

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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August 2023

9:15 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist

9:15 AM—Live Streamed YouTube

Holy Days as announced

St. Paul's Food Pantry

The number of neighbors needing help with food in York continues to be high. We are averaging 90 families per week coming to shop for food at our pantry. Volunteers are always needed on Tuesday mornings to help neighbors shop, Thursdays to receive and shelve food deliveries, and Sundays to help stock shelves for the upcoming weeks. Contact Patty Snyder or Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office. Monetary donations are especially needed.



Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill visits St. Paul's food pantry.



Many volunteers in the pantry wrote to their Pennsylvania legislators in May to encourage an increase in the PA budget for the State Food Purchasing Program. This is the main source for state grant money that we rely on when ordering food for our pantry. Unfortunately, it looks like that fund did not increase in the new PA state budget. However, in direct response to those letters, Senator Kristin Hill-Phillips came to visit our pantry on a delivery day in June. Representative Carol Hill-Evans and Ryan Prater from Central Penn Food Bank came on July 18, when our pantry was open for food distribution. Keeping our legislators aware of the needs in our community may help with future funding!

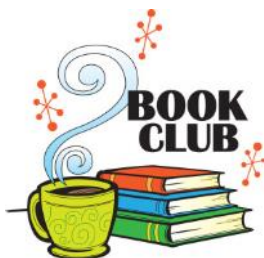
Representative Carol Hill-Evans and Ryan Prater from Central Penn Food Bank



Fresh From the Garden

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, September 30, 2023, 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.



St. Paul's Book Club will meet on September 6th at 4pm at Panera on S. Queen St. We will discuss *On Fire* by John O'Leary. All are welcome!

Summer 2023 Liturgy @9:15 AM Sunday * = Lay person			
Date	Preach	Preside	Pastoral Care
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

Webpage Update - Calendars – We now have two calendars on our webpage. The Calendar tab on the homepage at the top of the page is the monthly calendar you receive with your monthly “Our Church” newsletter and now in the footer at the bottom of all pages, there is a weekly calendar. The problem we were having was updates were being made during the month to the calendar but our monthly calendar was not being updated. The weekly calendar will reflect any changes Patee makes to the monthly calendar. The weekly calendar can be viewed from any page on our webpage. All you have to do is scroll down to the bottom of any page and click on the weekly calendar and scroll down on the calendar to view for the whole week. Hope this will be helpful!



From Bread and Wine to Bountiful Giving

The Stewardship Committee has been at work for several months planning the 2023 stewardship campaign for the congregation. The theme centers our sense of stewardship in the Eucharist and the generosity of God to us through his Son, Christ Jesus. We will emphasize stewardship during the month of October and will culminate the appeal on October 22. Our guest preacher for the day will be the Rev. Beth Martini, Assistant to the Bishop, Lower Susquehanna Synod. We are delighted that she can be with us to preach at both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM liturgies. A

Celebration Brunch will follow the 8:00 AM liturgy in Christ Hall, and a Celebration Luncheon will follow the 10:30 AM liturgy in Fellowship Hall. We ask you to mark your calendar now and plan to be present as we move from bread and wine to bountiful giving.

Stewardship Team Leaders, Kirsten Barnes, Dan Garber, Nicki Herdson, Pastor Reep

This year's Harvest Dinner on September 30th at 5:30 PM is fast approaching! Tickets are available for sale (\$100/person) by calling the church office. This event has become one of the main ways that our food pantry brings in donations which have become much more important over the last few years as our pantry serves record numbers. During this time, the pantry's funding from the state and other mechanisms has decreased.



Attendees can expect to enjoy passed appetizers and drinks while browsing the paintings for sale and listening to live music. We will then move downstairs to browse and bid on the silent auction items and have dinner. The menu this year will include: harvest salad, roasted fruit-stuffed pork loin, butternut squash and greens, smashed red skinned potatoes and, for dessert, pumpkin gelato. Chef Greg Mummert will prepare the meal. Each course will be paired with a selection of wine and beer. After dinner, winners of the silent auction items will be announced followed by a live auction of Pastor Reep's professionally-matted and framed watercolor paintings.

New this year will be an opportunity for children to attend. They will be served a meal and enjoy activities and fellowship upstairs with a fantastic group of volunteers. Please let the office know if you will have children attending when you call to reserve your ticket.

In addition to attending, there are other opportunities to help with this important event:

1. Table host (new this year): Table hosts will take responsibility for filling a table with family, friends, colleagues or neighbors. The night of the event, you'll welcome the guests and pour the drinks for each course.
2. Set up crew: We will need a few people to help set the tables, make centerpieces and otherwise get ready for the event on Saturday September 30.

Clean up crew: We will need to conclude the night with the building ready for church the next morning. Volunteers will help clear the tables, put dishes away, put away trash.

Please let the church office, Jessica or Tristan Ericson or any of the committee members know if you would like to volunteer. Please plan to attend and bring a friend!

Congregation Council Highlights

Church Council met on Monday, July 10, 2023.

Treasurer's Report: Sheridan Palmer is taking over the treasurer's duties from Peter O'Connor. The general income is under monthly budget; June donations dropped from last year to this year. Powder Mill Foundation provided \$35,000 for Diakon.

The church audit will occur 7/12/23; use of the budget should reflect the mission of the church. It was suggested that the Finance Committee meets with Committee chairs to communicate budget creation expectations.

AED training: will be scheduled for September and is open to congregants to be trained to use the AED.

Window Cleaning – Nave: Ted is reaching out for quotes. Volunteers will be requested to help. Patty Snyder will make or purchase window coverings for the pantry.

Benevolence: A request was made to Benevolence to fund \$1,000 per traveler. There are currently 30 travelers (2024).

Preschool: A motion was passed to hire Julianna Jones as the new 2-year old preschool aide.



Food Pantry—Summer

Items needed: Canned fruit & Peanut Butter. 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.**



“Come labor on, who dares stand idle” is the opening phrase used in the hymn tune “Ora Labora” written by the English/American church musician T. Tertius Noble. Pastor Snyder referenced this Latin motto in his June 18 sermon about St. Benedict of Nursia who founded the Benedictine Order, monks devoted to prayer and work -“Ora et labora”.

After a summer rest, it is time to get back to work for the choirs!

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! If you are interested in singing, please contact me at yfields.stpaulsyork@comcast.net or through the church office 717-843-8155.

Chancel Choir is comprised of members of the congregation who desire to lift their voices in song during worship. Chancel Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm. Most singers read music and enjoy singing choral music spanning from the Renaissance to the 21st century. The Choir also helps with chanting and singing Psalms as well as providing leadership for singing the liturgical music settings sung throughout the service. Members of the choir also sing solos and duets, etc. in worship and offer their talents by playing instruments during worship.

Ring out the News!

Handbell choir will resume rehearsing on Thursday, September 7! Students in 7th grade through adults are welcome to join the handbell choir. Previous music experience is beneficial, but not necessary for success. We typically play for services once a month and on major feast days. We also add handbells to psalms, hymns, and other parts of the liturgy. Please consider ringing with us this fall. Our first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 7 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the music room. Please contact Leah McComas (Lmccomas.stpaulsyork@gmail.com) or call the church office by August 28 if you are interested in participating.



Dear Friends at St. Paul's,

Thank you for the wonderful reception in honor of my 40th anniversary of ordination. It is a joy to be part of our community of faith.

Blessings, Pastor Snyder



St. Paul's Recycler's – Recycling Opportunities

Please be sure to look on the Springettsbury Bulletin Board for flyers and information sheets.

If you have any questions about any of these organizations and what they collect, please don't hesitate to contact me at 717-880-5208 or eljones2@comcast.net. - Earline Jones

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.

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.



Volunteer Opportunity

Counters Wanted: Be part of one of the teams of four that count Sunday offering on Tuesday Mornings at 8:30 am. Training will be provided.

St. Paul's needs additional counters for count teams. Ideally counters serve one Tuesday per month. Counting normally takes one to one and a half hours. Two members of the team then take the money to the bank for deposit. There is a clear procedure followed with everything being double counted with results compared to prevent errors.

If you would prefer to make a lesser commitment, you can volunteer to be part of the substitute list. For additional information call Dottie Moore 717-741-1321 or Bob Reed 717-654-3421.

Please prayerfully consider helping out in this important ministry. God's work. Our hands.

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 for additional information.





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

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.

Please note the new price of \$35. per vase.

Check out our Website
(click here)

Web Page

Please sign on to 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



Ukraine Offering

Offerings to give aid to Ukrainian refugees, orphans, widows and humanitarian help can be given through St. Paul's website www.stpaulsyork.org by selecting the designated button or through our pew envelopes marking them "Ukraine".

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**
August 15

New Entrance Sign to Grace Springettsbury Avenue

A new sign demarking 25 W. Springettsbury Ave. Entrance will soon be placed in the lintel of the porch facing Springettsbury Ave. The entrance, that since the renovation permits everyone to enter freely without obstacle of stairs or awkward railings bumping your elbows, will give clear direction to guests and visitors that this is often the preferred entrance for community events, concerts, and worship. We extend our thanks to Dave Kopp, the Property Committee, and to the many folks who provided the helpful suggestion.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Pantry – In May the Pantry served 452 families with a total number of 2068 people. UUCY is providing vegetables from their community garden, and is sponsoring a year long project in which women's products will be shipped to the Pantry monthly. This latter is part of a nationwide program called the National Period Project. The items were well received the first month.



In June 369 families were served. The Pantry continues to seek free products from the food banks. Cheese, milk, and eggs recently have been added to the inventory. Donations continue from Panera Bread and Weis Markets gave a donation of bread, bagels, and cakes. Hillendale Farms provides eggs monthly and UUCY continues to supply fresh vegetables.

Having reached the month of July, the new fiscal year has begun which requires the renewal of pantry paperwork for each family.

As of this writing, preparations are being made to fill 125 backpacks for the Food Pantry clients' children. This project is taking place in Christ Hall following the 9:15 a.m. service. The backpacks will be distributed in early August in plenty of time before the start of school.

New Leadership – As of August 1st Nancy Bennett will step down as Social Ministries chair, and Jennifer Ports will lead this ministry. Nancy will continue as a team member as well as Council liaison to Social Ministries. Jennifer certainly will bring new enthusiasm and ideas to this ministry. She would welcome your input and additional team members.



Bridge of Hope

We have now been together with our Bridge of Hope family for 1 ½ years. We enjoyed time together in June for pizza and conversations. Our Mom and her daughter are doing well. We keep in touch in between meetings through phone calls, texts, and individual visits. Please keep this family in your prayers.



It's hard to believe that we are only about a month away from the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. Even though it is still summer break, the staff members have been busy preparing their rooms for the children to arrive in September. We are looking forward to Parent Orientation on September 7 and our opening day on September 11.

We are still accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. If you know anyone interested in our Preschool, please have them contact us at 717-854-1996 or visit our website at www.stpaulsyork.com. We hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer.





Fall Sunday Morning Classes Begin Soon: Mark your calendars now! Classes for infants through grade 6, Confirmation Classes and Adult Studies **all begin on Sunday, September 17 at 9:15 AM.** Teachers are lined up and materials are being ordered. Please pray for teachers as they begin planning for the spiritual growth of learners. Look for details in the September newsletter.

**Bible Study resumes on
Wednesday September 13**

During this weekly time of reading and conversation we look in depth at the Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join us any time.



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.

**Children and Youth Upcoming Dates
Information for these events will be in the September newsletter**



Music and Create
Age 3 through Grade 6
6pm till 7:15pm
Tuesday, September 19
Tuesday, September 26



Youth Group grades 7 through 12 11:45am
Sunday, October 8
Sunday, October 22 – Stewardship Sunday, Celebration Brunch
Youth will serve the Brunch following the 8am Liturgy
Sunday, November 12
Sunday, December 10



Sr High Youth Group grades 9 through 12
Conversation around the table
Meet at a different restaurant each month to enjoy conversation during the meal
5:00pm
Sunday, October, 1
Sunday, November 5
Sunday, December 3



***Please extend birthday wishes to our August "Vintage" Birthdays:
Dale Smith Jr., Elinor Rosenmiller, Ron Riese, Phyllis Winkel-
stern, David Rambo, and Larry Moore.***



The Campers at Camp Kirchenwald are enjoying the use of the sleeping bags, backpacks, water filters and camp stoves that were donated by the Congregation. Zach Weiss, Camp Director, was very gracious and grateful for the equipment.

Summer Picnic and Adventures at the Park

For families with children and youth



Tuesday, August 8 John Rudy Park
Blue Spruce 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.

Please let us know each month if your family is planning on attending, so we can plan appropriately and can let you know if the picnic is cancelled due to inclement weather.

Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly



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