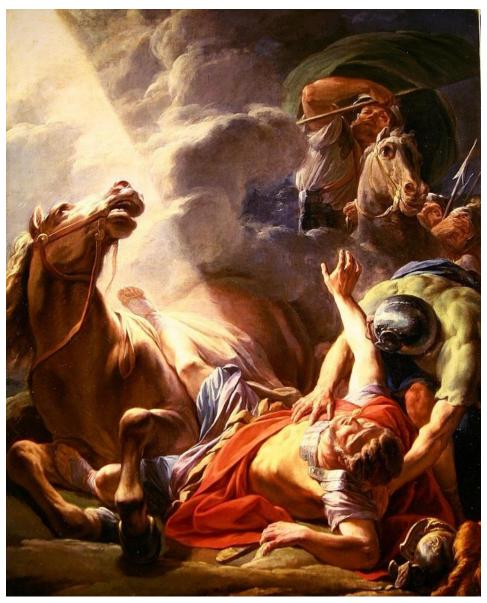
The Conversion of St. Paul January 28, 2024



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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

This morning we extend a joyful welcome to the members and friends of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N. George St. and to Pastor Schlegel for their companionship through the Epiphany season (8:00am liturgy).

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 187 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Offerings Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

Postlude It is our tradition to remain seated for the postlude. If you need to leave we ask that you do so reverently. This tradition developed as a result of our livestream. We want anyone viewing to be able to listen to the postlude without unnecessary distraction. Thank you.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

An AED/Defibrillator unit is located in the Good Shepherd room. It is placed on the wall left side of the Springettsbury door exit.

The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors. The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.

Please be aware that there is a rise in individuals loitering at church buildings and asking for money. This is panhandling and it is illegal. Please do not give money. Simply direct them to contact the Pastor at a time other than during worship. Thank you.

Parents, please do accompany your child to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.

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Holy Communion 8:00 AM & 10:30AM

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1

PRELUDE

Suite Medievale Prelude

Jean Langlais

ENTRANCE HYMN

We Praise You, O God (LBW 241)



APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . . Lord God, through the preaching of your apostle Paul, you established one Church from among the nations. As we celebrate his conversion, we pray that we may follow his example and be witnesses to the truth in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-22

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" ²²Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

PSALMODY Psalm 67 spoken responsively by verse

¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us,*

show us the light of his countenance, and | come to us.

² Let your ways be known | upon earth,*
your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;* let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations | upon earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*

let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought | forth her increase;* may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.

⁷ May God give | us his blessing,* and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

SECOND READING Galatians 1:11-24

¹¹For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; ¹⁹but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, ²²and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; ²³they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

Stand VERSE Sung by all



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:10-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and

there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Grant humility to your church, O God, so that we honor the testimonies of those who seem unlikely witnesses to your work. Remove from us all prejudice, opening us to wisdom that challenges us and extends the Gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Use us to rescue lands from famine and disease. Send aid to places rebuilding after earthquakes and storms. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for peace. Bring an end to international conflicts and religious persecution. Ensure fair and equitable treatment in courts of law. Give integrity to legislators and those who enforce the law. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Support the work of caregivers, advocates, and health care workers. Give strength and patience to those who accompany others through times of illness, uncertainty, or pain. Bring your saving health to those in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We thank you for gifts of food, water, and nourishment. Bless farmers and restaurant workers, bakers and grocery store workers, food pantry volunteers and family members who cook daily meals. Encourage us to share food with those who are hungry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We praise you for the saints, especially Paul, and for all believers who have been transformed by your love and power. Lead us by their endurance and example. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

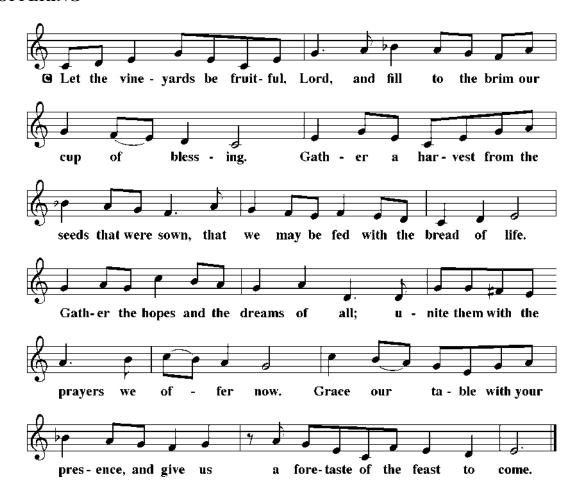
The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:00 AM Suite Medievale Offertory Jean Langlais 10:30 AM Chancel Choir The Light of the World Ian Ray

OFFERING

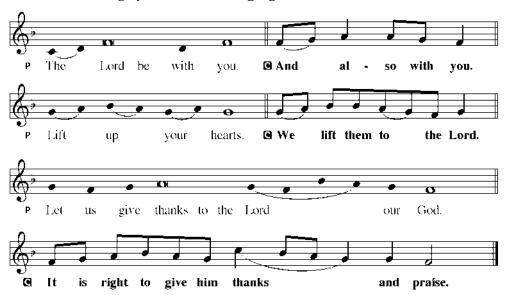


OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

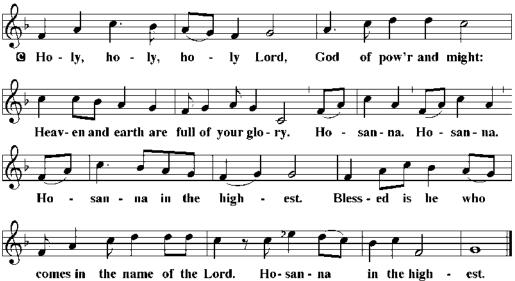
DIALOGUE Sung by Pastor and congregation



PREFACE The preface appropriate to the day is sung.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through the great shepherd of your flock, Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the age. And so, with patriarchs and prophets, with the apostle, Paul, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.

You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;

and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,

who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup

we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,

the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,

that we who receive the Lord's body and blood

may live to the praise of your glory

and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

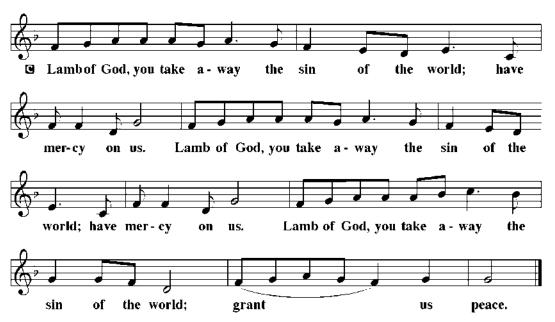
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

FRACTION RITE A brief silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI Sung by all.



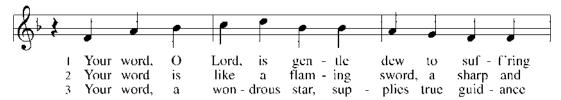
SitThe pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Our Communion is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle (about 10 adults per side).
- 2. Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).
- 3. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.
- 4. Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.
- 5. Extend your hands to receive the communion host.
- 6. Consume the communion host.
- 7. Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.
- 8. Consume the wine before you leave the chancel edge.
- 9. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.
- 10. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN Your Word, O Lord, is Gentle Dew (LBW 232)





hearts that want it; oh, shed your heav'n-ly balm a - new, to all your might - y ar - row, a wedge that cleaves the rock; that word can pierce through when we need it; it points to Christ and so makes wise all sim - ple



gar - den grant it; re-freshed by you, may ev - 'ry tree bud forth and heart and mar - row. Oh, send it forth o'er all the earth, to purge un - hearts that heed it; let not its light e'er sink in night, but keep it



Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, as we have commemorated St. Paul in this most Holy Sacrament you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels, apostles, martyrs, and saints. Keep us in fellowship with them until at last we may attain to our eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. Amen

O Word of God Incarnate (LBW 231) HYMN

teach your wand-'ring

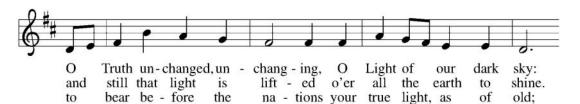
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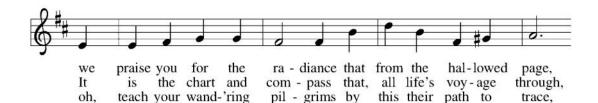
oh.

till.



- God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on
- The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re-ceived the gift di - vine;
- make your church, dear Sav ior, a lamp of 3 Oh. bur-nished gold





this their path to

trace.



end - ed, they see you face

SAVE THE DATE:

Witness Committee is planning a Valentine's Dinner for our young adults and young couples with children 12 and under. Childcare will be provided for the children. The date is Friday, February 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Invitations and detailed information are being sent out.

Witness Committee to Host Senior Luncheon

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is quickly approaching and the Witness Committee invites our seniors (65 and over) to lunch after the Ash Wednesday service, February 14,

The Season of Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with liturgies at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The liturgy begins with Psalm 51, a plea to God, to create in us clean and honest hearts. We quickly move to an in-depth confession enumerating the ways in which our hearts have not been clean and honest toward; God, creation, neighbor or self. With the imposition of ashes on our foreheads we remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return. The stark reminder or words spoken and cross prominently displayed underscores the shortness of human life and of the need for us to live each day in deeper relationship with God, creation, neighbor and with self-awareness. To aid us in our Lenten season devotional books are available in the narthex on the oval library table and in the Good Shepherd Room on the breakfront. Following the morning liturgy a luncheon will be held in Christ Hall. The Witness committee planned and prepared for the luncheon as a way to strengthen relationship within the congregation. A sign-up sheet indicating your intentions to attend the luncheon will circulate on Sunday morning during the time of the announcements. Senior members of the congregation who may wish to attend but need transportation should contact Earline Jones. Please begin the season of Lent by attending

The Long-term Recovery Committee in York is looking to find volunteers interested in helping empty out the basement of a home in need of repairs from Hurricane Ida. It is not muck and gut work. It is carrying things that were stored down there and putting them in a dumpster. We are trying to coordinate a day or two when volunteers would be available to help. Pastor Glenn Beard, (717) 471-1067, gbeard@luthercare.org



Today's Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God in Memory of our Parents, Raymond & Virginia LeCates, and Ralph & Helen Wallace bt Byron & Peggy Lecates

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assist- ing Min- ister	Crucifer	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Set-up & Altar Clean-up
01/28	8:00 AM		Kirsten Barnes	St. Peter's		Kirsten	Sammy Barnes Sheridan Palmer, Bob Reed	Kathleen Lemke, Pat Scarborough
01/28	10:30 AM	George Fitch	_ ′	Earline Jones	Aaron Jacobs	,	Kem Vaught, Dave Kopp, Dan Garber	Pat Rudacille, Gerry Briggs

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open 8:00 a.m.—4pm Mon—Thurs

Sunday, January 28

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Sunday School for All 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream

3:30 PM Bridge of Hope—Christ Hall 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Tuesday, January 30

9:30 AM Pantry

6:00 PM CREATE—Preschool—Grade 6

Wednesday, January 31

10:00 AM Preschool & Pastor in Nave 10:30 AM Bible Study—Christ Hall

Thursday, February 1

10:00 AM Preschool & Pastor in Nave

1:00 PM Witness Committee

6:30 PM Handbell Choir—Chancel

7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Choir Room

Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:15 AM Sunday School for All

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream

6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Sunday Morning Classes 9:15-10:15 AM

Preschool through Grade 6 children will meet upstairs in their age grouped classrooms where they will be learning about Jesus' early life including the coming of the Wisemen, Jesus' baptism, the calling of the disciples, and some of Jesus' miracles. Often children get to act out the stories, wonder about the characters and how they might have felt, and discuss ways that they can grow their own walk as Christians. This is a great time to start your child in a class. Some of the best stories are explored during this winter and spring season. Come!

Adult Sunday Morning Classes: Christmas is for Martyrs January 7 – February 11

Few people associate Christmas with going to prison for their beliefs, but the Bible does...and so do many, many Christians around the world today. Join the Adult Class to discover where and how the Church suffers in witness to Jesus Christ today. We will be helped by "The Voices of the Martyrs" a ministry begun by a Lutheran pastor after he was released from a communist prison. All are invited, and we will gather in Christ Hall during the Sunday school hour at 9:15 AM. The sessions will be led by Jonathan Jenkins.

Announcements and Up-dates for the week January 28, 2024

We thank Pastor William Snyder for preaching and presiding at the 10:30 AM liturgy.

2024 Offering Envelopes are available in the Good Shepherd Room . Please take yours along with you.

St Paul's is collecting clothing for Union Lutheran Church's Clothing Ministry. 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.



You may get information regarding closures at our website www.stpaulsyork.org or on our Facebook page: St. Paul's Lutheran Church York PA on Springettsbury & George.

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 it, 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—January

Food Items needed: Canned fruit. This has been difficult for the pantry to get. Pantru Please put your donations in the shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room. 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, some Sundays to stock shelves and some Thursday mornings to receive deliveries. Contact Patty Snyder, Ken Hinkle, Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office (717-843-8155) to volunteer.