

# Our Church

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**November 2022**  
8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist  
10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube  
Holy Days as announced

## **All Saints Sunday** **November 6, 10:30 AM**

### **Remembrance of the Dearly Departed**

Remembering is one of the key things that Gods' people do. It is a part of the fabric of our life in Christ Jesus. In the Old Testament we are repeatedly hearing the messengers of God calling on people to remember what God has done for them. In the New Testament we listen to not only what God has done, but what God is doing and promises yet to do. All Saint's Sunday serves as a day to remember those who have died in the faith from our congregation as well as to recall the extraordinary promises made to all the Baptized. On November 6<sup>th</sup> we will remember and celebrate the lives of:



Harriette Adams 10-24-21  
Brian Reinecke 11-10-21  
Rebecca Shingleton 11-13-21  
Betty Hoffmaster 12-4-21  
Frederick Lowe, Jr. 12-27-21

Evelyn Ruth Spells 1-16-22  
Charlotte Mueller 6-15-22  
Kathleen McDowell 7-1-22  
Patricia McDowell 7-7-22  
John Uffelman, Sr. 7-13-22  
Kathryn Everhert 10-13-22

This is an important day in our pilgrimage together at St. Paul's. Come and remember and celebrate as we offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God. It is always a memorable service rich in liturgy, hymns and preaching. The Handbell Choir will add a beautiful dimension to the liturgy with the ringing of bells during the necrology. Please plan to attend showing your support to the many families and friends of the congregation who grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. This time together provides us opportunity to remember and give thanks to God for all of his promises to us, from our new life in Baptism to the communion of saints and the life everlasting.



*Our Garden of Memory in the beauty of fall foliage. If you are interested in information regarding the Garden of Memory, information packets are available in the church office.*

**Annual Meeting – Christ the King Sunday November 20**  
**Combined Liturgy 9:15 AM**  
**Meeting and Dinner to follow**

**ANNUAL**  
**MEETING**

The Church year comes to a close as we celebrate Christ the King on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. On this day we proclaim the Lordship of Christ in our lives. We acknowledge that we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. We rejoice that he is King of the Universe and that he uses his power and authority to rule in equity and peace. Equity and peace are what we begin to anticipate in the season of Advent and in our preparation for Christmas. Christ our King leads us along right paths as we live in his kingdom and under his reign. Equity and peace are lived out in our relationships with one another and as we reach out in ministry to the community and world.

This year we celebrate this day with a combined liturgy at 9:15AM. Our Annual Meeting will follow in Fellowship Hall and lunch will be served. Tristan Ericson, Council President, encourages everyone to be in attendance. He writes *“I would greatly appreciate strong participation from the congregation at this in person event. The annual meeting is an important opportunity for our parish leadership to discuss the direction of our congregational ministries, finances, facilities and vision. We will review the 2023 budget, which sets our ministry spending priorities. We look to elect new members of parish leadership. We will describe the state of our parish and discuss plans for the future. Please plan to attend this meeting if possible. Active participation in this important moment reflects an engaged membership.”* The 2023 proposed budget is included in this issue of the *Our Church* newsletter. With the adoption of the budget, elections to positions of leadership, reports from a few key committees and time to discuss a shared vision for ministry and mission our work for the year will be complete. Thank you in advance for your faithful participation in the work of our congregation.

**Mpuguso, Raise the Roof, Mission Project**  
**Benefit Luncheon with African Choir**  
**November 6, Noon**

Now in phase #4 of their new church building program, our sister congregation in Tanzania is working diligently to raise enough financial resource to purchase the needed materials to complete the roof prior to the rainy season. We have agreed to help them through a special month of contributions designated for this purpose. On Sunday November 6 at Noon an African themed luncheon will be served in our Fellowship Hall. We have arranged for an African choir from Lancaster to sing at the event. The luncheon will officially “Kick Off” our fund raising efforts at St. Paul’s. Our goal is \$5,000. We celebrate and rejoice with them that their congregation is growing in faith and number as more and more people hear the good news of God’s love made known through Christ Jesus.



Their continuing growth is not coincidental. It has plenty to do with their willingness to study, learn, teach and proclaim the Christian message of hope and salvation. In the past we have assisted them by purchasing motor cycles so that evangelists could travel out into the outlying areas to preach and baptize. During the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation we provided tuition so that two men from the congregation could attend Bible training and prepare to be Evangelists. Mpuguso Lutheran Church continues to thrive because they continue to explore new avenues to proclaim the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Please work with us on this mission project raising the roof for Mpuguso Lutheran Church, Tanzania. If you are unable to attend the luncheon please do give financially by placing your gift in a “special” envelope located in the pew racks and deposit it in the offering basin on any Sunday during the month of November. In advance, the Mpuguso Committee members thank you for your participation and support on this mission project.

For additional information regarding our sister congregation please feel free to contact any of the committee members: Jim Mummert, Tom and Judy McKee, Mike Hanson, John Monk, Kass Keleta, Martina Uffelman, Tristan Ericson and Pastor Reep.





### **Harvest Dinner & Auctions**

From every indication the October Event was a huge success. Those who gathered enjoyed an assortment of appetizers when they arrived in the Good Shepherd Room. The conversations were lively as people sampled the craft beer and select wine. The 12 paintings donated by Pastor Reep were all neatly displayed on easels across the chancel step. Live piano music echoed through the church nave. Guests marveled at the artwork and the exceptionally beautiful worship space. Making their way to the Fellowship Hall participants discovered a generous array of silent auction items on offer. Dining tables in Fellowship Hall were elegantly set with white table cloths, black napkins, and fall floral arrangements. Etched beer and wine glasses touting “St. Paul’s Harvest Dinner, York” accompanied each place setting. The glasses were sent home with guests as a memento of the evening. The meal was meticulously prepared and presented. The dessert, apple crisp with Perry Del ice cream and lavender sugar, set everyone up for the sweetness of the auction to follow. The first round of robust bidding pushed the proceeds from the art sale and set the tone for the evening’s auction. The evening concluded at 9:15 PM with folks joyfully taking their leave. Thank you to the Harvest Dinner Committee for providing such a meaningful evening and the tremendous financial support for our Food Pantry Ministry.

### **Calendar 2023**

#### **Proceeds to Benefit Canopy for Food Pantry**

Pastor Reep has provided us with another 12 months of beautiful original artwork to greet us with each passing month in 2023. This year the proceeds of our fund raising event will be used for a canopy over the Food pantry Walkway. This improvement of our facility will provide protection for pantry clients from rain, snow and summer sun. The cost of the project is significant. The funds garnered from the sale of 2023 calendars as well as from the original artwork being auctioned in late 2023 will help us reach our necessary goal. So please do take calendars (packages of 10) to sell.

Purchase calendars for friends, neighbors, and coworkers for the upcoming gift giving occasions. We have the potential to raise \$20,000 if the entire congregation were to whole heartedly engage in this enterprise. We are asking for a donation of \$20 per calendar. This price has remained constant for the past 5 years.





## Sunday Morning Classes for All Ages 9:15 AM

**Infant-Preschool** – These young learners are introduced to some of the Bible stories. They also spend time building relationships through exploration and play. Parents are welcome to stay with their child during this class if they wish.

**Kindergarten – Grade 2** – These early readers are beginning to read the Bible stories as they explore God's love for his people. Activities and crafts help to support this learning.

**Grades 3-6** This group is ready to dig deeper into the stories they heard when they were younger. The curriculum helps them grow in their Christian faith.

**Confirmation Youth** meet with Pastor Reep on Sunday mornings as they bring to a close the unit on the Lord's Prayer on November 13.

### Adult Education in Advent:

November 27 History of Advent, When Someone You Love Comes

December 4 History of St. Nicholas, When Someone Who Loves You Comes

December 11 History of the Christmas Nativity, When Loving Leads You to Someone

December 18 Nativity Play presented by the children, youth, and young adults.

**No Classes will be held on Sunday, November 20 due to the Church's Annual Meeting and the combined service at 9:15 AM.**



**Advent begins this year on November 27<sup>th</sup>.** Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Christ. We talk of Christ coming in three ways during Advent. First is the coming of Christ as the infant at Christmas. Second is Christ coming to us each week in Holy Communion. Third is Christ coming again at the end of time.

Watch for materials in The Good Shepherd gathering space that you can take home to use with your family as you celebrate this wonderful season of waiting.

## CREATE

### Preschool age 3 through Grade 6

Tuesdays, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>

During the month of November, the children will complete making their Jesse Trees. Each tree will include 7 animals of the Bible and a Star. The animals were created with Shrinky Dink and will hang on a wooden dowel tree. They will take the trees home to use during Advent.

### Youth Group Grade 7 through 12

Sunday, Nov 13

11:45am till 1:30pm

Service Project Soup making and Lunch

The youth will spend time making Vegetable Soup for members in need. Each youth will be asked to bring different vegetables to help make the soup. The soup will be frozen for when members may need a meal.



### Youth Group Grade 4, 5 & 6

Sunday, November 20

12:15pm

Card Making

Following the Congregational lunch and during the Annual Meeting the children grades 4, 5 & 6 will be making cards that will be sent to members that may be homebound or in need uplifting.

## Poinsettia Orders

Decorating our beautiful church chancel and nave with brilliant red poinsettias is a Christmas tradition at St. Paul's. With the joyful anticipation of celebrating the Nativity of our Lord we are asking you to contribute a poinsettia. Plants this year are \$12.00. An order form is below. The donor recognitions will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. Once again, thank you for your support and for helping to make our church ready for our Christmas liturgies. The deadline for orders is Nov.27.



Cost is \$12.00 per plant.  
They will be RED in  
color.

List plant(s) as shown below  
(please print clearly)

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ in Honor of:

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Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ in Loving Memory of:

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Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Dedicated to the Glory of God

Your Name:

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Plants may be picked up anytime *after* the  
10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 25th.

Total # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The completed order form with payment attached may be placed  
in the offering plate or returned to the church office.

**Orders due by Sunday, November 27th**

## Upcoming December Events

### CREATE

Preschool age 3 through Grade 6

During Music and Create November 29<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> the children in Preschool through grade 6 will be practicing and creating props and costumes for the Christmas Program to be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.



Youth Group Grade 4 through 12

Sunday, December 11

11:45am till 2:00pm

Present Wrapping and Lunch

Each year the residents at SpiriTrust Lutheran Home in York make a wish list of items they would like for Christmas. This year we are asking the children and youth in grades 4 through 6 to help donate some of the items that are requested. During Youth Group they will wrap and bag the gifts. They will also be making a special Christmas card to go along with the gifts. The gifts will then be delivered to SpiriTrust to be given out on Christmas morning.



### 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](mailto:obie1986@hotmail.com).



### 2023 Church Offering Envelopes

Church offering envelopes for the 2023 calendar year are prepared and will be available on the day of the Annual Meeting, November 20. They will be ready for pick up in the Good Shepherd Room. Please make every effort to collect your packet. The envelopes are in a tablet form so that each week's envelope can simply be torn out and brought with you to worship or simply mailed to the office if you aren't able to attend. This will save using an envelope and addressing an envelope. All you need do is add postage and mail! Also remember that you may contribute to the ministry of the congregation through electronic giving. For additional information on this simply notify the Treasurer, Peter O'Connor, for instructions. Thanks in advance for taking responsibility and securing your envelope packet for 2023 and for your faithful support of St. Paul's mission and ministry.



### 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.

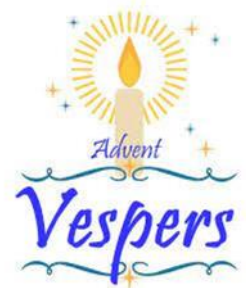
St. Paul's is signed up to partner with LifePath. Please keep LifePath in mind when you are cleaning out/ decluttering. Visit [LifePathYork.org](http://LifePathYork.org) for additional information.

### Advent Vespers Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

The first Wednesday in Advent is November 30. We will be hosting three other Lutheran Congregations:

Christ Church, Manchester; St. Peter's Church, North York; and Grace Church, North York.

The preaching will include sermons by Pastors Judy & Tom McKee, Pastor Beth Schlegel, and Pastor Reep. The preaching for each week will focus on the themes associated with each of the 4 Advent wreath candles; Love, Joy, Peace and Hope.



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church 2023 Budget Proposal

	<b>Proposed 2023</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		
General Offering Income	<b>372,500</b>	370,000
Trust income	<b>175,000</b>	176,400
Building Use Income	<b>33,500</b>	32,688
Special Events Income/Fundraising	<b>25,000</b>	3,000
Pantry Income	<b>9,000</b>	2,400
Konde Projects	<b>9,000</b>	0
Preschool Income	<b>89,795</b>	73,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 713,795</b>	<b>\$ 657,488</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Payroll - Church	<b>325,000</b>	329,268
Administrative	<b>150,650</b>	147,570
Christian Ed	<b>17,350</b>	15,575
Fellowship	<b>5,250</b>	9,860
Mpguso Committee (Scholarship)	<b>9,000</b>	12,000
Property	<b>162,050</b>	87,250
Social Ministry	<b>5,000</b>	4,450
Stewardship	<b>2,500</b>	4,800
Witness	<b>2,500</b>	5,400
Worship	<b>16,900</b>	14,700
Preschool	<b>88,132</b>	77,312
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 784,332</b>	<b>\$ 708,185</b>
<b>Difference Income - Expense</b>	<b>(\$70,537)</b>	<b>(\$50,697)</b>

## Wednesday Scripture Study—Christ Hall, 10:30 AM

We will delve into the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We begin with readings for All Saints Sunday, move quickly to Christ the King, and then on to Advent! 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.



**Cantabile & Cherub Choirs**  
**Sunday November 13 @ 10:30 AM**



The children have been enjoying their Tuesday evening music making opportunities. The Cherub Choir children have been learning to keep a steady beat and the importance of listening as Mrs. Jones has them echo her melodic lines. The Cantabile Choir members relish ringing handbells, playing percussive instruments, and discovering the beauty of their singing voices. On Sunday November 13 the two choirs will join forces rendering a two part anthem, *Teach Me Your Way*, based on a Psalm text. This is very challenging for the children. Please be present to support them in their music making as they offer their praise to God.



*Cantabile Choir's first Sunday to ring in the 2022/23 season.*



*Cherub Choir's first Sunday to play instruments and sing in the 2022/23 season.*

**Handbells**—Back in September, several youth members of the congregation expressed interest in joining the handbell choir. There was such an enthusiastic response from the congregation as we returned to music making post-pandemic that it became necessary to form a second handbell choir for adults and older youth. I'm pleased to share that this second group began rehearsing in October and will provide music for a liturgy in late November. All the bell choirs continue to be important ministries and represent the vibrant and energized faith community at St. Paul's.—Leah McComas

**Chancel Choir—Volunteers needed!** I am looking for any volunteers to help me with the job of transferring our music library files into our new music storage system. There are 4 file cabinets of music that need to be transferred into the new storage units. I need any assistance with transferring 500+ choral music boxes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor storage area to the music room using a library cart. **Absolutely NO heavy lifting required.** Volunteers can work when they want to during regular church office hours or even on Sundays after services. Contact Victor @ [vfields.stpaulsyork@comcast.net](mailto:vfields.stpaulsyork@comcast.net) or at the church office if you would like to lend a hand or two!



Johanna, Weston, Noelle and Scott Wagner celebrate Weston's Baptism on October 2, 2022.



New Children's Choir Director Julianna Jones pictured here with husband Andrew Jones and their children, Hazel and Frederick.



### VICTOR FIELDS

Musician. Organist. Conductor. Teacher. Adult Choir Director. All words to describe Victor as he shares his talents with us each week in worship. His music career began at St. John's Episcopal Church in York where he was a boy soprano at the age of seven and at the same time began his first piano lessons.

Starting at the beginning he shared that he and his older brother were born in Hagerstown, Maryland. His family moved to York in 1962 and later to Dover with a final family move to Camp Hill. He graduated from West Shore High School and his college career began at Mansfield University in northern PA. Following college graduation he was accepted into a Master's Program at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, MD. A second Master's Degree and some Doctoral work in conducting in Cincinnati, OH.

Victor is beginning his tenth year here at St. Paul's, and he also teaches 18 private students in piano and organ, as well as teaching in the music school at York College. In preparation for performances he rehearses all the choirs and vocal students at the college. He said that music is such a total part of his life that he has music playing in his home 24 hours a day. Yes, even while sleeping!

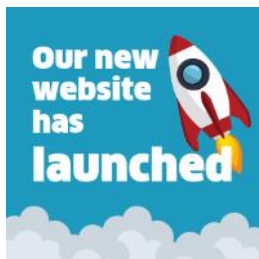
When asked some additional questions about his family, Victor said his older brother lives in Florida and, unfortunately suffered damage to his home from the recent hurricane, Ian. A 15 year old cat named John Boy is an important member of the family. He greets Victor at the door each time he returns home.

When not working he attends as many different musical programs and performances as he can. He likes to go out to dinner, read and travel. He recently made a deposit on a trip to Europe with the York College Choir in the spring. He is hoping to be able to play some organs in the magnificent cathedrals they will visit.

He would like everyone to know that he is also an avid Bridge player and tries to play as often as he can. He is always looking for a forth so if anyone reading this newsletter is interested in playing Bridge, please let Victor know.

This interview ends as many church services end with an ovation of applause for the beautiful and meaningful music of worship. Thank you, Victor!





## Web Page Update

We are happy to report that St. Paul's new and improved webpage is mobile and up and running. Please sign on to [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org) and check it out. There is so much information and great pictures in the Gallery and on the slideshow. You will find the monthly newsletter in color, weekly bulletins, monthly calendar and a link to Facebook and the Sunday service on YouTube. Hopefully, you will find the new webpage helpful and refer to it often.

## Supporting Lutheran World Relief

On November 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> St. Paul's congregation will have the opportunity to purchase globally handmade home, kitchen and entertainment items. By shopping with SERRV, an independent fair-trade and non-profit organization founded in 1949 to fight global poverty, you will be supporting more than 8,000 low-income artisans and farmers from developing nations - plus their families and communities, enabling the artisans to become self sufficient. SERRV employs artisans who utilize traditional crafting methods, patterns and materials to create their handicrafts. All proceeds made by St. Paul's from this sale will be donated to Lutheran World Relief.



Jackson Elementary School received uniforms, socks, tights, and shoe laces from our church. In addition, we provided 18 book bags to supplement the school's stock. Ms. Nelson, the school's social worker, is deeply grateful to St. Paul's.



Welcome back, God's Global Barnyard! After an intermission of over two years, our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class, led by Scott Herdson, Dan Garber, and Sheridan Palmer, is launching this mission project. This is an opportunity for our entire church family to contribute to the purchase of animals for farmers worldwide. In November the class will give a temple talk and kick off the project .... complete with the comeback of the quarter tube.

## Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th

Originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the agreement that ended World War I at 11:00 A.M., November 11, 1918, this federal holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1954. At that time, it became a day to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Each year, special ceremonies are held at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Those who identified themselves as having served are:

<b>JAMES BENNETT</b>	<b>US ARMY JAG</b>	<b>DANIEL MAYS</b>	<b>US NAVY</b>
<b>GERALD BRIGGS, JR.</b>	<b>US AIR FORCE</b>	<b>JOE MOYER</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>
<b>ORVEN COOK</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>	<b>MICHAEL POSTER</b>	<b>US AIR FORCE</b>
<b>COURTNEY BLAKE</b>	<b>US AIR FORCE</b>	<b>RICHARD RIESE</b>	<b>US NAVY</b>
<b>THOMAS GIBSON</b>	<b>US NAVY</b>	<b>RON RIESE</b>	<b>US ARMY &amp; NATIONAL GUARD</b>
<b>LARRY GROSS</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>	<b>HAROLD SARGEANT</b>	<b>US RESERVES</b>
<b>MIKE HANSON</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>	<b>DARREN SMITH</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>
<b>PETER HARTMANN</b>	<b>US AIR FORCE</b>	<b>GREG SMITH</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>
<b>DAVE KOPP</b>	<b>US AIR FORCE</b>	<b>BEN STALLMAN, III</b>	<b>US NAVY</b>
<b>BYRON LECATES</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>	<b>GARY VAN NATTEN</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>
<b>ROBERT LITTLE</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>	<b>JORDAN YAKIM</b>	<b>US AIR FORCE</b> <i>currently serving</i>

## Congregation Council Highlights

St. Paul's church council met on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

**President's Report:** Tristan Ericson noted that with the changeover in our council's structure and leadership St. Paul's is moving into the next phase of our church with a focus on continuity.

**Finance:** The budget will be presented to the annual congregational meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Financial audit is still in progress.

**Staffing:** Future staffing considerations for the 2024 budget will include discussions for the acquisition of additional clergy (possible deacon? assistant pastor?) due to St. Paul's growth. Possible sabbatical for Pastor Reep for the 2024 year.

**Directory:** The Witness Committee will address considerations to updating the directory.

**Mpuguso Request:** Mpuguso has requested a fundraiser on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. This day would include a service, a meal, and a performance by African choir to benefit roof project for Mpuguso congregation. The fundraising goal is \$5,000 through donations during the month of November.

**Nominating Committee:** There are still openings on Mutual Ministry and Synod Reps.

**SERRV International Sale:** Global items made by artisans in developing nations will be for sale on November 13-14. All proceeds made by St. Paul's will be donated to Lutheran World Relief.

**God's Barnyard Fundraiser:** Sunday school children, from November to January, will collect quarters that will fund the purchase of animals, that the children will choose, for farmers around the world.

**World Relief Health Kits:** A concern was expressed about quality of the items that were used. May need to consider a vendor change to provide higher quality items, and/or lowering the number of kits to increase the quality of the items.

**Food Pantry:** The pantry served 238 families and 1005 individuals in September. Donations of milk, potatoes and pasta are needed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Reep is excited about the current new hires and their commitment to St. Paul's; is pleased with the success of the Harvest Dinner; the Children's Nativity play is being prepared; and the Preschool Chapel is an exciting component of the church life/ministry.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Schedin



## 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](mailto:ycltutoring@gmail.com) or 717-586-9310 for more information.





## Fire Prevention Week at Preschool

Stop, Drop and Roll were three very important words that the children in Preschool learned in early October. As we welcomed a new month, we also welcomed our local firemen who taught the children all about fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. There were lots of wide eyes as the boys and girls walked around the Fire Truck. The firemen taught the children about how they prepare to fight a fire and what the equipment is used for on the truck. They also reinforced that firemen are their friends when they come to fight a fire and that the children should not be scared of them. They were also taught that if there is a fire or an emergency the number to dial is 9-1-1. We also reminded the children to tell their families to replace the batteries in their smoke detectors.



In the classrooms, the children and teachers have also talked about all of the things Autumn brings. They have learned about crunchy apples, busy squirrels, falling acorns and colorful leaves. Excitement also continues to build as the boys and girls plan their costumes that they will dress in for Halloween. At the end of October, the parents will be decorating a table and the children will have an opportunity to go Table or Treating during the day.

Next month, the children will be sharing their blessings and helping to collect food for St. Paul's Pantry.

The teachers and families are hoping to have a spooktacular fall and look forward to the exciting things that are to come!



We are excited to let everyone know that St. Paul's Preschool has a new webpage ([stpaulspreschoolyork.com](http://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.



## 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”.

## 2023 Flower Chart

The 2023 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is \$35 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  
November 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](mailto: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](http://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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