

Our Church

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8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Live Streamed YouTube
Holy Days as announced
9:15 AM Sunday School
March 2025

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
The Rite of Confirmation
Burial of the Alleluia

Sunday, March 2, 10:30AM

The Feast of the Transfiguration brings to a close the season of Epiphany. We end this season of light and the making known of Christ Jesus with Jesus on the mountain top along with Peter, James and John. There Jesus' appearance is changed and his garments are dazzling white. And we hear the voice of God proclaim "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

At the conclusion of the liturgy we traditionally bury the "Alleluia" until we proclaim it on Easter morning. As the writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us, there is a time for everything. As we move into the season of Lent we say our good bye to the Alleluia and replace it with a verse from Psalm 51, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love." And the liturgy ends with the 17th century hymn "Beautiful Savior."

However at the 10:30AM liturgy we will begin with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism celebrated for Reece and Sawyer, twin daughters of Joe and Annie Molenda. As they make promises to raise their daughters in the life of the church; bringing them to the services of God's house and teaching them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, the liturgy will bring to fruition eight young people for whom their parents made good on those promises. In the Rite of Confirmation those eight teenagers will profess their faith in Christ Jesus and promise to take a more active role in the life of the congregation.

Among them there are two sets of twins; Paula and Drew Herdson and Harrison and James Palmer. They are numbered along with Christian Kopp, Dylan Lauer, Ephraim Lipp, and Jordan Nicoll forming a vibrant confirmation class of 2025. These eight Confirmands completed the eight required units of instruction; Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, The Lord's Prayer, The Creed, The Ten Commandments, Lutheran Reformation, The Church's Worship, and The Bible. Following the liturgy the Fellowship Committee will provide a time of refreshment in The Good Shepherd Room featuring a confirmation cake. Please make every effort to be present to hear again the promises of God made known through Christ Jesus and to extend your greetings to the Molenda family and to our confirmands and their families.

Ash Wednesday, March 5
11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It has historically been a day of great solemnity in the church. It is a day for us to recommit ourselves to the disciplines of Christian life. Fasting, prayer, devotion, self-denial, and worship all help to focus our attention on the One who loves us so much that he comes among us, lives with us, dies for us and is raised up so that we have life now and for eternity. Services on Ash Wednesday will be held at 11:00 AM and at 7:00 PM. Both services will include a Lenten Confession, imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion. Again this year a luncheon will follow the 11:00 AM liturgy in Christ Hall. A sign-up sheet for those planning to attend the luncheon has been placed on the table in the Good Shepherd Room.



Witness Committee to Host Ash Wednesday Luncheon

The Witness Committee Invites all those attending the 11:00 AM service to lunch after the Ash Wednesday service, March 5, 2025. The service will begin at 11:00 AM and be followed by a light lunch. Come and socialize with friends. Please contact Patee st.paulsyork@comcast.net or (717) 843-8155, let her know if you are coming. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.



Wednesday Mid-Week Lent

Soup, Salad & Bread Supper, Christ Hall 6:00 PM

Vespers with Preaching, Church Nave 7:00 PM

The Wednesdays of Lent offer opportunities to strengthen Christian witness through fellowship and prayer. A simple supper of soup, bread and salad, will be held in Christ Hall at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is located on the Good Shepherd Room table if you are willing to bring some of the things needed for each week. Additionally we need a few volunteers to help set up and clean up following the meals. 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. Nancy Bennett, Tristan Ericson, and Christopher Waddail will join Pastor Schlegel and Pastor Hoover in presenting homilies during the five Wednesday's of the Lenten season. For those who cannot join in person, the live stream provides a way to participate in Lenten devotion at 7:00 PM and can be accessed through YouTube channel or by going to the church website.



Italian Dinner

Friday March 7, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

The men of St. Paul's are preparing an Italian family dinner on the first Friday of Lent from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is baked ziti, homemade meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. A non-meat option is available for those who desire it. We are planning for a lovely informal time for fellowship and to share a delicious meal together. Donations will be accepted to help the men reach their goal in support of Lutheran World Relief. During the course of the year the men hope to raise \$5,000 to help the work of LWR. If you generally go out to dinner on Friday nights, make St. Paul's your stop and be sure to tell others about this great opportunity to have a delicious meal and to support the work of our global Lutheran partner. The men will gather on the Thursday evening prior to prepare most everything that is needed. We invite any of the men of the congregation to join in the preparations. If you would like to help the night of the event or to help with the cooking please contact Chris Lipp, Tony Culp, Joe Guarriello, or Pastor Reep. If you know that you will be attending the Italian family night dinner it would be helpful if you would kindly sign-up on the clipboard on the table in the Good Shepherd Room.



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.



Adult Education in Lent

Sunday at 9:15 AM

During the Lenten season adults will gather in Christ Hall for a simple continental breakfast followed by an informative presentation.

Sunday March 9 – Bridge of Hope – The session will present the work of the organization its goals and mission. You will hear from persons who worked in the past to assist a family from homelessness to sheltered sustained life. New opportunities for involvement will be shared.

Sunday March 16 – Church Tour – The session will take participants from the attic to Fellowship Hall revealing the many spaces that make a wide variety of ministry possible. This is designed to help grasp the current ministry of the congregation as well as to generate future ministry ideas as we live into our mission *“To Teach the World that God is Love.”*

Sunday March 24 – Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Pennsylvania (LAMP) – The session will feature Tracey Depasquale, director of LAMP, presenting the work of the advocacy ministry in our state. You will find out many things about the work and how to get involved and how to participate if you so choose in Lutheran Day at the State Capital held in the month of May.

Sunday March 30 – The 1,700 Anniversary of the Nicene Creed – The session is designed to look at the early Church gathering to clarify beliefs. Creeds do several things; they summarize believe, they draw a line between accepted beliefs and false teachings, they teach the faith to new Christians, and they celebrate and confess beliefs in the liturgical assembly.

Sunday April 6 – Camping at Kirchenwald – The session will be led by Zach Weise, camp director, and will open to us the many aspects of church camp for all ages.



“Come and See! Learn about Bridge of Hope and St. Paul’s Church. What was our journey like? Could you be a new neighboring volunteer? Is God calling you to love a new neighbor?”

During the Sunday Education Hour on March 9, the First Sunday in Lent, come to Christ Hall. We will share light breakfast refreshments, learn about stories of hope, and the experience of our Neighboring Community with our Bridge of Hope family. We will consider what it takes to get started again! Every journey is different, and in every journey you have the opportunity to be a blessing and be blessed. So come and learn about helping a homeless family. Establish a new home. Together we create a safe place for this important life-giving journey.”

Join us for Sunday School where we learn bible stories by reading the stories, doing crafts and other hands-on activities to remember the stories. Sunday school is at 9:30 am upstairs and we have lessons every Sunday until April 6th. We hope to see you there.



Vacation Bible school 2025

VBS will be July 20 - 24 from 6-7:30.

Our theme is Basket Bible Stories. Each

evening we will come together and learn the stories through song, stories, and crafts. Children will also be able to enjoy a snack and time together.

Registration begins in March and will last through the first week in May.

Children aged 3 through grade 6 are able to sign up. We are also in need of volunteers! Please contact the church office or Miss Kelly to sign up to volunteer and to register to attend.



Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir

Singing 10:30 AM Liturgy

Sunday March 16

The Worship and Arts Committee has arranged for The Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Kyle Zeuch to sing during the 10:30 AM Sunday liturgy on March 16. The 50 voice choir will fill the church nave with their voices raised in praise of God. Additionally the St. Paul's Chancel Choir members will have the opportunity to sing with the concert choir during one of the anthems. On that day St. Paul's will be providing lunch for the choir members following the liturgy in Fellowship Hall. The students will not have time to linger over lunch as they will need to load up on the tour bus and head to St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church for a concert later that afternoon. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to come to church with you to hear the concert choir. Mark your calendar and plan to be in worship on March 16, 10:30 AM.



A wonderful evening was had by all the couples at the Valentine's Day Dinner. A very big thank-you goes to the Witness Committee for putting on this event and to Miss Kelly for providing dinner and crafts for the kids.

The Patterson family wanted to send a big thank you to the church for hosting, the ladies who helped set up, prepare and clean up the dinner and for everyone who assisted with childcare. It was a wonderful Valentine's Day and everything was amazing. The girls had such a fun time with friends and Josh and I thought the food was delicious and it was so beautifully decorated. And we couldn't have asked for a better night. Thank you again, The Patterson's

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



Music and Create 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.

In music this month the children and youth will continue to practice songs for the Worship Service on March 30th and Easter. During Create time they will continue to learn about Jesus and how he heals. They will work on different projects and have conversations about how they are followers of Jesus.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evenings at 6:00.

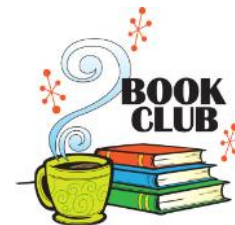
Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly



“Vintage” Members (80 and over) with birthdays in March:
Jim Mummert, Mim Boyer, Anna Mae Cook, Doug Cromer,
Nancy Bennet, and Dottie Moore,

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

St. Paul’s Book Club meets at St. Paul’s at 3:00 PM on:
March 20th: When Crickets Cry by Charles Martin



The St. Paul’s Women’s Group

A Women’s Group has begun meeting one Sunday a month following the 10:30 worship service. During this time we share in a brief time of devotions followed by a time of planning for future events and service opportunities. All women of the church are welcome.



The Women’s Group had 2 events over the last few months. In December, a group of women traveled to Terra Farms to make wreaths. In February, a group of women met to prepare “Meals of Blessings”. They prepared meals that will be kept in the freezer at church and be available to take to those suffering from sickness, recovering from hospitalization, or other needs.

Our next meeting will be held on March 16 following the 10:30 service. This will be a time of devotions followed by brainstorming ideas for future gatherings. Come with ideas! If you have any questions, please

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 in, 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.





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 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 7:30-8:30 PM. Most singers read music and enjoy singing choral music spanning from the Renaissance to the 21st 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 from time to time 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 interested in participating.

About being sick

We are in the 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.



Congregations Council Highlights

February 17, 2025

The Congregation Council gathered for their regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 PM in Christ Hall. President Kates called the meeting to order and Frank Tyminski provided the opening prayer.

The Treasurer provided a written report reflecting the current financial giving and expenses for the congregation. General income for the month of January was about \$5,000 lower than anticipated. The rest of the report suggested that the congregation is on track with its 2025 budget.

The Ad hoc committee researching pastoral needs for the congregation has been collating the information and will provide a summary in the near future. Some of the information will be shared during the Council and Chairperson retreat on March 1.

A proposal to replace the Springettsbury entry doors and glass surround with new six foot wide doors and insulated glass maintaining the existing aesthetic was presented by the Property committee. The replacement doors would permit egress for those with walkers, wheelchairs, deliveries, and for caskets at funerals. The new entry would also be equipped with a security feature to aid with safety protocol associated with weekday operations especially as it relates to our preschool. The council moved to send the proposal to the Finance Committee for their recommendation on the best way to fund the \$36,800 expense. Following their recommendation the entire proposal, with funding, and timeline, will be presented to the congregation at a specially called meeting for their action.

The council approved the recommendation of the Worship and Arts Committee to have combined liturgy at 9:15AM from Memorial Day weekend (May 25) through Labor Day weekend (August 31).

The council approved the request of the Men's Group to hold fund raisers in March (Italian pasta and meatball dinner) and June (BBQ, hotdogs and hamburgers) in support of LWR. And to collect items needed for health kits over the summer months with September 7 at 9:15AM to assemble the kits. The goal is to raise enough money in 2025 to underwrite the cost of a latrine at a refugee camp through Lutheran World Relief.

The Women of St. Paul's gathered on Sunday February 16 and prepared "Meals of Blessing" to be given away to persons or families who are having a difficult time. A sign out sheet is posted on the freezer door in the Fellowship Hall kitchen so we know to whom meals are going so as not to duplicate efforts. Chicken soup, vegetable soup and penne pasta bake are available.

The meeting concluded with closing prayer by Pastor Reep at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Reep

NOTE: Council Highlights were able to be put in this month's newsletter. They will also be distributed in the Sunday Bulletin.



New Members Class Beginning April 27, 9:15 AM

During the season of Easter 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 through the work of the congregation. The classes will be held in Christ Hall 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 Pentecost, June 8. 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:

April 27	The Church & the Lutheran Reformation
May 4	The Sacraments: Holy Baptism & Holy Communion
May 11	St. Paul's Beginnings and mission
May 18	Approaching 200 years



Music concerts and programs Winter/Spring 2025

St. Paul's is pleased to host the following musical events. Please show your support with your attendance. All events are FREE and open to the public and are held in the church nave.

Sunday, March 16 Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir 10:30am

The Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Kyle Zeuch will join us at the 10:30am worship service and sing several choral selections during the liturgy. They will present a choral concert that afternoon at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in York.

Sunday, March 30 Spring Garden Band 3:00pm

The Spring Garden Band along with Victor Fields, organ will present a concert featuring the Organ Concerto in F by Josef Rheinberger. Originally scored for orchestra and organ, the SGB conductor Jeffrey Shaul has arranged this for winds and organ.

Sunday, April 13 York College Chorale and Orchestra 3:00pm

The York College Chorale under the direction of Dr. Erin Lippard and the York College Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Matthew Inkster will present the Requiem by British composer John Rutter. This is Palm Sunday and the music will subtly foreshadow the coming Passion week and Christ's sacrifice.



Greeters will be needed for all of the above concerts and programs. You will not be required to set up or clean up before or after the event. Your duties are to guide people to the nave and/or restrooms, etc... You will need to arrive 1/2 hour prior to the event and stay until all the guests have left. If you are interested in representing our church as part of the Hospitality Team please contact Patee at the church office.

Up-Coming Liturgies and Events at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Rite of Confirmation, March 2, 10:30 AM
Ash Wednesday, March 5, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Italian Dinner, March 7, 6-7:30 PM Benefit LWR
Mid-week Lenten Vespers, 7:00 PM
Lebanon Valley College Choir, March 16, 10:30 AM
Spring Garden Band, March 30, 3:00PM
Preschool Sunday, April 6, 10:30AM
Palm Sunday, April 13, Combined Liturgy, 9:15 AM
York College Symphony and Choir, April 13, 3:00 PM
Joint York Conference Vespers, Monday, April 14, 7:00 PM Reception to follow
Confession and Forgiveness with Individual Absolution, Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 PM
Maundy Thursday, Liturgy of the Last Supper, April 17, 7:00 PM
Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 PM
Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 19, 7:00 PM
The Resurrection of our Lord, April 20. Combined Liturgy, 9:15 AM
Mother's Day Bake Sale, May 11, Benefit Mpuguso Lutheran Church



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 it doesn't matter if you simply give them away and talk with others about the work that we are engaged in helping with the up-building of the body of Christ here in York and half way around the world.



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KNOW!**

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.

R&K Sub Fundraiser for St. Paul's Preschool

Order subs and pretzel sandwiches to help support the preschool! The money raised will be used for additional programs, updating materials and supplies for our students. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletin March 2nd and at the entrances to the nave. Please make checks out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Preschool or provide cash in exact change. Turn in orders to the church office by April 11th. All sandwiches may be picked up on Tuesday, April 23rd from 11:30-12 noon or 6-6:30 PM in the Good Shepherd room.



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 webpage helpful and refer to it often.



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.

Pantry News: We began participating in a program called Healthy Pantry Initiative provided by Central Penn Food Bank and funding by Feeding America. Through this program we are receiving training on how to help our shoppers make healthy food choices at our pantry and in their lives. We are providing recipes, educational handouts and other reminders. We received grant money to purchase two large white boards where we will post much of the healthy eating ideas. Stop by the end of March or April to see the results.



The pantry continues to need:

- 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 or Patty Snyder 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.

Benevolence Committee Update and Call for Applications

Last year was an exciting year for the work of the Benevolence Committee. For 2024, the total of funds approved was \$30,100. For 2025, \$6,700.00 is currently approved by the committee. We are currently calling for applications for 2026, and we do still have funding available for 2025. Please have applications to the office by April 30. You can request the online application from Patee in the office or use the green application form available in the Springettsbury Entrance. The application has a place for the year the funding is requested. Remember, you may support local, regional, national, or international ministry opportunities. Each applicant should have a connection to the project or ministry.



I want to report on two notable year end developments:

I was able to visit the recently renovated Pappas House for Hospice patients. The Vice-Chair of their board gave me a wonderful tour. The dignity and care that people receive there is amazing. We received a lengthy update from Pappas house this week, which included this: "Thank you so very much for your continued support of Pappus House! Last year, you provided a generous gift to support the care of our neighbors during their end-of-life journey. We wanted to send you an update.

In 2024, Pappus House was honored to care for 32 residents. This included a total of 1,168 days of care.

With a gift to the York Literacy Institute, we entered a partnership to have English Language Classes at St. Paul's. We invited pantry shoppers to these classes and some of them are attending the classes currently.

Join the exciting ministry of showing the world that God is love. Pick up an application today. Feel free to call Pastor Snyder with any questions, 717-880-0350.

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. 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 9th. 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.

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

We also opened registration for the 2025-2026 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

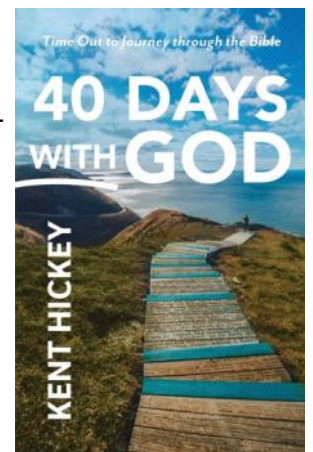


Men's Group Lenten Devotion—40 Days with God

The men of St Paul's have been meeting with some regularity and are interested in being drawn more deeply to God and to one another. The season of Lent provides a time to journey through the Bible, carving out space and time for God and in support of one another. A book from Paraclete Press, *40 Days with God* is available for men who would like a Lenten devotion during this holy season.

The book is written by Kent Hickey. Kent left a 30 year stint in a law practice to teach high school theology. He considers that decision one of the best he made topped only by the decision to marry his wife! He has now been at this new calling for more than 20 years. He has three adult children, follows the Green Bay Packers, and volunteers as a living historian every summer at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. (Side note the carpets in Appomattox Court House were woven at Family Heirloom Weavers, Red Lion, PA. And as a further example the weaving in the front of St. Paul's, Grape leaves and pomegranate, was also woven by Dave Kline, Family Heirloom Weavers.)

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This year that is March 5. Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent as every Sunday is considered to be a day of resurrection. 40 days of Lent, omitting Sundays, will conclude on Holy Saturday, April 12. Copies of the book are located on the top of the white bookcase beside the door to the Pastor's office in the Good Shepherd Room. Pick up a copy and join with other men of St. Paul's during this Lenten season to journey through the Bible, carving out space and time with God.



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