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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

**Bulletins:** <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/sunday-bulletin>

Pastor Katrina may be reached at 301-401-3667 and [PastorKatrinaHolland@gmail.com](mailto:PastorKatrinaHolland@gmail.com).

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## Congregation News

### Spring Clean Up!

Property committee invites you to join us **Saturday, May 4th**, from 9am till noonish. We will be doing gardening and cleaning up around the outside of the church building. Please join us as "many hands make light work".

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### Congregational Meeting

Will be held on **Sun., May 5<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following Worship to approve recommendations from the Building Renovation Task Force.

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### Congregation Conversations with Pastor Katrina

Please join us following the congregational meeting **this Sunday** as we continue our Congregation

Conversation with Pastor Katrina in the fellowship hall. We will meet again on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** after worship. Your input is extremely important during this time in our congregation's faith journey. As we look toward our next chapter of ministry, we are reflecting, sharing and exploring our identity and purpose as a congregation. Reflecting on where we have been and where God may lead us in the future will lead to the best fit in our upcoming call.

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## **Coffee Hour**

Will be held in the fellowship hall this Sunday, (May 5). Join us for a time of fellowship.

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## **Volunteers Needed!**

### **Property Committee**

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### **Congregation**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>** for our Congregational Conversations with Pastor Katrina preparing St. Paul's for our next chapter!

### **Christian Ed. Committee**

Is looking for volunteers to facilitate a 20 min. activity for kids ages 3-grade 5 during worship **this summer**. We'll provide the ready-made materials for you! See Bill Sowers or contact the church office to volunteer.

### **Grocery Ministry**

Food delivery is **Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. Please join us for an hour or so to store food products!

Saturdays from **9-10 and/or 10-11** to pack and distribute food bags.

### **Garden Care**

Spring has arrived, bringing on the season of flower bed care. Maintaining our church flower beds gives the entire campus a welcoming and neat appearance, but it is certainly time-consuming for Mike Buckley, our Maintenance Technician. When parishioners volunteer to help Mike with these chores, it takes the burden off him plus saves payroll dollars. Would you like to help? Any time until late Fall? You can bring your equipment or use the church's equipment. If so, please contact Mike via email to make arrangements, [mtechstpauls@gmail.com](mailto:mtechstpauls@gmail.com), or call the church office and ask for Mike.

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## Faith Formation Update

Our kids have been learning about “Jesus Feeding the 5000” this month. We have talked about how we can all help Jesus, no matter what age we are and were introduced to “*freerice.com*” where we can help feed people in other parts of the world. We learned that Jesus offers us huge volumes of love and calculated volumes of paper clips leading to talking about the volume of fish that fed 5000 people!. And we got to act in a play! We pretended we were seagulls and retold the Bible story from a bird’s perspective. Finally, we shared the Lords’ Prayer in ASL with the congregation last Sunday as a review of some of what we learned about prayer last month. Looking forward to learning about Lydia for the month of May!

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## Summer Book Study Opportunity!

While *Blue Like Jazz*, by Donald Miller, is driven by topics such as God, Sin, Belief, Faith, Redemption, Jesus and so on, the book is entirely narrative, told as one Christian's personal faith story. *Blue Like Jazz* speaks of what it feels like to have a relationship with God, and what the nature of sin and desire to be forgiven feel like, without complicated theological jargon.

Join us **Tuesday evenings at 7pm** in the Theater Room. The book study will run from **May 28 - August 6** (skipping July 2). We will discuss two chapters each session. Since each chapter of the book can stand alone, you don't need to attend every discussion. Please sign up by May15 on the bulletin board outside pastor's office so we can order your book!

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## Family Camp is Open To All!

Camp is not just for our youth and families...it's for EVERYONE!!! A group of us is planning on attending Family Camp **Aug. 4-7**, and we wanted to invite everyone in our church family! Congregation Council has agreed to pay for each member to attend a week of camp, so your lodging, food, and programming will be free to you if you have not already gone to a week of camp over the summer. You are welcome to stay for the entire week, but please know some of us will only be staying for the first half of the week. This could be the start of a great St. Paul's tradition! Contact Laura Silver or Bill or Deb Sowers with questions.

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## May Special Designated Giving - St. Paul's Family Crisis Fund

Many times in our life together we find that families within our congregation face monumental struggles. Families or individuals may have financial needs arise from medical emergencies, fires, long-term disabilities, or unemployment. They come seeking assistance from the church and many

times they need more help than is readily available in the Discretionary Fund. Several years ago, our Congregation Council established the Family Crisis Fund and criteria for disbursement of funds to the families of our congregation. Building a fund such as the Family Crisis Fund enables us to help our families meet their needs and to hopefully get through the crisis. Please give generously to our Family Crisis Fund this month, so we can help those in need.

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## Gathering News

**THANK YOU** to all who supported our Yard Sale (and subsequent left-over food sale!) last weekend. Look for a pretzel sandwich sale coming soon!!

### 10 Weeks!

In 10 weeks our gathering krewe will be headed to New Orleans. Each week till then, we'll share what we're doing and learning. Thank you for joining us on this journey! We are "Created to be **BRAVE**"! The people of New Orleans are brave. The city is surrounded by 3 large bodies of water which has always affected life in NOLA and particularly devastated the area during Hurricane Katrina. We will hear stories of those who stayed after the disaster. WE have been brave! Saying yes to attending the Gathering and traveling to NOLA is brave. For some of us this will be the first time traveling out of state, traveling without family, or traveling on a train. Please continue to pray for us as we look forward to the Gathering!

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## This Week's Calendar

### Thursday, May 2nd

6:00 pm Bell Choir rehearsal  
6:30 pm Cub and Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm Senior Choir rehearsal

### Friday, May 3rd

3:00 pm Grocery Ministry Prep

### Saturday, May 4th

9:00 am Grocery Ministry (Help Needed)  
9:00 am Yard Spruce and Clean Up  
5:00 pm Worship Service  
6:15 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Sunday, May 5th

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

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Congregational Meeting (following worship)

10:30 am Faith Formation

Congregational Conversations with Pastor Katrina following Congregational Meeting

Youth Gathering Parents Meeting following Congregational Meeting

Youth Choir Rehearsal

Coffee Hour in the fellowship hall following Congregational Meeting

### **Monday, May 6th**

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

7:00 pm Something's Brewing Bible Study

### **Tuesday, May 7th**

10:00 am Gospel of Mark Bible Study

6:00 pm Finance Committee meeting

### **Wednesday, May 8th**

7:00 pm Council Meeting

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## **Upcoming Events**

May 10th 9 am Grocery Ministry Food Delivery

May 10th PAL Team 2

May 19th Congregational Conversations with Pastor Katrina.

October 11 - 13 Sisters in Faith annual retreat

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## **Sponsorships Available**

**Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at [finance@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:finance@stpaulsyorkst.org)**

Radio—May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers- May 26, June 2 & 16 (2 vases at \$20 each) June 9 & 23 (1 vase at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine- May 12, 19, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- May 5, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

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## **Information**

**Nawakwa** is looking for some assistance to prepare the cabins for summer camp. Tasks include sweeping, general cleaning, opening windows, and moving/arranging bunks. If you're interested in

helping out, you can contact Paul at Nawakwa for more details at 717-677-8211 or at

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/contact>

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## **In Case You Missed It**

Sunday Worship Link: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsyorkst/videos>

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

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

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## **Meet Your 2024 Congregation Council Members**

President – Frank Hueske

Vice-President – Russ Kaltreider

Secretary – Linda Zellers

Treasurer – Sherry Cracium-Bolin

Sharon Bortner, Amy Feeser, Russ Kaltreider, Donna Lehman, Dave Maus, Pat McConville, Ginny Murray, Cindy Schmidt, Peg Sennett, Nancy Smith

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## **Where Is It?**

On the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's office is a **List of Equipment and Supplies** available for St Paul's events and ministries. There are 72 items listed that can be used for your ministries, everything from: Art supplies, Wheeled Dollies for moving large items, Ladders, Tents and Canopies, A-frames for promoting an event, sewing items for a youth project, and equipment including a Projector, Flip Chart, White Board, Music Stands, etc. When you need an item for an event or ministry, please check the posted List before making a new purchase.

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## **Restroom Change**

At the December meeting Council moved to convert the men's restroom on the main floor to a family restroom. This bathroom can now be used by a woman, a man or a parent with children. The light switch is on the wall outside the restroom and the light will be red if the bathroom is in use. It is always best to knock before entering just in case the occupant forgot to lock the door.

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## **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

**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