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## Worship Opportunities

Please share with friends and family - all are welcome! Links can also be found on our website here: <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/>.

Saturday 5:00 pm in the Lounge

Sunday 9:30 am in the Sanctuary and live on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsyorkst>

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## News

### Your Generosity Makes A Difference

Scan the QR code to give online and support the mission and ministries of our church. Thank you for being a blessing!



### Annual Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:30 am Worship Service**

#### Agenda

- approve the proposed budget for 2026 (watch for the December/January Evangel)
- to review the 2025 Annual Report (copies mailed and are available in the hallway)
- approval of updates to St. Paul's constitution to the congregation. (copies mailed and are available in the hallway)
- Election of Council members (to be announced)
- Council moved to the congregation at the Annual Meeting the motion to sell the St. Paul's parking lot located between the gray house and Levity Spa (formerly Poist Studios). St. Paul's has an offer of \$28,000 for the lot.

## **Are You Being Called to Serve?**

Have you felt that God may be calling you to a role of leadership at St. Paul's? God may have gifted you with qualities to serve on Church Council. If you've ever considered this leadership role, please speak to Pastor Dan, Frank Hueske, or Russ Kaltreider about becoming a nominee to run for Church Council.

## **St. Paul's Book Club**

Will meet on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 12:45pm** in the Conference Room. Join us for fellowship and good discussion. Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink. The Book Club will also be finding out what books we will read for 2026 at this meeting.

## **Advent Bible Study**

Will be held from the first Tuesday in Advent, December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10 AM in the conference room. The study is "Our Dear Christ Enters In". During Advent, we are invited to simply let our dear Lord enter into our homes and into our lives? How does His entry into the world speak into and even change our approaches to this season? In this special series for Advent, we look at what happens when Christ enters in and makes our hearts His home.

Sign up on the sign-up sheet across from Pastor's office so we can order books.

## **Confirmands**

Will meet this Sunday. See you in the YOUTH ROOM following worship. Bring your folder, Bibles, and device (for our games). We'll be learning about the Apostle's Creed. Lunch will be provided by the Fissel family. THANKS!

## **Please Join Us**

Pastor Dan will be conducting his next to last worship service as our Bridge Pastor on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us for a brunch celebrating Pastor Dan's service right after the worship service in Fellowship Hall.

It is a time to acknowledge and celebrate what he has brought to us in his time here with us. His wisdom, guidance and service will always be appreciated.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Thank you!

Church Council Executive Committee

There will be **NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** on Nov. 23 so that all can attend the reception for Pastor Yeiser.

## **POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS**

Are available beside the bulletin baskets. Deadline to order is **Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## **“CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS”**

We are partnering with New Hope Ministries again this year to provide the basic life-needs for needy families this Christmas season. Starting November 9th there will be a table on display outside the pulpit entrance, with place cards. Each place card will have the name of a gift needed. If you could choose a place card and purchase the item and then place the gift in the box provided, you will make a big difference in a person's life. There are items on the cards for infant/toddlers, children, teens and adults. **Please do not wrap gifts.** New Hope needs to see the gifts to make a selection as to which family to give them to. Please place items in box by November 30<sup>th</sup>. They will be taken to New Hope. Thank you so much. The Faith In Action Committee

## **Interested In Mentoring?**

Our older youth (grades 6-12) are a small team of youth who meet for Faith Formation each week. One Sunday a month is Confirmation ministry, but we're looking for adults who would serve on a team of rotating mentors the other 3 weeks. Our group will use "Faithlens", a publication of the ELCA, that focuses on a current news topic in a small group discussion format. We provide the materials for you and there is NO prep needed. You would select the weeks you could serve. Interested? Contact the church office or Deb Sowers to join our team!

## **Help Needed**

The Christian Ed. Committee is beginning to put together our schedule for Faith Formation leaders from Advent till March. Each week we are in need of a leader for the preK, K-6, and 7-12 groups. You can choose your activity from a menu of resources we make available to you. Please consider sharing your faith by volunteering for a Sunday! See Deb Sowers or contact the church office to volunteer.

## **New Hope Ministries**

Hello friends! We could use your help! We are having a HUGE food drive at the two Hanover

Walmart locations and the Sam's Club in Hanover. The dates are **November 7th and 8th 9am - 4pm**. We could really use some volunteers to help us out. Would you please share our need for helpers with your congregation? Thank you so much!!

Click to see the volunteer sign-up sheet:

**Walmart -Eisenhower Drive:**

<https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/1377907/food-for-hope-food-drive-walmart-north-hanover>

**Walmart - South Hanover**

<https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/1378272/food-for-hope-food-drive-walmart-south-hanover>

**Sam's Club**

<https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/1377909/food-for-hope-food-drive-sam-039-s-club-hanover>



## Hanover Against Hunger

**THANK YOU** to our team of volunteers who helped pack meals for the Hanover Against Hunger event last Saturday! Our team of 16 St. Paul's members and friends helped pack 66,000 meals (26,000 packed during our shift). Check out other pictures on the Christian Education Corner bulletin board in the hallway. Well done good and faithful servants!



## St. Paul's Men in Mission

Thanks everyone who donated books, puzzles, etc; helped with sorting, set up, and clean-up; especially the Boy Scouts. We also thank all who donated generously to our annual Used Book Sale. This was our 8th year and it has grown to be a great outreach event and fundraiser. This year we received **\$1,344.00** in donations to be distributed to youth in our community which includes Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, St. Paul's Youth and the Hanover Street Elementary School.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

It's that time of the year again to start filling boxes! Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes are available outside the pulpit entrance. Filled boxes need to be returned no later than **Sunday, Nov. 9th**. Any questions, please see Lori Rebling or any member of the Faith in Action Committee. Thank you in advance for your participation in this project!

## This Week's Calendar

|                      |                               |                                                                            |
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| <b>THUR., NOV. 6</b> | 6:00 pm                       | Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary                             |
|                      | 6:30 pm                       | Cub Scouts – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor                                         |
|                      | 7:00 pm                       | Boy Scout Troop 102 - Youth Room & Gym                                     |
|                      | 7:00 pm                       | Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary                            |
| <b>FRI., NOV. 7</b>  | 3:00 pm                       | Grocery Ministry prep – Gym                                                |
| <b>SAT., NOV. 8</b>  | 9:00 am                       | Grocery Ministry – Cub & Boy Scouts                                        |
|                      | 5:00 pm                       | Saturday Evening Service                                                   |
|                      | 6:15 pm                       | Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall                                      |
| <b>SUN., NOV. 9</b>  | 8:30 am                       | Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM                                        |
|                      | 9:30 am                       | Worship Service – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost                  |
|                      | Immediately following Worship | Coffee Hour – lounge<br>Faith Formation – Children - 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor |

Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge

Adult Choir II rehearsal

Confirmation Class – Youth Room

**MON., NOV. 10**      6:30 pm      Girl Scout groups – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Daisies – Fellowship Hall)

**TUES., NOV. 11**      10:30 am      L.I.U. Class – Youth Room

7:00 pm      “Anxious for Nothing” Book Study – Fellowship Hall

**WED., NOV. 12**      12:15 pm      Midweek Devotions – Lounge

5:00 pm      Property Committee meeting – Conf. Room

6:00 pm      All Committee night - Sanctuary

## Sponsorships Available:

Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at [assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org)

Radio—Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (2 vases at \$20 each); Nov. 16 & 23 (1 vase at \$20), 4 plant poinsettias for Dec. 24 at \$50 each

Communion Bread and Wine—Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins—Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 24 & 28 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame—Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$10 each date)

## November Special Designated Giving - ELCA World Hunger

As it has become a tradition here at St. Paul's, November is the month we emphasize our need to feed the hungry throughout the world. This is a daily problem for hundreds of millions of people all over the world. It does not have to be. There are many worthy organizations who are dedicated to feeding and educating those who have had little hope in the past. One of those is ELCA World Hunger. Yes, there will always be poor people in the world. Jesus said they will always be with us. But he never said there will always be hungry people. There is a difference. It is our obligation as a Christian community to do whatever we are able to nourish those with the greatest needs. The basics we never even have to consider, food and clean water. As we prepare to enjoy our festive holidays, it is the prayer of St. Paul's Council that you will give, and that you will pray for those who receive our gifts.

## Christmas Food Bags

This holiday season Grocery Ministry is providing Christmas dinner fixings for our participants. We're collecting canned yams, vegetables and cranberry sauce between now and **December 7th** in the

red bin outside the pulpit doors. We're shopping for other ingredients and could use a few more shoppers! If you're available to shop (costs reimbursed), please let Deb or Bill Sowers or Diane Klunk know.

Our community food needs continue to grow while our food resources continue to shrink amidst the government shutdown. We hope you will join us in showing the light of the world in Christ's birth to those in need.

## [ELCA World Hunger](#)

The Lutheran Disaster Response Community of Practice Network met in DC. October 22nd they had the opportunity to Lobby on Capitol Hill for Disaster Relief reform! ELCA World Hunger continues to partner with LDR leaders to close the gap of food insecurity.

Another Way To Help...

Forty-two million Americans could have SNAP benefits delayed due to the ongoing government shutdown, but this is not inevitable. Take action and speak up for your communities by following the link. <https://act.elca.org/page/89852/action/1?chain>

## **\$100 Grocery Vouchers Available to SNAP Recipients**

The York County Area Agency on Aging strongly encourages our older adults who have SNAP benefits to sign up for this voucher program for help until benefits are available again.

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) has [announced](#) that, due to the ongoing Federal Government Shutdown, November SNAP benefits will not be distributed.

If you are an active recipient of SNAP benefits, and you live in York County, PA, please fill out this form to receive a \$100 food voucher that is redeemable at Giant, Dollar General, and Walmart. Your voucher will be delivered to you by text message within 72 hours of submitting the form with valid proof of eligibility.

This program is generously funded by the [York County Community Foundation](#), in partnership with United Way of York County. For questions about this program, please contact [emergencyresponse@unitedway-york.org](mailto:emergencyresponse@unitedway-york.org).

**Sign up here:** <https://www.unitedway-york.org/emergency-food-relief>

**Office Hours**

Monday -appointment only, phone calls, text messages, and emails will be answered and responded to by Carmen as appropriate

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - Closed, Only emergency phone messages and emails will be handled  
Request scheduled door access through Carmen by contacting her in a timely manner; or you can continue to use your swipe key.