

# Our Church

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8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist  
10:30 AM Live Streamed YouTube  
Holy Days as announced  
September 2025

## Fall Worship Schedule Begins

### Sunday 7 September, The Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Beginning on Sunday 7 September 2025 the congregation will resume two opportunities for Sunday worship, 8:00 and 10:30 AM. We continue to keep the liturgies as similar as possible so that the faith community remains united in its witness and practice. Over the summer months we enjoyed being together and getting better acquainted. Throughout the academic year we offer many joint opportunities for worship. We encourage you to participate as often as possible and to make holy days observed in the congregation a priority.



September provides us with two Sundays where we observe Holy Days, Holy Cross Day (14 September) and St. Matthew (21 September). There are plenty of legends surrounding the true cross of Christ being found, one by emperor Constantine in the early 300's while excavations were under way for the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and one by his mother Helena who was able to decide which of three crosses unearthed was the true cross of Christ because a dead man was placed on it and he was brought back to life. It is later, in the late 7<sup>th</sup> century, when Pope Sergius established a feast day surrounding the exaltation of the cross. Holy Cross Day became popular in northern Europe. It has remained on Lutheran calendars long after the Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, appears in the gospel accounts as a tax collector for the Roman government. Matthew translates from the Hebrew text as "gift from God." Little is known of St. Matthew's life beyond him leaving his tax collector's station and following Jesus. The first gospel in the New Testament has been attributed to him. In the Western Church his day is observed on 21 September. In the Eastern Church it is observed 16 November. In 1522 Martin Luther completed the first German translation of the New Testament and it was published on St. Matthew's Day.

The Worship and Arts Committee has planned liturgies fitting for both of these holy days. Plan now to join in worship as we rejoice in the hope and salvation that is ours through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

## Membership for those wishing to Unite with St. Paul's Classes held in September

During the four Sundays in September membership classes will be held for anyone wishing to unite with St. Paul's Church. Over the spring and summer we have been blest with many guests joining us in Sunday worship. For anyone interested in membership, please plan to attend classes as a way to get to know one another, become acquainted with key leaders in the congregation, and learn some of the congregation's history and plans for the future. The classes will be held at 9:15 AM. We will assemble in the Good Shepherd Room at the Springettsbury Ave. entrance and then proceed to a space that will facilitate the size of our group. The class will be led by Pastor Reep.



### 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 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 4th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the music room. Please contact Leah McComas ( [Lmccomas.stpaulsyork@gmail.com](mailto:Lmccomas.stpaulsyork@gmail.com)) or call the church office as soon as possible if you would like to ring with us!



**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 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Choir also helps with chanting and singing Psalms as well as providing leadership for singing the liturgical music settings sung at the service.



### August Eucharistic Ministry Training Completed

#### Four people prepared to serve

On the first Wednesday in August a training session was held for anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister. Patty Snyder, Tristan Ericson, Kathleen Lemke, and Kass Kaleta participated in the session. They are now prepared to take Holy Communion from the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Supper to our home bound members. During the fall season Pastor Reep will assign the Eucharistic Ministers with members who desire to receive the sacrament on a more regular basis. This ministry of the church came to a standstill due to the pandemic in 2020. We are encouraged by those who received training and their desire to strengthen the congregation through this ministry.

### Eucharistic Ministers



### Presentation of Bibles

#### Sunday September 28

During the rite of Holy Baptism we promise that as the child grows we will place in his or her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for instruction in the Christian faith. This year we will be presenting Bibles to children in kindergarten, grade 4, and grade 7. The Kindergarten students will receive a story Bible designed for their age featuring beautiful illustrations and content that captures the important stories as building blocks of faith.

Those entering grade 4 will receive the Adventure Bible designed for young readers providing helps, illustrations and interesting facts. Students in grade 7 are beginning their catechetical program and receive a high quality study Bible. It is an edition that will aid our young people in their study during the next two years of confirmation class as well as an ongoing resource for their adult participation in Christian life and living.



**Jr & Sr High Youth Group: Faith and Life**  
**Grades 6 through 12**  
**Sunday, September 21st, 6pm - 8pm**

On Sunday, September 21st, from 6pm to 8pm, we will gather for an evening of faith and fellowship. Our theme for the evening is "Highs and Lows of Summer." We will start by making our own homemade pizzas. This will not only be a delicious meal but also a great way to create fellowship together. Each youth will have the opportunity to create their own pizza, choosing from a variety of toppings that they like. As we enjoy our homemade pizzas, we will engage in meaningful conversations around the table reflecting on our summer highs and lows, focusing on where we experienced God in our lives.

I look forward to seeing everyone and hearing about your summer.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Miss Kelly (klmoorespencer@aol.com)

Mark your calendars for upcoming youth activities:

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>                      6pm – 8pm  
Reformation - God's Love and your personal faith  
Spaghetti and Meatballs

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>                      6pm – 8pm  
How we show and share Thanksgiving with others  
Pie Night

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
Help the Men's group with the Saint Nicholas Breakfast

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>                      6 pm  
Help Decorate the Nave for Christmas



**CAMP FUN!**

The Patterson family had a wonderful time at family camp this year. We went to just half a week and it exceeded our expectations. The worship, activities, food and accommodations were wonderful. All of the staff and other families were so friendly. We didn't want to leave! We will definitely be going back next year and for the whole week next time.

**CAMP QUOTES**

When we went to Camp Nawakwa for a day, we had lots of fun! My favorite parts included, playing in the pool, meeting new people in Bible Study, and making skits in the assembly hall. -Bella

My favorite parts from Camp Nawakwa were making bracelets in the craft hall and playing Sharks and Minnows in the pool with the other camp kids. -Gwen

At Camp Nawakwa, I had fun playing games at Bible Study. I also loved swimming in the pool with the other boys and girls! The water was cold! -Sophia

Camp Nawakwa was fun because I loved playing in the creek. I also loved the games at Bible Study and the yummy food at the dining hall. We had hash browns and they were so good! -Jordyn



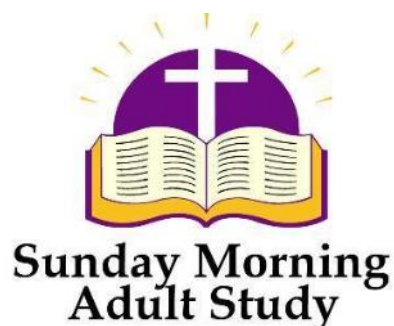
## Sunday School for Adults and Children 9:15 AM

### Classes Begin on 14 September

Traditional Sunday school classes for children Begin on September 14. Classrooms for children K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are all on the Upper Level of St. Paul's and can be accessed through either of the stair towers or by the elevator. The children are group graded; PreK and First, Second and Third Grade, and Four-Sixth Grade. The Nursery class is on the main level located on the north side of the building adjacent to the music room.



The Adult class will be discussing the same Bible stories that are being used for the primary department. A sign-up sheet for discussion leader is posted in the Good Shepherd room by the church office door. If you would like to provide leadership for a week or two, simply add your name to the list. The stories selected for the fall are all from the Old Testament. Some are very familiar and some are not. If it is helpful, Pastor Reep will provide a list of questions to ask of the text and of the participants in the room. The goal is to have parents be able to engage in conversation with their children about the biblical texts. This should also strengthen our biblical understandings and open discussions for us in church history, theology and even how we practice Christian faith. The class will be held in Christ Hall on the main level of the building.



### Confirmation Instruction Schedule 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. The program begins on Sunday, 5 October with dinner at 6:00 PM in Christ Hall



**Vacation Bible School “Baskets of Grace” was a great success!**





## Weekly Bible Study

### Wednesday Morning and Soon Tuesday Evening

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.)



In late September, beginning 23 September from 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Pastor Reep will offer a Bible study. This time period coincides with families coming to the church for Create & Music. The Bible study 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.

## Music and Create

### Age 3 through Grade 6

**Tuesday evenings beginning September 16<sup>th</sup>  
6pm through 7:15pm**



Welcome back to Music and Create! We are looking forward to this opportunity 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.

**On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** we will spend our time as one big group (we will also likely be done around 7pm that night). Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly will lead the children in 'fun getting to know you' activities for everyone who comes and participates.

### **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 11th**

During Create time the children will hear bible stories and work on creative art projects about Isaac, Moses, Aaron, Children of Israel, Joshua, Naomi and Ruth. These stories correspond with the Sunday school lessons each week, helping to strengthen their understanding of the story.

During Music time the children will sing and play instruments as we build musical skills, create relationships with one another, and create music together. We will plan to share some of what we learn and create on Sundays throughout the fall season (October 19th, November 16, December 14th, and December 24th).

### **Tuesdays, November 18<sup>th</sup> through December 9th**

Music and Create will be combined these weeks as we prepare for our Christmas Program. **The Program will take place on Sunday December 14th.** More information will be provided as we get closer to that time.

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and December 23rd,** 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

## Senior Luncheon

**Wednesday 17 September 2025**

The fall senior luncheon will be held in Christ Hall on Wednesday 17 September at 11:30 AM. The Witness Committee always prepares a delicious luncheon and provides opportunity for conversation and joyful fellowship. This year, the luncheon will be preceded with hymns and prayers and a look at the readings assigned for St. Matthew at 10:30 AM in the church nave. Pastor Reep will lead the hymns, study and prayers. Please contact the church office to reserve your place at the table. RSVP by September 10th.

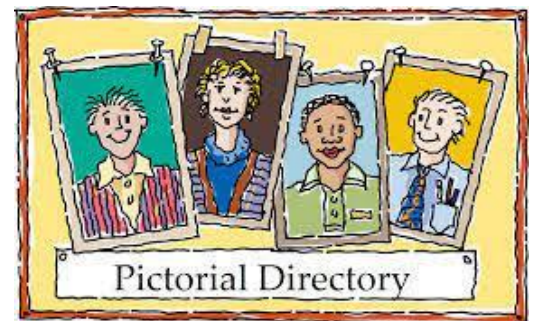


## Professional Family Portraits

**Free 8 X 10**

**Save the Date – November 3 & 4**

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.



“Vintage” Members (80 and over) with birthdays in September are: Janice Cromer. Sending Happy Birthday wishes and hoping you have a happy and healthy year ahead from your family at St. Paul's.

## Summer Fellowship Opportunities

### Thank You Fellowship Committee Members

During the summer months we enjoyed gathering for combined worship. It is always a delight to be together and to renew acquaintances. The Fellowship Committee members create opportunities for us to congregate in the Good Shepherd room following the liturgy. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for all of their work and coordination. We extend our thanks to everyone who contributed refreshments each week.



### Thanks to Saint Paul's for Benevolence Gifts

We have received letters of thank you from the York Literacy Institute, Pappas House, and Bridge of Hope for support this year. The York Literacy Institute continues to provide important English as a Second Language courses to new neighbors, many of whom receive assistance through our Food Pantry. Pappas House continues to provide care for those in the last days of life, working with hospice services and families. Bridge of Hope provides support for homeless families as they find new hope in a new home through caring Christian neighbors. We are indeed blessed to be able to support these important works of mercy here as well as providing for our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. We are called by God to be a blessing to others.



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.

### 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.



Please remember to notify Pastor Reep of any life events, illnesses, joys or concerns.

Call the office 717-843-8155 or email [st.paulsyork@comcast.net](mailto:st.paulsyork@comcast.net)

#### Information regarding hospital/rehab/nursing home visits by Pastor Reep

Please be aware that due to HIPPA rules even though the hospital and medical institutions ask you what church you belong to when you are admitted they are unable to call Pastor Reep to notify him that you have been admitted! Please call or have a family member call to give this information to the office or to Pastor. Thank you.



## St. Paul's Women's Group

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

If you would like to attend any of these events or have questions about the Women's Group, please contact Alexis Heistand at [heistandalexis15@gmail.com](mailto:heistandalexis15@gmail.com).

## Men's Group

### Assembling LWR Personal Care Kits

7 September 2025, 9:15 AM

Over the months of June, July and August the Men of St. Paul's have been encouraging us to donate items needed to assemble personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Weather permitting, we will assemble the kits outside on the south lawn under the shade of the trees. The men of the congregation will provide oversight as the children of the congregation work together assembling the kits. At this writing we plan to have 5 tables set up. Each table will have enough supplies to assemble 20 kits. There will be a team captain who will make certain that the kits are all properly assembled. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this global project.



## Webpage News

**Committees and Staff:** I would appreciate if those responsible for writing articles for the newsletter and have information on the Webpage would review their page and send me any changes/corrections. It is very helpful when those directly involved write the information they would like to see on the Webpage about their Committees/activities/events. Thanks for your help! Contact Earline Jones if you have any questions!

**Pictures for the Webpage/Newsletter** taken at events/activities are always welcome. I received a lot of pictures from Vacation Bible School but they are in HEIC rather than JPEG and need to be converted in order for me to post. If possible send pictures as JPEG. Thanks! Earline

## 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 Kathryn Garber or Jessica Ericson with any questions and to discuss Bridge of Hope.



## Wedding of Amelia Reep and Michael West

Saturday, 4 October 2025

10:30 AM

Dear friends in Christ. St. Paul's has been an important part of my life and development as a child of God. It brings great joy and gladness to know that I will be married in the church surrounded by family and friends. It is fitting, therefore, that Michael and I extend an invitation to you to attend our Nuptial Mass on 4 October 2025 at 10:30 AM. The liturgy will be held in the church and you may enter through the George Street or Springettsbury Ave. doors. While we would like to host everyone at the reception to follow, the Fellowship Hall will not facilitate everyone. If you cannot attend the liturgy then we ask that you please remember us in prayer.



### Up-Coming Events at St. Paul's Fall 2025

Handbell/Chancel Choir Rehearsals  
Assembling Personal Care Kits for LWR  
Holy Cross Day/Pantry Vol. Recognition  
Music/Create Begins  
Senior Luncheon  
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
Tuesday Bible Study begins  
Presentation of Bibles  
Confirmation Fall Term Begins  
Healing Service  
Stewardship Dinner (men cooking)  
All Saints  
Photo Directory Portraits  
Annual Meeting  
Christ the King  
Making Advent Wreaths

Thursday, 4 September 6:30 & 7:30 PM  
Sunday, 7 September, 9:15 AM  
Sunday, 14 September, 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Tuesday, 16 September, 6:00 – 7:15 PM  
Wednesday, 17 September, 11:30 AM  
Sunday, 21 September, 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Tuesday, 23 September, 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Sunday, 28 September, 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday, 5 October, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Sunday, 12 October, 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday, 26 October, 11:45 AM  
Sunday, 1 November 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Mon. & Tues., 2 & 3 November 2:00 – 8:30 PM  
Sunday, 16 November, Noon  
Sunday, 23 November, 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday, 30 November, 9:15 AM



### Web Page

Please sign on to [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org) and check out our webpage. There are great pictures in the Gallery and on the slideshow. You will find the monthly newsletter in color, weekly bulletins, monthly calendar and a link to Facebook, the Sunday service on YouTube and opportunities to give electronically. Hopefully, you will find the 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.

**Pantry Volunteers Recognized**

**Sunday, 14 September**

The ministry of the Food Pantry is vital to the neighborhood and community. It is a ministry that provides hope for many who struggle to keep food on their table. Because of the generosity of pantry volunteers we are able to extend the mission of the congregation *"To teach the world that God is love."* Our loving God, revealed to us in Christ Jesus, continues to make a way forward for people. On Sunday 14 September during worship all Food Pantry Volunteers will be recognized for their work and witness. Without our corps of volunteers, food would not be ordered, delivered, unloaded, organized on shelves, and in freezers and refrigerators. Nor would neighbors who come to shop be accompanied along the way filling their cart with "daily bread." Please join us on 14 September as we show our appreciation and extend our thanks to all of our faithful pantry workers.



**A Partnership Between Local Churches & LifePath Thrift Stores**

Please remember to donate your no longer needed items to LifePath Thrift Stores. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to your church to help those directly in your care.

**How Does the Partnership Work?**

Individuals or families donate their gently used items to LifePath Thrift Stores (formerly York Rescue Mission). Three locations: 2414 Eastern Boulevard, 283 West Market Street, and 241 Pauline Drive.

The LifePath Thrift Stores employee serving them will ask the name of their church. (St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 25 W Springettsbury Ave, York). We need to be specific as there are multiple St. Paul's Lutheran Churches.

Donors are still able to take advantage of the tax-deduction with every gift to LifePath Thrift Stores.

St. Paul's is signed up to partner with LifePath. Please keep LifePath in mind when you are cleaning out/ decluttering. Visit [LifePathYork.org](http://LifePathYork.org) for additional information.



## Council Highlights

The Congregation Council gathered for their regular monthly meeting in Christ Hall at 6:30 PM. The meeting began with devotions and prayer. President Kates presented the agenda for the meeting. Pastor Reep presented devotions and rendered the opening prayer.

President Kates reminded the Council of the up-coming events highlighted in the newsletter each month. He also reported that the monetary gift to Mpuguso church to help with the completion of their lower-level restrooms was received. The congregation was most appreciative of the gift.

Nicki Herdson was appointed to complete the remainder of the Benevolence Committee term left vacant by Kristen Barnes. Kristen and Sammy have relocated to Florida.

The Nominating Committee is composed of Kathleen Lemke, Nicki Herdson, Sheridan Palmer and Darren Smith.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. General income is tracking below anticipated receipts. Trust income is significantly lower than anticipated due to a change in the management strategy of Wilmington Trust for William S. Eisenhart Trust. The Finance Committee is doing follow-up to secure better understanding and to establish how best to budget for 2026.

We must secure a Treasurer for the congregation. We have been seeking a congregation member to serve in this position as our current treasurer needs to step away from the duties. He will assist in a transition.

The new doors at the Springettsbury Ave. entrance are slated for installation in mid-September. The entire expense for the doors has been given by the generosity of our members. Thank you.

The Council continues to review and consider possibilities for our Sunday worship schedule as it pertains to education, fellowship, and outreach.

The request of Mutual Ministry to hire Johanna Wagner as an aid for the Four-Year-Old Preschool Class was approved.

The Finance Committee will email the first draft of the 2026 Budget Proposal when they have received all committee requests. This will provide Council members with the opportunity to review it and prepare questions prior to the September meeting.

Committee reports were reviewed. The Christian Education report reflecting the successful VBS week was appreciated.

Pastor Reep highlighted many aspects of our life together, especially the many guests who have visited over the summer months. A membership class will be held on the four Sundays of September with reception of members on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Guarriello offered the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 September.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Reep







Rejoice! The Preschool will be welcoming the sounds of children's laughter and teacher's voices into the hallways and classrooms for the 2025-2026 school year.

Orientation will be held for the preschool families on Thursday, September 4th. The teachers will discuss procedures and policies for the upcoming school year. It will be great to see classrooms full of parents!

Mrs. Passariello, Mrs. Stambaugh and Mrs. Wagner are ready to relax at the beach with their 4-year-old scuba divers. They will be exploring the wonders of God's beautiful ocean.

Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Rost, Mrs. Lehr and Mrs. Jones will also embrace their two and three-year-old lambs who followed them to school one day. They will begin the year by going up the hill and jumping over candlesticks while learning about nursery rhymes and God's wonderful love.

As we bid farewell to Mrs. Danielle Wolpert on her new career journey, we welcome back Mrs. Johanna Wagner as the 4 year old aide.

We are also excited to have our Parent Group activities begin! The committee will kick off the year with a Fall Fest complete with games, face painting and Table or Treat for Halloween. Fire Prevention week will be the first week of October. The Preschool is looking forward to seeing our local firemen with their fire-trucks at school so that the children can learn all about fire safety.

Everyone hopes to have a happy, safe and healthy school year. This year, the preschool will be completing an Amazon Wish List. Please stay tuned for more information on how you can help provide items for the children and staff. We ask for your prayers for the staff as they continue to reach the hearts of children and for the children who learn about God's purpose and love.

God's Blessings, The Preschool Staff



*Left to right: Joanna Wagner, Danielle Wolpert, Allison Lehr, Lori Stambaugh, Julianna Jones, Deb Becker, Joann Passariello, and Nancy Rost*

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