

# Our Church

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube  
Holy Days as announced  
November 2023

## **The Feast of All Saints Celebrated Sunday November 5**

On first Sunday of November we remember by name the dearly departed members of the St. Paul's Lutheran congregation. Remembering is part of the fabric of our life together in Christ Jesus. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures, we are repeatedly hearing the messengers of God calling on people to remember what God has done for them, and what God desires for them, so that they may live, have life, and enjoy all that the Creator has provided. In the New Testament we hear about what God is doing now and promises to do for the Baptized community of faith, so that we may live, have life and live in hope. The story of God's love for us in Christ Jesus is a story that ushers in a hope filled future for all of God's beloved children. We rejoice on All Saints Sunday because we remember the promise Christ Jesus made to each of our departed sisters and brothers, and because we know his promise to be sure! Those who died in the certainty of God's promise in Christ Jesus are:

Mahlon Leiphart	10-2-22
Orven Cook	11-22-22
William Banta	12-15-22
Eddie Turner, Sr.	1-3-23
Richard Riese	4-18-23
Gloria Jean Williams	6-2-23
Audrey Houck	10-2-23

In addition to traditional hymns based on the theme of the day, the Handbell Choir rings a stirring anthem based on the hymn *Jerusalem My Happy Hope* at the 10:30 AM liturgy. The arrangement utilizes practically every Handbell and tone chime. Please attend one of the liturgies on All Saint's Sunday showing support to the many families and friends of the congregation who grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. Our time together that morning gives us opportunity to remember each person who died in faith, give thanks for their life, and take comfort in the hope that is available to all through the gracious out-poured love of Christ Jesus our Lord. Join you voice to the myriad of Alleluias!



On November 19 we will gather for the Annual Meeting at noon. It is a time when we rejoice at those good things which we have been able to accomplish and where we address new challenges stretching us as God's people into the future. The Annual Meeting is a time for the congregation to reflect on work that has been done, discuss the work that is currently shaping our Christian witness, and to plan ways to address future needs, extend mission, and

broaden our witness. The Fellowship Committee plans and provides for a delicious meal as part of the meeting. The Congregation Council sets the agenda for the day tailoring the flow so that much can be accomplished in a limited period of time. This day in particular provides us with the opportunity to elect leaders, accept a 2024 budget, thank the council members for their extraordinary leadership, support the work of the church staff, and recognize particular areas of ministry that contribute to the St. Paul's witness.

## **2023 Harvest Dinner & Auctions Yields Abundantly for Food Pantry Ministry**



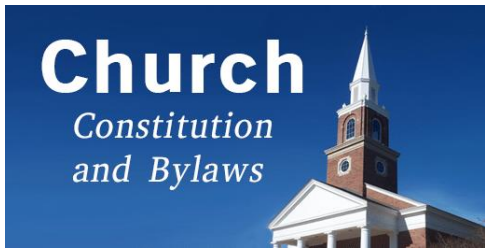
From every indication the October 7<sup>th</sup> Event was a huge success. Those who gathered enjoyed an assortment of appetizers when they arrived in the Good Shepherd Room. The conversations were lively as people sampled white port and tonic spritzers. Violin music, provided by Andrew Jones, wafted through the church nave. The paintings donated by Pastor Reep to benefit the Food Pantry were displayed across the front of the chancel. After viewing them and sharing in conversation everyone moved to the Fellowship Hall for a delicious dinner. Among the many beautiful donated silent auction items, one listing was incredibly popular. Rev. George Fitch crafted several pairs of bookends utilizing elements garnered from the church nave renovation. The acorn turnings that once graced the communion rail and brass fittings from the former chandeliers were uniquely fashioned together creating one of a kind historical art pieces. Nine of Pastor Reep's paintings were put up at the live auction. Seven of the images appeared on the pages of the 2023 St. Paul's calendar. Two paintings were newly completed at the conclusion of his sabbatical time. These were large scale works, one a dining room still life the other a lakeside landscape. The bidding on both was ferocious! The evening concluded at 8:30 PM with folks joyfully taking their leave. The Harvest Dinner Event netted \$18,000 for the Food Pantry. Grateful appreciation is extended to the committee, Chef Greg Mummert, the volunteers, those who donated items, those who purchased tickets, and especially those who willingly entered into the fun of bidding knowing that in the end the hungry are fed.

## **Twelve Note Cards Benefit for the Food Pantry**

St. Paul's is offering packages of twelve beautiful note cards depicting paintings by Pastor Reep. They are available now in the Good Shepherd Room. Many of the images were painted during his sabbatical. Six images are landscapes and six images are still life. The twelve images are on display in the Good Shepherd Room. They are printed on high quality card stock and come with envelopes. To purchase packages simply complete a "Special Offering" envelope and mark it "Note Cards" and place it in the offering or give it to the church secretary. The requested donation is \$20 per pack. All proceeds benefit the St. Paul's Lutheran Food Pantry. These are great for holiday gift giving! (Add a quality pen and a sheet of postage stamps and you have created a unique and thoughtful gift.) You may not feel comfortable taking packs to sell to neighbors, friends, coworkers and extended family members, but do have a conversation, and let them know that; they are available, they were painted by the pastor, they were printed in York, and that their donation supports the food pantry which provides food for the hungry in our neighborhood. By so doing you are bearing witness to the ministry carried out in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **From Bread and Wine to Bountiful Giving**

The Stewardship Committee provided for a celebratory commitment Sunday on October 22. The guest preacher for the Day, The Rev. Beth Martini, Assistant to the Bishop, delivered faithful proclamation about giving to God the things that are God's. On that day those gathered completed Commitment Cards indicating their support of our ministry and mission for the upcoming year. They enjoyed one another's company during the fellowship times following each liturgy. Time and Ability forms were also completed and collected. A form was mailed into the homes of our members along with their third quarter giving statement. If you have not completed a commitment card and or a Time and Ability Form please do so and bring it with you to the Annual Meeting on Sunday November 19.



## Keeping Our Constitution and Bylaws Current

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, November 19, 2023. At this meeting there will be motions to adopt changes to both our constitution and bylaws. On the day of the meeting a copy of the documents will be available at each table. If you would like to view the proposed changes in advance they can be

emailed to you. Simply notify the church office. The majority of the constitutional changes are mandated by actions taken at the Churchwide Assembly. Bylaws changes are proposed by committees within our congregation. If you have questions prior to the meeting regarding the proposed changes, please contact Larry Gross at his home phone number, 717-843-2791

## St. Nicholas Holiday Congregation Dinner Wednesday, December 6 5:30 PM

On December 6 we celebrate St. Nicholas Day. This is a completely new event in the life of our congregation. Certainly we have celebrated St. Nicholas Day in past years, but this year we are attempting to make it a time of holiday fun. It is the first Wednesday in December. What's being planned is a holiday meal, entertainment from within the faith community, a visit from and photo opportunity with St. Nick, and an evening creating memories for children and adults of Christian fellowship.

The goal of the planning team is to fill the Fellowship Hall with St. Paul's families, members and friends. Folks should be well on their way by 7:00 PM. Do come.



## Church Photo Directory



**Witness Committee Would Like You to Save the Date** – Gretchen Nevin, local photographer, will be at St. Paul's on November 12 (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) and November 19 (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) to take photographs for a new Pictorial Directory. Our last directory was printed in 2019, 4 years ago, and a new directory is overdue. We have so many new members and it would be helpful for them to be able to put a name with a face and helpful for our long-time members to put a name with those new faces. What I hear so often from our members is there are so many new faces that I don't know. The photographs/directory will be different than ever before: photos will be taken Sunday morning when you are at the church for services, each photo session will be approximately 5 minutes, there will be no salesperson to try to

sell you photographs, and the photo's will be sent to you as downloadable images. Arrangements will be made for those who don't have a computer. Christmas is coming and you will have the photos in plenty of time for Christmas giving or have your Christmas card printed. Patee will receive downloadable images as well for our new directory which will be printed in house. Convenient, painless, and no cost to you except for a few minutes of your time. All we need is your smiling face. You will be able to reserve a time slot on line on [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com) (St. Paul's Directory Photos). Patee will send out a news blast with step by step directions on how to sign up. If you don't have a computer or have problems using signup genius, contact Earline Jones at 717-880-5208 and she will help to get you scheduled. It would be wonderful if we could get everyone to sign up.

Thanks,  
Earline Jones, Witness Committee Chairperson

Here is the sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BAEAC2AAAF49-45117049-stpauls#/>



# Preschool News



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 sat in 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 parent group had a Fall Festival Event that included a backdrop for family pictures, pumpkin decorating, table or treating and snack. Next month, the Parent Group will be having a T-shirt fundraiser celebrating 60 years of the Preschool. Congregational members will also

have the opportunity to support the preschool and purchase a shirt. Stay tuned for more information.

In November, 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!

## Everyone can help support St. Paul's Preschool!

The Preschool Parent Group is holding a T-shirt fundraiser this month. T-shirts will celebrate the preschool and its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary! All proceeds will be used for purchasing new classroom and gym toys. The fundraiser will run the month of November and t-shirts will be ready the week of December 18<sup>th</sup>. They will make great Christmas gifts for the entire family. And because they are bright red we can all wear them on Pentecost Sunday! An example of the shirt and information on how to order can be found in the Good Shepherd room.



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## Children and Youth Upcoming Dates

### Music and Create

Age 3 through Grade 6

Tuesday evenings, 6pm to 7:15pm



#### Music

Age 3 through Grade 1  
Grade 2 through Grade 6

#### Create

Grade 2 through Grade 6  
Age 3 through Grade 1

6:00 pm till 6:30 pm in the Music room

6:30 pm till 7:15 pm in the Music room

6:00 pm till 6:30 pm in the Youth room

6:30 pm till 7:15 pm in the Youth room



November Music, the children and youth will participate in singing and playing instruments. They will sing during the 10:30am Liturgy on Sunday, November 19th.

November Create, the children and youth will be creating an ongoing watercolor picture throughout the weeks of Create.

We are looking forward to a wonderful fall with your children and youth.

Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly



### Sr High Youth Fellowship grades 9 through 12

#### Faith and Conversation around the table

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant, 2600 E Market Street, located in Quality Inn & Suites

On Sunday, November 5th Sr High Youth Grades 9 through 12 are invited to share conversation and dinner around the table. They will connect with each other while discussing a topic that they helped to choose ahead of time. Meals will be shared, stories will

be told, together they will experience God's nearness, God's kindness, and God's Love. While sharing stories they will experience God's Grace. At the Table we Talk - At the Table we Listen.

### Youth Fellowship grades 7 through 12

Sunday, November 12th—11:45am following the 10:30am Liturgy

Youth Room

Following the Liturgy, the Youth will fill their lunch plates during 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Sandwiches and come to the Youth Room for a time of fellowship. Following lunch, the youth will be creating Thankful cards that will be mailed to the Homebound members of St. Paul's.

### Upcoming Events

**Youth Fellowship** grades 7 through 12  
Sunday, December 10

11:45am Youth Room

**Sr High Youth, Grades 9 through 12**  
Sunday, December 3

**Faith and Conversation around the table**



### Sunday Morning Classes 9:15-10:15 AM

Classes for children are held upstairs. When studying the travels of Abraham, our upper elementary class traveled to the Fellowship Hall where they set up a tent like Abraham. The story about 3 visitors coming to Abraham was heard while sitting in the tent. During November our children will hear stories from the Old Testament including The Ten Commandments, David and Goliath and Jonah. There are no classes on November 26.

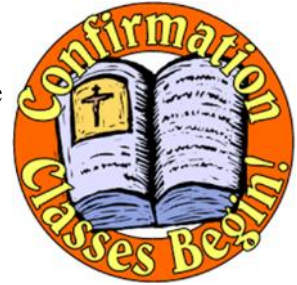
Infants through Preschool	- Room 213
Kindergarten through grade 2	- Room 214
Grades 3-6	- Room 202
Confirmation class grades 7-9	- Youth Room.

An adult class meets in Christ Hall. Watch your email for details.



### Confirmation Program Sunday, 9:15AM Upper Level Youth Room

The Confirmation Program at St. Paul's is designed to cover the basic portions of Luther's Small Catechism, church history and navigating the Bible. These basic tools assist our young people as they grow in grace, faith and love. Young People in grades 7 & 8 should plan to attend all of the Sunday morning class sessions as well as a few special service projects throughout the year. The current program completed in two years covers the same amount of material that we used to cover in a three year program where we held a fall and spring session on Sunday evenings. It is imperative that participants maintain high levels of engagement as we move through the material at an accelerated pace.



Oct. 29 – Nov. 19	Session II, Holy Baptism
Nov. 26 – Dec. 31	Advent/Christmas Break (no class sessions)
Jan. 7 – Feb. 11	Session III, Holy Communion
Feb. 18 – March 17	Session IV, Church History
May 5, 10:30AM	Confirmation Sunday (for those who have completed the two year program)

### Adult Sunday School Sessions

Oct. 29	Reformation Day—"Five Things About the Lutheran Reformation" and "Becoming a Theologian of the Cross"
Nov. 5	All Saints Day—"Early Saints of God"
Nov. 12	Top 10 Bible Villains/Top 10 Bible Heroes
Nov. 19	Ten Important Things that Happened between the Old & New Testament
Nov. 26	Christ the King—Crowning the Year with Goodness, Mercy, and Love.

### Wednesday Bible Study 10:30AM

We meet on Wednesdays, at 10:30AM in Christ Hall. For those who have never participated in such a study please consider; placing it on your calendar, participating in the conversation and putting aside any fears which may have precluded you from participating in the past. The format is simple. We study the upcoming Sunday readings. This helps you prepare for worship and helps Pastor Reep prepare the sermon. Most of the time we come away with a clearer understanding of how God is at work shaping our lives. Please do come. Bring a Bible if you have an edition that you particularly like or one in which you like to make notes. Otherwise there are plenty of copies in Christ Hall. The group is extremely friendly and welcoming. Do come.





**Thanksgiving in the Pantry** Each year our preschool families collect food for our shoppers who come to the pantry. The number of shoppers has tripled since 2019. You can help the preschool families in their collection by donating the following items by November 12.

Stuffing Mix, Canned sweet potatoes, Instant potatoes  
Please put your donations in the shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room.  
Thank You.

Four leaders from St. Paul's Food Pantry attended the annual York County Food Bank Summit in September. During this inspiring day they heard speakers and made contacts with other food ministries in York County. The Keynote address was given by author and hunger ministry leader Katie S. Martin. Her book entitled Reinventing Food Banks and Pantries gives new tools to end hunger. They are excited to talk about and implement some of the strategies she suggests.

Pictured are Ken Hinkle, Teresa Rorhbaugh, Patty Snyder and Tom Martin.



**Bridge of Hope Update:** In September we treated our mother to a Girl's Night Out Dinner to celebrate her birthday. What fun to talk, eat and pause in the midst of busy lives.

### A Bridge of Hope Thank You

Thank you so very much to the Benevolence Committee and your wonderful congregation for your generous Conference sponsorships! I'm at the Annual Bridge of Hope Conference this week thinking of you with gratitude for your partnership that is sustaining our team members as case managers, directors, board members and others gather to learn, receive encouragement, and network. I'm so thankful for you who made it possible. Warm Regards, Lila Stoeckle, M.A., Chief Development Officer.

**Veteran's Day November 11th Thank you for your service !**



<b>CLIFF BECK, JR.</b>	<b>AIR FORCE</b>	<b>JOE MOYER</b>	<b>US ARMY</b>
<b>JAMES BENNETT</b>	<b>US ARMY JAG</b>	<b>MICHAEL POSTER</b>	<b>US AIR FORCE</b>
<b>GERALD BRIGGS, JR.</b>	<b>US AIR FORCE</b>	<b>RICHARD RIESE</b>	<b>US NAVY</b>
<b>COURTNEY BLAKE</b>	<b>US AIR FORCE</b>	<b>RON RIESE</b>	<b>US ARMY &amp; NATIONAL GUARD</b>
<b>THOMAS GIBSON</b>	<b>US NAVY</b>	<b>FRED ROSENMILLER</b>	<b>US NAVY</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>
<b>DANIEL MAYS</b>	<b>US NAVY</b>		



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)



### 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.



### Ukraine Offering

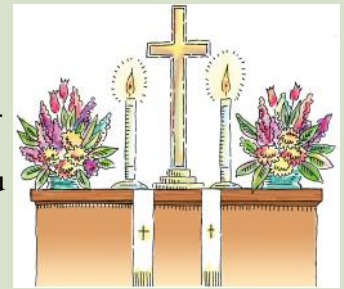
Offerings to give aid to Ukrainian refugees, orphans, widows and humanitarian help can be given through St. Paul's website [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org) by selecting the designated button or through our pew envelopes marking them "Ukraine".

### Information regarding hospital/rehab/nursing home visits by Pastor Reep

Please be aware that due to HIPPA rules even though the hospital and medical institutions ask you what church you belong to when you are admitted they are unable to call Pastor Reep to notify him that you have been admitted! Please call or have a family call to give this information to the office or to Pastor. Thank you.

### 2024 Flower Chart

The 2024 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 extend birthday wishes to our November "Vintage" Birthdays:

Nancy Bennett, Bob Little, Norma Shue, Janet Fitch and Robert Winkelstern.



## 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.26.



**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 Monday, 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 26th**

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## 2024 Budget Proposal

### INCOME

Account	Budget	2023 Budget	Diff +/-
General Income	\$415,000	406,000	\$9,000
Trust income	\$240,000	175,000	\$65,000
Grant Income	\$30,000	0	\$30,000
Pantry Income	\$14,400	9,000	\$5,400
Fundraising Income	\$25,000	25,000	\$0
Preschool	\$95,750	89,795	\$5,955
Konde Projects	\$9,000	9,000	\$0
Synod Regular Mission Support	\$1,000	0	\$1,000
Total Income	<u>\$830,150</u>	<u>\$713,795</u>	\$116,355

### EXPENSE

Account Name	Budget	2023 Budget	Diff +/-
Payroll - Church	365,400	325,000	40,400
Witness	3,000	2,500	500
Office	47,500	46,400	1,100
Property	162,000	158,050	3,950
Christian Education	14,500	14,600	(100)
Fellowship	9,000	5,250	3,750
Pantry Expense	12,000	2,500	9,500
Social Ministry Outreach	3,000	2,500	500
Stewardship Expense	3,500	2,500	1,000
Worship & Arts	20,000	16,900	3,100
Synod Regular Mission Support	37,000	35,000	2,000
Konde Projects Expense	9,000	9,000	0
Benevolence Projects	53,000	0	53,000
Mortgage Interest	75,000	76,000	(1,000)
Preschool	96,234	88,132	8,102
Total Expenses	<u>910,134</u>	<u>784,332</u>	125,802
Net Income	<u>(\$79,984)</u>	<u>(\$70,537)</u>	



## Congregation Council Highlights

The Congregation Council gathered for their monthly meeting in Christ Hall on Monday October 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The meeting began with prayer offered by Chris Lipp.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday November 19, 2023 following the 10:30 AM liturgy. The Fellowship Committee is providing the noon meal.

Dan Mays, fellow council member, is receiving physical therapy and has been added to the prayer list.

Nominations for Congregation Council, Benevolence, Mutual Ministry and Synod voting member should be submitted to the nominating committee prior to the November 13 council meeting.

The Treasurer provided the monthly report. As was reported last month offerings continue to be less than previous year. This was brought to the attention of the Finance and Stewardship committees. The trend will be researched to gain clarification. All committee spending was in line with the 2023 budget.

The 2024 Proposed Budget presented by the Finance Committee was approved for presentation to the congregation at the Annual meeting on Sunday November 19. (A copy of the proposed budget is included with this mailing.)

The request to receive offerings for *God's Global Barnyard* was approved for the Lenten Season 2024. Historically this has taken place during the Advent Season but this year the period of Advent is shorter as Advent 4 and Christmas Eve are both December 24.

The Council approved the request of Preschool to hold a T-Shirt fundraiser. Congregation members may order T-Shirts during the month of November.

The Council supports combining for worship at 8:00 AM with St. Peter's Lutheran Church North George Street, York PA for the Epiphany Season (January 8 – February 11) with St. Paul's hosting. Pastors Schlegel and Reep will work collaboratively in planning, leading and preaching at the 8:00 AM liturgies. A time of fellowship will follow each Sunday liturgy.

The Council approved the recommendations from Worship and Arts. 1. That a soprano and alto metallophone be purchased from West Music to support the children's music program. The purchase is to come from the McElhiney Music Fund. 2. The Christmas Season Worship Schedule: Sunday, December 24, Advent 4 – Combined 9:15AM liturgy, Christmas Eve 4:00 & 7:00 PM, Monday, December 25, Christmas Day 10:30 AM. Sunday, December 31, The First Sunday after Christmas – Combined 9:15 AM liturgy.

The Council approved the recommendations from Property. 1. Complete the digital signage in the Good Shepherd Room and Upper Level hallway with monitors linking live stream and information for congregation and preschool. 2. Sanctuary Video Streaming Upgrades with additional camera and monitor.

The Stewardship Committee has provided for Commitment Sunday to be held October 22 and has arranged for the service and fellowship meals following each liturgy. Guest preacher is the Rev. Beth Martini.

The meeting concluded with prayer at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Reep



## Music concerts and programs 2023-2024

St. Paul's is pleased to host the following music events. Please show your support with your attendance. All events are FREE and open to the public. More concerts and events will be added at a later date.

**Sunday, December 3**

**York College Holiday concert**

**3:00pm**

York College Chorale and Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Grace Muzzo present a concert filled with Holiday music for voices and instruments.

**Sunday, April 28**

**The Arsenal Duo (organ and piano) concert**

**3:00pm**

Pittsburgh musicians Nathan Carterette (piano) and Edward Alan Moore (organ) have joined forces as The Arsenal Duo, presenting concerts that unite their respective instruments in a unique and spectacular fashion. They draw from a diverse repertoire, including works originally for piano and orchestra; works original to piano and organ; their own transcriptions; and solo offerings. Sponsored by York Chapter AGO



**Chancel Choir rehearsals** are on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! If you are interested in singing, please contact Victor Fields at [vfields.stpaulsyork@comcast.net](mailto:vfields.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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 may also sing solos and duets from time to time in worship and offer their talents by playing instruments during worship.

The Handbell Choir was pleased to play for the 10:30 liturgy on October 15. Our selection, "For the Beauty of the Earth" complemented the stewardship theme "From Bread and Wine to Bountiful Giving." I am very grateful for the time and talent our bell choir members share to add beautiful music to our liturgies. This month, the bell choir will play on November 5 and will collaborate with the children's choir and adult vocal choir to render the psalm on November 19. We will also be busy working on some special music for the Christmas season.



### **York Conference of Lutherans**

**Working Together to Support the Mission of Christ's Church**

**NEEDED: TUTORS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6**

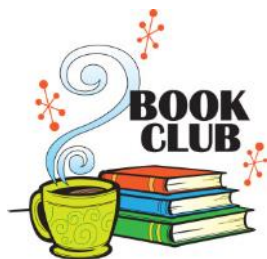
The York Conference of Lutherans Tutoring Program is seeking volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with students on Monday or Tuesday evenings during the upcoming school year! Tutors need not be teachers, or even have a degree. We need people who are willing to assist elementary grade students with homework, 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.

## 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](mailto:eljones2@comcast.net). - Earline Jones



**St. Paul's Book Club:** Join us at Panera Bread on South Queen Street 4:00-5:00 PM as we discuss....

November 9 The Innocent Man by John Grisham  
December 14 True to Form by Elizabeth Berg



St Paul's is collecting clothing for Union Lutheran Church's Clothing Ministry and your help is requested. Union collects 'gently used' clothing (and shoes) for its clothing closet and offers it **free of charge** to needy families in the York City community. A bin has been placed in the Good Shepherd room to collect any clothing you would like to donate. These donations will surely be a blessing to our neighbors. Union's volunteers are very appreciative of our cooperation and our help.



## 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. 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](http://LifePathYork.org) for additional information.



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