bound to challenge at least one aspect of our lives of faith, and with such a challenge comes the potential for reformation, renewal, recovery, and restoration.

Holy Communion Instruction for Children

October 23

On Sunday October 23 following the 10:30 AM liturgy Miss Kelly and Pastor Reep will provide an opportunity for parents and children to learn together about the Lord's Supper. A simple lunch will be provided and then we will commence with the time of learning. The session is designed so that parents and children will engage together as they read from the Bible, visit the sacristy and take a close look at communion vessels, draw pictures depicting the faces of those they observe receiving the sacrament, and discover what is needed in order to receive Holy Communion. Do plan to attend this session with your child. Please contact the church office so that we can provide the proper amount of food for lunch and enough materials for each family.



Sunday Morning Classes for All Ages 9:15 AM

Sr High Sunday School Grade 9 through 12, 9:15 am – 10:15 am—Youth Room

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 being read and current events. The first and last Sunday of each month will focus on 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 homebound parishioners, and wrapping Christmas gifts for Spirit Trust Lutheran Home.

Preschool and Kindergarten through grade 2 children will be learning about many important Old Testament people including Adam and Eve, Joseph, Moses and more.

Grades 3-6 will be using lectionary-based curriculum which means they will study one of the lessons being heard in worship that day. This will help them tie the stories from the Bible with worship and everyday life.



Adult Discussion Session— “On Being a Christian”

Led by Pastor William Snyder—Christ Hall, 9:15AM Sundays

What does it mean to be a Christian today? Or to use Pastor Reep's language: What does it mean for us to live a “kingdom life”? In this course we will explore this question by examining perspectives built around “seeking, faith, and loving” God and

others. The five weeks will explore the following themes:

1. Seeking God
2. Seeking the Other in Community (Being Curious)
3. Faith in God (Affirming the Creeds)
4. Loving God in Liturgy: Gathered to Worship

Loving Neighbor in Liturgy: Sent to Serve

This course is inspired by the work of Robert Jenson and a commencement speech given by Carrie Newcomer at Goshen College in 2015. “Be True. Be Kind. Pay Attention.” We will draw upon Scripture, Augustine, Luther, and others, as well as a little-known master's thesis, “Eucharist, Sacrifice and Trinity”, by Pastor Snyder.

CREATE Tuesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:15 PM

We read in Genesis how God created all of the creatures, birds of the air, fish of the sea, and all of the things that creep and crawl and walk and hop and gallop on land! And God said they were good. In celebration of God's creation we will explore Bible stories referencing animals and see how many of them connect to stories we know from salvation history. Miss Kelly has prepared crafts that will lead to the creation of a beautiful Jesse Tree for the children to use for devotion during the season of Advent. Miss Kelly will meet with students' grade 2 through 6 beginning at 6:00 pm and with children age 3 through grades 1 at 6:30 pm.



Wednesday Scripture Study—Christ Hall

We will delve into the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We begin with the prophet Habakkuk and 2nd Timothy. We will read from Luke 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.

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.)



DEB BECKER



St. Paul's has been blessed with a vibrant and growing Pre-school for many years. At the helm of the Pre-school classes is Deb Becker. In the past thirty-four years, Deb has been an aide (for one year) and then a teacher and director. Her duties, which are many, include teaching the three-year old class, hiring staff, payroll sheets, ordering supplies, and communicating with parents. She lovingly expressed that the pre-school is a ministry for her. She loves being with the children and staff and she said if she retired, she would probably come back and volunteer in the pre-school!

Deb began her life-long membership with St. Paul's in her baptism. She grew up in West York and progressed through the West York schools. Her teaching degree was earned at York College of Pennsylvania. She said she taught in public schools for several years before staying home to care for her growing family. The opportunity to work in the pre-school came at a time of raising her young family and the part-time schedule "worked for her." When asked about her family she shared that she has been married to Larry for forty-six years and they have three daughters and eight grand-children! She also mentioned that both her mother and Larry's mother are still living and that she is experiencing life as the "sandwich" generation.

Deb and Larry are very active in the worship life of St. Paul's, working in the Food Pantry, frequently serving as Lector, Crucifer, Altar Guild and saying "yes" whenever a need arises!

West York is still home to Deb and Larry and she talked about the many renovations and additions to their home, which have taken place over the years. She expressed a love of vacationing at the beach with family, relaxing on her patio with enjoying the flowers, reading, cooking, babysitting and walking. Keeping busy keeps the worries away!

When asked what she would like people to know about her, she replied, "I love my family! I am very dedicated to them. I love my job or I wouldn't be here! As I said before, this is my calling and my ministry!"



Bibles For Children: Children in Kindergarten, first, fourth and seventh grade received Bibles in church on September 18. Parents and the congregation promise to teach our children about God and place in their hands the Scriptures. We have age-appropriate Bibles for a variety of ages each year that we give to children to aid in the growth as God's children.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for the 10:30am service on Sundays. It is our hope to open the nursery this fall. If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more information, please contact Carrie Oberholtzer at 610-223-2304 or obie1986@hotmail.com.



Benevolence

The Benevolence Committee, comprised of members Rhada Hartmann, Michael Bingham, Lauren Smith, and Pastor Reep, has been privileged so far this year to have received and been able to approve three incredible requests. The first request received from Social Ministry Committee was for \$600 to provide for school backpacks for our food pantry clientele. The second request was for \$600 to pay for blessing bags containing everyday items to share with those in need. Lastly, we approved \$8000 to provide and ship LWR Health Kits containing supplies such as towels, nail clippers, combs, toothbrushes, and soap to those in need.

At this time, we are still accepting applications. If you are seeking funding to support a need in our community and beyond, please complete and submit the request form found either on the St. Paul's website or in the church office. Many blessings!

Social Ministries

Plans are being made for a SERRV sale in early November, an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. SERRV is a fair trade, non-profit organization that partners with low income artisans from developing nations. Any profit made from the sales will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Nancy Bennett at nancyjb311@gmail.com.



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.

Mission Project, Mpuguso Lutheran Church, Phase 3 of the Building Project

Mission projects provide a focus away from the local congregation and out into the world. We have been working for decades with our sister congregation in Tanzania on a variety of projects. We have provided scholarships for students to attend high school and university. We have provided resources for medical officers and staff. We worked to build a hostel providing safe and affordable housing for female students so that they could obtain an education. We gathered funds to build a kitchen so that preschool students could receive a nutritious noon time meal. We provided scholarships to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation so that evangelists could receive proper Bible training to assist them in their mission work. We purchased motor bikes to carry evangelists out into the countryside proclaiming the good news of Christ Jesus. This summer we began sharing weekly devotions written by members from each of our congregations (these have been provided electronically to all members each week). Currently we are helping with the construction of a new building, much larger in scale and capacity to house the rapidly growing congregation. There have been some setbacks along the way. They have experienced supply chain issues, deficiencies in funding, and unpredictable weather patterns. But never the less they continue with phase three, installation and completion of the church superstructure. The construction manager believes that it is possible that this phase could be complete by the end of September. We received photographs to document and celebrate this milestone. We stay abreast with all of the interactions of congregational life through a dear friend Elisha Mwamwaja. He is currently experiencing ill health and needs not only the support of his medical community but also our prayers. Please rejoice in the mission work of which we are apart. Pray for our sister congregation during this time of construction. And please offer prayers for healing and wholeness for our brother in Christ, Elisha. If you would like to learn more about our mission work and connections in Tanzania please join us for an Mpoguso Committee meeting, or contact any of the active members; Tom and Judy Mckee, Jim Mummert, John Monk, Joe Moyer, Martina Uffelman, or Pastor Reep.

Dear friends, who are not only friends but also relatives in Jesus Christ our Lord and redeemer. Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord! My family and I are grateful for all the help you have provided for us. We have received the sum of Tsh 703,500/= that you have sent to help with the payment of school fees in other needs of a student Zakaria Paulo Mwakisu.

Zakaria Paulo Mwakisu is now in form six and on the last semester of his form five exams he has scored / achieved division one of 9 points. He is grateful and he promises to perform even better because of the help he received from you.

May God bless you abundantly

Yours Rev. Paulo J. Mwakisu, Zacharias' parent



Youth Mini-Golf Outing



Staff Appreciation Sunday was held on September 11th.

Pictured from left to right: Front Row: Patee Pizzirusso, Kelly Moore-Spencer, Deb Becker, Leah McComas.
Back Row: Pastor Stan Reep, Victor Fields, Ted Weikert.



Thank you to all who helped make the Staff Appreciation reception such a wonderful event! It was so nice to see us all in fellowship! - The Staff

Harvest Dinner,

Saturday October 8 @ 5:30 PM

Food Pantry Benefit

The que for the food pantry wrapped around the northwest corner. At one point the line intertwined with those waiting to drop off children for preschool. Inside pantry volunteers readied the pantry for clients arriving for the Tuesday food distribution. Inside teacher's readied classrooms and prepared for children arriving for a new day of learning. Outside those eager to learn and those eager to access food waited. Ministry is challenging. Lines often blur not just as we wait; but the lines between knowing who to help and how to help. Jesus' earthly ministry demonstrated extravagant generosity toward people with need. He welcomed children. He provided instruction for the journey. And Jesus consistently talked of a kingdom unrecognizable to many of us because of our limited ability to imagine active grace. None the less, Jesus calls us to follow him.



Round Church the painting featured for the month of October in the St. Paul's 2022 calendar is a historic building in Richmond Vermont. The unique structure, 16 sides, was constructed in 1812 – 1814. The need for a meeting house, and a multi-denominational house of worship (Baptist, Universalist, Christian, Congregationalist, and Methodist) promoted this project. Money for this meeting place was raised by selling pews. The pew sales raised a grand total of \$2,305.42. This building was used for annual Richmond Town Meetings, a Vermont tradition, for 160 consecutive years. Currently the building is used for an annual town meeting and for special events.

The Harvest Dinner Event is a bold exercise in the blurred lines of ministry; the lines between helping others, while enjoying ourselves, and recognizing need, and providing for it. We welcome people into our Fellowship Hall for an evening of delicious food and drink. We provide opportunities to go away for a weekend, clean out a garage, wrap up in a blanket, enjoy freshly baked homemade pie, or become the owner of original artwork created for just such an occasion. These are all silent or live auction items. The Food Pantry at St. Paul's is now in its 41st year. Knowing that neighbors needed food, those first pantry volunteers asked for donations and used what they received to meet needs. At one point it looked like the need for a neighborhood food pantry might actually dissipate. That moment has not arrived. So people continue to wait for food. And lines blur.

Tickets are \$100 per person. All proceeds benefit the food pantry. Our goal, in addition to providing food, is to build a canopy to provide protection; from the summer sun, from the spring and autumn rain, and snow filled days of winter. Those in the que will be most appreciative for the extra aspect of hospitality such a canopy will provide.

Sunday Concerts and Programs at St. Paul's

We are pleased to host a variety of musical events during the 2022/2023 season.

All events are FREE and open to the public.

Please show your support with your attendance.

October 9	3:00pm	Workshop	American Guild of Organists, York Chapter
<i>Thomas Keesecker, composer and pianist. Workshop on his choral and piano compositions</i>			
October 16	2:00pm	Piano Recital	Matinee Musical Club of York
December 4	3:00pm	Holiday Choral Concert	York College of PA



York College Choral

January 22	2:00pm	Piano Concert	York Music Teachers Association
February 12	3:00pm	Choral Concert	York County Senior Honors Choir
<i>Carlos Casilla, Music Director of YCSHC received the 2022 Outstanding Young Composer award from the Pennsylvania Chapter, America Choral Directors Association</i>			



York County Senior Honors Choir

April 16	4:00pm	Organ Recital	American Guild of Organists, York Chapter
<i>Dr. Daniel Aune is Professor of Organ at the Peabody Conservatory of Music and Director of Music and Organist at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore</i>			
May 21	2:00pm	Piano Competition	Matinee Musical Club of York

Cantabile and Cherub Choirs

Mrs. Jones, New Director

The children's choirs have been gathering on Tuesday evenings to sing and ring and play instruments. Participants in the Cherub choir; wave and grin, jump and spin, and sing songs of praise. The Cantabile Choir has been ringing handbells and exploring the Psalter, especially Psalm 23 and 121. Both choirs will participate in a Sunday liturgy during the month of October: Cantabile Bells Oct. 2, 10:30 AM and Cherub Choir Oct. 16, 10:30 AM. We began the fall season with Pastor Reep providing leadership during a time of vacancy. The work was just beginning when a candidate for the Director of Children's Choirs was presented to Worship and Arts, Mutual Ministry, and Congregation Council. Now the children have a new director, Mrs. Julianna Jones. She is beginning her work along with Pastor Reep making a smooth transition for our children. Mrs. Jones holds an advanced degree in music education and has more than a decade experience in teaching music to lower elementary age children. She is a lifelong Lutheran and brings energy, creativity, and a deep appreciation of God's gracious love. Please welcome the children during worship and extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Mrs. Jones as she provides direction for



A Round of Applause!

Handbells

In August we were blessed with 13 wonderful volunteers at our bell polishing party! Our top-notch team polished all five octaves of handbells in just 30 minutes. We decided to keep the party going and polished all the communion ware as well! Afterwards we enjoyed some time for fellowship and refreshments prepared by Tina Llorente and Cheryl Reifsteck. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with this task!

New Music Library

The church purchased a new music library storage system earlier this year. It recently arrived after a 3 week period where it was lost by the shipper! Unfortunately, one of the many flat-pack cartons arrived with a damaged panel. It will be replaced and the system is now almost fully assembled in the music room. Currently the Property Committee has been assembling pieces and constructing the library system. Special thanks to Larry Becker, Jeff Riese, Josh Riese, Devin McDonald, and Kem Vaught for their skill and time. Once assembly is completed, the majority of the church's music library will then be transferred into the new units. All of the choral music storage boxes need to be brought down from their current storage location on the 2nd floor and then will need to be relabeled and then filed numerically to coincide with the current database of music titles. Lots of labor moving forward! But a huge thank you to all who have helped make this possible.

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir is off to a good start. We have a few new singers and many returning singers. Female singers are especially needed. Won't you consider singing with us? Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:30pm.

Sunday, October 9, 3:00 pm

Piano & Choral Workshop/Performance

Noted church music composer Thomas Keesecker will be presenting a choral workshop/piano performance in the sanctuary featuring many of his sacred piano compositions and choral anthems. This presentation is being sponsored by the York Chapter, American Guild of Organists. The Chancel Choir will be singing Keesecker's anthem I Lift My eyes up to the Hills based on Psalm 121 on Sunday, October 16 which is the appointed Psalm for that day. Keesecker just released a new Advent collection of piano music.



Thomas Keesecker retired in 2019 after serving as a church musician for over 40 years in Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. His church music is published by several publishers. His studies at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C. prepared him for a career in which he has mixed classical technique and jazz improvisation. In his retirement he travels the country sharing his piano collections in informal recitals which incorporate hymn singing, readings, and poetry.

Bags

you have bags
of bags

collecting bags
must be your bag

because you have bags
with nothing in them
except for bags,
inside of which are other bags,
full of bags

you have enough bags for life
for a hundred lifetimes –
if there was a prize for the total number of tote bags
you would have it
in the bag

don't know why you need so many bags
when all you ever seem
to put in them
are other bags

Brian Bilston

*Just a reminder the Food
Pantry needs bags!*



Thank you Pantry Volunteers!

Teresa Rohrbaugh
Patty & William Snyder
Janet & Larry Moore
Tom Martin
Norma Shue
Charlene Graffius
Kathy Keller
Sandy Dickensheets
Ann Anstadt
Lois A. Schroeder
Kathy & John Monk
Cheryl Reifsteck
Joe Triggs
Marcie Stoner
Pat Rudacille
Peter & Nancy O'Connor
Pat Scarborough
Barb Young
Pam Gale
Sue Walsh
Tom Adams
Patsy & Richard Griffin
Christie Mumford
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Ron & Norma Riese
Mike & Linda Hanson
Connie & Bob Reed
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Jim & Elaine Mummert
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Glenn Spinello
Darren Smith
Keith Kates
George Fitch
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Jim & Nancy Bennett
Steve & Sue Heistand
Kat Lemke
Jennifer Port
Ken Hinkle
Jill Striebig
DJ Zart Jr.
Tonya Cave
Lauren Smith
Pat & Gary Van Natten
Aaron & Max Jacobs
Tina Llorente
Alexis Heistand
Cindy & Ken Vaught
Tom McKee
Tristan Ericson
Patrick Doran
Carolyn Kapoun
The Lipp Family
The Herdson Family
The Palmer Family



Food Pantry—Fall

Items needed: Beans, corn, juice, jelly, macaroni, Rice (1 or 2 lb bags), dehydrated potatoes, powdered milk, canned tuna, tomato sauce and soup. We also need paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.



York Conference of Lutherans Working Together to Support the Mission of Christ's Church

NEEDED: TUTORS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6

The York Conference of Lutherans Tutoring Program is seeking volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with students on Monday or Tuesday evenings during the upcoming school year! Tutors need not be teachers, or even have a degree. We need people who are willing to assist elementary grade students with homework, read with them, help them learn spelling, math facts, etc. We welcome tutors of ages 15 and up! If you like young people and want to make a difference in the life of a young person, then this is for you!!! Tutors over 18 must apply for clearances, but there is no charge to you as a volunteer. Can't commit every week? We always need substitutes!

Note: One of our primary goals is to maintain the health and safety of our tutors and students. We will be following the guidance of the PA Dept. of Education and the PA Health Dept. regarding safety protocols. Contact Shari Young at ycltutoring@gmail.com or 717-586-9310 for more information.

Congregation Council Highlights

Council Highlights

The Congregation Council met for their regular meeting on Monday September 12 at 7:00 PM in Christ Hall. President Ericson called the meeting to order and opening prayer and devotions were led by Pastor Reep.



The Council received with regret the resignation of Kathryn Wicker. She served as a member of the executive committee and provided leadership through the pandemic. Her term is completed at year end. Please extend your words of appreciation to her for faithful service.

The Treasurer presented the most recent report financial reports for month ending August 2022. He also presented the first draft of the 2023 budget. After careful consideration adjustments were suggested in the areas of property, compensation, social ministry, and Konde scholarship. The Finance committee will review and prepare a second draft for review at the October Council meeting.

The recommendations from Mutual Ministry to hire; Joseph Kinkella as part time custodian for the preschool area, and Julianna Jones as part time Director of Children's Choirs were approved. They will begin their employment with St. Paul's on September 13.

Harold Sargent has agreed to chair the Finance Committee.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday November 20.

The recommendations from Social Ministry for; a SERRV sale to benefit the work of Lutheran World Relief and special offerings for God's Global Barnyard (including the Advent mid-week offering) were approved.

The date of the Harvest Dinner, October 8, is quickly approaching. Please make every effort to purchase and sell tickets. This is the primary fundraiser to support the work and infrastructure necessary for the Food Pantry.

The work of the Nominating Committee continues. Persons interested in serving in elected positions of leadership are invited on Sunday September 25 to a coffee hour held at the playground between services.

The combined summer worship schedule was well received and was well attended. Especially noted was the fellowship time provided after the liturgy. Special words of thanks are expressed to all who provided food and who gave of their time to set up, serve, and cleanup.

The recommendations from the Worship and Arts Committee relating to worship time schedule were approved. They are as follows:

November 20, Annual meeting one liturgy @ 9:15 AM followed by meeting & Lunch

December 24, Christmas Eve, two liturgies @ 4:00 & 7:00 PM

December 25, Christmas Day, one liturgy @ 10:30 AM

January 1, Holy Name of Jesus, one liturgy @ 10:30 AM

The meeting concluded with prayer given by Steve Schedin at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Reep

A very special Thank You to our Gardening Team; Jim Mummert, Norma Shue, Larry Becker and Jon Yinger, who have been planting and watering our landscape flowers. The Spring and Summer gardens were lovely and the Fall designs are spectacular!





Rejoice! The Preschool welcomed the sounds of children's laughter and teacher's voices into the hallways and classrooms for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

Orientation was held for the preschool families on Thursday, September 8. The teachers discussed procedures and policies for the upcoming school year. It was so great to see classrooms full of parents again instead of having to communicate by Zoom meetings. The preschool also welcomed Mayra Smoker, a new Aide in the 4 year old classroom.

Mrs. Passariello, Mrs. Stambaugh and Mrs. Smoker are ready to make a big splash with their 4-year-old surfers. They have been building sand castles, soaking up the sun and riding the waves, while learning about the beauties of God's world.

Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Rost, Mrs. Lehr and Mrs. Trump also embraced their two and three-year-old lambs who followed them to school one day. They began the year by going up the hill and jumping over candlesticks while learning about nursery rhymes and Gods wonderful love.

We are also excited to have our Parent Group activities begin! The committee kicked off the year with a Weep and Rejoice Party for the parents on the first day of school. A special thank you to those who helped to organize this event. The next parent event will be Table or Treat for Halloween. Keep an eye out for other fun activities that we have planned for October. Fire Prevention week will be the first week of October. The Preschool is looking forward to seeing our local firemen with their firetrucks at school so that the children can learn all about fire safety





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 in, 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.



The 2023 Flower Chart will soon be posted on the Springettsbury bulletin board. After 15 years, the cost of a vase will be increasing to \$35.00 in January. Please be aware of this as you sign up. As always, your gift adds beauty to our chancel each Sunday morning.

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
October 15**



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

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".



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.

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