

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
 March 2024

Lenten Worship



Sundays

New Members Class
 The Psalms

8:00 & 10:30 AM

9:15 AM Good Shepherd Room
 9:15 AM Christ Hall



Wednesdays

6:00 PM Supper
 7:00 PM Vespers

Christ Hall
 Nave



March 24	Palm/Passion Sunday Handbells, Brass, Organ	Combined liturgy	9:15 AM
March 25	York Conference Vespers Combined Conference Choir	Hosted by St. Paul's	7:00 PM
March 28	Maundy Thursday Foot washing/Stripping of Altar		7:00 PM
March 29	Good Friday Cellos Reproaches of the Cross		7:00 PM
March 30	The Vigil of Easter With Sacrament of Holy Baptism		7:00 PM
March 31	The Resurrection of Our Lord Organ, Trumpets, Piano Duet	Combined liturgy	9:15 AM

Holy Week Schedule and Liturgical Notes

Palm /Passion Sunday **March 24, 2024, 9:15 AM**

We begin Holy Week by observing Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion on March 24. The entire morning is given over to this important day in the life of Christian faith. The worship schedule has been altered to bring us all together for this important day in our lives of Christian faith. The 9:15AM liturgy will begin with a joyful Palm Sunday prelude featuring the Handbell Choir, Brass and Organ. A joyful procession with palm branches will include the children of the congregation as we sing traditional Palm Sunday hymns. New members will be received. This is fitting because the congregation is all together at this time to meet and welcome those uniting with our faith community.

The liturgy quickly changes tone to a more somber character as we hear the Prayer of the Day and move immediately to the reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark. This year the Passion Reading will be rendered in sections with stanzas of hymns interspersed to underscore the biblical text. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Palm branches will be available for worshippers to take home.

Please plan to participate in the combined Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy. And do invite a friend or family member to come with you. With such a rich beginning to our Holy Week observance we are bound to be drawn closer to Christ our Lord and Savior and to our sisters and brothers in our community of faith.

York Conference Holy Week Vespers **Hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church** **Monday, March 25, 2024, 7:00 PM**

The York Conference pastors and deacons are holding a combined time of worship for all congregations of the conference on the Monday of Holy Week, March 25th at 7:00 PM. It has been a very long time since any joint worship opportunities have been provided. The liturgy is hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The preacher for the evening is the Rev. Kevin Stout, newly called pastor to Zion Lutheran Church (Pastor Janice Jorgensen retired at the end of February.) The Rev. Beth Schlegel will lead the liturgy. Victor Fields will be the organist and Julianna Jones will conduct a joint choir. If you would like to be part of the choir please speak with; Julianna Jones, Victor Fields, or Pastor Reep. Copies of the anthem are available in advance. Please plan to attend, mark your calendar, and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. A time of fellowship will follow in the Good Shepherd Room.

Maundy Thursday **March 28, 2024, 7:00 PM**

We begin the solemn Three Days. The liturgy on Maundy Thursday begins with the sermon. This is a rather jarring beginning from our traditional liturgical pattern. We do this in order that the sermon provides direction and insight into the events of the solemn three days. We will hear of the new commandment given to us by our Lord Jesus *That we love one another* through the Gospel reading from St. John. We will recall how the supper was instated by Christ himself and how the Apostle Paul handed it on to the Church in Corinth and through time to us. The liturgy concludes with the stripping of the Altar. While the chancel appointments are being removed, the Chancel Choir sings Psalm 22. The service ends in complete silence. There is not a benediction as this is one part of a liturgy extending over three days.

Good Friday **March 29, 2024, 7:00 PM**

On Good Friday the focus of our liturgical life centers on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Gospel of St. John. The Chancel Choir will render the Psalm and a response to the reading will be offered by a cello duet. The prayers are in the form of a spoken litany and we conclude with the Reproaches of the Cross. The veil is removed from large wooden cross as we acknowledge that it was upon the hard wood of the cross that our savior bore the sin of the world. Worshipers are invited to reverence the cross as they take their leave from the sanctuary. Once again, there is no benediction as this is the second part of a liturgy extending over three days.

Holy Saturday/Vigil of Easter **March 30, 2024, 7:00 PM**

The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the most important liturgies in Christianity. Here we hear how God through time has brought Salvation to humankind and how our Lord Jesus passes from death to life. We begin at the Garden of Memory on the south lawn. A new fire is kindled and from it the Paschal candle is lighted. We process into the church nave and take candle light from the Paschal candle spreading its flame to the hand candles of worshipers as the Easter Proclamation is sung by the cantor. Then we sit.

The daylight fades in the worship space as we hear readings from scripture. There are 12 appointed readings from which we select about half a dozen each year to read giving shape to our understanding of God's work in history from creation through the Prophet Daniel.

Hand candles are once again lighted for the Baptismal portion of the liturgy. This year there are candidates for Holy Baptism so the assembly enters into the Baptismal rite. In the quiet beauty of darkness and flickering candle light, the sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated. Then, all gathered are invited to renew their baptismal promises with Affirmation of Baptism. A hymn focusing our attention on Baptism is sung. The candles are extinguished and in the darkened church building we pray the Litany.

Then suddenly the morning light of Easter breaks in as we sing an Easter hymn in the brilliance of an illuminated church nave. Spring flowers appear in the church. Dazzling white paraments grace the pulpit and altar. The account of the Resurrection of Our Lord from St. John is read. The Peace is shared. Servers prepare the altar for the first celebration of Easter and Holy Communion is celebrated. The liturgy that has extended over three days concludes with the Easter Proclamation; *Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day **March 31, 2024, 9:15 AM**

One combined liturgy on Sunday morning will make our Easter joy and celebration complete. A glorious prelude stirs us for the Festival Liturgy. The Church nave and chancel will be beautifully appointed with spring flowers. The Chancel Choir will lead us in the liturgy and hymns. We will use *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* musical setting #1 for the liturgy. The Easter Day liturgy is straight forward following the tradition form of the mass. The sermon will announce the good news that God has acted bring us life and salvation. Following the liturgy the Fellowship Committee is providing light refreshments in the George Street narthex, the Good Shepherd Room, and weather permitting outside by the playground. Please plan to come. Invite friends and family members to join you, especially those who may not have attended for some time. And do plan to share in the fellowship time following the liturgy. May your joy be full and may Easter provide you with renewed hope.

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.

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.

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 elementary Sunday school classes have identified our 2024 Lenten appeal, God's Global Barnyard. They have presented a children's sermon on the Feast of the Transfiguration, prior to the beginning of lent. But now we are in the midst of the Lenten season. You may make monetary gifts to help the children meet their goals through a variety of ways:



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- Use your Lenten offering envelope located in the envelope packet.
- You may give through the Donate Now tab through the church website stpaulsyork.org and click on the designated heading "God's Global Barnyard"
- You may mark a special white colored envelope located in the pew rack "Barnyard" and place it in the offering basin.
- You may simply place a cash offering in the offering basin at any of the Wednesday evening mid-week Lenten services. All such offerings are designated for God's Global Barnyard.

The children will continue to remind us of this Lenten appeal as we move through the Lenten season. Thank you for your generous support of the ELCA mission project and for your encouragement of our Sunday school children.

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.



Generosity; Emblem of Gratitude

Benevolence Fund Applications for 2025

Generosity is an emblem of gratitude. In a recent survey happiness and gratitude were intricately connected. Happier people tend to be people who are grateful. And grateful people tend to be happier. This should come as no surprise to us. As people of faith the biblical witness provides a multitude of stories reflecting the joy and happiness experienced through generosity. Many such stories appear in the gospel of Luke.

At the Benevolence Committee last month one of their goals for the year is to garner meaningful applications for the 2025 cycle of benevolence requests. They themselves do not provide, create, or seek out projects and or ministry opportunities. Their work is to review applications making certain that each one meets the objectives set out in the governing documents associated with the Benevolence fund. We are blessed to have Lauren Smith, Jamie Palmer, Kirstin Barns and Rev. William Snyder serving as our elected committee members. They are encouraging us to submit applications. They have created an online fillable form to make the process more streamline and consistent. However, a form may still be completed with pen and paper. They know that St. Paul's Church is comprised of generous people. In 2025 they hope that you will make generosity from the Benevolence Fund possible locally, within the state, nation and world.

Applications for the Benevolence Fund come from grateful people who see a need, or who are giving their time, but identify how some financial assistance could; extend, improve, or make possible ministry and mission. And that is where you enter into the planning for 2025. Start by making a list of things for which you are grateful. My list often includes things for which I have given of my time, talent, and financial recourses over the past year. That is a starting point. Then prayerfully consider ways that something on the list might be expanded, improved, or simply sustained. Prayer is important, do not skip over this step or try to rush it along or hurry past it. Through prayer you are likely to see more clearly, love more dearly, and be led to follow Jesus more nearly. It surprises me how through prayer something, that weeks earlier I would not have considered or thought about, begins to take shape and focus and a new path begins opening up. This is the time when the Benevolence Fund application starts to become part of a much larger picture of ministry and mission. The financial assistance is only a part of something much larger for which God is making a way. And you are part of God making a way!

The Benevolence Committee will be happy to receive your 2025 application any time this spring. Actively take part in extending God's generosity. Utilize benevolence funds, keeping our mission ever before us; *"to teach the world that God is love."*

For the Benevolence Committee, Pastor Reep

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.



Congregation Council Highlights

The congregation Council met for their regular meeting on Monday, February 19 at 7:00 PM in Christ Hall. President Nicki Herdson provided the devotions and opening prayer.

Darren Smith, Finance Committee Chair, presented the financial report. It was requested that we include a balance sheet for next month's meeting so that the leadership has a better understanding of St. Paul's overall financial picture. (The treasurer was absent due to sickness.)

With the continued growth and activity at St. Paul's, the council is at the beginning stage discerning how to gather information internally to identify present and future pastoral leadership needs. Several ideas were shared. Council members agreed to spend time in prayer and discernment during the next few weeks bringing concrete ideas to the next meeting.

The Council Liaisons to committees were assigned and are as follows:

Christian Ed – Kathleen Lemke

Johanna Patterson, Chair

Property – Dave Kopp

Kem Vaught, Chair

Stewardship – Chris Lipp & Kirstin Barns

Chairperson needed

Preschool – Alexis Heistand

Carrie Burkey, Chair

Finance – Darren Smith

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Worship – Steve Schedin

Carolyn Kapoun, Chair

Fellowship – Ann Anstadt & Carol Woodbury

Linda Hanson, Chair

Mpoguso – Keith Kates

Rev. Tom McKee, Chair

Witness – Nancy Bennett

Earline Jones, Chair

Social Ministry – Nancy Bennett

Jennifer Ports, Chair

Mutual Ministry – Sheridan Palmer

Christine Kates, Chair

Benevolence – Kirstin Barns

Lauren Smith, Chair

Council members signed up to provide opening devotions and closing prayer for the remainder of meetings for 2024.

The 2025 offering envelopes will no longer include a "capital campaign" category.

The 2024 Council retreat will be held at a time when the majority of council members and committee chairpersons can attend. President Nicki will send out an electronic survey to pole the group and then communicate the findings.

Committee reports were reviewed. Highlighted and approved was the request from Social Ministry to provide coverage at Rev's Baseball games and receive monetary contributions for St. Paul's Food Pantry. Highlighted and approved was the request from Mpoguso to hold a Mother's Day Bake Sale to provide monetary gift to the congregation in Tukuyu when our mission team visits in June.

The Pastor's written report was provided. Highlighted was the new member's class, baptisms scheduled for the Easter Vigil, and York Conference Vespers on the Monday of Holy Week.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 PM with prayer offered by Kathleen Lemke.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Reep

Please extend birthday wishes to our March "Vintage" Birthdays: Jim Mummert, Mim Boyer, Anna Mae Cook, Doug Cromer, Jim Bennett, and Dottie Moore



Easter Flowers

Orders Due on March 10

Thank you for providing spring bulbs to adorn our church for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Flowers may be taken home following the joint 9:15 Am liturgy. If you choose not to take flowers with you the bulbs will be planted at the church to beautify the grounds. Once again thank you for providing such a brilliant display of spring color.



EASTER FLOWER ORDER

Indicate the total number of flowers desired:

_____ Hyacinth _____ Lilies
_____ Tulips _____ Daffodils

Flowers are \$15.00

Please make check payable to St. Paul's
Lutheran Church

I desire that my plant(s) be listed: (please print clearly)

Number of plants _____ in Honor of:

Number of plants _____ in Loving Memory of:

Number of plants _____ Dedicated to the Glory of God

From _____

Amount Paid: Cash _____ Check _____

Orders are due Sunday, March 10, 2024

Plants may be picked up after the
Easter Service on March 31

St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool

During February, the Preschool children learned about community helpers such as doctors, nurses, postal workers and garbage collectors. They also learned about God's Love for us and one another as we celebrated Valentine's Day. The children made hearts and shared Valentine cards with their classmates. They also made Valentine napkin holders with Hershey Kisses for the Senior Citizen Ash Wednesday Luncheon. We ended February celebrating and observing President's Day.



Love is still in the air, but spring is on the way. The staff and children are looking forward to warmer weather and outdoor adventures. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour on Sunday, March 10. In the month of March, we will begin talking about weather and winds and if the month comes in or goes out like a Lamb or a Lion. We will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday with books like, *The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Red Fish Blue Fish*. The preschool will be asking the students to donate a book for children in need. Our slogan of the week will be, Read one, read two, one for me and one for you. St. Patrick's Day will also be discussed and the children will have some fun crafts to make and dance like Leprechauns. At the end of March, we will begin talking about Easter.

As April approaches, the teachers will focus more on the signs of spring. Stay tuned for our sandwich and sub fundraiser.

We also opened registration for the 2024-2025 school year for our current and new preschool families. If you know anyone interested in our Preschool, please have them contact us at 717-854-1996.

Think Spring, 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!



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.

Additional Up-Coming Events/activities at St. Paul's Church

Spring cleaning at church

Saturday, March 23, 8:00 – 11:00 AM

York County Senior Honors Choir

Sunday, April 7, 3:00 PM

York College Choir

Sunday, April 14, 3:00 PM

Children's Easter play "Lazarus, Come Out!"

Preschool Sunday & 60th Anniversary of the preschool

Sunday, April 21, 10:30 AM, Luncheon to follow

Recital, Organ and Piano

Sunday, April 28, 4:00 PM

Rite of Confirmation

Sunday, May 5, 10:30 AM, Reception to follow

Ascension Day Service

Thursday, May 9, 7:00 PM

Mother's Day Mpuguso Bake Sale

Sunday, May 12, before and after liturgies

Feast of Pentecost

Sunday, May 19, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Summer Worship Schedule begins with

Trinity Sunday, May 26, combined liturgy at 9:15 AM

Send off for Mission Trip Travelers to Mpuguso

Sunday June 9, 9:15 AM, Reception to follow

Welcome Back Mission Travelers

Sunday June 23, 9:15 AM, Reception to follow



Bridge of Hope Update

The Bridge of Hope Neighboring Community at St. Paul's formally ended their journey with our mother and child. Cristina and Gianna successfully completed the program with Bridge of Hope, Harrisburg, on January 28. We held a final dinner in Christ Hall, shared a memory book and words of encouragement and appreciation. Cristina received a certificate from the Harrisburg Resource Manager, Dianna, and we presented her with gifts as well. After two years of walking with her, Cristina is on her feet and moving forward. She is a hopeful and dedicated mother, and it has been our privilege to walk with her. We remain in a supportive relationship, and we ask for continued prayers for Cristina and all Bridge of Hope families. The Neighboring Community included: Jessica and Tristan Ericson, Tom and Judy McKee, Janet Fitch, Amy Lipp, Kathryn Garber, Stephanie Harrington, Q Forbes, Bill and Patty Snyder, and of course, Cristina and Gigi. Other family members regularly attended events. It was a journey of blessings.



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 webpage helpful and refer to it often.

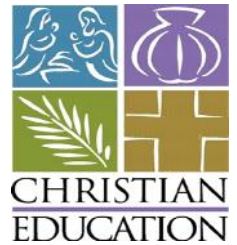


Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday March 10

It is time to spring ahead one hour! Remember to set your clocks ahead, or plan for your electronic devices to advance on the weekend of Saturday March 9 into Sunday March 10.

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.



Holy Communion Class was held on February 11th. Pastor Reep provided instruction for a greater understanding of this Sacrament.



Children's Sermons Summer 2024

Last year, during the sabbatical time provided for Pastor Reep, children's sermons were provided each Sunday morning throughout the summer by members of the congregation. Then, the Congregation Council was identifying ways in which the sabbatical time was also one of renewal for us as a church family. We are glad that Pastor Reep is back with us this summer, but we are hoping that you will consider using your talent to strengthen the congregation again this year. It was great to have such a wide variety of styles and approaches as we made space for the children during worship. Please consider presenting a children's sermon on a Sunday morning during the summer. We are blessed to have families who faithfully bring their children to worship each week. A sign-up sheet attached to a clip board is located on the table in the Good Shepherd Room. Simply sign your name on the week you select. The themes and Biblical texts for each week are listed on the sign-up sheet. In advance, thank you for your time and consideration.



Confirmation Program -Youth Room

Feb.18 – March 17

Session IV, Church History

Sr High Youth Fellowship grades 9 through 12

Sunday, March 3rd

5:00 pm till 6:30 pm

On Sunday, March 3rd Sr High Youth Grades 9 through 12 will be having dinner and conversation at Round the Clock Diner located at 145 Memory Lane (close to Lowes). Please let Miss Kelly know if you are planning on attending.



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

Age 3 through Grade 6

Tuesday evenings, 6pm to 7:15pm

In March the children and youth will be preparing for the Eastertide play that will be performed on Preschool Sunday, April 21st. Part of the evening the children will be singing, practicing their speaking parts, and creating costumes and backdrops for the play. The children will sing on Sunday, March 3rd at the 10:30 service. - Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly



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

In celebration of the 60th Anniversary of St. Paul’s Lutheran Preschool, 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 11th 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.



A BIG Thank you to all the singers in the Chancel Choir for their hard work and dedication. The Chancel Choir has been learning some very challenging and difficult choral repertoire this year and they have done an exemplary job. Please offer your thanks to our robed and unrobed singers after the Sunday liturgies. We also extend our healing prayers to several of our choir members at this time who have been absent from worship due to illness. We are fast approaching Holy Week and Easter which is always the busiest week of the liturgical year for our singers!

The Witness Committee would like to thank the 15 young couples who joined us for our Valentine's Dinner on February 9 and the parents who brought their children for their own Valentine's Party with Miss Kelly. The evening ended with a special treat when 24 children came into Fellowship Hall to perform "Skidamarink A Dink A Dink – I Love You!" to the adults. Thank you Miss Kelly and your volunteers! It was a great evening. In addition to our young families, we are so blessed that we could have 51 seniors join us for the Valentine's/ Ash Wednesday Luncheon on February 14. Both events were a great time to communicate and get better acquainted and enjoyed by all! Pictures have been posted on the Webpage in the Gallery for February events!



Please remember to notify Pastor Reep of any life events, illnesses, joys or concerns.
Call the office 717-843-8155 or

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.

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



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 for additional information.



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