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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.

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
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Congregation News

Coffee Hour

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

Faith In Action School Kits - Updated List of Needed Items

The Faith In Action Committee has purchased 102 (9 dozen) drawstring backpacks for the LWR School Kit project.

They need to be filled with school supplies. Here is what we need:

209 - 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks, wide or college-ruled

54 - rulers with 30 centimeter of one side and 12 inches on the other

54 - pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

26 - boxes of 16 or 24 crayons

236 - black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)

No pencils, no pink erasers or pencil sharpeners are needed.

Our collection will run from July 8, 2024 through August 11, 2024. All supplies may be dropped off at the display in the hallway outside of the pulpit entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like you may make a donations of cash to help with this project. Please give the money to a member of the committee or the church office designating it is for the School Kits, After August 11, 2024, the Committee will go shopping and purchase remaining supplies needed to fill the 102 bags. The Committee is planning on applying for financial aid from Thrivent as we did last year. Thank you for your support in this project.

Summer Book Study, *Blue Like Jazz* is Concluding

Tuesday, August 6 will be the final meeting of our book study group. We will finish the book with a discussion of chapters 18, 19, and 20. Thanks to everyone who participated and explored Christian spirituality with us this summer!

Quick Reminders and Updates

Annual Reports - Cover September 1st, 2023 to August 31, 2024. These will be due mid-September. More information will be sent next month.

Annual Congregational Meeting - will be held following worship on **Sunday, December 1st.**

Council Meetings - are now the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is August 21st.

Christian Ed. Committee

Thank you to all who have already volunteered to facilitate a 20 min. activity for kids ages 3-grade 5 during worship this summer. These are the remaining open dates:

August 18th - Leader

August 25th - Leader and Helper

If we don't have volunteers, we cannot offer this opportunity for our kids during worship. Check out the sign-up sheet opposite the Pastor's Office to volunteer!

Used Book Sale Preparation Time!

Men in Mission are planning their popular annual Used Book Sale for **October 11th and 12th.** If you have been

wondering what to do with those books that have been taking up space on the shelf, now is the perfect time to donate them to our Fundraiser and give another person the joy of reading them. All Books, DVD's, CD's, and Puzzles in good condition are accepted. Please no magazines or reference books. Start collecting now. In September you may start bringing them to church and placing them in the fellowship hall next to the stage. Call the church office as the time nears if you have any questions or need assistance. All funds raised are used to support our Youth and other projects.

Save the Date for God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, September 8th!

Join us for a morning of worship, service and fellowship as we thank God for calling us into a the Gospel mission we all share. Plan on attending our special worship service, participate in a special project, check the ministry fair and joi us for a fellowship meal!

Please wear your God's Work. Our Hand or a yellow shirt.

August Special Designated Giving - NEW HOPE MINISTERIES. SPECIAL DESIGNATED

GIVING is for New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need with emergency crisis assistance, food pantries, rent/mortgage assistance, help with medical needs, heat/utility assistance, transportation assistance, counseling, referral services, youth programs, holiday food baskets and gifts. In addition to basic needs, NHM offers ongoing support and guidance to help people become self-sufficient and stable over the long term through financial literacy, nutrition education, GED, employment preparation, and job training programs. NHM received an overall score of 97.24 out of 100 from Charity Navigator, the most utilized evaluator of the financial stability and best practices of charities in the U.S.

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.

The journey (process) is similar to what we at St. Paul's are doing. 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. Listening sessions are formatted similar to our Congregational Conversations with Pastor Katrina. 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.

You may attend a listening session at any location that is convenient for you.

The Listening Sessions are scheduled from June through mid-September. The following are close to Hanover:

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 2-4pm

Gettysburg 2025 Listening Session

United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg Campus

Aberly Room

61 Seminary Ridge

Gettysburg, PA 17325

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

This Week's Calendar

Thursday, August 1st

11:00 am Grocery Ministry Food Delivery

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Friday, August 2nd PAL Team 3

3:30 pm Grocery Ministry Prep

Saturday, August 3rd

9:00 am Grocery Ministry (Council)

5:00 pm Worship Service

6:15 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, August 4th Family Camp

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

9:30 am Worship Service

Coffee Hour in the lounge following worship

Tuesday, August 6th

7:00 pm Final Blue Like Jazz Gathering

Wednesday, August 7th

7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Upcoming Events

July 29 - Aug. 2 Vacation Bible School

Aug. 1st 11 AM Grocery Ministry Food Delivery

Aug. 2nd PAL Team 3

Aug. 4th Family Camp (see below)

September 8th God's Work, Our Hands

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—Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—Aug. 11, 25, Sept. 8 & 29 (2 vases at \$20 each); Sept. 15 & 22 (1 vase at \$20)

Communion Bread and Wine— Aug. 11, 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins— Aug. 18, 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame— Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 1, 8, 22 & 29 (\$10 each date)

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>

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
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