

# Our Church

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**May 2023**

8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube

Holy Days as announced

## Confirmation May 7

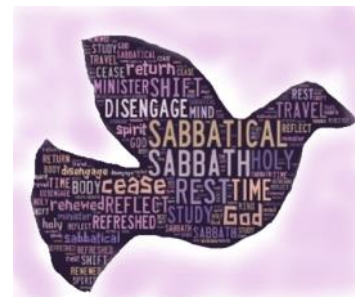
On Sunday, May 7 at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy three young people will confirm their faith in Christ Jesus and assume greater responsibilities in the corporate life of the church. Anna Herdson, Maxwell Jacobs and Jaclyn Kinkella have completed the two year confirmation program. During the program they studied: The Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, The Apostles' Creed, and Church history with special attention on the Lutheran Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. We pray that they will take a more active part in our life together at St. Paul's. Please be present in worship to show your support and to welcome them into the fullness of our community of faith. A reception will be held in their honor following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy.



## Pastor Reep Sabbatical

### Sending Event, Sunday May 28 at combined Liturgy

The Sabbatical Planning Committee is completing its work in preparation for Pastor Reep's send off on Sunday May 28. We will hold one service that day; actually it will begin the summer worship schedule with one service at 9:15 AM which will continue through Labor Day weekend. May 28 is the Feast of Pentecost. It is a fitting day for us to send Pastor Reep away for a time of rest and rejuvenation. It is also fitting for us, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to take a more active role in our community of faith. We will need to be vigilant in communicating prayer requests, those hospitalized, identifying guests during Sunday liturgy and greeting them during fellowship time.



On that day Ann Anstadt, President Congregation Council, will introduce the summer preachers, presiders and pastoral care providers. Included in this edition are short biographies of those willingly giving of their time and talent to make this interval possible for Pastor Reep and for the congregation. Among other things, the committee has insured that worship and fellowship will be provided each Sunday. Pastor Reep has scheduled lay members to provide children's sermons and it will be imperative for those who are scheduled to serve to arrive early for worship so that the presiding minister for the day knows that all areas of worship are covered.

Please do plan to attend worship on the Feast of Pentecost and be present as we pray for Pastor Reep and his family and send him on sabbatical. A time of fellowship will follow the service where you can personally extend words of encouragement and support as he embarks on a time for study, rest and rejuvenation. (Pastor Reep is scheduled to return to the church office on Tuesday September 5 and be back leading worship and preaching on Sunday September 10.)

## Officiating, preaching, and pastoral care:



The **Rev. George W. Fitch, Jr.** grew up in Parkville, the suburbs of Baltimore. George graduated from the Community College of Baltimore, University of MD College Park, and Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. George earned a Masters Degree in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola College, Columbia, MD. George was Pastor beginning at St. Paul, Jefferson (MD), then Our Saviour, Lansdowne (Baltimore), then St. Mark, Colonial Park (Harrisburg). He last served St. James, York, from which retired after being Dean of the York Conference.

George is now particularly focused upon the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad which until 1985 travelled from Baltimore to York. He founded Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Historical Society in 1985. He and his wife, Janet, are members of Board of Directors of that Society.

George has participated in church dramas, Hurricane Katrina Relief, Habitat for Humanity, Financial Counseling for Seminarians with Debit, St. Paul's Food Panty, and the creation of a free-standing carved wooden altar at Union Lutheran Church.

George and his wife, Janet, are parents of three children, grandparents of 7 grandchildren, and great-grandparents of 4 great grandsons.



The **Rev. Judy McKee** was born in DuBois, Pa., and grew up in Punxsutawney. She was an active member of First English Lutheran Church. She played clarinet in the band. The **Rev. Tom McKee** was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was baptized and confirmed at First English Lutheran Church, Sharpsburg, and later became a member of St. Michael and All Angels' Lutheran Church, Spring Garden. He was active in synodical Luther League and worked as a counselor at Camp Lutherlyn. Judy and Tom met at Thiel College through Lutheran Students' Association. Judy was a history major and Tom, a Classics major. They were married in St. Michael and All Angels' Lutheran Church. They did their internship at St. Paul Lu-

theran Church in Hanover. They were ordained on June 29, 1974, St. Peter and St. Paul, at St. Michael and All Angels' Lutheran Church, and on June 30, they were installed as co-pastors of Grace Lutheran Church, York, where they served for 27 1/2 years. In 1999, Tom was elected as synod secretary, a position he held for 20 years. In 2001, they were called to be assistants to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Judy was called to serve as pastor of Union Lutheran Church in December 2007. She retired in 2004 but continued serving part-time as pastor of congregational care until 2019 when both she and Tom fully retired. They were drawn to St. Paul's Lutheran Church because of their association with Pastor Reep, the powerful preaching, the liturgical life, the ministry to the community, the relationship with Mpuguso and the Konde Diocese, and vibrant congregational life. Tom and Judy have been blessed with two children, Michael Paul, born in 1973, and Sarah Ruth (Toney), born in 1976. They have two grandchildren. Judy and Tom love entertaining guests and friends. Judy's hobbies include reading and travel. Tom's are walking, gardening, cooking, and puzzles.



The **Rev. William Snyder** grew up in Kelly Cross Roads, near Lewisburg, Pa. and attended St. John's Lutheran Church in West Milton. Bill was ordained on June 10, 1983. Bill served at the Starview-Saginaw Lutheran Parish, 1983-1988; Mount Christ Lutheran Church, York, 1988-1999; Lutheran Social Services of South Central Pennsylvania, York, 1999-2007; Lutheran Services in America, 2007-2009; Luthercare, Lititz, Pa., 2009-2020; Greenstone Mosaic Consulting (Luthercare), 2020- present. The Snyders moved to York County in 1983, and York City in 1988. Bill and his wife, Patricia, were drawn to St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the liturgy, geography, and authenticity. Bill and Patricia have two grown sons, Christopher and Craig. Bill's interests include reading, cooking, hiking, skiing, travel and faith.





The **Rev Robert Hoover, Jr.** was born in the Carlisle Army Barracks Hospital on April 2, 1945, and grew up in Newville, Pa. Robert graduated from Big Spring High School, Shippensburg State College, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and San Francisco Theological Seminary (DASD). Robert was ordained at the Central Pennsylvania Synod Assembly at Susquehanna University on June 13, 1971. Robert served four parishes: Jerusalem, Rossville; St. Paul's Mundy's Corner; St. David's, Hanover; and Trinity, Somerset. The Hoovers have lived in York since 2005. Their relationship with St. Paul's began with the marriage of their daughter, Betsy, by Pastor Reep. They have three married daughters and six grandchildren. Robert volunteers in the food pantry, enjoys gardening and pickle ball, and continues to practice Spiritual Direction. The Hoovers have traveled to 49 states and numerous countries.

**Nancy Bennett** was born and raised primarily in Chicago and the Chicago area, graduated high school in Kokomo, Indiana, and undergraduate school at the University of Iowa. Nancy was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church and much of her adult life was in the Episcopal Church. Nancy taught elementary school and tutored children and adults. The Bennetts moved to York County from Baltimore County in 1994. Nancy was drawn to St. Paul's by the beauty of the liturgy, the music, the congregational friendliness, and Pastor Reep. The Bennetts have four children and six grandchildren, ages 9 - 20. Nancy enjoys reading, cooking, baking, writing (she's written many Christian puppet plays), editing, gardening, and "playing at" the cello.



**Chris Waddell** grew up in Towson, Maryland (Baltimore). Chris went to preschool, was active in the youth group, and served as a youth advisor and Deacon for a few years at his home church at Woodbrook Baptist Church in Towson. Chris's family also attends Church of the Redeemer, a summer church in Longport, NJ, where he and his wife, Victoria, were married in 2016. Chris studied accounting and math at the University of Maryland in College Park and became a CPA. Chris spent 7 years in public accounting before transitioning to a Controller role with a private firm in Baltimore in the summer of 2021. Shortly after their wedding, the Waddells settled in York. Coming from Baptist and Episcopalian denominations, Chris and Victoria were drawn to St. Paul's by the welcoming environment; they appreciated the blend of music, scripture, and community-oriented activities. They are thrilled with the vibrancy of the preschool and various youth-centered activities for their son, Teddy. Chris

comes from a large extended family which he enjoys visiting, and cherishes the laughter, love and support of his nuclear family. Chris's current interests center around those of his toddler; he also enjoys sports, caring for their 85 year old home, and summers down the shore.

**Tristan Ericson** was born in York Hospital, grew up outside Windsor, Pa. and graduated from Red Lion High School. Tristan was raised in Grace Lutheran Church of Red Lion, and attended York Christian Fellowship in West York while attending YCP. After marrying Jessica, they attended Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio, for seven years. Tristan, a native Yorker, moved back in 2013 after graduate school at Ohio State University and a year as a visiting professor at Bucknell University. Tristan, for ten years, is now a mechanical engineering professor at York College. The Ericsons were drawn to St. Paul's Lutheran Church because of the engaging pastor, demographics of young families, and proximity to their first home in York. Tristan and Jessica have two children, Ezra, 7, and Iris, 4. The Ericsons now live in southern York County between Red Lion and Loganville, close to both sets of parents. Tristan, interested in all mechanical things, is restoring his great grandfather's 1947 South Bend lathe, and riding and maintaining three 1970s Japanese motorcycles, and a 1968 Ford truck.







New Members  
Welcome to the St. Paul's Family!



Cameron & Maggie Dickerson



Julianna & Andrew Jones with children,  
Hazel & Frederick.



Cliff & Janene Beck



Jenna Hutchinson with children, Adelyn & Caden



Judy & Bob Hoover





Johanna & Joshua Patterson with children  
Melanie and Naomi



Jonathan & Laura Jenkins

<b>Summer 2023 Liturgy @9:15 AM Sunday * = Lay person</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Preach</b>	<b>Preside</b>	<b>Pastoral Care</b>
04-Jun	Judy McKee	Judy McKee	Tom & Judy McKee
11-Jun	George Fitch	George Fitch	Tom & Judy McKee
18-Jun	William Snyder	William Snyder	George Fitch
25-Jun	Tristan Ericson*	Bob Hoover	Bob Hoover
02-Jul	William Snyder	William Snyder	William Snyder
09-Jul	Judy McKee	Judy McKee	Tom & Judy McKee
16-Jul	Nancy Bennett*	George Fitch	Tom & Judy McKee
23-Jul	William Snyder	William Snyder	Tom & Judy McKee
30-Jul	Judy McKee	Judy McKee	George Fitch
06-Aug	Chris Waddail*	Bob Hoover	Bob Hoover
13-Aug	Tom McKee	Tom McKee	Tom & Judy McKee
20-Aug	George Fitch	George Fitch	Tom & Judy McKee
27-Aug	William Snyder	William Snyder	George Fitch
03-Sep	Judy McKee	Tom McKee	Bob Hoover

## Eyes Wide Open; Looking for Ministry Opportunities

Billy Jonas is a talented song writer and musician. He wrote a song entitled “*Eyes Wide Open*.” We heard him first perform it at the Institute at Chautauqua New York during their “Family Entertainment Series.” When the kids were younger we had a CD of his music and we would play it on car trips. This was one of the favorites. On Friday morning April 14, I was driving to camp Kirchenwald to deliver camping supplies to Zach Weiss. It dawned on me how ministry doesn’t just happen. Someone somewhere at some time has their eyes wide open and they identify a ministry opportunity. Opportunities often lead to investigation and investigation leads to identifying needs to improve, benefit, or make something happen for the sake of the gospel. This is how I ended up on a beautiful spring Friday morning driving to church camp. But before I get ahead of myself let me back up about one year.

Last year at this time Miss Kelly was passing around camp registration forms like she has done for the past 19 years I have been at St. Paul’s. The form made its way home and ended up on our kitchen counter. Our son looked at it and asked if he could do the hiking in the Adirondacks Camp during the summer. We said yes, completed the form and mailed it in. Summer came quickly. Before we knew it he was at camp ready to head out on the hiking expedition. One of the adult chaperones was a Pastor from Tanzania who was spending his summer at our church camp leading and encouraging youth. It was during that trip when Allen recognized the antiquated canvas back packs from the 50s and 60s that were being used. They were instructed on how to tie garbage bags around them to make them water proof! He had a great time even though it rained and even though stuff got wet and the packs were heavier to carry when wet. When we picked him up at camp it was evident that the group had worked together and shared a week of life together, sang songs, prayed (mostly that it wouldn’t rain) and heard the Pastor from Tanzania tell Bible stories in a way that made them come alive.

In January we held Camp Sunday. Our son took part in the planning, especially stressing the importance of pancakes for the breakfast! The young men teaching the intermediate level Sunday school class made the delicious pancakes the day of the event. The original plan was that participants would be asked to contribute money to purchase new sleeping bags and back packs for the camping ministry at Kirchenwald. Our son, Allen, identified this as a need and a way to help the camp with its ministry. Whatever money was still needed to reach the goal to purchase the supplies would be requested through the Benevolence Fund application process. But then, Scout Master Tom Gibson closed the Troop #19 checking account and the resources from the troop would be put to good use purchasing supplies for the camp. The Finance Committee recommended this to Congregation Council and they gave their approval. Tom also invited Zach to come to St. Paul’s in February and peruse items from the troop that might be serviceable to the camp. Zach was thrilled to score new tents and some much needed cooking implements. That lead to communication with Zach about what kind of pack and sleeping bags, how many, and what else was needed to transform the hiking and camping ministry available to children and youth at Kirchenwald. Then Zach came and presented a Sunday school lesson for our children and preached eloquently at both the 8:00 and 10:30 AM liturgies in late March. We placed the order. The items arrived. They were removed from their large boxes and packed into the back of my SUV. On Friday morning I poured coffee into a travel mug and headed out toward Lebanon County to Church Camp.

Arriving at camp in the spring time was delightful. The forsythia was still blooming. Red bud trees were pushing pink blossoms toward heaven. The sun was warm on my face. Zach greeted me, helped unload the new sleeping bags and backpacks and water purification kits and two new mini propane camp stoves. Eyes wide open; Zach expressed his enthusiastic appreciation for the supplies, for the congregation’s generosity, for the Scout Troop’s continuing legacy, and for a camper who had eyes wide open for a ministry opportunity.

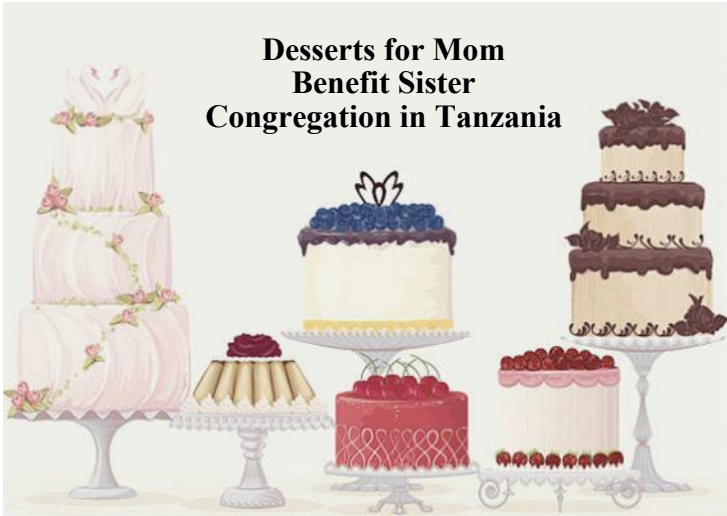
In love and service to our Lord,

Pastor Reep





**Desserts for Mom  
Benefit Sister  
Congregation in Tanzania**



The Mpuguso Committee is sponsoring an elegant bake sale in time for Mother's Day, Sunday May 14. We are seeking volunteers to bake some of their most elegant desserts, cakes, pies, tarts and cookies to have available following the liturgies on May 14. For some in the congregation you may remember the decade of "Cookie Walks" where we solicited help in preparing and donating cookies for the walk which was held in the month of December. We are now seeking your best desserts. Think Great British Baking Show if you need a reference or examples of what we are seeking. The fund raising efforts are for the purpose of providing our sister congregation with an appointment for their new church building.

If we generate enough interest and raise enough financial resources we would like to sponsor the pulpit or perhaps the chancel cross. We would use the help of the Mpuguso congregation to seek out a talented wood worker from their community or local region and commission the work. By so doing we anticipate that the appointment would be complete when a group from St. Paul's makes their visit next summer. And then the blessing and dedication might take place on the Sunday while members from our congregation are present in worship with them! If you are willing to prepare a dessert or two for this special elegant bake sale please sign up on the bulletin board in the Springettsbury lobby, the clip board provided at the beginning of worship, or call Judy McKee. Desserts should be brought to the church at the Springettsbury entrance on Saturday, May 13th from 9:00-11:00AM. Please do volunteer to bake and please do plan to purchase your special elegant Mother's Day dessert on May 14 at St. Paul's.

**Harvest Dinner and Auction**

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

The date is set for the Harvest Dinner; Saturday September 30. And we are delighted to announce that Chef Greg Mumert is returning to prepare the meal! The Harvest Dinner will be held in our Fellowship Hall. Tickets will go on sale in early summer.



This year the proceeds from the dinner will help to underwrite the expense for a canopy for the food pantry waiting area. We are eagerly awaiting the first drawings from Marotta/Main Architects. In the meantime we are securing items and services for the silent auction, Pastor Reep has had the 12 paintings featured in the 2023 calendar professionally matted and framed using archival acid free materials, the menu is in discussion phase, and when it is finalized then comes the pairings of wine and craft beer for the four courses. We are encouraging congregants to attend the Harvest Dinner and Auction. The price per ticket has not increased since the first dinner five years ago. As a way to encourage families within the congregation to participate we are planning to provide a track for children to take part similar to what was offered for the Young Adult Valentine's Dinner. For senior members of the congregation consider sponsoring a table by inviting friends and neighbors to purchase a ticket and enjoy an evening of good food and drink, conversation and laughter, as you witness the wild bidding all to benefit the Food Pantry Ministry.

## GERANIUMS



### Mother's Day Geranium Sale

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.



*Dear Addison H.,  
I want to thank you for the lovely  
Easter card. The Cross which you  
drew on the front of the card was  
beautiful. Hope you have a Happy  
Easter!  
Sincerely, June Heistand*

*Betsy and Dale Smith received an Easter Blessing  
from Blake. Blake, thank you so much for your thoughtful  
blessing. Happy Easter!*

**Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran**—The Auxiliary is conducting its Annual Drive for financial support for the primary work of providing support for the residents of the retirement villages of SpiriTrust Lutheran in York. The current budget of the Auxiliary includes \$5000 for the benevolence fund of residents who are unable to pay in full and \$8000 for resident activities at the home. Thanks to all who already provided donations during the Geranium Sale.

Checks are payable to "Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran" and should be sent to Jim Mummert, 770 Plymouth Rd. York, PA 17402. Your donation will be acknowledged by a phone call and our pastor will receive a note showing the names of all who contributed. Kindly call Jim at 717-309-4101 with questions.

### Benevolence Committee News

The Benevolence Committee has received and approved the following grant proposal requests for the year 2023: \$2000 for Bridge of Hope National Conference Sponsorship; \$1000 for Pappus House; \$2500 for York Conference of Lutheran Tutoring Program; \$1300 for Social Ministry to provide school supplies to fill backpacks for food pantry patrons; and \$1250 for musical support for Victor Fields. We are so grateful to those of you who are finding creative ways to support those in our church and our community through benevolence funded grants. We encourage you to continue to apply for projects for 2023 and 2024. The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2023! Applications can be found at the church office. Thank you.



### A Partnership Between Local Churches & LifePath Thrift Stores

Please remember to donate your no longer needed items 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.

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.







**Wednesday Bible Study  
10:30 AM in Christ Hall  
Concludes on Wednesday May 24  
and Resumes on  
Wednesday September 6**



### **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).



*Bear Creek Meadow*

### **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! And invite people to attend the Harvest Dinner and auction where, if they like, they can bid on the original artwork! Our neighbors, who come to St. Paul's shopping for food without money (just like the prophet proclaims) are appreciative of all that we do as we provide for them during their time of need. . What is important is for us to tell the story of how we are doing what Jesus commands, feeding the hungry.

**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.

### **Mother's Day Just Around the Corner! Try Serrv!**

Serrv gift items are being offered in the Good Shepherd Room April 23<sup>rd</sup> (the 30<sup>th</sup> also if not sold out on the 23<sup>rd</sup>). These are unique articles crafted by artisans and farmers worldwide, promoted by Serrv, a nonprofit organization with well over 65 years of experience. Foremost in their mission is self-sustainment, empowerment, and skill training. The Social Ministries team looks forward to presenting a wide array of gift ideas for someone in your life.....or even for yourself. Only cash or checks can be accepted.



## Sunday Morning Education Hour 9:15-10:15 AM. Come join in the fun and learning.

The last class is May 14, Mother's Day.

**This Spring our children** are learning about Jesus' appearances to his disciples after the resurrection. Relationship building is also emphasized as they 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 second floor. Infant-Preschool; Kindergarten-Grade 2; Grades 3-6.

### Catechetics Instruction for the 2023/24 School Year

Please mark your calendars now for young people entering the 7th grade this fall. There are Four Units planned: Navigating the Bible Sept. 17—Oct. 15, Holy Baptism Oct. 29—Nov. 19, Holy Communion Jan. 7—Feb. 11, Church History Feb. 18—March 17.



**Neighbors Helping Neighbors:** Sixty neighbors who shop in our pantry received extra food thanks to your generous collections during Lent. Thank you for helping with this project. The need for food is great. We are up from 50 families each week last winter to 90 families each week this year.



We would like to collect jars of peanut butter (size 16-18 ounce) over the next 6 weeks for the pantry shoppers. This is an item that has not been available at the places where we shop. Please bring your donations to the Good Shepherd Gathering Space and put them in the shopping cart. Monetary donations are also welcome.

### Ministry Opportunity—Jackson Elementary School

As summer approaches, our partner school, Jackson Elementary, is grateful for our generosity this year, and like last year has made again a year-end request of **summer activities** for their students (preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grades). Unlike previous years, they do not need books, as another benefactor is providing them. The activities might include: **board games; bubbles; sidewalk chalk; sketch pads/colored pencils; playing cards; jump ropes; frisbees; activity books such as word searches, crossword puzzles; coloring books/crayons.**



Two additional requests have been made as the school year winds up: They are any **household cleaning supplies** for families and **personal hygiene items** for students to include **soap, wash cloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant.**

Beginning April 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be three designated boxes in the Good Shepherd Room. They will remain there through May 14<sup>th</sup>. Your contributions will be delivered to Jackson on May 16 so they can be distributed before June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the last day of school.

Thank you for your outreach. As we bless others, we bless and glorify our Lord.



## Handbell Updates



The Lenten and Easter seasons have been very busy for the bells! The Adult Bell Choir adorned our Lenten liturgies by leading the psalm and Kyrie on two Sundays, once at the 8:00 liturgy and once at the 10:30 liturgy. Bells were also used frequently at the midweek Lenten service as well, thanks to participation from the adult and children's bell choirs. The Adult choir closed the Lenten season with a beautiful setting of "My Song is Love Unknown" by Cathy Moglebust on Maundy Thursday. The Youth Bells practiced every Thursday evening in Lent and presented their efforts on Easter Sunday with "Sounds of Joy" by Susan Geschke. This piece used over four different ringing techniques, which challenged and developed our young ringers. The Adult Handbell choir will be ringing once more in the Easter season, on May 7. We are excited to play and celebrate the confirmation of two of our ringers!

## 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? The themes and Biblical texts for each week are available in advance. Only a couple of weeks remain so please call the office today! Thank you for your time and consideration.—The Worship and Arts Committee

## Music and Create

With only 3 Tuesday evenings left in the Music and Create program this spring both groups of children preschool through grade 6 will enjoy singing songs, hearing a story, and doing outside activities together. The children will sing at the 10:30 liturgy on Mother's Day.



We have enjoyed a wonderful year singing and doing activities with your children.  
Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly



## Summer Picnic and Adventures at the Park

For families with children and youth

Family Summer Picnic and Adventures at the Park

Tuesday, June 13

John Rudy Park

Blue Spruce Pavilion

Tuesday, July 11

Rocky Ridge Park

Grey Squirrel Pavilion

Tuesday, August 8

Kain Park

Perch Pavilion

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



Sunshine and spring abounds at the preschool. April was a fast and busy month for the staff and children. At the end of April, the congregation welcomed our Preschool families to worship at church together. The children performed the songs they learned from Pastor Reep during Chapel Time. We would like to thank Pastor and the entire congregation for supporting the preschool children and staff during the service.

May will be another fun month filled with more signs of spring and summer. Some of the classes will be talking about flowers and butterflies while others will be talking about rainbows and the beach. At the



end of May, the preschool children will perform in an end of the year program for their families. The children will showcase the songs that they have learned this year in their classrooms and at Chapel time. As the school year comes to an end, the Preschool Staff would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who have supported the Preschool ministry. We wish you a happy, safe and healthy summer.

Just a reminder that if you participated in the preschool fundraiser, you can pick up your sub and sandwiches on Tuesday, May 9 from 11:30am-1:00pm or 6:00-7:00pm.



**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. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.

**Volunteers are needed Tuesday mornings to help our neighbors shop. This is especially needed during the summer months. Middle school, Highschool and college students are welcome! Call Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office (717-843-8155) to volunteer.**



Please remember to notify Pastor Reep of any life events, illnesses, joys or concerns.  
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## Ukraine Offering

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**Our Organist & Choir Director Victor Fields** will be traveling with York College of PA music faculty, students, and alumni to Europe from May 16-24 on a musical tour. They will be performing choral and instrumental concerts in Prague, Czech Republic, Olomouc, Austria and Budapest, Hungary. Victor will be playing solo organ music, and music for organ, trumpet and voice. There will be some time for sightseeing and to attend several musical concert venues.

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