Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 25 West Springettsbury Ave., York, PA 17403 717/843-8155 – st.paulsyork@comcast.net www.stpaulsyork.org 8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Live Streamed YouTube Holy Days as announced 9:15 AM Sunday School November 2024

Annual Meeting & Dinner Noon - Sunday November 17

The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on Sunday November 17th at noon in Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Committee is preparing for a delicious meal. The Congregation Council is preparing an agenda highlighting the many remarkable things that God is doing through the ministry of St. Paul's congregation. At the meeting the Nominating Committee will present their slate



of persons willing to serve on; Congregation Council, Benevolence Committee, and Mutual Ministry Committee. These are important roles as they give shape and direction to our shared mission. The Finance Committee will present the proposed 2025 budget. Additionally we will receive reports from key areas of ministry. In order for the Fellowship Committee to prepare the food for the meal a sign-up sheet will be circulated through the congregation in early November. You may also call the church office to add your name to the list of attendees. In advance, thank you for your participation in our faith community.

Nominating Committee at Work

The nominating committee is seeking persons to serve in a variety of ways. First they are engaging in conversation with candidates willing to serve on Congregation Council. This is the legislative body of the congregation and provides the leadership needed to keep the faith community health, strong, and centered in the love of God made known through Christ Jesus. Congregation Council members serve a 3 year term. Second the committee is seeking one person to serve on the Benevolence Committee. This is also a three year term. Benevolence

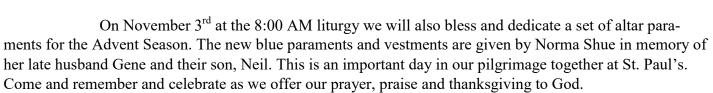


committee members receive applications for funding projects that extend and advance the mission and ministry of the congregation. The committee is comprised of three members elected by the congregation, one member appointed annually by the Congregation Council and the Pastor. The bulk of their work is in the early part of each calendar year. Some of their work is carried out through email. Third, the committee is securing three persons to serve on Mutual Ministry. There are 2 three year terms and 1 one year term that need to be filled. The Mutual Ministry committee works to support and maintain a healthy productive enthusiastic staff. They are responsible for annual reviews and plan events to strengthen bonds among the staff members. And finally we need to select three persons to attend the 2025 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly in June. The Assembly will be held in York and hosted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church. In 2025 the synod elects a bishop. Bishop Dunlop has served two 6 year terms and is retiring. The election process will be providing information to the voting members beginning in early 2025. So we need to have three voting members identified so that they can stay fully apprised of the election process. If you would like to serve in any of the aforementioned ways please contact; Nancy Bennett, Dave Kopp, Carol Woodbury, Nicki Herdson or Pastor Reep and let them know of your intention. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting, Sunday November 17.

All Saints Sunday November 3

Remembering is one of the important things that Gods' people do. It is a part of the fabric of our life in Christ Jesus. In the Old Testament we are repeatedly hearing the messengers of God calling on people to remember what God has done for them. In the New Testament we listen to not only what God has done, but what God is doing and promises yet to do. All Saint's Sunday serves as a day to remember those who have died in the faith from our congregation as well as to recall the extraordinary promises made to all the Baptized. We will remember by name those who died during the past year, since last All Saints Sunday, they are;

Donald Culp	11/5/23
Chloe Eichelberger	12/02/23
Daniel Mays	12/21/23
Christopher Eisenhart	02/29/24
Larry Graffius	03/07/24
Joseph Triggs	06/21/24
Gloria Becker	08/03/24
Janet Berkheimer	08/24/24



Christ the King Sunday, November 24

The Church year comes to a close as we celebrate Christ the King on Sunday the 24th of November. On this day we proclaim the Lordship of Christ in our lives. We acknowledge that we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. We rejoice that he is King of the Universe and that he uses his power and authority to



rule in equity and peace. Equity and peace are what we begin to anticipate in the season of Advent and in our preparation for Christmas. Christ our King leads us along right paths as we live in his kingdom and under his reign. Equity and peace are lived out in our relationships with one another and as we reach out in ministry to the community and world.

The Season of Advent Begins Sunday December 1 Season of Hope and Expectation

Sunday December 1st ushers in a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. With the new liturgical year comes a lectionary grounded in the Gospel of Luke. Luke is a good story teller. He is especially good in painting the pictures of God's great love in sending us his only Son, Jesus. Luke captures the beauty of the annunciation, the journey to visit Elizabeth, the shepherds on a hillside, the Bethlehem inn keeper, and the animals surrounding the infant Christ Child as Mary places him in a manger bed. When you join in worship, expect to hear the story of God's love told with elegance and bold imagery. This is a season which brings hope, not only for peo-



ple of faith, but as the angles proclaim; "News of great joy for all people!" Our Advent worship will be shaped by the joy which comes to us and is given to us by God's only Son, Christ Jesus. Come hear the story, let it give shape to your life, and let this season be filled with the good things of God.



Christmas Worship Schedule

Please note the alternate service times throughout the Christmas Season

Sunday December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

Joy to the World

The Ringing in of Christmas

Organ, Chancel Choir

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve - The Nativity of Our Lord 4:00 PM

The Holy Eucharist Lighting of Hand Candles Children's choir

7:00 PM

The Holy Eucharist Lighting of Hand Candles Handbells, Organ, Chancel Choir

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day 10:30 AM

The Holy Eucharist

Sunday December 29, First Sunday after Christmas 10:30 AM

The Holy Eucharist

Sunday January 5, Second Sunday after Christmas

9:15 AM
ust (Men's Group Cod

Pancake Breakfast (Men's Group Cooking)
10:30 AM

The Holy Eucharist Jazz Quartet leading the liturgy



The next issue of Our Church will be a double issue for December and January

Adult Education Continues this fall **Christ Hall**

Sunday morning adult education is offered at 9:15 AM in Christ Hall.

Second Session "Living the Catechism" Pastor Snyder (Meets in Christ Hall)

November 3 Lord's Prayer November 10 Holy Baptism November 17 Holy Communion

Intergenerational Event

November 24 Jesse Tree/Salvation History

Third Session "Living the Gospel of Luke" Pastor Reep

December 1 An Historian's Care December 8 For the Gentiles December 15 Prominence of Prayer December 22 Elevation of Women

Fourth Session "Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer" Tristan Ericson (Meets in Christ Hall)

January 12 - February 16, A new curriculum written by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, President of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English language section and a professor of religion at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. Plan to invite a friend to attend with you.

First Communion Instruction—For Children and their parents Sunday, November 10, Noon

Following the Second Sunday fellowship time First Communion instruction will be provided for children desiring to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Parents play an important part as we spend time together learning about the Lord's Supper. We will read from the Bible, look at communion vessels in the sacristy, engage in conversation and work on a small art project. We will gather in Christ Hall at about Noon. The class takes about one hour to complete.



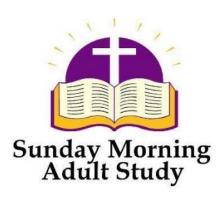
Bible Study, Wednesdays 10:30AM, Christ Hall.

Please gather with others as we look ahead at the Bible readings for Sunday Morning. 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. 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.

Jesse Tree 9:15 AM **Sunday November 24** Good Shepherd Room – Intergenerational activity

In preparation for the Advent season we recall salvation history. We remember how God, through time, saves and rescues his people. Pastor Reep and Miss Kelly have teamed up to lead us in a review of these classic Bible stories. The children made some additional ornaments and did some repairs to those that had gotten broken. The time together is a little bit; Jeopardy, a little bit charades, a little bit stand-up comedy, and a whole lot of fun! Join us in the Good Shepherd Room for this informal time together as we decorate our Jesse Tree and prepare for the Advent Season!





(Meets in Christ Hall)

Sunday School for Children—Fall Term

The Christian Education Committee has planned the fall curriculum for children. They have prepared for: Nursery Class, Preschool Class, Kindergarten & First Grade Class, Second & Third Grade Class, Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grade Class. The children's classes all meet on the Upper Level. A chart identifying dates and Bible stories is included with this issue to assist families as they prepare for Sunday mornings and to engage in conversation with their children following their class time. We can always use additional teachers or helpers. Simply notify Johanna Patterson, Christian Education chairperson, or Pastor Reep. We thank our faithful teachers and helpers for their tremendous commitment to the children and youth of our congregation.

SECOND SESSION

November 3 Naaman

November 10 Queen Esther

November 17 Daniel in the den of lions

EVENT

November 24 Intergenerational class with the Jesse Tree

THIRD SESSION

December 1 Bethlehem December 8 Angel Visit

December 15 Mary visits Elizabeth

December 22 Jesus is Born



Catechetical Instruction Continues for students in grade 7 & 8.

The group gathers in the Upper Level Youth Room. The second session this fall began on October 20 and covers the Ten Commandments. There is a special Sunday where the youth will gather with others for an intergeneration-



al event on November 24. The Rite of Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, the Feast of the Transfiguration. Please mark your calendars now so that you are present in worship to support the young women and men as they confess their faith in Christ Jesus.

Jr High Youth Fellowship grades 6 through 8 11:45am – 1:00pm (following the 10:30am service)

Sunday, November 10, Youth Room

Following the Liturgy the Youth will fill their lunch plates during 2nd Sunday Sandwiches and come to the Youth Room for a time of fellowship, prayer, and fun group icebreakers. Please let Miss Kelly know if you are planning on attending this event.



Sr High Youth Fellowship grades 9 through 12

Faith and Conversation around the table

Sunday, November 3

5pm at Round the Clock Diner East, 145 Memory Lane, York

Sr High Youth Grades 9 through 12 are invited to share conversation and dinner around the table. 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. Please let Miss Kelly know if you are planning on attending this event.



Music and Create Age 3 through Grade 6 6pm through 7:15pm

Welcome to Music and Create! This is a time for our families with young children to engage in music and art while also having the opportunity to connect with other families. The program is designed for children ages 3 through grade 6. We split the children into two age groups, age 3 through grade 1 and grade 2 through grade 6.

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3

The children will be learning songs and practicing for the Christmas program. The date for the Christmas Program is Sunday, December 8 at the 10:30 service. The children will be singing during the 10:30 service on November 10th.

Tuesday, December 17th the children will be practicing their song for Christmas Eve. **The children will sing at the 4 o'clock service.** After we have finished practicing, we will have a special treat and fellowship time.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly

The St. Paul's Women's Group met on Sunday, October 13 at 9:15. During the meeting, the attendees discussed what they hoped to gain from the group and activities in which they would like to participate. Many great ideas were discussed. The Women's Group will hold another meeting on Sunday, November 3 after the 10:30 service. There will also be an outing planned for December. More information will be available about this outing in the coming weeks. If you are interested in joining the Women's Group, please attend our meeting on November 3rd or reach out to Alexis Heistand.



2025 Flower Chart

The 2025 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.



BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER E-MAIL ISSUES: Due to restrictions being put on the number of recipients we can email at one time and the size of the email itself we are no longer able to send out the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter via email. If you would like to see a copy of the bulletin please go to our website www.stpaulsyork.org and click on "Bulletins" and "Newsletter" in the upper right hand corner.



Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays, at 7:30 PM.

New members are always welcome! If you are interested in singing, please contact me at <u>vfields.stpaulsyork@comcast.net</u> 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 7:30-8:30 PM. Most singers read music and enjoy singing choral music spanning from the Renaissance to the 21st century. The Choir also helps with chant-

ing and singing Psalms as well as providing leadership for singing the liturgical music settings sung throughout the service. Members of the choir also sing solos and duets, etc. in worship and offer their talents by playing instruments during worship.



Ring out the News! Handbell Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays, at 6:30 PM.

Students in 7th grade through adults are welcome to join the handbell choir. Previous music experience is beneficial, but not necessary for success. We typically play for services once a month and on major feast days. We also add handbells to psalms, hymns, and other parts of the liturgy. We rehearse on Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in Christ Hall. Please contact Leah McComas (Lmccomas.stpaulsyork@gmail.com) or call the church office if you are inter-

ested in participating.

About being sick

As we are entering the fall season we are also approaching a season of colds and flu and other forms of sickness. Please, when you do not feel well, or when you know that you have been exposed to someone extremely contagious, please stay home from church and utilize the live stream accessed from our web site stpaulsyork.org. This summer we added an additional camera to enhance the viewing experience. While we love to have a full church nave, we want nothing more for anyone who is ill to stay home, rest, take care of themselves and not put others of the faith community at risk. Thank you.

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.

Saturday	Fall Back 10:00am Preschool Fall Festival	6	8:00am -11:00am Fall Clean Up	23	30
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Sunday	REFORMATION S:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday 10:30am Holy Eucharist - Live Stream & In -person - Handbell Choir 6:30pm AA Meeting - Community Rm.	8:00am Holy Eucharist - Blessing of Paraments 9:15am Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Holy Eucharist - Live Stream 11:30am Women's Group - Christ Hall 2:00pm -5:20pm York Music Teachers Recital Day 2 - Sanctuary/Choir Room 6:30pm AA Meeting - Community Rm.	Martin Luther's Birthday 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Holy Eucharist - Live Stream 11:30am 1st Holy Communion Class 11:45am Second Sunday Sandwiches 6:30pm AA Meeting - Community Rm.	8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Holy Eucharist - Live Stream & In-person - Handbell Choir - Community Rm.	Dese Tree Decorating 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Holy Eucharist - Live Stream 6:30pm AA Meeting - Community Rm.

Experiencing Tanzania Calendar 2025 Proceeds to Benefit Mbeya Hospital Construction

Members from the mission delegation to Tanzania have provided an array of photographs for the 2025 calendar. The calendar presents 14 beautiful photographs with the theme *Experiencing Tanzania*. This year the proceeds of our fund raising event will be used to support the construction of a new regional hospital in the Konde Diocese. The 24 participants from the June mission trip visited the construction site and witnessed the need for such a medical facility for the growing Mbeya region. The cost of the project is significant. The funds garnered from the sale of 2025 calendars will help us in support of the Lower Susquehanna Synod's appeal. So please do



take calendars (packages of 10) to sell. Purchase calendars for friends, neighbors, and coworkers for the upcoming gift giving occasions. We have the potential to raise \$20,000 to assist with the hospital construction! Please do whole heartedly engage in this enterprise. We are asking for a donation of \$20 per calendar, but any amount in support of the much needed hospital in Mbeya is greatly appreciated. Calendars are available in the Good Shepherd Room.



Fall House Cleaning Property Committee invites you to take part Saturday, November 16, 8:00 – 11:00 AM

The Property Committee invites you to join them with a fall house cleaning on Saturday, November 16, 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 cleaning. 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 November 10 (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 fall 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, Sammy Barnes, 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. During the Advent/ Christmas season.

We Want to Hear from You

A small committee of church leaders has been established by the Church Council to research the pastoral needs of our congregation. The committee will conduct research through surveys, focus groups, and interviews to best understand what our congregation needs from our pastoral staff.

We need your help! A comprehensive survey of pastoral needs will be distributed in the church bulletin and by email on October 20. Please plan to complete the survey electronically or on paper. Here is a link to the survey: https://forms.gle/kuXXXMPQEEiZuZeX6 which can be accessed via the church website www.stpaulsyork.org.

Paper copies can be returned to the box in the Good Shepherd Room. Surveys can be completed anonymously, and results will be shared with the church council to complete a ministry site profile when a call for a new pastor is necessary. **The survey will close on Friday, November 8.**

Dinner Groups Forming in early 2025

Dinner groups will gather in the early part of the New Year. Dinner groups are comprised of about 8 people who gather at the homes of church members and share appetizers, main course and dessert. The host prepares the main course and guests provide the appetizers and desserts. The focus is on getting better acquainted with people at St. Paul's. This month a sign-up sheet will be posted on the Springettsbury lobby bulletin board, as well as circulated through the congregation on Sunday



mornings. The last day to sign-up is the day of the Annual Meeting, November 17. On the sign-up it will ask if you are willing to host a group. After everyone who wants to participate has signed up the Witness Committee collates the information, forms groups, and sends out the schedule so that you will know with whom you are having dinner and at what location. Previous Dinner Groups have spawned new ideas for the congregation, strengthen friendships, and permitted folks to take a more active role in our life together at St. Paul's. Please don't miss this opportunity. Sign-up today so that you have something meaningful and fun to do in the New Year!

Up-Coming Events at St. Paul's

All Saint's Sunday
Communion Instruction
Annual Meeting & Dinner
Christ the King
Jesse Tree Intergenerational
First Sunday in Advent
Wednesday Advent Vespers
St. Nicholas Dinner/Event
York College Concert
Christmas Decorating
Lessons & Carols
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
Epiphany Breakfast

2nd Sunday after Christmas

2nd Sunday after Christmas

November 3 8:00 & 10:30 AM (Remembering those who died) November 10 11:45 AM (Christ Hall) November 17 Noon (Fellowship Hall)

November 24 8:00 & 10:30 AM

November 24 9:15 AM (retelling salvation history)

December 1 8:00 & 10:30 AM December 4, 11 & 18 7:00 PM

December 6 5:30 PM
December 8 4:00 PM
December 17 6:00 PM
December 22 10:30 AM
December 24 4:00 & 7:00 PM
December 25 10:30 AM

January 5 9:15 AM (Men's group cooking)

January 5 10:30 AM (Jazz Quartet leading Liturgical Music January 5 10:30 AM (Jazz quartet accompanying the liturgy)



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. If you have large donations you may take them directly to Union Lutheran Church. Simply call them to arrange a time.

Food

Three leaders from our pantry attended the annual York County Food Bank Summit on October 11th held at Living Word Community Church. They learned about safety, nutrition, and marketing. They participated in simulations to learn what it is like to be a neighbor who must rely on food pantries. This simulation provided ideas on ways we can improve the shoppers' experience. There were also opportunities to meet many workers from other feeding ministries in York County. It was a great event.

Food Pantry Needs:

Plastic and paper grocery bags

Peanut butter

Monetary donations can be placed in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

Volunteers on: Tuesday (distribution day), Thursdays (food delivery days) and some Sundays (pantry stocking days) Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, Ken Hinkle, or the church office (717-843-8155) with questions.

The "Pantry Grocery Cart" in the Good Shepherd Room is for bags and food donations only.

Partnering with Jackson Elementary School

Social Ministries has recently provided 40 uniform shirts in various sizes for Jackson. In addition, on October 4th our team served ice cream sundaes to "Student of the Month" students. We enjoyed being a part of the celebration and were so impressed with the students' manners. We look forward to encore ice cream socials March 7th and May 9th when, again, students of the month will be honored. Thank you, Jennifer Ports, Ken Hinkle, Sandy Dickensheets, Tonya Cave, and Jim and Nancy Bennett for your time and enthusiasm in making that October day a special celebration for those outstanding students.



Web Page

Please sign on to <u>www.stpaulsyork.org</u> 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 webpage helpful and refer to it often.



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

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 member call to give this information to the office or to Pastor. Thank you.



Book Club meets at St. Paul's

November 21st @ 3:00 PM: The Women by Kristin Hannah

Dec: NO MEETING



"Vintage" Members with birthdays November: Bob Little, Norma Shue, Geoffrey Simon, Janet Fitch, Nancy Bennett, John Flinchbaugh, Frank Tyminski, Sandy Dickensheets, and Denise Rider.

Sending Happy Birthday wishes and hoping you have a happy and healthy year ahead from your family at St. Paul's.



Congregation Council Highlights October 2024

The Congregation Council gathered for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday October 21 at 6:30 PM. The nominating committee invited two guests, Dave Rambo and Joe Guarriello. The council members welcomed them as they discern the possibility of serving in a position of leadership within the congregation.

The meeting began with devotions and prayer led by Ann Anstadt.

The Ad Hoc committee for assessing pastoral needs reported that the surveys have been made available to the congregation via printed copy as well as email. Darren Smith presented temple talks on Sunday October 20. Surveys are to be returned by November 8. The information from the surveys in conjunction with other information being gathered will guide the council in discernment during their 2025 annual retreat.

The Treasurer presented his report for the month ending September. While we are behind in general offering and trust income, this is similar to where we were last year.

The Nominating Committee shared their work in securing a slate of persons to fill positions on Congregation Council, Mutual Ministry and Benevolence. A final slate of names will be presented prior to the November Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday November 17. The meeting will begin with lunch at Noon. Included will be elections, presentations by selected committees, and the adoption of the 2025 budget (a copy of which is included with this mailing).

The Council approved the request of the Mpuguso Committee to utilize Mid-week Advent offerings for the "Mpuguso Appeal" to assist our sister congregation with the completion of their church building.

Alexis Heistand reported on the recent women's meeting. Alexis will serve as chairperson, Nicki Herdson and Johanna Paterson will serve as co-treasurers. Christ Lipp reported on the recent men's meeting. There was great energy among the group who gathered. One event the men will lead is the Epiphany Breakfast on January 5.

The Pastor presented a written report. He highlighted new members being received on November 10; the positive response from the stewardship campaign in September, "Joyful Givers Sharing Abundantly" and that the 2025 calendars "Experiencing Tanzania" have arrived. Those who completed commitment cards made a significant increase in their anticipated General Offerings for 2025. Time and Ability forms revealed how members of the faith community are engaged in the work of the congregation with each person (average) involved in 4 or 5 aspects of our communal life together. This underscores the vibrancy we are experiencing at St. Paul's.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Keith Kates at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Reep



Fall fun and excitement has been in the air at preschool. In October, the children learned about Fire Prevention and enjoyed their Halloween parties and all things spooky during the week of Halloween. We would like to thank the families who helped provide special drinks, snacks, napkins and favors for our classroom parties.

November is another busy month as the Preschool Parent Group will host a Fall Festival for the preschool children. There will be pumpkin decorating, fun games, and delicious food. We will also be having an R&K Sub and Sandwich fundraiser. The money raised will go towards fun parent group activities and purchasing of new toys for the children. If you place an order to support the preschool, please plan to pick up your sandwiches at the church on Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 11:30am – 12 noon OR 6:00 - 6:30pm. During the month, the staff and children will also be talking about their blessings as Thanksgiving quickly approaches. As we talk about Pilgrims and Native Americans, the children will learn dances and together as a preschool, we will enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast. We will also be focusing on sharing, caring and helping others in need. The pre-



school families and staff will be collecting and donating non-perishable items for the church pantry.

As the holiday excitement continues to build and we look forward to December, the children will be anticipating, the birth of Baby Jesus. They will also experience the gift of giving as they collect and gift pajamas and lovies for children in need. We will end the month by having a Christmas Program Sing-A-Long complete with a visit from Santa.

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



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St. Nicholas Event Friday, December 6, 5:30 PM

On December 6th we have a celebration for St. Nicholas Day planned. This was a completely new event in the life of our congregation last year, but one that brought an enormous amount of positive feedback! So we have placed it on the calendar for next month. Again this year we are doing our best to plan a time of holiday fun. This year it is the first Friday 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 Good Christian fellowship. The goal of the planning team again this year is to fill the Fellowship Hall with St. Paul's families, members and friends. The final details of this event are still in progress so if you would like to lend a hand please contact the Church office or complete the attached "I CAN HELP" slip and place it in the offering basin. As you might expect, there are plenty of tasks to be completed in order to make this event wholly memorable. Or in keeping with the theme of a saint's day, holy memorable!

I CAN HELP with the St. Nicholas Event	NAME	Phone
Set up tables and chairs in Fellowshi	ip Hall Thursday	evening December 5 @6:00 PM
Prepare Macaroni and cheese		
Prepare a spiral cut ham		
Serve the meal on Friday December	: 6 @ 5:00 PM	
Clear the tables on Friday December	r 6 @ 6:30 PM	
Run the dishwasher and put away di	ishes Friday Dece	mber 6 @ 6:30 PM
Clean up the Fellowship Hall after the	he event Friday D	ecember 6 @ 8:00 PM

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Cost is \$13.00 per plant. They will be RED in color. List plant(s) as shown below (please print clearly)	in Honor of:	in Loving Memory of:	Dedicated to the Glory of God	Plants may be picked up anytime <u>after</u> the 10:30 a.m. service on Wednesday, December 25th. Fotal # of Plants @ \$13.00 each = \$ Checks made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church The completed order form with payment aftached may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. Orders due by Sunday, November 24th
ORDER	Number of plants	Number of plants	Number of plants Your Name:	Plants may be parants 10:30 a.m. service of Total # of Plants Checks made paya The completed order form in the offering plate

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