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# Worship Opportunities

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

Saturday 5:00 pm in the Lounge

Sunday 9:30 am in the Sanctuary and live on Facebook

Bulletins: https://stpaulsyorkst.org/sunday-bulletin

Pastor Katrina may be reached at 301-401-3667 and PastorKatrinaHolland@gmail.com.

## CALL Pastor directly at 301.401.3667 if you:

- Desire a pastoral visit
- Have a medical concern, procedure or hospitalization and desire a visit or to be added to the prayer list
- Have spiritual questions you wish to discuss
- Wish to schedule a celebration such as baptism or wedding
- Have suffered a loss in the family and desire funeral planning and grief care

## **Congregation News**

## **Coffee Hour**

Will be held in the **lounge** this Sunday. Join us for a time of fellowship.

## **Quick Reminders and Updates**

**Annual Reports -** Cover September 1st, 2023 to August 31, 2024. These will be due no later than **September 15th.** 

**Annual Congregational Meeting -** will be held following worship on **Sunday, December 1st. Council Meetings** - are now the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

#### Sisters In Faith Retreat

Our fall retreat is scheduled for Oct. 11 - 13 at Mar-Lu-Ridge. We are hoping to have women of all ages join us for all or part of the weekend! Our weekend will be a time of fellowship, study, worship, and good fun. Our theme is "Just Love". We'll explore Love in the Family: What's love got to do with it?; Love in the Community: From Tree to We; Love in the Nation: Giving Birth to Justice. This is a Bible Study from the Women of the ELCA Gathering magazine. The lodge has individual rooms (sleeping 1 or 2 people) each with a private bathroom. Best of all? Linens and all meals are PROVIDED! Cost is based on length of stay (one night = \$125; two nights = \$155). To register and for more information, contact Deb Sowers (debsowers@gmail.com). Remember that all are welcome whether or not a St. Paul's member!

# **Something's Brewing Bible Study**

All are welcome to join us Monday evenings beginning **September 9<sup>th</sup>.at 7 pm** in the church lounge. We will be using "Honoring Our Neighbors Faith, A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America" by Robert Buckley Farlee. Hundreds of Christian denominations and dozens of non-Christian traditions have followers in the United States. How do we view this wide variety of beliefs and practices? How does the Lutheran tradition compare with others? Join us!

#### Men in Mission Book Sale

Is one month away. It will be held on October 11 &12. Starting **Monday September 9th**, you can begin bringing your Books, DVDs, and Puzzles to the church and **placing them in the fellowship** hall on the stage. Please no encyclopedias and reference books. If you need help in getting the

books to church, please call Carmen or Bob Colehouse to make arrangements. We also plan to have a breakfast on the morning of October 12th. Further details and times will be announced later. This is our annual fundraiser to help support youth programs.

#### St. Paul's Book Club

Will meet on **Wednesday**, **September 25**, **2024** at 12:30 in the Church Lounge. We will be reading The News of the World by Paulette Jiles. Please come for good discussion and fellowship. Bring a lunch or snack with you.

## **Youth and Family Ministry**

Save the date and join us **September 29th** as we celebrate our past and look into the future! Don't forget to check the Youth and Family Ministry bulletin board for updates, pictures and info!

# September Special Designated Giving - Mbeya Hospital in the Konde Diocese in Tanzania

In in support of Synod's Annual Generosity Appeal for the building and expansion of the Mbeya Hospital in the Konde Diocese in Tanzania. The Synod hopes to raise \$60,000 to complete building the Lutheran Hospital in Mbeya. This is a rural area that serves many people. Without this local hospital, residents would be forced to travel many hours to the capital to receive basic health care and medical procedures. We can help care for our neighbors across the globe by supporting the Church's efforts to complete the building of a vital medical facility in our companion diocese in Tanzania.

# **Mark Your Calendars!**

#### **Children's Time**

Beginning this Sunday (**September 15th**), children will be dismissed after communion (approximately 10:30 am) during the announcement time. From 10:30 - 10:50 will be music time with Ms. Gretchen. From 10:50 - 11:30 will be Faith Formation time with rotating teachers. All children are welcome!

## **Daily Discipleship Bible Study**

For anyone who is not attending the children's Faith Formation classes also begins this Sunday. It will be held following the Worship Service. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us

in the nursery, across from the lounge, to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish up by 11:30 am.

## Lower Susquehanna Synod and ELCA

## **Bishop Election Listening Sessions**

As we continue our journey in discerning where God is calling St. Paul's, a second journey begins. The journey of electing a bishop next year for our Lower Susquehanna Synod. Our synod is conducting listening sessions as part of a discernment process leading up to the election of a bishop at our 2025 synod assembly. This is an opportunity for you to share how the Spirit is calling us, as synod, to walk together in faith and community in our contexts. The information gathered at the listening sessions will be used to prepare the Synod Mission Profile and Gifts of a Bishop documents that will serve as educational tools for our congregations in preparing for the election.

Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7-9pm ZOOM Listening Session Register

here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrcu2vpz0sHdyKX2fsgGlwSNfalR5SMc7h#/registration">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrcu2vpz0sHdyKX2fsgGlwSNfalR5SMc7h#/registration</a>

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Additional session dates and locations are available here: <a href="https://www.lss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/Listening-Sessions-for-2025-Bishop-Election.pdf">https://www.lss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/Listening-Sessions-for-2025-Bishop-Election.pdf</a>. Additional information about the process is available here: <a href="https://www.lss-elca.org/lower-susquehanna-synod-2025-bishops-election/#listen">https://www.lss-elca.org/lower-susquehanna-synod-2025-bishops-election/#listen</a>

# This Week's Calendar

#### Thursday, September 12th

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal

## Friday, September 13th

9:30 am Grocery Ministry Food Delivery

3:30 pm Grocery Ministry Prep (Check with Deb)

## Saturday, September 14th

9:00 am Grocery Ministry (Cub & Boy Scouts)

5:00 pm Worship Service

6:15 pm Narcotics Anonymous

## Sunday, September 15th

8:30 am Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Children's Choir rehearsal10:30 am Daily Disciple Bible Study

10:30 am Youth Choir rehearsal

10:50 am Faith Formation

Coffee Hour in the lounge following worship

#### Monday, September 16th Call Committee deadline

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

7:00 pm Something's Brewing Bible Study

Tuesday, September 17th

7:00 pm Faith In Action Committee

Wednesday, September 18th

7:00 pm Council

# **Upcoming Events**

October 11 - 13 Sisters in Faith annual retreat

October 11 & 12 Men In Mission Used Book Sale

December 1st Annual Congregational Meeting

## Sponsorships Available

Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at finance@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio-Sept. 229, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 27 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine- Oct. 13, 20 & 27 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$10 each date)

# In Case You Missed It

Sunday Worship Link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsyorkst/videos">https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsyorkst/videos</a>

Last Week's Happenings and Reminders: https://stpaulsyorkst.org/happenings-and-reminders

Evangel: https://stpaulsyorkst.org/evangel-newsletter-1

# Reaching Out - To Whom Do We Go?

## CALL the church office at 717.637.5941 for things like:

- Scheduling room or building use
- If you've had a change in name, address, phone number or email
- To be added to the church email and communications lists to receive weekly, monthly and special notice communications
- For guidance in contacting ministry team leaders or teams for questions or matters specific to that team
- If there's a building issue and you don't know who to call