

# 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  
October 2025

## Stewardship Campaign 2025

*Servants of Christ* 1 Corinthians 4:1

### Consecration Sunday is Coming

St. Paul's has a long history of approaching financial stewardship from a biblical perspective. We don't see our financial giving as a way to pay bills, but rather as a way to help us grow spiritually in our relationship with God. We support our mission and ministry with a percentage of our incomes and other financial means. The stewardship campaign, *Servants of Christ*, is selected from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Each week stewardship themes will be identified in the Bible readings assigned for each Sunday. Some weeks make this more obvious than others. The campaign will conclude with Consecration Sunday on October 26.



As we prepare for Consecration Sunday there is a lot of work to be done. You will be asked to identify your current pattern of giving and for the sake of the gospel to take a step forward increasing your gift. You will hear of the importance of developing generosity in giving over against the notion that we simply pay dues to the church. We want to encourage you as a follower of Jesus Christ to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship.

You will be asked to attend the stewardship celebration dinner on Sunday October 26. The Ushers on Sunday morning will provide reservation cards. Please complete a card so that we know whether you are going or not going to attend the dinner. If you check "Yes" I/we will attend, then please let us know how many members of your household will be attending. If you can't attend, please check "No" so that we don't have to make a personal call to find out if you are coming to the dinner. The dinner is being catered by the Men of St. Paul's. If you were able to taste any of their fine cuisine at the dinner they prepared in Lent or the barbeque in early summer, you will have some idea of the top-notch meal that is in store for us on Consecration Sunday.

You will hear temple talks during the liturgy. Each week as we grow closer to Consecration Sunday you will be presented with a word regarding stewardship from four of our council members. They will ask you to focus your attention on one specific aspect of the liturgy, the scripture reading, the faith community and our life together in Christ. The hope is that through their voices we will be drawn to be Servants of Christ.

You will be asked to complete a Time and Ability form. The simple form is a catalyst for engaging with the congregation in a way that goes beyond your financial giving. And you will be asked to complete an Estimate of Giving Card. The forms and cards will be presented at the Altar during the liturgy on Consecration Sunday, October 26.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events and for being a servant of Christ.

St. Paul's Congregation Council.

## Will you Grow One Step this Year?

There are two charts included with this edition of *Our Church*. The first one reveals the breakdown of our congregation's weekly giving patterns. The other one presents five giving ranges, from "lower range of giving" to "beyond a tithe." This one is perhaps the easiest to figure out. Simply identify your weekly income in the left hand column and guide your finger along the row to identify where you are in your giving range.

The Revealing Breakdown chart will need a few minutes to complete before you can respond to the question "Will you grow one step this year?" You will need to have a pen or pencil in hand to complete the chart. Beginning on the bottom step to the left of the page and working your way to the top step on the right side of the page there are 12 steps. Beginning on the bottom left please add the following 12 numbers as you move up the step chart:

77, 49, 16, 25, 9, 9, 13, 6, 8, 7, 7, 4 this will reveal the breakdown of our congregation's giving patterns. Then, locate the step identifying your weekly giving. As a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God prayerfully consider if you are financially able to take a step up for 2026. If you are financially able to do so but are uncertain we ask you to spend some time thinking about what is precluding you from stepping up. If you are not financially able this year to take one step up on the chart, prayerfully consider other ways that you can step up using your time and ability to strengthen the congregation and her witness to the neighborhood and world.

These two charts should provide us with some important information as we move through the month of October highlighting stewardship during the Sunday liturgy. We will hear of faith the size of a mustard seed and what can be accomplished with it for the Lord. We will hear how a foreigner named Naaman is healed of his leprosy with the simple command "Go, wash in the river." We will hear of the 10 lepers who were restored to health and the thankfulness of one who praised God. We will hear of the persistence of a widow who seeks justice against her opponent and the need to pray always and not to lose heart. We will hear of the Pharisee and the tax collector who went to the temple to pray and only one of them humbled himself saying "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" The biblical narrative is rich with stories of stewardship, thankfulness, prayer, and the mercy of God. As you hear these and other stories from the Bible make them part of your process discerning "*Will you grow one step this year?*"

Thank you for your active participation in our life together at St. Paul's. We are a stronger more vibrant faith community because of you and your generosity.

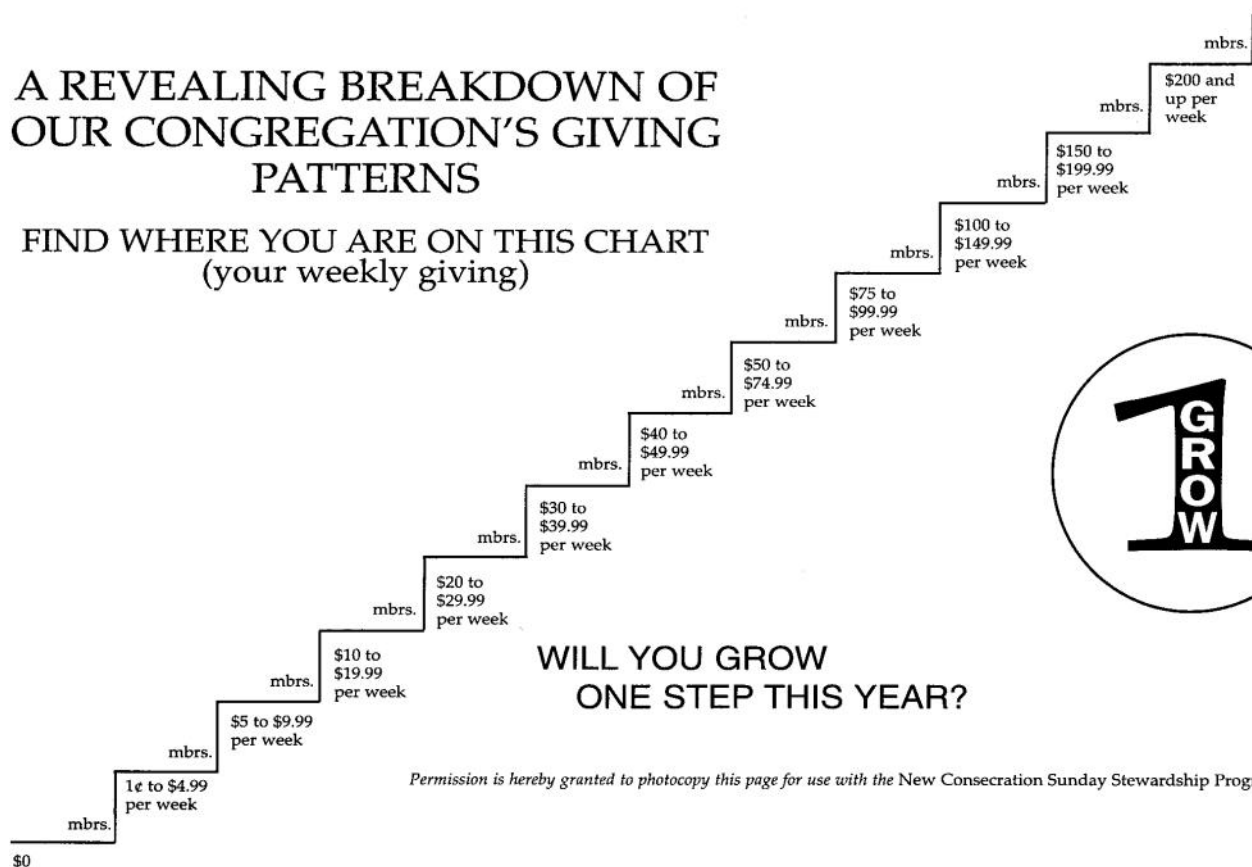


WEEKLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE		TITHE	UPPER RANGE GIVING			MIDDLE RANGE GIVING			LOWER RANGE GIVING		
	15%	12%		9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$ 300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$ 400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$ 500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$ 600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$ 700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$ 800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$ 900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$1,100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$3,000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

## A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART  
(your weekly giving)



WILL YOU GROW  
ONE STEP THIS YEAR?

## Commitment Sunday 26 October 8:00 & 10:30 AM

### Followed by Celebration Dinner in Fellowship Hall at Noon

Commitment Sunday is a joyful day of celebrating for us as God's beloved people. It is a day when we come together and renew our commitment to Christ and his church. It is a day when we honestly reflect on the abundance in our lives and how, through generosity, we are able to provide for the services of God's house to continue, to maintain outreach into the neighborhood through our pre-school and food pantry, and to share with synod, national and global partners to make Christ's love known. The mission of the congregation "*To teach the world that God is love*" has always been a mighty tall order. Commitment Sunday teaches us the importance of regular giving, and increasing our giving, and stepping up to meet new goals and make new things spring to life. During worship we will be asking you to complete an Estimate of Giving Card. The cards will be presented at the altar at the conclusion of the Sunday liturgy. The Stewardship Team will collate the information and share it with you, hopefully at the conclusion of our meal together. The men of St. Paul's are preparing the meal and the desserts. There isn't a program to stifle the Christian conversation, so plan to linger, relax, and enjoy getting to know someone that you do not know a little bit better. From now until 26 October prayerfully engage regarding your commitment to Christ and to his Church. You are a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God.



Commitment Sunday

### Consecration Sunday Reservation Cards Sunday 26 October 2025

Pink colored reservation cards are handed out each Sunday morning during the prelude. Please complete a card identifying that yes you will attend the luncheon at noon on 26 October 2025, or no you will not attend the luncheon. By so doing you will save the stewardship team a lot of time calling to secure the information so that the appropriate number of meals will be provided on the day of the celebration meal.

The men of St. Paul's are preparing the meal this year. They prepared a breakfast in January, a pasta dinner in March, and a cool out and BBQ in June. The men share in the preparations and enjoy the Christian fellowship. But please help make their task a bit easier by completing a reservation card. This way they can order and prepare enough food without having waste. The menu is picking up from their March pasta/Italian theme. It is sure to be delicious. If you are not able to attend worship but would like to attend the dinner, or not that you will not attend the dinner we ask that you simply call the church office and let the secretary know. This way you will not receive a call from the Stewardship team.

### Be Thankful Offertory for Stewardship

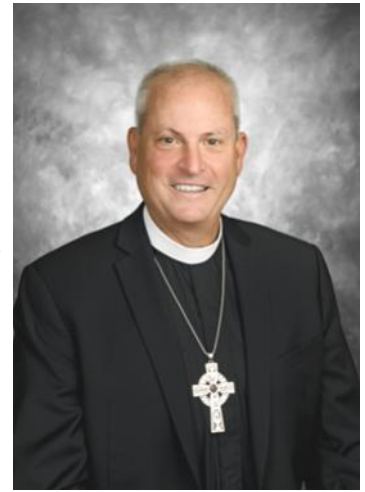
Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival is a national faith-based music academy for high school students, who come together to immerse themselves in musical excellence and build a welcoming and joyful community. This year the artist in residence for the music academy was Anne Krentz Organ, a brilliant composer of church music. She provided new compositions for use in the congregation, one of which is "Be Thankful." The peace was inspired by a text from the letter to the Colossians 3:15-17. "*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*" As we give thanks to God for all that we have, and all that we are, and all that is promised to us, we are encouraged to join our voices giving thanks to God. Alleluia!





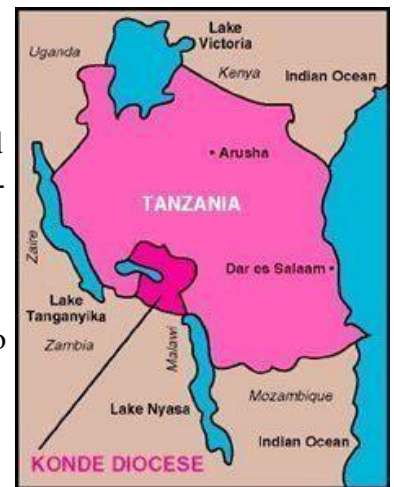
**The Installation of The Reverend Stephen Herr,  
Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod  
Saturday, 25 October 2:00 PM  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hanover PA**

Every six years we elect a bishop for our synod. Our previous bishop, The Reverend James Dunlop, served two terms, so it has been 12 years since we last installed a bishop on our synod territory. St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 32 W. Chestnut St. Hanover PA 17331 is hosting the liturgy. We encourage you to arrive early so that you have adequate time to locate parking. We also recommend carpooling. Bishop Geoffrey and the delegation from the Konde Diocese as well as other dignitaries and guests will be present for the installation service. If you are not able to attend in person the liturgy will be live streamed. And do remember Bishop Herr in prayer as he leads us, providing spiritual direction and shape to our collective Christian witness.



**Tanzanian Delegation and Bishop Herr to attend St. Paul's  
Synod Wide Events 12 October 2025**

It is with joy and gladness that we welcome to the Lower Susquehanna Synod and to St. Paul's Church the Bishop of the Konde Diocese, his wife and other dignitaries. As some of the travelers are still waiting for visas to enter the county we are uncertain of the composition of the group. St. Paul's is hosting the first event of several that will be held throughout the Synod on **12 October, 2025, Conversation and Coffee/Dessert, 3:00 PM**. The informal time will provide opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and renew acquaintances. This is a way for congregations to strengthen or to establish a sister companion congregation. On the same day Our newly elected Bishop, The Reverend Stephen Herr along with Bishop Geoffrey will officially sign a **Renewal of the Companion Covenant, 4:00 PM**.



At that time more official information will be shared regarding the importance of the covenant and ways to live into it as God's beloved people. The afternoon will come to a close with **Vespers/Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM** in our church Nave. The beautiful office of evening prayer that we most regularly pray during the holy seasons of Advent and Lent will be used to mark this occasion in our life together. Neither of the bishops has ever been to St. Paul's so this is a tremendous opportunity for us to greet them, extend hospitality, and join our voices in prayer and thanksgiving for the relationships; past, present and future. Please make these events a priority and plan now to attend in person.

**Blessing of Scarves for Pantry Shoppers**

**19 October**

Over the summer months knitters from our congregation have been busy creating beautiful winter scarves for distribution to our Pantry Shoppers. It is a delight to see so many beautiful creations being dropped off at the church office. We celebrate the time and talent given to make these scarves. On Sunday 19 October we will have special prayers; for those who are in need, for the generosity of those who knit, for the tangible sign of reaching out in love to our neighbors. Join us in worship as we give thanks to God and prepare to give away handmade winter scarves for pantry shoppers.



**Choir rehearsal continues** on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Additional 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.



Recently, St. Paul's Church received a very generous gift of a new Cunningham upright piano. The piano is in Christ Hall and can be used for services and fellowship activities.

This piano is an outstanding instrument and is exceptionally beautiful in its tone, its touch and key regulation.

While the Cunningham brand is not familiar even to seasoned pianists, George Gershwin owned a Cunningham piano, and he composed his famous "Rhapsody in Blue" on it!

It will provide decades of musical refreshment for listeners.

### **Music concerts and programs Fall 2025**

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

#### **Sunday, November 23      HyeSung Hwang, piano 4:00pm**

Dr. HyeSung Hwang is a piano instructor at York College and will play a recital featuring music of Robert Schumann and Modest Mussorgsky. Born in Seoul, South Korea, she has been awarded top prizes in numerous piano competitions including the Seoul Philharmonic Concerto Competition, the Young Artists Piano Competition in Seoul, the Samick Piano Competition, the Em-Youn Music Competition, and the Puigcerda International Piano Competition in Spain. Her achievements were recognized by the Maryland State Arts Council in 2011 with an Individual Artist Award.

#### **Sunday, December 7      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 a holiday concert featuring "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi plus other seasonal repertoire.

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.



**Jr & Sr High Youth Group: Faith and Life**  
**Grades 6 through 12**

**Sunday, October 19th, 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

Reformation - God's Love and your personal faith  
Spaghetti and Meatballs



On Sunday, October 19th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, we will gather for an evening of conversation, faith and fellowship. Our theme for the evening is "God's Love and your personal faith." During dinner, we will share conversation about how our personal faith in God shapes our everyday lives followed by some fun Minute to Win it games. Confirmation students are invited to take part in the meal and conversation then attend Confirmation class.

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

**Sunday, October 26**

Following 10:30 Liturgy

Help the Men's group with the stewardship luncheon at noon.

**Mark your calendars for upcoming youth activities:**

**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



Sunday School is underway and we appreciate everyone who has volunteered to teach. We can always use more teachers, so if you would like to help, even if it is for a few Sundays a year, the Christian Education committee would be grateful for it. Please contact Johanna Patterson or Kelly Moore if interested.

Coming up in October, at Camp Nawakwa on Oct 19 from 1-6, and Camp Kirchenwald on Oct 26 from 1-6, will have their fall foliage days!

Camp Nawakwa will have fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included.

Enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Hayrides, Hiking, and More!

\$15 per person (4 and under free) – includes all activities and evening meal.

To register you can sign up at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/fall-foliage-day-at-nawakwa>

Camp Kirchenwald will have fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included.

Enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Canoeing / Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Hayrides, Hiking, and More!

\$15 per person (4 and under free) – includes all activities and evening meal.

To register you can sign up at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/fall-foliage-day-at-kirchenwald>





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.



## Sunday Morning Adult Study

### 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. The 30 hours of instructional time will be spread out over an eight-week session from October 5 through November 23 and a seven-week session in the winter, January 4 through February 15. Currently sessions are from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. This schedule provides ample time for instruction, activity and a closing worship component. 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. The program begins on Sunday, October 5, with dinner at 6:00 PM in Christ Hall for students and their families. Miss Kelly will provide an overview of the program and the expectations we have for the students. Pastor Tom McKee will lead worship that evening. It will be Holy Communion while gathered at our dinner table. Please let Pastor Reep or Miss Kelly know how many persons will be coming to dinner on October 5. Thank you.

### Weekly Bible Study

**Tuesday Evenings 6:00 PM**  
**Wednesday Morning 10:30 AM**

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.



*I really enjoyed Camp Kirchenwald. This year I attended Ultimate Sports Camp. I liked being outside and playing lots of sports. My favorite activities were at the end of the week, Capture the Flag and The Kirchencup, which is a soccer game. I also really liked the food, there were a lot of options. My favorite meal was taco day, and we also did cookouts. I also liked camp because my cousins and my friend were there. I am excited for next year and the fun activities! My family is grateful for the church's support of camp. - Henry Garber*





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



Welcome 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.

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>

During Create time the children will hear bible stories and work on creative art projects about Moses, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, and December 24<sup>th</sup>).

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

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

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

### Dinner Groups Forming for early 2026

Dinner groups will gather in January and February of the New Year. Dinner groups are comprised of about 6-8 people who gather at the homes of church members and share appetizers, main course, and dessert. The host prepares the main course and guests provide the appetizer and dessert. The focus is on getting better acquainted with people at St. Paul's. This month a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Good Shepherd room. The last day of sign-up is the day of the Annual Meeting, November 16. On the sign-up it will ask if you are willing to host a group. After everyone who wants to participate has signed up the Witness Committee collates the information, forms groups, and sends out the schedule so that you will know with whom you are having dinner and at what location. Please don't miss this opportunity. Sign-up today.



“Vintage” Members (80 and over) with birthdays in October are: Lynn Trout, Jim Flinchbaugh, Shirley Haugh, and Carl Jacobs. Sending Happy Birthday wishes and hoping you have a happy and healthy year ahead from your family at St. Paul's.

## Professional Family Portraits

Free 8 X 10

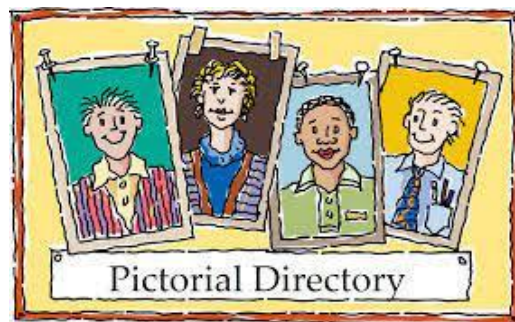
Save the Date – November 3 & 4

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.



### ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

1. Go to the Universal Church Directories website ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com))
2. Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
3. Enter your church code [pa1207](#)
4. Enter your church password [photos](#)
5. Click on the Enter button
6. Click on the desired photography date
7. Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
8. Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
9. Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
10. If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
11. Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
12. Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment
13. If for some reason you cannot be photographed on November 3rd or 4th please let the church office know so that we can arrange for another option. Thank you.



## Senior Luncheon

The Witness Committee hosted our Senior Luncheon in Christ Hall on Wednesday, September 17. We had 41 members attend and they all enjoyed an opportunity during lunch for conversation and joyful fellowship. The Luncheon was preceded with hymns and prayers and a look at the readings assigned for St. Matthew in the church nave. The luncheon followed in Christ Hall. Our menu was: Hot Chicken Salad, Green Beans, Spiced Cranberry Orange Jello Salad on Bed of Lettuce, Rolls and for Dessert, Warm Apple Crisp and Vanilla Ice. After lunch we had some 50's and 60's trivia to exercise our brains and all attending were given "The Geezer Test" and we had jokes on aging of course which were followed by laughter. The Luncheon has become an annual event and it is our way of thanking our senior members who have given and continue to give so much of their talent and time to St. Paul's which is very much appreciated. Each person was given an apple when they left. You have heard the proverb "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" which was posted in the edition of Notes and Queries magazine in Wales in 1866 (just a bit of trivia) and we want to keep them healthy. A great day was had by all!



A special thank-you to the wonderful ladies of the Witness Committee for organizing and serving the luncheon day!





**St. Paul's Women's Group- Who is it for? All Women of St. Paul's are invited to all events and planning meetings. See what's happening below!**

The St. Paul's Women's Group has been busy over the last few months! In August, some women met at Panera Bread for a time of fellowship and to work on and discuss knitting and crocheting scarves for the food pantry. Many women have been working on scarves throughout the last few months for the food pantry.



On Saturday, September 13, a group of women traveled to Terra Farms to pick flowers. It was a great time of fellowship! We were able to create some bouquets and deliver them to some members of the church.

**October 17 Theater Outing:** In October, the Women's Group will be attending The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe at TAFE. This event will take place on the weekend of October 17. *If you have interest in attending this event, please contact Alexis Heistand.*

Last year, the Women's Group participated in a wreath making event in December. We are beginning to plan a similar event for this November or December. *If you are interested in this event, please contact Alexis Heistand.*

**Women's Retreat**  
**Save the Date NOW!**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2026**



Mark your calendars now for a day of rest and spiritual growth at St. Paul's. The day will include times to make new friends, renew old friendships, engage in worship, an inspirational speaker, prayer, activities, and a catered meal. Watch each month for more information. Reservations will begin in February 2026.

## **2025 /2026 Flower Chart**

The 2025/2026 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.



## 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. If you cannot attend the liturgy then we ask that you please remember us in prayer.

Sincerely, Amelia Reep & Michael West



## 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.



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

Confirmation Fall Term Begins  
Healing Service  
Stewardship Dinner (men cooking)  
All Saints  
Photo Directory Portraits  
Annual Meeting  
Christ the King  
Making Advent Wreaths

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:

### 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.

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES vs. the ELEMENTS

At a recent meeting of York School District social workers, it was suggested that for some students the absenteeism rate due to illness might be reduced if they had proper rain gear for their journeys to and from school. As a result, Smith S.T.E.A.M. Academy’s social worker contacted our St. Paul’s Social Ministries Committee asking if we’d be interested in providing umbrellas. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Bennetts delivered 16 umbrellas of assorted designs and sizes to the school social worker, who expressed immense gratitude. It’s hoped that something as simple as an umbrella will boost both attendance and achievement.



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.



## 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 in the South York Plaza.

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.





# Preschool News

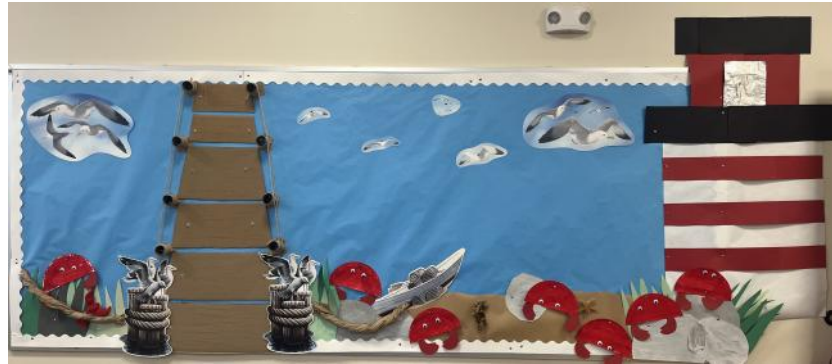
The preschool opened its door for the 2025-26 school year on Monday, September 8th. Excitement filled the hallways and classrooms with Nursery Rhymes in the 2 and 3 year old classes while the 4 year old children swam their way to the beach. Fun stories were read and cute songs were sung. During the first few weeks the children also learned about the school rules and how to play together and share.

In October, the Preschool is looking forward to seeing our local firemen with their firetrucks at school so that the children can learn all about fire safety. The children will also have school pictures taken, participate in a classroom Halloween Party and have fun with spooky crafts. The Parent Group will also be holding a Fall Festival complete with pumpkin decorating, games and face painting.

This year the teachers created an Amazon Wishlist to help acquire some new items for the preschool. If you would like to help contribute to the preschool, please go to <https://a.co/4BEpjDv>.

The teachers and students are hoping to have a spooktacular fall and look forward to the exciting things that are to come!

God's Peace,  
The Preschool Staff



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