

Our Church

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9:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Live Streamed YouTube
Holy Days as announced
June/July 2026

Summer Worship, 9:30 AM

The summer season brings with it the opportunity for trying new or different approaches to the assembly's worship. This is especially true for us this year during Victor Field's sabbatical. The Worship and Arts Committee has been thoughtfully planning for the summer Sundays. But rest assured, the ordinary of the mass will remain in place. Where we will experience differences will be in what fashion hymns will be led/accompanied, whether there will be preludes or postludes, what musicians and instrumentation will support differing aspects of the liturgy. Some weeks we may render some of the liturgy and hymns unaccompanied.

We will rely heavily on the *With One Voice* musical setting #5, which is both familiar to our faith community and has a clear melodic line for singing. The hymns have been selected from the WOV or LBW worship books so that we are keeping things familiar. The committee has given careful attention to the instrumentalists who signed up to share their talent with the congregation. A schedule is being prepared so that each musician knows the parts of the Sunday liturgy and hymns for which they are responsible. Sundays without an organist we will sing the Doxology at the time of the offertory. There are a few weeks when we are singing things that the children know from VBS and for which Orff instruments may be used. The key to all of this is that we will be music makers in our own right. We will offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God with joy and gladness. And as the Psalmist reminds us it is important for us to *sing a new song to the Lord!*

Additionally, we are blessed with a large group of volunteers willing to bake Communion bread for the Eucharist. The list is included with the server schedule. Please check to see if you may be one of the people scheduled to prepare the bread. With all of this, our summer Sunday worship will be anything but monotonous. Plan now to worship regularly.



Church Picnic in conjunction with Vacation Bible School Thursday, June 11, 5:30 PM Kain Park

The Last evening of vacation Bible School a picnic will be held at Kain Park. The Witness Committee members are providing the appetizers and desserts. The Men's group is providing the main course (hot dogs, hamburgers and pulled pork are all in their notes about the event). It should give the children time to complete their final lesson and have time to interact on the playground equipment. For adults this is a wonderful time to

share in conversation and help the children complete their letter writing campaign to select members of the congregation. The children will be learning how the Apostle Paul wrote letters as a way to stay connected and to share the Good News of God's love in Christ Jesus. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. If you would like to bring a side dish to share that would be incredibly helpful.



St. Paul's Summer Art Group

Join us in a laid-back setting for dinner, art-making, and fellowship.

Tuesday Nights this Summer
6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4

The Bastian's
344 S. George St.

5-8 pm

Bring any art supplies you will need.
Bring a side or appetizer to share.
Main dish and drinks will be provided.

Contact Erin Bastian with any questions:
text or call 410-971-9846

St. Paul's Summer Art Group

Join us on Tuesday nights this summer for food, fellowship, and art making. The idea for this laid-back art-making group came from the great experience members had in the Lenten Watercolor classes offered by Pastor Stan this Spring.

We will meet the following Tuesday nights: 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/21, 7/28, and 8/4 from 5-8 pm. Come when you can. Bring any art materials that you would like to work with. Once the group begins, we will plan out who is interested in sharing specific art mediums or skills with the group.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Bring a side, appetizer, or dessert to share. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Sign Up Sheet for planning purposes is located in the Springettsbury Lobby.

Contact Erin Bastian with any questions: 410-971-9846

Participants can park in the York City School District Cyber Academy (large white building) parking lot behind our house. If coming from St. Paul's, turn left onto E. South Street,

then turn right at Lindberg Ave. (Penn Park will be in front of you), and turn an immediate right into the school district parking lot. Signs will be posted with directions to our house.

Participants can also park on S. George St. free after 5 pm.

2026 Flower Chart

The 2026 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board.

The cost of the flowers has increased slightly and is currently \$40 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.



Where Help is Needed

There are times when people ask how they can help, or what they can do. There are many tasks that are associated with public worship. Those are the most familiar areas of Christian service for the up building of the congregation. However, there are many others.



We need a person to chair the **Social Ministry Committee**. This role entails forming a group of compassionate outward looking individuals to provide oversight and create pathways in areas of service towards our neighbors, those next door, down the street or around the world. There are many important aspects of our congregation's mission that come under Social Ministry.

The **Food Pantry** with volunteers needed to order food, stock shelves, receive deliveries and accompany pantry shoppers on Tuesday during the distribution.

Jackson Elementary School with the newly conceived adopt a grandparent program, their ice cream socials, health kits and other aspects of helping children in our neighborhood have the best learning environment.

Lutheran World Relief, this has been supported in the past year by the Men of St. Paul's. Here it is that school kits and personal care kits are prepared and sent to their distribution center to help people globally that are in crisis.

The World Hunger Appeal of the ELCA

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA

Bridge of Hope. The chairperson does not do all the work simply helps to keep us all connected and helps to facilitate any new ways that we, as Christian people, might wish to serve our neighbors.

We need people willing to serve on the **Stewardship Committee**. The Committee has strong support with two members of Congregation Council and the Pastor serving. The committee is responsible for an annual appeal. This is more than raising financial resources. This helps us as Christian people to examine how we utilize the gift of time, talent and money. All three are important for the up building of the congregation and for extending the gracious reign of God.

Last month we needed help with the Garden of Memory. *Thank you to Deb Mountenay for volunteering to help the congregation with this area of ministry. She met with Pastor Reep and is ready to take leadership of assisting members and friends as they discern St. Paul's Garden of Memory in their end of life decision making.*

If you are interested in finding out more about any one of these areas, Social Ministry, or Stewardship, please contact the church office.

MUSICIANS WANTED

It is not too late to **volunteer to share your musical talent** during the summer months. A sign-up sheet is available on the stand in the Good Shepherd Room. The Worship and Arts Committee has already begun their work of arranging for instrumentalists and ensembles for Sundays while Victor is on sabbatical.

Music & Create
Age 3 through grade 6

As we plan for the upcoming 2026–2027 sessions of **Music & Create**, we are preparing activities for your children and youth beginning in September and continuing through **Mother's Day**. This year, we have planned a fuller schedule with even more activities.



The **Christmas program** will be held on **Advent 3, December 13, 2026**.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.**

Miss Kelly and Mrs. Jones

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Grades 7 through 12

September 13

November 8

February 14

Following lunch at **2nd Sunday Sandwiches**, we will be joining the confirmands for activities to strengthen our faith through the **Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed**.

Youth Grades 3 through 6

October 11

January 10

March 14

Following 2nd Sunday Sandwiches, we will be doing fun get-to-know-you activities, playing games, and growing together in faith.

VBS
MAKE ME A SERVANT

June 7 - 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm
St Paul's Lutheran Church

SPREADING THE GOSPEL
WITH PAUL

- Dinner from 5:30 - 6 PARENTS PLEASE STAY WITH KIDS DURING THE MEAL
- Crafts, Games, Songs and Stories
- Kain Park on the 11th

SIGN UP AND REGISTER NOW

- Name and Age _____
- I will have dinner - Yes ___ No ___
NUMBER OF THOSE EATING : ADULTS ___ CHILDREN___
- Contact Info _____
- Allergies _____
- Parent volunteer - Yes___ No___



Another year of Sunday School has come to an end and we want to thank everyone who helped out, taught and participated this year. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

This summer we can look forward to our second year of Vacation Bible School. It is from June 7-11. And we hope to see you there!

Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirchenwald have lots of fun camps from Family and Elder to kids day and overnight camps. If you want more information, contact Kelly.

We are also looking at our calendars for the coming Sunday School year already. Sunday School is going to start September 13. If you are able to teach or help in the classroom, please let Johanna or Kelly know. We would love to have you even if you can't help every Sunday. Have a fabulous Summer!

Confirmation and Catechetical Instruction

Proposed schedule for the 2026/27 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. Last year we returned to Sunday evening sessions. That worked some of the time, but we did not have consistent participation, making it difficult to cover all the material needed to be addressed from the portions of Luther's *Small Catechism*.

Looking ahead, we are proposing holding catechetical instruction following the late service. We will share a simple lunch and then move directly into time for instruction. The sessions would conclude at 2:00 PM. The roughly 30 hours of instructional time would be spread out over a nine-week session in the fall (September 13 – November 8) and a ten-week session in the winter (January 10 – March 14) with confirmation being observed on The Second Sunday of Easter, April 4. 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. If for some reason the proposed schedule for the 2026/27 year is not workable for your family also let the office know ASAP so that alternate plans can be considered.

Calling all crocheters and knitters. Last November we gave out over 200 scarves to our pantry shoppers. It's time to start making scarves again for November 2026. The only suggestion is that scarves are about 4 ½ - 5 feet long and about 6 inches wide. When you finish a few scarves, put them in the pantry shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room with your name on the bag. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who provided the amazing scarves. Let's see if we can surpass last year's number!





St. Paul's Food Pantry Needs: Peanut Butter, Cereal, plastic and paper shopping bags, and monetary donations. Monetary donations can be placed in a special envelope marked "Pantry". Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh to volunteer for Tuesday distribution days. Contact Patty Snyder to volunteer for Thursday delivery days or Sunday stocking days or contact the church office. Thank you to all who help!

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 for additional information.



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.



Church Camp

Summer camp programs have been posted online for Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirchenwald. If you are interested in attending this summer or would like more information. You can look at the information at this website <https://www.lutherancamping.org> or contact Kelly for a flyer



"Vintage" Members (80 and over) with birthdays in June and July are: Betsy Smith, Peggy LeCates, Harold Sargeant, George Fitch, and Phil Wysocki, Sending Happy Birthday wishes and hoping you have a happy and healthy year ahead from your family at St. Paul's.



Summer Sunday Fellowship Time

Weekly Following the 9:30 AM liturgy

Sign up to provide some needed food items and some physical help!

During the summer months a time of fellowship follows the morning liturgy. This year we are adding a twist to the tried and true. We are asking for some specific things on specified Sundays. (Think Great British Baking Show.) A theme for each week may make it easier to decide when you can provide an item based on your baking/cooking preferences. Historically we need refreshment for about 75 people. But some themes may need enough for 100! We are seeking 3 people to provide the item requested and 2 people to host. This calls upon 80 of us to get involved! With everyone simply stepping up to one of the tasks it will not be burdensome for anyone. So, if you don't bake or cook or mess with food preparation, sign up to host. Hosting means you put stuff out and clean stuff up. Simple and easy. Ask a friend or someone that you would like to get to know better to work with you on the same Sunday. The impetus for these gatherings is to help us get better acquainted. The desired items for each week are listed below. There are 16 Sundays during the summer season. A sign-up sheet is on the podium in the Good Shepherd Room. In advance, thank you for being one of the 80 joyful people stepping up for our congregation's summer Sundays. (At the time of this issue 22 people have signed up to help from the 80 people needed. More than 50% have already stepped up! Will you join them?)

June 7 Breads, Banana, Nut, etc.	July 26 Deviled Eggs, Ham & cheese roll ups
June 14 Sandwiches	August 2 Cupcakes
June 21 Coffee Cakes	August 9 Sandwiches
June 28 Cookies	August 16 Cinnamon rolls/buns
July 5 Fruit and yogurt	August 23 Donuts
July 12 Sandwiches	August 30 Fruit and yogurt
July 19 Muffins	September 6 Brownies

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.





Painting Gifted to St. Paul's

A framed picture of St. Paul's was donated by Jacquelyn Keller in memory of her grandfather who owned the painting.

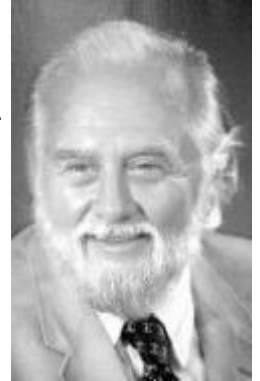
Her grandfather, A. Harold Thatcher, was a longtime member of St. Paul's who passed away in 1992. Her parents M. Deborah Thatcher and James W. Keller were married here on August 26, 1961.

The picture was painted by William A. Falkler in 1985.

We extend heartfelt thanks for her generosity in preserving a bit of our past.

About the Artist

William Alexander Falkler was born February 6, 1926, the son of Nettie Falkler McBride and Irvin Landis Falkler. After serving in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, he attended and graduated from the Maryland Institute of Art. He taught art at the York Academy of Arts and became owner, director, and President of the Academy for almost 30 years. After selling the Academy he became a full-time painter and was very prolific, painting over 3,000 original paintings in his lifetime. These paintings hang in private collections, hospitals, businesses, and public and private galleries around the world. His paintings have won over 50 prizes and awards and are treasured by their owners. He has had 36 one-man art shows. He described himself as a romantic pictorial historian, frantically recording the environment and architectural accomplishments of people, thus trying to capture American heritage for the future. Bill and Katie loved to travel and he did paintings in Holland, Ireland, India, Germany, Wales, Mexico, Spain, France, the Caribbean, and Hawaii. He was warm, friendly, and full of life, and loved to teach art to his many students. He was a member of the prestigious Pennsylvania Society of Watercolor Painters, the York Art Association, the Harrisburg Art Association, and the Louisiana Watercolor Society. He was a member of the York Area Chamber of Commerce, York Historical Society, York Twinning, York Codorus Yacht Club, Stewartstown and York Legions and VFWs, and supporter of the York Symphony Orchestra and Martin Memorial Library. He was called on to judge many art shows and to present art lectures. He passed away in 2014.



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Music concerts and programs Fall 2026

St. Paul's Church is pleased to host the following musical events. Please show your support with your attendance. The 2026/2027 season is firming up quickly.

Fall & Winter 2026

Sunday, September 27	Victor Fields organ recital	3:00 PM
Wednesday, October 21	Violin and Piano, Youth Symphony Orchestra	7:00 PM
Sunday, November 8	Matinee Music	3:00 PM
Sunday, December 6	York College, Christmas Concert	3:00 PM



St. Paul's Women's Retreat

On April 18, thirty women gathered for a full day of fellowship, spiritual renewal, and laughter. The program for the day, Soul Tending for Life, was led by Reverend Cheryl Galan. Worship was led by Reverend Beth Schlegel. Participants enjoyed time for personal reflection, small group discussions and elective activities including art, yoga, and quiet walks in the St. Paul's gardens. Ask any of the women pictured about their experience from the day. Perhaps you would like to participate or help plan a similar event in the future! Watch for news about upcoming Women's Group activities.





May was a busy but fun month for the Preschool. The preschool staff was treated to a beautiful flower and gift card bouquet for Teacher Appreciation Week from the Preschool Parent Group. We would like to extend our gratitude for the special recognition.

Another highlight during the month was our combined Preschool program. The parents and families filled the church and the children enjoyed singing their classroom songs. After the program, the preschool families enjoyed a carnival complete with games, light refreshments and face painting.

We are still accepting registrations and the staff is eagerly preparing for the 2026-2027 school year.

As the school year comes to an end, the Preschool Staff would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who have supported the Preschool ministry. We wish you a happy, safe and healthy summer.

The Preschool Staff



We are still accepting registrations and the staff is eagerly preparing for the 2026-2027 school year. If you know anyone interested in our Preschool, 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

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

July 15th

St. Paul's Men's Group

The Men of St. Paul's gather throughout the year to build meaningful fellowship, grow in faith, and support one another as we navigate the challenges of living out our Christian lives. It's a welcoming space for conversation, connection, and shared purpose.

In addition to spending time together, we are committed to serving both our church and the broader community. Through events and activities, we help bring our congregation together while supporting causes such as Lutheran World Relief.

Whether we're preparing a meal, assembling relief kits, or simply getting together to plan and connect, these moments have led to great conversations, new friendships, and a stronger sense of community.

All men of St. Paul's are warmly invited to join us—whether it's your first time or you've been before. Come as you are, get involved, and see what we're all about.



190th Anniversary Project at Prospect Hill

The cemetery restoration project is off to a great start, thanks to the dedication and hard work of several church members who began by carefully hand-cleaning the stones. Their efforts have already made a noticeable difference, bringing renewed dignity and visibility to the site.

Looking ahead, the next phase of the project will take place in June, when the stones will be professionally reset to ensure their long-term stability and preservation. Throughout the summer, additional enhancements will be introduced, including low fencing, updated signage, and the placement of flower vases to further honor and beautify the grounds.

A rededication ceremony is currently being planned for October, which will provide an opportunity for the congregation and community to come together and celebrate the restoration of this important and meaningful space.



There are still opportunities to get involved. If you are interested in volunteering your time or talents, please contact Aaron Jacobs ajaycubs@gmail.com. Financial contributions are also welcomed and appreciated. Donations can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with a note indicating "Memorial Fund – Cemetery Project."

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far—your support is helping preserve an important part of our church's history for future generations.



Summer 2026

The entire St. Paul's Staff wish you a safe and restful Summer. Know that each Sunday we pray for you. And remember that during the Summer we are planning for a new academic and liturgical year. Blessings & Peace.

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