

# Our Church

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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**April 2023**  
8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist  
10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube  
Holy Days as announced

## Holy Week Schedule 2023



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

### **Palm Sunday – April 2**

**9:15 AM Holy Communion with Passion Reading, church nave**

Reception of new members  
Fellowship following service

### **Maundy Thursday – April 6**

**7:00 PM Holy Communion, church nave**

Striping of the Altar  
Organ, Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir

### **Good Friday – April 7**

**7:00 PM Service of the Word, church nave**

The Passion According to St. John, Prayers, Ceremony of the Cross  
Organ, Violin, Chancel Choir

### **Holy Saturday – April 8**

**7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter, begins outside Garden of Memory**

**Lighting New Fire & Service of light**

Exsultet & Readings  
Affirmation of Baptism  
Litany  
Easter Proclamation  
Holy Communion

### **The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 9**

**9:15 AM Festival Holy Communion, church nave**

Organ, Brass & Chancel Choir

## Holy Week Schedule and Liturgical Notes

### Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion

April 2, 2023

9:15 AM



The liturgy begins with the Chancel Choir singing a stirring arrangement of *Ride on King Jesus* followed by the blessing of palm branches. The traditional processional hymn *All Glory Laud and Honor* will be sung as the congregation takes part in procession. Following the Prayer of the Day we receive new members into the life of the congregation. The scripture readings point us directly to the power of God at working bringing salvation to humankind. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew is read proclaiming powerfully God's love for us and all people. Holy Communion will be celebrated and the congregation takes their leave stirred now by the story of God's compassionate action on our behalf.

### Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023

7:00 PM



We begin the solemn Three Days. The liturgy on Maundy Thursday begins with the sermon. This is a rather jarring beginning from our traditional liturgical pattern. We do this in order that the sermon provides direction and insight into the Holy Week events. Of notable change, the Handbell Choir will ring a dramatic anthem based on the hymn *My Song is Love Unknown*. We will hear of the new commandment given to us by our Lord Jesus *That we love one another* both through the Gospel reading from St. John and by a beautiful setting sung by the Chancel Choir. We will recall how the supper was instated by Christ himself and how the Apostle Paul handed it on to the Church in Corinth and through time to us. The liturgy concludes with the stripping of the Altar. While the chancel appointments are being removed, the Chancel Choir sings Psalm 88. The service ends in complete silence. There is not a benediction as this is one part of a liturgy extending over three days.

### Good Friday

April 7, 2023

7:00 PM



On Good Friday the focus of our liturgical life centers on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Gospel of St. John. The Chancel Choir will render the Psalm and a response to the reading will be offered by violin and organ based on John 3:16, *For God so Loved the World*, to a setting by Charles Callahan. The prayers are in the form of a spoken litany and we conclude with the Reproaches of the Cross. The veil is removed from large wooden cross as we acknowledge that it was upon the hard wood of the cross that our savior bore the sin of the world. Worshipers are invited to reverence the cross as they take their leave from the sanctuary. Once again, there is no benediction as this is the second part of a liturgy extending over three days.

### Holy Saturday, The Vigil of Easter

April 8, 2023

7:00 PM



The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the most important liturgies in Christianity. Here we hear how God through time has brought Salvation to humankind and how our Lord Jesus passes from death to life. We begin at the Garden of Memory on the south lawn. A new fire is kindled and from it the Paschal candle is lighted. We process into the church nave and take candle light from the Paschal candle spreading its flame to the hand candles of worshipers as the Easter Proclamation is sung by the cantor. Then we sit. The daylight fades in the worship space as we hear readings from scripture. There are 12 appointed readings from which we select about half a dozen each year to read giving shape to our understanding of God's work in histo-

ry from creation through the Prophet Daniel. If there are candidates for Holy Baptism the assembly enters into the Baptismal rite. If there aren't any baptisms scheduled then the liturgy proceeds with the Affirmation of Baptism for all who have gathered. A hymn focusing our attention on Baptism is sung. Then together we pray the Litany. When the prayers end the church is dark and then suddenly the morning light of Easter breaks in as we sing an Easter hymn in the brilliance of the church nave. Spring flowers appear in the church. Dazzling white paraments grace the pulpit and altar. The account of the Resurrection of Our Lord from St. John is read followed by the sharing of The Peace. Servers prepare the altar for the first celebration of Easter and Holy Communion is celebrated. The liturgy that has extended over three days concludes with the Easter Proclamation; *Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

## **The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day**

**April 9, 2023**

**9:15 AM**

One combined liturgy on Sunday morning will make our Easter joy and celebration complete. The prelude will feature Brass and Organ. The Church nave and chancel will be beautifully appointed with spring flowers. The Chancel Choir will lead us in the liturgy and hymns. We will use *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* musical setting #9 for the liturgy. We will use for the first time *This is the Feast* from this setting. It will be placed as our first communion hymn. The Easter Day liturgy is straight forward following the tradition form of the mass. A Confirmand will serve as lector. The sermon will announce the good news that God has acted bring us life and salvation. Following the liturgy the Fellowship Committee is providing light refreshments in the George Street narthex, the Good Shepherd Room, and weather permitting outside by the playground. Please plan to come. Invite friends and family members to join you, especially those who may not have attended for some time. And do plan to share in the fellowship time following the liturgy. May your joy be full and may Easter provide you with renewed hope.



## **HOLY WEEK ADVENTURES**

### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church Holy Week Adventures**

Children age 2 through Grade 6 and their parents.

Saturday April 1, 2023

9:00-11:30 AM

Enter through the Springettsbury Ave. doors

Call or email now to confirm participation  
[St.paulsyork@comcast.net](mailto:St.paulsyork@comcast.net) or 717-843-8155

Children will engage with the Bible stories that shape Holy Week:  
Triumphal Entry, Foot Washing, Passover, and Easter

### **Easter Flowers**

Thank you for providing spring bulbs to adorn our church for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Flowers may be taken home following the 9:15 AM liturgy. If you choose not to pick up your flowers the bulbs will be planted at the church to beautify the grounds. Once again thank you for providing such a brilliant display of spring color.



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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC,  
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023  
4:00pm**

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
25 W Springettsbury Ave  
YORK, PA**

GERANIUMS



**Mother's Day Geranium Sale**

The Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran of York is holding its annual Mother's Day Geranium Sale to benefit the residents of Kelly Drive and Sprengle Drive Villages. Geraniums are available in red, white and salmon at a cost of \$5.00 per plant. Please contact Jennifer Ports at 443-310-0897 or [jleigh36@gmail.com](mailto:jleigh36@gmail.com) to place an order. Checks should be made payable to "Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran" and sent to Jennifer by Tuesday, April 11. The flowers will be delivered to your home unless you make arrangements to obtain them in the parking lot of Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover between 8:30 and 9:30 or at St. Paul's between 10:15 and 10:30 on Saturday May 13th. Please see the order form on the bulletin board at the Springettsbury entrance for more information.

**Church:**

*A sanctuary for the bleeding mind  
The organ reverberates through  
and wraps around  
firelight & grace  
The provided promise  
unfolds before me  
I lean in  
And breathe out*



**From my heart to yours,  
Kat Lemke**

**thank  
you!**

*I'd like to express our family's deep appreciation for all the cards of condolence, caring support, memorials to Mpuguso and prayers you've all given since Bill's passing in December. It is so comforting to have such a loving church family.*

*Sincerely, Nancy Banta and family.*

*To All the Children and Youth Ministry and Melanie (who signed and made my card...she put her name in the center of the heart),*

*Thank you so very much for my lovely Valentine. You made my day happy. God Bless You All. Your Friend, Shirley Haugh*

*To All Those Who Helped,*

*Thank you so much for the Valentine's Dinner! It was lovely and we enjoyed connecting with other parents in the church.*

*Sincerely, Dan & Kathryn Garber*

*PS Thanks for the child care too—Henry had a great time!*



**Bridge of Hope Up-**

**date:** We marked our one-year anniversary with our neighboring volunteer group at St. Paul's. We get together monthly for meetings or activities with our mother and her daughter. We keep in touch with them weekly through texts and phone calls. Our mother is currently employed, and her daughter attends preschool five days a week. The usual commitment is for 2 years. It has been a very rewarding experience for the volunteers so far!





**Earth Day Celebration 2023**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023 • 2-6pm**  
**Kirchenwald**

**Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee. All ages welcome.**

**RSVP to 717-677-8211 or**  
**LutheranCamping.org by April 14**

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The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm  
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**The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania**  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

**Earth Day Celebration**  
**Camp Kirchenwald**  
**Sunday April 23, 2023 from 2:00 – 6:00 PM**

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of our favorite places, Camp Kirchenwald. The entire afternoon is given over to being in God's beautiful outdoors. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with the camp, the grounds, and the staff.

**The Lutheran Camping Corporation provides a creative, Christ-centered ministry for people in all stages of life, in partnership and cooperation with congregations and individuals, for the service and proclamation of the Gospel.**

## **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.

**This Quarter we received \$20 in gift cards due to 7 donations that were given to LifePath in our name.**

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.

## Mpuguso Scholarship Recipients

These pictures of these fine-looking and smart young men and women are twelve of the fourteen students who are receiving scholarships from St. Paul's Lutheran Church to further their education. These scholarships, amounting to \$9,000, are provided through the monetary gifts given in our regular offerings; the cost of these scholarships were part of our benevolent expenditures in our congregational budget adopted at our Congregation Meeting. Thank you all for your generous giving which made these scholarships possible.

Since 2006, St. Paul's has been providing scholarships for students selected by the Bishop of the Konde Diocese. These students all have been the children of pastors and church workers. During his time with us while studying at York College on a scholarship from St. Paul's, Pastor Meshack Njinga explained to our congregation how difficult it is for the children of pastors and church workers to continue their education past primary school. In Tanzania, education in primary school is free to all. However, to continue on into secondary school, students must pass exams and must pay tuition. Because of the low salaries received by pastors and church workers few of their children were able to continue their education past primary school; and they all realize that education is essential to get ahead in life. Since 2006 through scholarship aid, St. Paul's has provided a way for many students to get ahead in life.

These twelve students have been selected by the current Bishop, Bishop Geoffrey Mwakahaba to receive scholarship aid this year. They are all in Form One (the equivalent of seventh grade in our educational system). They are all attending Manow Lutheran Seminary (Secondary School), a school sponsored by the Konde Diocese. It is our hope and prayer that we will continue scholarship aid for these students until they graduate from the Seminary. As we receive more information about the scholarship recipients, we will share this information with you.—Tom McKee

### **Mpuguso Lutheran Church Mission Trip summer 2024**

The Mpuguso Committee has scheduled their next meeting for those interested in traveling to Tanzania summer 2024 on Sunday April 23, 11:45 AM in Christ Hall. Lunch will be provided. We ask that those planning to attend the meeting contact Pastor Tom McKee so that adequate preparations for the meal can be made. At the meeting we hope to respond to many questions that we have received such as calendar dates with itinerary, accommodations and costs. We have received positive responses from our sisters and brothers at Mpuguso Church who have been in communication with St. Paul's committee members. They are elated to have a group from St. Paul's travel to see them, their land and experience their culture. A fund raising event to help off-set part of the cost, gifts for the Mpuguso congregation and money used to purchase food to feed the cohort, will be held in May.

# MANOW LUTHERAN JUNIOR SEMINARY



Tuzo Pius Mwambambale



Miriam Michael Kinyamba



Miriam Alphonse Kajumilo



Neema Ambokile Mwanyilu



Martha Andongwile Mwaibanje



Ufunuo Gabriel Mwalukasa



Leonia Julius Mwayinga



Gidion Mathayo Mwantemanie



Elia Yohana Luvanda



Oscar Aswile Mwalwiba



Gad Emmanuel Mwakyeya



Sila Sanke Mwakisegge





Are you missing one of these?  
April showers are on the way!



### Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for the 10:30 AM service on Sundays.. 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).

**Check out our Website**  
(click here)

### Web Page

Please sign on to [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org) and check out our webpage. There are 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, the Sunday service on YouTube and opportunities to give electronically. Hopefully, you will find the new webpage helpful and refer to it often.



*Isle San Julian, Lake Orta, Italy*

### 2023 Calendars

Please take calendars with you to use as an evangelism tool to assist you in talking about the Lord, Christ Jesus, and the ministry that is carried out in his name through our congregation. This is a fabulous tool to assist you with talking about faith and life with neighbors and friends. With the calendar in hand you can easily talk about the desire to provide a canopy to provide protection from sun, rain and snow! Our neighbors, who come to St. Paul's shopping for food without money (just like the prophet proclaims). What is important is for us to tell the story of how we are doing what Jesus commands, feeding the hungry. The calendar recipient will enjoy 12 months of original art work and be sure to let them know that the original artwork is available to purchase at



### SERRV SALE COMING SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd!

Items will be available between services and after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

As Mother's Day approaches, you'll have the opportunity to buy gifts and, at the same time, support small-scale artisans and farmers from around the world through fair trade.

### *Social impact*

*For 70 years, Serrv has made it a priority to ensure that artisans and farmers living in poverty are treated with respect and dignity, and are paid fairly for their work. With your help, we're connecting families and strengthening communities worldwide.*





## Sunday Morning Education Hour 9:15-10:15 AM.

Come join in the fun and learning.

**Our children infant through grade 6** will spend this winter and spring learning many of the teachings of Jesus. Relationship building is also emphasized as the children play and work together. Each class has a team of 3 or 4 adults who share the responsibility of leading these early learners. The classes all meet on the Upper Level. Infant-Preschool; Kindergarten-Grade 2; Grades 3-6. Please note there are no classes on Palm Sunday and Easter.

### Confirmation Ministry

Students who have completed the units on; The Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments, Holy Baptism, Lutheran Church History, Holy Communion and the Apostles' Creed will participate in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday May 7, 2023 during the 10:30 AM liturgy. Those students confirming their faith in Christ Jesus are: Anna Herdson, Maxwell Jacobs, and Jaclyn Kinkella. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important day in the life of our congregation.

### Wednesday Bible Study

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



### Easter Table Prayer

We have put on Christ, alleluia!  
In Christ we have been baptized, alleluia!  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.



Joyfully do we praise you Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the grave.  
Remain here in our midst as we share these gifts of food.  
May we receive you as a guest in all our brothers and sisters  
And be welcomed by you to share the feast of your Spirit,  
for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

All the 50 days of Easter are days of feasting. Every day from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday is a Lord's Day, an occasion for spreading our tables with fine fare, for welcoming guests to share the joy. In all our meals, the risen Christ is known in the breaking of the bread.

### Lutheran Day at the Capital

Mark your calendars now to join Lutheran advocates in Harrisburg on April 27, 2023, for a day of learning, inspiration and action on issues that matter. We'll walk as church together in public witness for the sake of the world God loves. The day begins at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, and participants will travel to the state Capitol for legislative visits in the afternoon. Contact Patty Snyder for more information.

*For "what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"*

— Micah 6:8

## Sabbatical Planning Update

The planning committee met on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The summer liturgy schedule is set and Pastor Reep is scheduling the children's sermon ministry volunteers. The retired ministers and lay preachers will be introduced at the single-service liturgy at 9:15 AM on Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Meet & Greet Kick-off event after the single service. Brief bios and photographs will be included in May's newsletter. The committee's next meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup>.



## Children's Sermons Summer 2023

During the sabbatical time for Pastor Reep the Congregation Council has been identifying ways in which the time is also one of renewal for us as a church family. We are hoping that you will consider using your talent to strengthen the congregation. One such way is through presenting a children's sermon on a Sunday morning during the summer. We are blessed to have families who faithfully bring their children to worship each week. So we are asking, if it is in your skill set, would you please volunteer to provide coverage for a Sunday? A sign-up sheet attached to a clip board is located on the table in the Good Shepherd Room. Simply sign your name on the week you select. The themes and Biblical texts for each week are listed on the sign-up sheet. In advance, thank you for your time and consideration.—The Worship and Arts Committee

## Music and Create

Music and Create continues to be a positive activity on Tuesday evenings. The children are making new friends and enjoy having fun during the hour that they are in the building. During the month of April, the children preschool through grade 6 will meet on April 11, 18 and 25. **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, is Pre School-Sunday and all the children will be singing together at the 10:30am Liturgy. On April 18<sup>th</sup> both groups will be together to do an Earth Day project. During Create the children will continue hearing and making their own story books that they take home with them to share the stories they hear with their families. In music the children will continue to explore different musical parts of the worship service by playing different musical instruments and singing a variety of songs. **Remember that there is No Music and Create Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> during Holy week.**



### Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 2nd normal Music and Create session

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> both groups will be together to sing and do a special Spring project

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** Mother's Day - All the children will be singing during the 10:30am Liturgy

It is always a joy singing and creating with your children.—Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly

## Summer Picnic and Adventures at the Park

**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 – Family Picnic 6:00 – 7:00 – Story, Camp Songs and Family activity.**

Join us for a picnic adventure at a different County Park each month. Each family is asked to bring their own picnic dinner to enjoy as we gather. The evening will include a story, family activity, camp songs and fellowship with their friends. All Pavilions are located close to the park playground so your children can enjoy time playing with their friends. Restrooms and parking are located within walking distance.—Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly



## Congregation Council Highlights

The Congregation Council gathered for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday March 13 at 6:30 PM in Christ Hall. President Ann Anstadt led the group in devotions and prayer. The devotions were on “*Lending a Hand*” remembering that as God’s people we are not called upon to fix things but simply to lend a hand.

The Minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer presented the monthly receipts and expenses and noted that we are on track with the budget. His report was approved as presented. The recommendation from the Finance Committee to pursue a relationship with Hamillen and Musser, since RKL informed us that they are no longer willing to perform our audit, was approved. At this point we are in conversation about Agreed upon Procedures for the congregation’s daily operations. Also approved was the recommendation that the money received from the closure of Boy Scout Troup 19’s checking account be used to purchase backpacking equipment for Camp Kirchenwald.

The Property Committee is waiting to hear back from M&M architectural firm with first drawings for a canopy for Pantry walkway area. The Diakon property will need some attention to the interior. Estimates for the work are in process. Joan Henney from the city of York provided resources on safety and a copy of *Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship*. This will continue to inform and reshape the tasks associated with serving as Usher on Sunday morning.

A Council and Committee Chairperson retreat will be held on Saturday April 22 from 8:00 – 11:30 AM. The retreat will be held in Christ Hall.

The request of Social Ministry to have a SERRV Sale on April 23 & 30 was approved. It was noted that as changes are made to the Food Pantry ministry to meet growing demands that care must be taken not to exceed the room capacity. The finished set of architectural drawings will be consulted to ascertain the number of persons permitted in the room.

The meeting adjourned with closing prayer offered by Kathleen Lemke at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Reep



## Congregation Council and Committee Chair Retreat Saturday April 22 8:00 – 11:30 AM

The Congregation Council and the Committee Chairpersons will meet on retreat at St. Paul’s in Christ Hall. The retreat provides leadership with an arena in which to discuss topics that go beyond the day to day operation of the church and ministry. It is through such times of retreat that goals and objectives are clarified in relation to our mission *To Teach the World that God is Love*.

## Preschool Sunday—April 30 10:30 AM

We are delighted to welcome preschool families to join us in worship on the last Sunday of April. The preschool children will present a few of their weekly chapel songs and share a few of their favorite Bible stories. It is a great opportunity for us to show our support and appreciation for the preschool staff, children, and their families. The Fellowship Committee is preparing a reception that Sunday so please plan to stay and great families, thank teachers, and share in the joy of early childhood education.

**Thank you** to all those who made delicious soups, salads, and desserts for our Wednesday Lenten Suppers. An additional thank you to those who helped to set up for the suppers and cleaned up afterwards. Your service is greatly appreciated.







Spring is in full swing at the Preschool. The staff and children are looking forward to warmer weather and outdoor adventures. In the month of March, we talked about weather and if March came in or went out like a Lamb or a Lion. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America Week with books like, The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham and Red Fish Blue Fish. The preschool parents, children and congregational members donated over 50 books for children in need.

As April begins, the teachers will focus more on the signs of spring and Easter. We will also have Preschool Sunday on April, 30.

Please join us in welcoming our Preschool families to the church. The children will perform the songs they have learned from Pastor Reep during Chapel Time. Stay tuned for our sandwich and sub fundraiser in April.

We also opened registration for the 2023-2024 school year for our current and new preschool families. If you know anyone interested in our Preschool, please have them contact us at 717-854-1996.

Happy Spring, The Preschool Staff

#### **R&K Sub Fundraiser for St. Paul's Preschool**

Order subs and pretzel sandwiches to help support the preschool! The money raised will be used for additional programs, updating materials and supplies for our students. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletin April 16th. Please make checks out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Preschool or provide cash in exact change. Turn in orders to the church office by April 28. All sandwiches may be picked up on Tuesday, May 9 from 11:30-1 or 6-7 in the Good Shepard room.



**Music for choir, strings, and organ  
Sunday, May 28  
(Memorial Day weekend)  
9:15am service**

Come celebrate Pentecost, Pastor Reep's last Sunday before taking his sabbatical and the beginning of summer with the Chancel Choir featuring a Latin Mass setting (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei) by the Classical composer Franz Joseph Haydn. We will feature violinists, Cheryl Reifsteck and Andrew Jones (both church members) and cellist Richard Konkell. The strings will also perform several Mozart works with organ.

If you would like to join in singing and learning this music, rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings and additionally on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-10:00am beginning April 16. Contact Victor if you would like to join in singing on Pentecost.

## 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.



## Food Pantry—Spring

**Items needed:** Tuna, canned fruit, rice, beans, tomato sauce, pasta, mashed potato mix. We also need paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags. Let the Pantry know if any Middle school or High school students can help over the summer. 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”.



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)

## Food Pantry Project Update: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

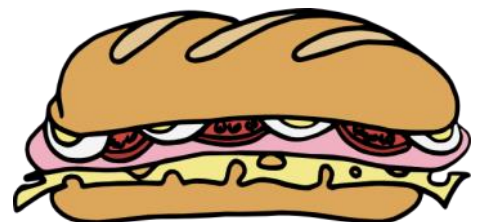
Thank you! So far 61 boxes have been taken home to be filled by our generous community. If you haven't taken one yet, please stop by the Good Shepherd Gathering Space to pick up a box with a shopping list. Already filled one? Maybe you can fill a second one! Collection ends on Easter Sunday.



## 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”.

A **Sandwich Sale** is being conducted by the Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran in April. You may secure an order form at the Springettsbury Bulletin Board and return it to Jim Mummert by Friday April 14. The Sandwiches will be available on Wednesday April 26 by 11:30 AM in the Christ Hall kitchen. Home delivery can be arranged for those unable to leave their homes.



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