

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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July 2020
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days as announced



Going Green with Worship on the Green

On June 14 we resumed in person worship at St. Paul's Church. It was our first public assembly since March 15. The morning was bit over cast and the temperatures were more a kin to a fall football game than a Sunday morning in June! But that did not keep people away. The staff members worked setting up for the service. Then the first worshipers arrived. Some served as ushers. A lector was selected from the group. People sat on their folding chairs, others on blankets, and still others stood. Everyone was respectful of maintaining physical distance. Challenging as it was for a group of Lutherans to gather without singing, we managed to get through the spoken liturgy. We are thinking of some innovative ways to liven up the liturgy so if it wasn't as lively as you expected, know that we are working on it. It was a powerful witness to see everyone gathered on the south lawn. Cars and trucks slowed as they passed by as did pedestrians traversing the sidewalk. Our very public witness of gathering together around God's Word will only increase our opportunities to share with others God's love! Please join us for our outdoor service at 8:00 AM. Bring a chair or blanket and join with your sisters and brothers as we hear God's Word and receive Holy Communion strengthening us for all our days. If you would like to be part of a set up/clean up team, serve as a lector or usher please notify the church office indicating your desire and dates that you can serve at 8:00 AM. We hope to see you sometime soon out on the green.

Cottage Meetings

Sundays July 12-August 9, 2020

Cottage meetings have served our congregation well over the past several years. They have helped us get to know one another better, identify needs for congregational strength and growth, and provided the network needed to garner the capital needed for renovations. The Congregation Council has prepared for a next round of cottage meetings this summer. They are scheduled for Sunday afternoons and evenings beginning on July 12 and concluding on August 9. A complete list of host families is included. Rather than randomly assigning you,



you, the members and friends of St. Paul's, to a specific location, we are asking you to contact the host that best fits your geographical location, day and time. In addition to the physical locations there is a Zoom meeting scheduled too! We really do need you to make a contact now so that adequate preparations can be made. Additionally a draft of the conversation starters, questions for discussion, is included. We purposely planned that these gatherings could take place out of doors so you may need to pack a lawn chair. Your host family will be delighted to respond to your questions about maneuvering in their lawn or home. A special word of thanks and appreciation is extended to our hosts who graciously agreed to open their homes for our gatherings this summer.

July 12 @ 3:00 p.m., Josh & Lisa Miller, 2781 Rexwood Dr., Glen Rock – 443-615-5689

July 12 @ 3:00 p.m., ZOOM meeting with Kathryn Wicker 717-887-7616

July 12 @ 7:00 p.m., Sean & Leah McComas, 436 Rushmore Dr., York – 717-381-7363

July 19 @ 3:00 p.m., Alex & Erin Bastian, 344 S. George St., York – 717-814-2577

July 19 @ 7:00 p.m., Jim & Carolyn Kapoun, 116 Scarboro Dr., York – 330-629-2764

July 26 @ 3:00 p.m., Jeff & Rose Riese, 2800 Maple Dr., Red Lion – 717-891-3058

July 26 @ 7:00 p.m., Ann Anstadt, 116 Valmere Path, York – 717-741-0589

August 2 @ 3:00 p.m., Tina & Antolin Llorente, 7669 Grand Lake Dr., Seven Valleys 717-676-9929

August 2 @ 7:00 p.m., Wayne & Amber Dull, 1918 Cedar Dr., Spring Grove – 410-829-2601

August 9 @ 3:00 p.m., Dan & Kathryn Garber, 3533 Cimmeron Rd., York – 508-873-8173

August 9 @ 7:00 p.m., Sheridan & Jamie Palmer, 40 Dressage Ct., York – 717-451-3415

Cottage Meeting Discussion Guide

Summer 2020

1. Last year we rededicated our building and shared a wide range of ideas regarding future ministry through our stewardship emphasis. At this time in our congregation's life, please identify which areas of ministry are: life-giving? Enriching? Helping? Which areas of our ministry need attention or perhaps need to be discontinued?
2. In February this year we celebrated the 184th anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In 1836 our ancestors recognized the need for an English Lutheran service in order to meet a growing need in York. In our fall Stewardship emphasis the congregation offered visions for the congregation (shared in the February newsletter). What needs are recognized now short term, three years, and long term, five to ten years?

3. Eager to secure their own house of worship, the Charter members of St. Paul's congregation celebrated their first Christmas in the basement of the previous site at the corner of S. Beaver and W. King Streets. St. Paul's members wasted no time completing the main level of the church building and appointing it for the services of God. Having completed a huge renovation project last year, what projects do we need to begin or complete in order to equip us for ministry in 2020 and beyond?
4. Over the past 184 years, facilities and grounds, education and mission, pastoral ministry and service were provided through regular financial giving and generous benefactors. What stewardship and financial education needs to be provided to equip, provide and lead us into our third century of ministry?
5. As we approach our 200th anniversary what congregational strengths do you identify? What weaknesses do you identify? How can we build on the strengths and strengthen our weaknesses?

Council Highlights

The Congregation Council gathered for their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 PM June 8 in Christ Hall. The meeting was opened with prayer, the agenda adopted, and the May 11 meeting minutes approved.

President Tristan shared with the council Emily Reep's resignation from her position as Children, Youth and Handbell Choir Director at St. Paul's Church. Her resignation was accepted with regret and gratitude.

Graduation cards were completed by council members and sent to our High School Seniors.

The Council moved to resume in person worship on Sunday June 14 with an outdoor service at 8:00 AM and an indoor service at 10:30 AM. The need for adhering to CDC guidelines was stressed. The council members and their families participated in two weeks of trial services in anticipation of reopening so that they were better able to make decisions.

The Council approved a COVID-19 Task force to provide ongoing information and procedural updates for our faith community. Members of the Committee are: Deacon Ellen Doughty, Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Tim Yakim.

The Council will provide direction as to when committees and groups can resume meeting at St. Paul's. The first priority is to prepare and safely provide for the faith community to gather for worship.

Council identified the importance of our digital presence and will incorporate this in some way into the upcoming cottage meetings.

The council approved the request from Christian Education to purchase the professional version of Zoom to permit meetings, education, and edification through this digital platform.

The complete list of host families for the summer cottage meetings was presented. The council extended their appreciation to the host families as they assist us in preparing for our short and longer term vision for the congregation.

All committee reports were submitted in writing to keep the time of the meeting within the suggested allotment of CDC.

The meeting was adjourned and the closing prayer was given by Kathleen Lemke.

Respectfully submitted,

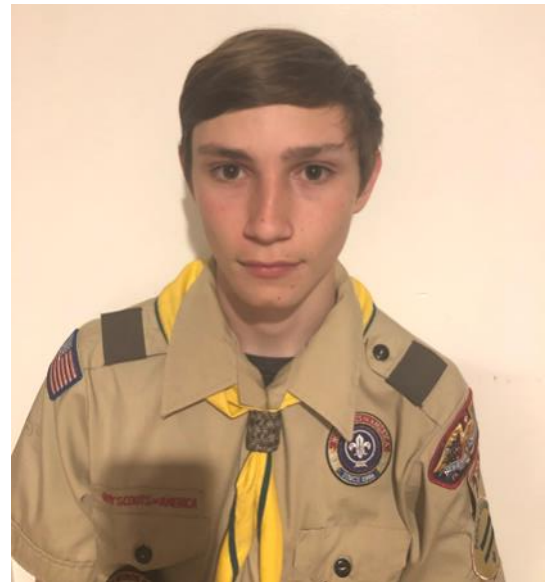
Pastor Reep



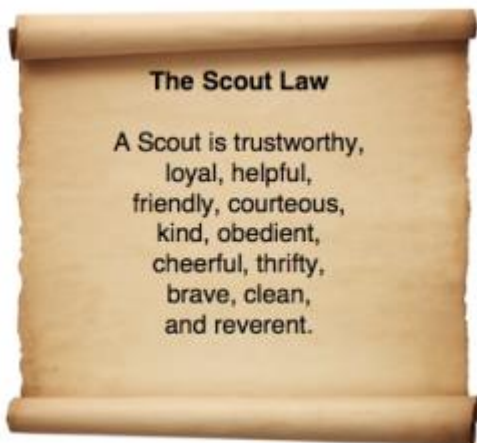


Tom Gibson, Scoutmaster BSA Troop 19 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church is hosting a virtual scout meeting from his home.

BSA Troop 19 has been meeting electronically due to Covid-19 regulations. The Scouts are working on merit badges and rank advancement as they are able. We are looking forward to the resumption of regular meeting this summer.



Our newest Eagle Scout, Troop 19 Senior Patrol Leader Johnathan Capps.



Our Senior Patrol Leader Johnathan Capps completed his Eagle Scout project and participated in our first ever virtual Eagle Scout Board of Review on June 9th. His project was approved unanimously by BSA District and Council executives.

We hope to have our Eagle Scout Court of Honor in September when our Scoutmaster returns from Summer Camp.

While the preschool is closed physically, our preschool teachers have been able to reach out to students by posting educational videos. From singing songs to reading books, and more, our teachers are doing a great job trying to help their students feel connected during this time when we cannot be together.

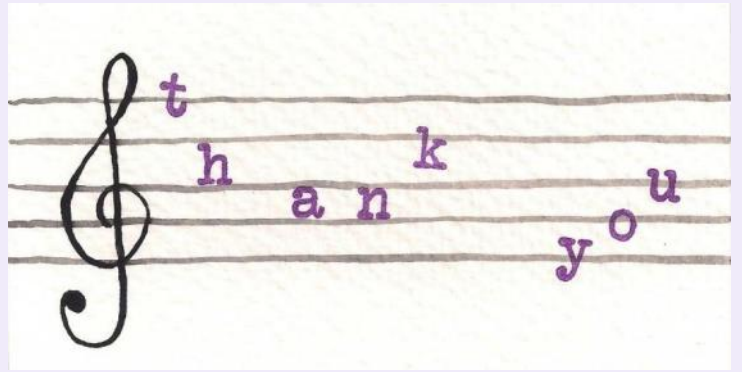
In addition, Preschool Registration for the 2020-21 school year is now open to the public. If you have further questions you can contact Deb Becker. The main phone number for the preschool is (717) 854-1996. You can also register online at <http://www.stpaulspreschoolyork.com/>.



Music Notes

Thank You!

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone at St. Paul's for their many years of support as I fulfilled my duties as the director of handbell and children's choirs. Our bell choir members have always been willing to follow me out on a limb and try new and challenging music. Our children have joyfully run down the hallway on Tuesday evenings to sing and play together as we learned about praising God with our hearts, minds, and voices. These past twelve



years have been filled with fellowship and laughter and I will always treasure those moments. However, it is time for me to start a new musical adventure; one in which I will be expanding on my knowledge and skills as a music educator. This summer I have embarked on a new Master's in Music Education and Peacebuilding program at Elizabethtown College. This program which focuses on the intersection between teaching music and the Anabaptist tradition of peacebuilding, is the first of its kind in the United States. While I am excited by the coursework and new skills I will be gaining, I cannot balance my full-time teaching position in SYCSD, my work with handbells and children, and being wife and mother, and the demands of being a student. Please be assured that I will continue to offer my musical gifts as they are needed at St. Paul's, but just not as a staff member. My greatest sadness is that the time of quarantine prevented us from having a proper ending to our choir year and that I did not get to announce this news in person. I ask for your prayers as I begin this new chapter in my life.

God's Peace,

Emily Reep

Dear St. Paul's Family,

When this school year began it was hard to believe that our "little boys" were going to graduate from High School, hadn't we just watched them begin to walk?! We expected to end this year with a Graduation Ceremony, gathering of family and a trip to Disneyland in California, all the plans were made and the excitement was mounting.... Until March.



Then everything changed, school went "on-line," Graduation was cancelled, family couldn't come, Disneyland closed and plans had to be cancelled. We were sad and disappointed for Nick, Christopher and their classmates.

Then several days before and after "Virtual Graduation" the boys began to receive cards from our St. Paul's family, it truly lifted their spirits(ours too). We all want to say a **HUGE Thank You** to all who sent Congratulations, warm wishes, ice cream gift cards and Miss Kelley who brought a box literally STUFFED full of goodies. Thank you for helping turn a disappointment into a Celebration! We are truly blessed to belong to St. Paul's.

Sincerely, Nicholas, Christopher, Carolyn and Jim Kapoun



**Deadline for the
August newsletter is
July 15th**

From March 15th through June 7th – thirteen Sundays – the nave at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church was silent on Sunday mornings. That is a quarter of a year! COVID-19 has changed our lives in many ways, but disruption of weekly worship strikes at the core of our Christian lives together.



You could say that Sunday morning services are “essential business” (to borrow a trendy term these days) for Christians. Many wider church leaders fear the broader impacts of the pandemic on the church. St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of York, however, has demonstrated resilience and dedication through this time. Can I be so bold as to point to growth and opportunity for us? Our online worship services have received excellent viewership; we are reaching new people! Our food pantry has met increased demand. Giving remains steady and acquisition of a Paycheck Protection Program loan has buffered us somewhat from market volatility. Executive leadership has met weekly and Council remains open-minded about the landscape of church and ministry in the foreseeable future. So despite our new coronavirus cares and concerns, it is still an exciting time at St. Paul’s church.

I greatly appreciate our Council, which made a thoughtful and quick decision to suspend worship in mid-March. We were not at the tail end of that movement. Since that time, our leadership has continued to weigh government guidelines, medical professional recommendations, and advice from our synod. Deliberation on this information plus trial services with leadership the first two weeks of June prepared us to confidently hold in-person worship on June 14th, just after York County went green. Some churches across the nation perhaps started worship too early. Some are still reticent.

We believe that green status in our county was the right time for us and our level of preparation. We acknowledge that medical professionals have labeled worship services as “high risk,” so we have taken many precautionary steps: some services outside, no singing at first (synod recommendation), shorter services, social distance, and masks. Data shows that these sorts of *redundant* measures are highly effective. This is a new disease with many unknowns. We are compelled to move forward cautiously because we clearly do not want disease spread in our faith community. We will continue to post worship online for those who feel it is better for them to stay home, and we certainly support that decision.

There are many reasons to *still* be excited about the way God is moving through the church. I hope you will participate in our upcoming Cottage Meetings to help form the next long-range plan for St. Paul’s. There are many other exciting activities in the works too; we have not been idle! I hope that you are all safe and well in the love of Christ.

Peace,

Tristan Ericson, Council President

Food Pantry—July

Items needed: Rice, canned tuna/chicken, canned fruit, beans and vegetables. We are in need of volunteers for the summer. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.



Please remember to notify Pastor Reep of any life events (births, illness, deaths, etc.,,) that you would like him to be aware of directly or through the office.

Since our service schedule has resumed, we have moved the dedications of those whose date was canceled to another Sunday. July & August dates are as follows:

7/5	Michael & Carrie Berkey	Tim & Melissa Yakim
7/12	Sara Atkinson	Kathryn & Lynn Wicker
7/19	Charlene Graffius/ Shirley Haugh	Richard & Patsy Griffin
7/26	Gene & Norma Shue	Axel & Ann Ulrich
8/2	Amber Dull	Pat Scarborough
8/9	Jeff & Tami Fulton	Ron & Nancy Sturges
8/16	Kathryn & Dan Garber	Andrew & Ellen Doughty
8/23	Joanne Cushner Debes	Joe Kinkella
8/30	Winey Family	Christopher Eisenhart



Please notify the office of what sentiment you would like printed in the bulletin and let us know if you will be taking your flowers home after the 10:30AM service.



Easter Flowers—For those who placed Easter Flower orders we are planning to have flowers in the church for the first full participation service we are able to safely have. By making this adjustment we will honor your intention, fill the church with beautiful flowers on the joyous occasion of our church family reuniting, and support our local florist and greenhouse.



St. Paul's Assists Jackson Elementary During COVID-19

St. Paul's donated sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, and bubbles to the children of Jackson Elementary in May. These items were given out to the children to take home over summer for outdoor activities.

FALL PLANNING

A planning group has been brainstorming and “ZOOMING” to discuss Adult learning opportunities for next fall. Here is just a sampling of some of the possible topics....

Mpguso Sunday – learn about and celebrate our ministry in Tanzania

Bible Stories through African art

How can we be good stewards?

Go in peace, Serve the Lord...What does that mean? What are we doing? What could we do?

5 Women in Jesus lineage.



In our prayers we remember...

Sandy Shellenberger, Brian McKenna, George Fitch, Gene Shue, Abbie Gayle Guyton, Amanda, Jim Young, Penny Bailey, Eddie Turner, Sr., Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey . Please keep all medical personnel and those in the military and in mission work in your daily prayers.

Italian Wine Dinner Updates

Attention all church members! St. Paul's members have the first priority to purchase tickets for the Italian Harvest Wine Dinner prior to tickets going on sale to the community. There are a limited number of tickets, so please be sure to complete the ticket application form below and submitted it to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, attention tickets, 25 West Springettsbury Ave., York, PA 17403

TICKET ORDER FORM

Name _____

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____

Please mail the ticket order form to:

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Attention – Tickets
25 West Springettsbury Avenue
York, PA

Questions may be directed to:

ann@anstadt.com

ITALIAN HARVEST WINE DINNER
with ART AND SILENT AUCTIONS

Italian Wine Dinner

Plans are well under way for this year's Italian Wine Dinner. The dinner will take place on Saturday, October 17 and will feature a scrumptious five-course Italian dinner prepared by chefs from the Glen Rock Mill Inn. Tickets are selling fast. At this printing 1/3 of the tickets are sold. If you are interested in tickets for the event, please contact Ann Anstadt. All funds from the dinner support the church's food pantry, which has been serving more clients than ever before as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event will include a live auction of Pastor Reep's Italian paintings appearing in the 2020 calendar. Last year, the live auction raised \$11,500 for the church. In addition to the live auction, the event features a silent auction, which raised \$9,000 last year. Since congregants and members of the St. Paul's community have a chance to bid on auction items even if they did not attend the dinner, the silent auction is a great way for the entire congregation to be involved in this fun event.

We have a few items for this year's auction including painting lessons with Pastor Reep and New York Yankee items donated by Teresa Rohrbaugh. We need your help to secure more items for this year's auction. Goods and services make wonderful action items. Last year's event featured a Ray Lewis signed football, tree planting, painting of a room in a house, a spa basket, gift certificates to the Glen Rock Mill Inn, and a week's vacation in Chincoteague. If you have an item you would be willing to solicit or donate, please get in touch with Nicki Herdson at nherdson@ycp.edu or call/text at 717-428-9452.

Thank you for your help in making the silent auction and the Italian dinner a success.

Ushers needed during Covid-19

The role of the Usher at St. Paul's Church during the days of COVID-19 is radically different. What follows is a list of duties needing to be performed by the usher. If you are willing to serve as an usher during this time of COVID-19 please notify the church office so that you will be included in the scheduled rotation. We need experienced ushers, especially those who have the combination for the safe.

Before Worship

Please arrive 20 minutes before the service at which you are scheduled to serve.

Please wear a mask. Worshipers who do not have a mask may utilize a mask provided by the congregation. They are at each entrance/usher station (lower shelf of the credence table holding the offering basin). Remind those who use them to return them to the baskets marked "used" masks following the service so that they may be washed and prepared for use again.

Indoor worship requires a minimum of three ushers: George Street exterior red door, Playground/elevator exterior door, Springettsbury Avenue door. Open the door for all worshipers so that they do not need to touch the door pull. You will need to remain at the door through the "Order of Confession and Forgiveness" to insure late comers have easy access to the building.

Exterior worship requires a minimum of three ushers: one at each side of the lawn and one at the back. Simply think of the lawn as being the same configuration as the church nave. The orientation and altar will mimic what is indoors.

Assist worships with information regarding seating (which pews or keeping distance with lawn chairs) the use of the worship bulletin, and that offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances indoors and by the usher stations outdoors.

During Worship

Be attentive to the worshipers and what they may need.

Guests may be provided a bag containing a guest card.

Be seated near the door where you are scheduled to serve or at the usher station for the outside service.

Mind the offering basin. Worshipers may place a gift upon arrival or when they take their leave.

Once the liturgy has begun please stow the bulletin baskets so that used bulletins are not discarded into them when the service concludes.

At the distribution of Holy Communion inside the usher serving at the elevator entrance and the usher serving at the Good Shepherd entrance each take their places at the "communion position" closest to the door where they are serving. They will be among the first people to receive communion. The George Street Usher will work the center aisle directing worshipers to move forward to the chancel. The Pulpit side communes first, then the Baptismal Font side. This is important so that social distancing is maintained and no long line forms in the center aisle. There are 5 "communion positions" marked with a cross on the chancel floor. An entire household gathers at a communion position. After all who desire to receive communion have come to the chancel, then the George Street Usher takes her/his place at a "communion position." This will indicate to the Pastor that all who desire the sacrament have received.

At the distribution of Holy Communion outside the people will move to the "communion positions" marked with chalk on the side walk surrounding the lawn. While the minister moves around the perimeter of the lawn giving communion the ushers make sure that the offering basins are secure. The ushers may wish to place the three basins together and take turns communing and keeping watch over the financial gifts.

Following Worship

Offering basins must be collected. Inside start with the usher at the playground/elevator entrance using the side aisle carry the basin to meet the George Street usher and then with the two basins proceed down the south side aisle to the Springettsbury Ave. entrance at which time the three basins in the privacy of the Good Shepherd Gathering Room may be placed in a canvas bag and be taken to the safe. Two ushers proceed with the offering to secure it in the safe. One usher returns the basins to the credence tables. Then all wash their hands/sanitize.

Secure plastic gloves from the Sexton. Collect all items, service bulletins, lost and found items from the pews. Dispose of the bulletins and debris. Place lost and found items on the server to the right of the Good Shepherd stained glass window.

Thank you for your willingness to serve during these challenging times. Your assistance is of great importance and is most appreciated. Please contact the Church Office if you can serve as usher.

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out this month!

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Worship Schedule
Sunday Holy Eucharist
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.