

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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9:15 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Live Streamed YouTube
Holy Days as announced
August 2025

Jazz Quartet **Sunday, August 10** **9:15am**

Victor Fields, piano
Max Kruth, percussion
Connor Landis, bass
Michael West, Trumpet

Jazz Musical Setting

Nineteen years ago, the ELCA produced the worship resource *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The book provides congregations with ten musical settings for the Holy Communion Liturgy. For many congregations more options didn't necessarily provide worshipers with a broader or more robust worship experience. For congregations with musical staff and skilled musicians the additional options have permitted new musical possibilities for leading worshipers in prayer,

praise and thanksgiving.

On Sunday August 10th we will use musical setting #6. This is a jazz setting. We used it last summer and in January of this year. We will have four musicians to support our song: piano, drums, bass and trumpet. We are fortunate to be associated with several jazz musicians, and they have agreed to support us in our music making! The liturgical music is composed by: Tillis Butler, James Capers, and James Harris. When you come to worship on the second Sunday in August know that the liturgy and hymns will be rendered in the jazz style. Invite a friend to come with you. Join in singing joyfully *Kyrie*, *Gloria*, *Alleluia*, *Sanctus*, and *Lamb of God*. Thanks to Victor Fields for arranging for the musical ensemble.



Jazz Group Summer 2024

Fellowship Committee Needs Your Help

As we continue with one service at 9:15 a.m. through August and fellowship every Sunday after the service, we are looking for people willing to make a breakfast/brunch baked item or a vegetable or tray of fruit. There will be two members each Sunday from the Fellowship Committee to help with set-up and clean-up and we invite those bringing food to help with set-up or clean-up too. Many hands make light work! The food should arrive between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the stand by the office door in the Good Shepherd Room.



Ring out the News!

Handbell choir will resume rehearsing on Thursday, September 4! 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. Please consider ringing with us this fall. Our first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 4 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in Christ Hall. Please contact Leah McComas (Lmccomas.stpaulsyork@gmail.com) or call the church office by August 31 if you are interested in participating.



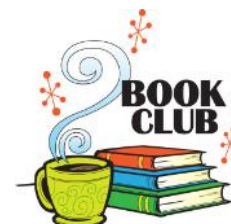
Choir practice resumes on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Consider adding your voice to the ensemble.

Chancel Choir is comprised of members of the congregation who desire to lift their voices in song during worship. Chancel Choir rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm in the Music Room (Main Level). Most of the 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 of the service.



St. Paul's Book Club meets once a month at church on the third or fourth Thursday from 3:00-4:00 PM. Come join us anytime. If you have a book you've been waiting to read and discuss with others, call the church office to share your ideas. Our last summer book and date is...

Thursday, August 21 – The Four Winds, by Kristin Hannah



Christian Education—Planning for the Fall Session

Years ago, the Christian Education Committee compiled a list of Bible stories that were important because of how they related to Luther's *Small Catechism*. The stories would support learners as they embarked on their catechetical journey. Children who attended Sunday school were adequately prepared for their confirmation instruction. Children who were unable to attend did not have a strong working knowledge of the biblical narrative. This year's stories, those selected for the fall of the year up through Christmas, are provided in this issue of *Our Church* for several reasons.



First, we are always in need of teachers and assistants in the primary department. If you can help by teaching or serving as an assistant, you will know well in advance what you will be teaching and when. Second, for families who can't bring their children to Sunday school with regularity the stories and their biblical references are provided. Make time to read the story assigned for each week with your child. You will never know how influential and meaningful this time may be. Third, we will be using the same stories for adult education. We are seeking volunteers to present a lesson on the assigned story. As adults we will have the opportunity to look more deeply at the story, how it fits into salvation history, what theological ramifications are manifest, and how, if at all, the story brings to light something in our present context. Parents who bring their children to Sunday school will be engaging with the same biblical material. This has the capacity to shape conversations about the scriptures and life. If you are willing to teach either an adult class or in the primary department, simply notify the church office with your preference of date and Bible story.

DATE	STORY	BIBLE REFERENCE
September 7	Assemble Personal Care Kits for LWR	
September 14	Abram's Call	Genesis 12:1-9
September 21	Abraham & Sarah's Visitors	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; 18:1-15; 21:1-7
September 28	Isaac's Blessing	Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40
October 5	Free from Slavery	Exodus 5:1-6:13
October 12	The Red Sea	Exodus 14:1-30
October 19	The Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:1-17
October 26	The Battle of Jericho	Joshua 6:1-20
November 2	Naomi and Ruth	Ruth 1:1-22
November 9	David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-50
November 16	Elijah and the Widow	1 Kings 17:8-16
November 23	Jonah and the Big Fish	Jonah 1-4
November 30	Making Advent Wreaths	
December 7	A Child Called Immanuel	Isaiah 7:10-17
December 14	Angels Visit	Matthew 1:18-25
December 21	Jesus is Born	Luke 2:1-20
December 28	No class this week	

Would You be a Sunday School Teacher?

September is just around the corner, and the Christian Education committee is preparing for the educational year. If you are willing to help teach Sunday School this year please contact Johanna

Patterson (jorauch89@gmail.com) or Kelly (klmoorespencer@aol.com).

If you are interested but would like a bit more information about the commitment for teaching Sunday school, simply contact Johanna, Kelly or Pastor Reep.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important part of the congregation's life and witness.

Stewardship Emphasis

In congregational life nothing makes people run to the hills faster than the word “stewardship.” Recently I discovered how this biblical word has found its way into the vocabulary of people, predominantly nonreligious, who are concerned about care for the earth. It was amazing to learn how stewarding the creation and the resource of the planet is so positively received by a nonchurch demographic. What could we learn from them that would ground us, members of the Christian community, in a healthier understanding of stewardship?

For one thing, the stewarding of the planet is not necessarily tied to money and finance. The ability for individuals and communities to adopt better stewardship practices doesn’t equate to less in my pocket and more in yours. With the planet, everyone benefits from an increased understanding and practice of stewardship. In church life, we could truly benefit from understanding stewardship as something that improves life for all.

Often, a few people in a faith community become responsible for nearly all the work associated with the tasks necessary to carry out the life and mission of the congregation. An example, when we began utilizing homemade bread for our celebrations of Holy Communion we needed bread bakers. One person volunteered to break bread every week. I thanked the person for their generosity but declined the offer. This was a stewardship decision. While one person is willing, will it over time serve the whole faith community well? If the community desires to have homemade bread for the Holy Communion each Sunday, then the largest possible group of people need to be involved. If one person gets sick, or is unable to provide the bread, the whole eucharistic practice is not jeopardized. Another example. Years ago, St. Paul’s had a few individuals who contributed significantly to the financial needs of the congregation. They provided such a generous amount, the percentage of the operating budget, that it made the giving patterns of the congregation very lopsided. When the time came and they breathed their last and died, the congregation’s financial health was jeopardized. How would the congregation quickly fund the huge deficit experienced now that they were gone? Financial commitments continue even when financial resources cease. A better scenario is having the ministry expense shouldered by the largest possible group of people. In this way the congregation is healthier, can deal with changes, and protects assets for future generations. When congregations experience financial difficulties, they look for places where they can get cash, often delaying maintenance, reducing staff, or decreasing missions. Such practices are rarely identified as signs of collapse, but they are signs that a congregation is not remaining healthy. Stewardship practice can improve our life together. We will still have difficult decisions to make but we can make them from a posture of wholeness. This is reflected in those who speak of stewardship of the earth, creation, planet.

These two examples should get us thinking about many different aspects of our life together: things like participation in choir, Bible study, youth ministry, Sunday school, women’s and men’s group, Food Pantry, Bridge of Hope, Altar guild, usher corpse, greeters and so forth. Good stewardship practices make healthier congregations. Healthier congregations are better positioned to carry out vibrant ministry proclaiming the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. This is after all central to our identity. We are a people called into the life of Christ through Holy Baptism and sent out in mission to prepare the way for Christ.

This fall we will be emphasizing stewardship in our life of faith. Sometimes we will identify the healthy parts of our stewardship, like the huge number of volunteers in our Food Pantry. Sometimes we will identify the unhealthy parts of our stewardship, like flagging in our zeal for worship or financial giving in support of our life and witness to Christ. We will encourage you to be present, to bring food items for the pantry, to witness children receiving Bibles, to sing songs of praise to God, to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing and complete a commitment card for 2026. We shall culminate our emphasis on Reformation Sunday, 26 October, with a Stewardship Dinner following the 10:30 AM liturgy.

Stewardship isn’t about having less; stewardship is caring for all that has been entrusted to us. As with the planet, everyone benefits from an increased understanding and practice of stewardship. In our life together in Christ, stewardship improves life for all.

In love and service to our Lord, Pastor Reep

PS. If you would like to assist with our stewardship emphasis, please notify me or attend the planning meeting on Tuesday, 2 September 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Room.

Weekly Bible Study

Beginning September with an additional Tuesday evening opportunity

Our Wednesday morning Bible study helps prepare participants for Sunday morning through the study of the up-coming scripture readings. The group delves deeply into the text, historical information, theological aspects, and shares implications for everyday life as a child of God. The group meets in Christ Hall at 10:30 AM on Wednesday mornings. September 3 will be our first session. (Please remember that street sweeping on Springettsbury Avenue is still in effect on the first Wednesday of the month.)



From time to time someone will mention that they would like to attend a study such as the one held on Wednesday mornings, but the time doesn't work for their schedule. To meet this need Pastor Reep will offer a Bible study on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:15 PM. This will coincide with families coming to the church for Create & Music. The group will gather in Christ Hall. The format will be like that of Wednesday morning, we will read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings. Folks who attend the study often speak of how it helps them make sense of the liturgy, hymns and sermon when they come to worship. Hopefully, we will have more of our members and friends engaged in meaningful study of the scriptures. The Tuesday evening session will begin late September on the 23rd.

Professional Family Portraits

Save the Date – November 3 & 4

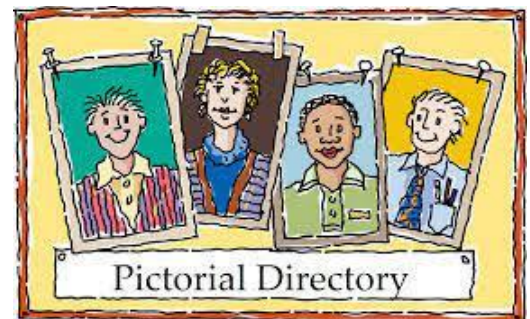
Free 8 X 10

Periodically the congregation prepares a photo directory as a tool to help us to get better acquainted. Additionally, each family participating receives a free family portrait for participating in the project. The desire is to have as many of our households participate so that we achieve our desired purpose. The dates for photography at St. Paul's are Monday and Tuesday, November 3 & 4 from 2:00 – 8:30 PM.

You will be able to select your photography time through an electronic sign-up sheet beginning in early September. Members from St. Paul's will also call you to schedule if you do not sign up electronically. We want to make certain that all our church members and friends are included. The dates should work well for us in that the first Monday of the month there aren't any meetings scheduled and on Tuesdays we have a significant number of families who are already coming to St. Paul's for the music and youth activities and hopefully for the newly scheduled Bible study.

The photo directory is being produced by Universal Church Directories. They are a reputable company and one of the few church directory companies that survived following the pandemic in 2020. Families who desire to purchase additional photos will have the opportunity to do so. But there is no obligation to purchase anything. Simply let them know that you only desire the free 8 X 10 portrait. With this directory all participants will receive a hard color copy of the photo directory. And this year we have the option to access our church directory through an app. The app will allow you to access the directory from your phone or tablet so that you can easily identify members and friends when you are working on a committee or ministry project.

Please reserve the first Monday and Tuesday of November so that you can participate in St. Paul's new directory and help the congregation reach its goal, a complete photo directory of all our family and friends.



St. Paul's Men

LWR celebrating 80 years of service

Personal Care kits—August Count Down to September 7th!

The Men of St. Paul's thank everyone who has brought items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits. We need more items so that we can assemble kits on the first Sunday in September. Bins are placed on the front pews of the church nave. Each bin is clearly marked so that you may place items needed into the correct bin.

By keeping the items in the front pews, it will give visual witness to the ongoing need and the wellspring of generosity amongst our members. We are providing the list of items needed. In advance thank you for your time, generosity and support of this project.



INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended. Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

- Please provide new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags

Deacon April Trout

Konde Diocese ELCA Representative

Sunday August 10, 10:30 AM

Deacon April Trout is on our Synod territory for the summer. She arrived in the states in time for the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly and will be attending the ELCA Churchwide Assembly the last days of July and the early part of August. Before she returns to Tanzania and the Konde Diocese to continue her work, she will visit us at St. Paul's on 10 August. Deacon April will bring greetings prior to the service, share in our time of fellowship, and be available for more in-depth conversation regarding the Konde Diocese and companion congregation relationships. Knowing that representatives from the Konde Diocese will be visiting us in October for the Installation of our newly called Bishop, The Rev. Steven Herr, she will provide some suggestions for ways to engage with the Tanzanian delegation. We continue to pray for Deacon April, the Konde Diocese, and our companion congregation Mpuguso Lutheran Church.



STANDING UP FOR THOSE IN NEED.

Many of us enjoyed the Sunday School presentation by Tracey DePasquale, director of LAMPa, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania, last month. We were inspired to continue our feeding ministry and to find other ways to advocate for the neighbors that we serve.



LAMPa's mission statement states *"In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we advocate for wise and just public policies in Pennsylvania that promote the common good."* Mission & Ministry - LAMPa LAMPa is part of the ELCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, of which St. Paul's belongs. The ELCA also has an advocacy office in Washington, DC Advocacy, where advocates are leading church members across the nation to advocate on the federal level.

Please consider checking out these two websites to see how you can help through advocacy for state and federal food funding for our pantry shoppers as well as other issues that you are led to support. When you do so, share personal information about St. Paul's ministry and your involvement.

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.



"Vintage" Members (80 and over) with birthdays in August are: Dale Smith, Jr., Elinor Rosenmiller, Ron Riese, David Rambo, Joan Langeheine, and Larry Moore. Sending Happy Birthday wishes and hoping you have a happy and healthy year ahead from your family at St. Paul's.

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.





Christine and I wish to share the news of the birth of our first grand-child! Charles (Charlie) Patrick Orozco was born Jun 13, 2025, weighing 7lbs. 8oz. Baby, Mom and Dad are well. Mimi and Pop are over the moon! -Keith Kates



SOCIAL MINISTRIES & SMITH S.T.E.A.M. ACADEMY

On June 2nd, St. Paul's Social Ministry team members delivered 36 pairs of uniform pants to Smith Academy. Boys and girls of various sizes, who otherwise may not have the appropriate uniform, will benefit when "Back to School" night rolls around in August. This outreach was in collaboration with the social worker formerly at Jackson Elementary School. It is a blessing for St. Paul's as well as these two schools that we can serve York children in a variety of ways.



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.



Fall Senior Luncheon Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Lunch is served at noon in Christ Hall.

Sponsored by the Witness Committee

The fall luncheon is designed to bring the senior members (65+) together for fellowship. Following chapel the group will have time to socialize before lunch is served in Christ Hall. More details will be provided in the September issue of "Our Church".

St. Paul's Women's Group

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters: The St. Paul's Women's Group will be meeting for a time of fellowship and scarf making at the Panera in West York at 5:30 on Tuesday August 19. If you are interested in attending this gathering, please reach out to Alexis Heistand.

The St. Paul's Women's Group is excited to be planning upcoming events for fall!

Mark your calendars for a flower picking event at Terra Farms on Saturday, September 13! If you would like to carpool, a group will be meeting at St. Paul's at 9:00 AM to travel to the farm together. If you prefer to drive on your own, we will arrive at Terra Farms at 9:30. This event is anticipated to last about 3 hours. The rain date for this event will be Saturday, September 20.

If you love theater, mark your calendars for the weekend of October 17 to attend *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* at TAFE! As the fall nears, we will be selecting a show date and time.

The Women's Group is also excited to begin the process of brainstorming and planning a retreat for 2026. If you have interest in working on planning this event, please contact Patty Snyder or Alexis Heistand.



Confirmation Instruction

Proposed schedule and time for the 2025/26 academic year

The desire to include all potential students in catechetical instruction means that each year we review what has been done and rethink how instruction might be provided for the next group of students. The program is geared for students in grades 7 and 8. A few years ago, we moved the instructional period into the Sunday morning rotation as many students had younger siblings who were participating in Sunday school. This permitted families to make one trip to St. Paul's. While it is not the ideal situation for the pastor and an instructional assistant, it made for better family life for the students.

Looking ahead, it seems that scheduling the confirmation ministry later in the day on Sunday may be most beneficial for maximum participation. The 30 hours of instructional time would be spread out over an eight-week session in the fall of 2025 (early October through late November) and a seven-week session in the winter (early January through late February). Currently sessions would occur from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. This schedule provides ample time for instruction, activity and a closing worship component. When held on Sunday morning we often needed to forgo the activity and worship component. Those aspects of the program help tremendously in keeping things lively.

If you have children entering the 7th grade in September, or if you know someone who has a potential student for the catechetical program at St. Paul's please have them contact the church office and enroll them. If for some reason the proposed schedule for the 2025/26 year is not workable for your family also let the office know ASAP so that alternate plans can be considered.



You Could be a Bridge of Hope Neighbor

We are in the process of getting ready to support a new homeless family on a journey of hope. Come learn about how you might be part of a neighboring community here at St. Paul's Church. Even if you are not sure we welcome you to learn and prayerfully consider if God is calling you to be a neighbor to someone new. Call Pastor Snyder (717-880-0350) with any questions and to discuss Bridge of Hope. Watch for news about a new opportunity this fall.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Up-Coming Events at St. Paul's Late Summer/Fall 2025

Eucharistic Ministry Training	Wednesday, 6 August, 6:00 PM
Jazz Quartet	Sunday, 10 August, 9:15 AM
Handbell/Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume	Thursday, 4 September 6:30 & 7:30 PM
Assembling Personal Care Kits for LWR	Sunday, 7 September, 9:15AM
Holy Cross Day/Pantry Vol. Recognition	Sunday, 14 September, 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Music/Create Begins	Tuesday, 16 September, 6:00 – 7:15 PM
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	Sunday, 21 September, 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Presentation of Bibles	Sunday, 28 September, 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Confirmation Fall Term Begins	Sunday, 5 October, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Healing Service	Sunday, 12 October, 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Stewardship Dinner (men cooking)	Sunday, 26 October, 11:45 AM
All Saints	Sunday, 1 November 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Photo Directory Portraits	Mon. & Tues., 2 & 3 November 2:00 – 8:30 PM
Annual Meeting	Sunday, 16 November, Noon
Christ the King	Sunday, 23 November, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministry Training

Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 PM, Good Shepherd Rm.

Eucharistic Ministers persons who take the consecrated bread and wine from the Sunday Eucharist to members who physically can no longer get to St. Paul's on Sunday morning. We have had many members take an active part in this ministry prior to the pandemic. That is when this ministry came to a sudden stop. Eucharist Ministry Training will be held on Wednesday, August 6th, 6:00 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.



Pantry News: Produce abounds at St. Paul's Food Pantry. We are thankful to two organizations contributing each week during the summer, The Unitarian Universalist Church of York Garden and Penn State Gardens at John Rudy Park. Our neighbors who come to us are appreciative.

Food Pantry Needs: 2 pound bags of Rice , Pinto Beans in cans

The variety of food we get from our main sources, York County Food Bank and Central Penn Food Bank is reduced due to federal cuts. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room.

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.

Watch the Rev's, Help the Pantry!

The York Revolution season has begun! Last year a group of volunteers working the Rev's games raised over \$2200 for our food pantry. This year we're looking for about 12 volunteers who are willing to work one or two 4 hour shifts a month. The work is easy - checking tickets, applying wristbands and monitoring gates in the catered areas. For every shift completed, each volunteer receives 4 free vouchers for future games and the pantry receives money from the Rev's. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.



If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact at Jennifer Ports at 443-310-0897 or jleigh36@gmail.com



Summer Giving: Please remain faithful with your weekly offering throughout this Summer Season. Thank you.



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.

PRESCHOOL **REGISTRATION**



For 2025/26 Year Now!

We are accepting registrations.
The staff is eagerly preparing for the 2025-2026 school year.
If you know anyone with preschool age children
please have them contact us at 717-854-1996.

- **Large, bright, modern classrooms**
- **Weekly Chapel Time**
- **Outdoor Playground and capacious indoor space for large motor skill development**
- **Enrichment programs**
- **Over 60 years of service to the community**

Council Highlights

The Congregation Council gathered for their regular meeting on Monday 21 July 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Lower-Level Community Room. Pastor Reep began the meeting with devotions and prayer. He utilized the VBS theme of *Baskets of Grace*, the Exodus chapter 2 story of Baby Moses in the Basket.

The Council welcomed Tristan Ericson who reported on the June Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly held in the month of June. He shared positive comments on the election process for our new bishop and a few disappointments regarding the assembly prematurely closing discussion on topics of starting salary scale for Pastors and Deacons and retired clergy remaining members of a congregation in which they had previously served.

The Treasurer shared the financial report. General Sunday offerings lag from where they were last year at this time. Trust income is reduced from Wilmington Trust because of a recalibration on their end. Preschool tuition for 2025 is below what was projected for the year. These three financial shortfalls precipitated withdrawals from the investment fund.

The Springettsbury Entrance door project is scheduled for installation mid-September.

The recommendation from the Worship and Arts Committee for the Christmas Worship Schedule was approved as presented.

Conversations associated with our Sunday morning worship schedule are on-going. There are many factors to be considered. Council members identified many aspects; Christian Education and faith formation, Christian fellowship, parking, relationships with other York Conference congregations, support of family life and what elements strengthen our ministry and mission. The newly elected bishop may also provide some insights and observations as to how best to position ourselves for our current and future life together.

The Property Committee continues to look toward the future and how best to care for and maintain our facilities. They are studying options that are available both things that the committee can do themselves and things for which they would benefit from professional expertise.

The Men of St. Paul's continuing to collect items needed for Personal Care Kits for LWR. Chris Lipp asked people to remember to bring care kit items with them on the remaining summer Sundays.

Sharon Diaczun offered the closing prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Pastor Reep





It's hard to believe that we are only about a month away from the beginning of the 2025-26 school year. Even though it is still summer break, the staff members have been busy preparing their rooms for the children to arrive in September. We are looking forward to Parent Orientation on September 4th and our opening day on September 8th.

During June and July, the preschool held Play Date Days where the children could come and play with each other. They also enjoyed listening to a beach themed story, making a swimming pool and patriotic craft and singing silly songs. Our next Play Date is Wednesday, August 6th.

We are still accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. If you know anyone with preschool age children please have them contact us at 717-854-1996 or visit our website at www.stpaulsyork.com. We hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer.

God's Blessings, The Preschool Staff



ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL OF YORK

Summer Playdate

August 6th

9:30am - 11:00am

CURRENT AND PERSPECTIVE STUDENTS ALONG WITH A GUARDIAN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR STORY TIME, PLAYGROUND FUN, AND A CRAFT

- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Learn about St. Paul's Preschool Program for 2 to 4 year olds
- ✓ Meet the teachers and explore the classrooms



Please RSVP here to help us plan!

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