

# Our Church

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8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
8:00 & 10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube  
Holy Days as announced  
February 2024

## 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 an Ash Wednesday liturgy.



## Lenten Devotional Booklets

*Walking in His Ways*  
*Foot Steps to the Cross*

Lenten devotional booklets are available in the narthex on the oval library table and in the Good Shepherd Room on the breakfront. The theme "*Walk in His Ways*" is from Psalm 128 verse one. The Psalmist proclaims that a large and prosperous family is a reward for devotion to the Lord. In this season of Lent daily devotions strengthen our individual families as well as our church family at St. Paul's. Psalm 128 is one of the suggested Psalms for Christian marriage. On a wedding day everything that is yet to come is shaped by devotion to God and devotion to spouse. In addition to the Lenten booklets for adults, there is one geared for children, *Foot Steps to the Cross*. This booklet is accompanied by a sticker chart. Directions are provided on the sticker chart and the daily foot print stickers numbered for each day of lent are provided in the booklet. Please remember that you need both the chart and the booklet! The Christian Education Committee is hopeful that these resources will support you and your family in the Lenten journey.



**Wednesday Mid-Week Lent**  
**Soup & Bread Supper, Christ Hall 6:00 PM**  
**Vespers with Preaching, Church Nave 7:00 PM**



The Wednesdays of Lent offer opportunities to strengthen Christian fellowship. A simple supper of soup and bread will be held in Christ Hall at 6:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to sign up to bring soup and bread for each of the five Wednesdays. We will need at least three crock pots of soup for each week.

## LENTEN



## VESPERS

Following the supper Evening Prayer, Vespers, will be held in the church nave at 7:00 PM. We have invited the congregations of Grace, St. Peter's and Christ Manchester to join us for all or part of the evening. For those who cannot join in person please do join us through the live stream at 7:00 PM. If you would like to provide soup for one on the Wednesdays in Lent please contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board at the Springettsbury Ave Entrance. Thank you in advance for joining in the meal preparations and offering your prayer and thanksgiving to God.

### **Lenten Mid-week Offering** **God's Global Barnyard**

The offerings from the mid-week Lenten services are designated for God's Global Barnyard, a project undertaken by the elementary Sunday school classes. Donations may be made by using your Lenten envelope provided in the packet, by marking a special white color envelope located in the pew rack "Barnyard" and placing it in the offering basin, or through the website by using the Donate Now designation for God's Global Barnyard. In advance thank you for your generous support of the project and for working in conjunction with the Sunday school children. The children look forward to totaling all of the offerings and then with a dollar amount in hand beginning the hard work of figuring out what animals to purchase to help a family or families in a developing nation. We anticipate their report to the congregation during the Easter Season as they share with us the outcome of their work. We extend a special thank you to the Sunday school teachers who work with the children and provide oversight throughout the project.



### **Bread Bakers Providing Bread During Lent**

During the season of Lent we will utilize common loaf of bread for the Sunday Eucharist. We thank those who have agreed to prepare the bread and to the Altar Guild members for the change in set-up and clean-up associated with their duties.

### **New Violet Altar cloths, Hangings and Vestments for the Season of Lent**

A new matching set of purple Lenten altar cloths, hangings and vestments have been given in memory of Richard Riese by Doris Riese and family. They are scheduled to arrive in time for Lent. We will have a liturgy of blessing and dedication on the First Sunday of Lent, February 18 at the 8:00 AM service. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Doris and her family for this generous gift.



### **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, 2024. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. and be followed by lunch. The menu will be a baked spaghetti casserole, salad, bread, dessert, and beverages. If you don't drive and would like to come, we will arrange for your transportation. Come and socialize with friends. Please contact Patee [st.paulsyork@comcast.net](mailto:st.paulsyork@comcast.net) or (717) 843-8155, let her know if you are coming, if you have any dietary restrictions and if you will need a ride to and from church. The deadline to respond is February 9.



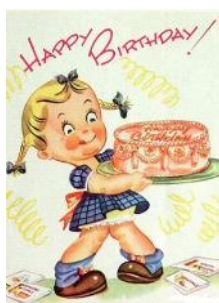
### **Valentines Dinner Friday February 9**

The overwhelming response received from participants at last year's Valentine's Dinner moved the Witness Committee to offer something similar again this year. Sickness reduced the number of participants but certainly didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended! So once again an evening for our young singles and families in recognition of Valentine's Day is slated for Friday, February 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. A special dinner for the young adults will be served in Fellowship Hall, while a menu geared for young children will be served in the Youth Room. Young adults enjoy dinner and conversation with one another while activities for the children will commence in other areas of the building. We will need adult helpers to interact with the children so that the singles, couples and parents can enjoy time together and share in conversation.



### **Spring House Cleaning Property Committee invites you to take part Saturday, March 23, 8:00 – 11:00 AM**

The Property Committee invites you to join them with a spring house cleaning on Saturday, March 23 from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. In three hours' time we should be able to give the main level of the church building a good spring cleaning in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. There are many jobs to be done. The committee will prepare jobs to be accomplished on 3X5 cards and place them on the table in the Good Shepard Room on Sunday March 17 (the Sunday preceding the cleaning). If you wish to bring your favorite supplies in order to complete the task you have selected, please feel free to do so. Know that materials and supplies will be available on the spring cleaning day. Also, please feel free to let one of the property committee members know if you plan to lend a hand. Current Committee members are: Kem Vaught, Jeff Riese, Larry Becker, Tom Ruth, Steve Heisted, Ted Weikert, and Stan Reep. If there are 30 volunteers we will accomplish 90 hours of work! And our building will be ready to greet worshipers for this most Holy time in Christian faith.



***Please extend birthday wishes to our February "Vintage" Birthdays***

***Nancy Banta, Janet Berkheimer, Ben Stallman,***

***Marcie Stoner, and Nancy Sturges***



## St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool

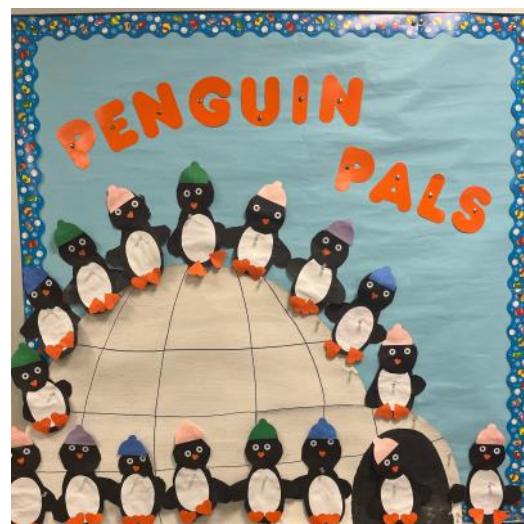


The Preschool Staff Brrrrr!!!! Winter is in full swing throughout the preschool classrooms and hallways. During January, the children talked about winter things such as, snowflakes, snowmen, mittens and gloves. They even had the opportunity to drink and make mugs of hot chocolate. The children also focused on community helpers such as doctors, nurses, postal workers and garbage collectors. Along with these things, the students learned about Martin Luther King as we observed the holiday on Monday, January 15.

In January, we also opened registration for the 2024-2025 school year for our current preschool families. If you know any families who are interested in our Preschool, please have them contact us at 717-854-1996.

As we begin February, the children will learn about Groundhog Day and will be learning about God's Love for us and one another as we celebrate Valentine's Day. They will make hearts and share Valentine cards. We will end February celebrating and observing President's Day.

God's Peace and Love, The Preschool Staff



### St. Paul's Dinner Group is Back!

A time of good food, fellowship, and fun over a casual meal. Groups of about 6 adults – couples and singles – gather at the home of the designated host once during the months of April and May. Hosts can also invite other members or guests to come and join. You don't have to host, just sign up, and bring a dish to share. Those who host will call the guests to schedule a day and time that works for all. The hosts provide the main dish and the guests provide the appetizer, salad, or dessert. Come and join us as we get better acquainted during these casual and enjoyable evenings. Look for the poster in the Springettsbury hallway and sign up today!



### 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.



## Congregation Council Highlights

The Congregation Council gathered for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 15 at 6:30 PM in Christ Hall. The council gathered one half hour early to enjoy a simple supper of soup and salad. This informal time provided opportunity to get acquainted with newly elected and appointed council members. The meeting began at 7:00 PM with prayer offered by Darren Smith.



- The minutes from the December meeting were approved as presented.
- Thank you cards, received from staff members for their Christmas gifts, were passed around the tables.
- The President presented a brief report and thanked members for their support during her year as president.
- The Treasurer presented a written report for the month ending and which included preliminary year end numbers. The report reflected solid envelope giving for the year. A final year-end report will be provided next month.
- The Property Chairperson, Pastor, and representative from the architectural firm will meet with HARB in early February to go over the drawings proposed for the pantry walkway covering.
- The Social ministry Committee delivered clothes to Jackson Elementary School. Clothes donated by congregation members continue to be taken to Union Lutheran Church for their clothes cupboard.
- The Witness Committee has planned for the Valentine Dinner on February 9 and for the senior's luncheon on February 14, following the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. They are also organizing Dinner Groups to be held during April and May.
- A slate of council officers was presented by Carol Woodbury and by acclamation was accepted yielding; Nicki Herdson, President; Darren Smith, Vice-President; Sheridan Palmer, Treasurer; and Kathleen Lempke, Secretary.
- A written Pastor's Report was presented.
- Steve Schedin offered the closing prayer.

Everyone pitched in to help clean up quickly as snow was rapidly falling.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pastor Reep



**Food Pantry News**—We need **CANNED SOUPS**! Please put your donations in the shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room. We are always in need of paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags. Money donations are gratefully accepted as well. 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.

**Change in Food Pantry Distribution Schedule** - Beginning January 2024 the pantry shoppers are able to come twice each month instead of every week. This change has to do with the growing number of people coming to the pantry, the amount of room in the pantry, our volunteer staff, and our limited amount of space for parking. When there are 5 Tuesdays in a month we will be closed the 5th Tuesday. With this decrease in the number of shoppers each week, our volunteers are excited to be able to shop at a more relaxed speed with our neighbors and enjoy visiting and getting to know each other. February



## From Bread and Wine to Bountiful Giving

The Stewardship team reminds us that it is time to honor our commitments for 2024. For those who completed a commitment card, thank you. For those who did not complete a card but do plan on supporting the congregation through financial gifts be it weekly offerings or minimum required distributions, or through a gift of stock, we thank you for your faithful stewardship. Together we keep the congregation's ministry and mission moving forward for the sake of the good news made known through Christ Jesus. Thank you!

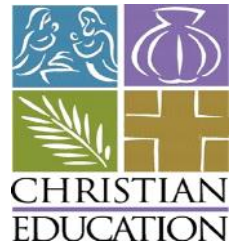


## Sunday Morning Classes 9:15-10:15 AM

Preschool through Grade 6 children will meet upstairs in their age grouped classrooms. Come and make crafts, read stories and do other fun activities while learning about the books of the Bible. There is a class for all ages. So please come and join us to learn and have fun together.

"I love going to sunday school because I love making all of the crafts" Melanie Patterson

"Sunday School is the best! I have so much fun with my friends" Naomi Patterson



### Communion Instruction for Children Sunday, February 11, Noon

Communion instruction for children will be offered on Sunday February 11. It is a day when there is Second Sunday Sandwich fellowship time. Following the fellowship time children and their parents/guardians can proceed to the Youth Room on the Upper Level for the time of instruction. Pastor Reep and Miss Kelly will provide an overview and all necessary supplies needed for the activities. The instruction can be revisited by children who have completed it at a former time but who may have questions or wish to engage the material at a deeper level. The instruction time usually takes about an hour and a half. For children who have not received instruction this is a great opportunity to begin conversations about the Sacrament of Holy Communion and to prepare them to receive the Lord's Supper. Please notify Miss Kelly if you plan to attend.



### Confirmation Program -Youth Room

Jan. 7 – Feb. 11

Feb.18 – March 17

Session III, Holy Communion

Session IV, Church History

### Sr High Youth Fellowship grades 9 through 12

Sunday, February 4th

5:00 pm till 6:30 pm

On Sunday, January 7th Sr High Youth Grades 9 through 12 will be having dinner and conversation at Mod Pizza on Pauline Drive. See Miss Kelly for details.



## Adult Sunday Morning Classes—Upcoming Lenten Studies

### The Psalms and our Christian Life

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote a little book on the Psalms entitled *The Prayerbook of the Bible*. He was absolutely convinced that his common set of prayers and songs, shared by Jews and Christians was central to our faith. In lent we will explore the psalms through the lens of an article written by a seminary colleague and dear friend, Dr. Amy Schiffrin, “The Voice of the Church: The Psalms in the Eucharistic Liturgy.” We will consider how the psalms function throughout the liturgy, as a reflection on the first lesson, how we give voice to faith through the psalter, and how the psalms teach us. We will also consider our own devotional use of the psalter. Please join Pastor Snyder for a Lenten journey that will both learning and devotional.



### New Members Class—Beginning February 18

During the season of Lent Pastor Reep will lead a class for those seeking to unite with St. Paul's as well as those seeking additional information on the ministry carried out in Christian love. The classes will be held in the Community Room on the Lower Level at 9:15 AM. Those wishing to Unite with St. Paul's Lutheran Church will do so at the combined 9:15 AM liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 2. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's Church please notify the church office or speak with Pastor Reep. The schedule of discussion topics follows:



February 18	Church History & the Lutheran Reformation
February 25	The Sacraments: Holy Baptism & Holy Communion
March 3	Introductions to committee chairs and a tour of the building
March 10	St. Paul's Beginnings and our mission approaching 200 years
March 17	Renewal & Renovation, Current and Future Ministry Plans
March 24	Officially Received into membership at combined liturgy 9:15 AM

## Christian Education Week Day Opportunities

### Music and Create Tuesday evenings, 6pm to 7:15pm Age 3 through Grade 6

February Music and Create, during music time the children and youth will participate in singing, playing instruments. The children will sing on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 liturgy.

This month during Create time they will be learning about the animals of the bible. The Lenten offering is designated for Barnyard Animals this year, they will be painting on tee shirts that they will wear at different times during Lent to create awareness for this offering.



### Come Out Lazarus! - An Eastertide Play/Musical for Children Sunday, April 21, 10:30 AM

In celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran Pre-school, an Eastertide Play/Musical will be presented by the children of the congregation on Preschool Sunday April 21 during the 10:30 AM liturgy. The program has parts for children of a variety of ages. Tuesday evening Create will use some time to make props, learn music, and choreography. The play is based on the Gospel of St. John the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. There is a lot of work to be done. For those interested in participating please attend Tuesday evening Create sessions with Miss Kelly, Mrs. Jones and Pastor Reep. It is sure to delight the congregation as the children learn and tell the story of Lazarus and of the power of God's word, even over death!



### Wednesday Bible Study 10:30AM

We meet on Wednesdays, 10:30 AM in Christ Hall. The format is simple. We study the up-coming Sunday readings. This helps you prepare for worship and helps Pastor Reep prepare the sermon. 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.





## April's Month of Concerts

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.

**Sunday, April 7, 3:00 PM**

### **York County Senior Honors Choir concert**

The York County Senior Honors Choir represents York County's most talented high school musicians and singers in this all-auditioned choir.

**Sunday, April 14, 3:00 PM**

### **York College Concert Choir**

Dr. Grace Muzzo, Director

**Sunday, April 28, 3:00 PM**

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

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

The Hospitality Team will be needed for all of these events! Please contact the office to let us know if you can help out.



**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.



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)

### **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.

**INCLEMENT  
WEATHER  
INFORMATION**



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



## 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 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.



### 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 10:30 AM 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 all of the correct information for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.



### 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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