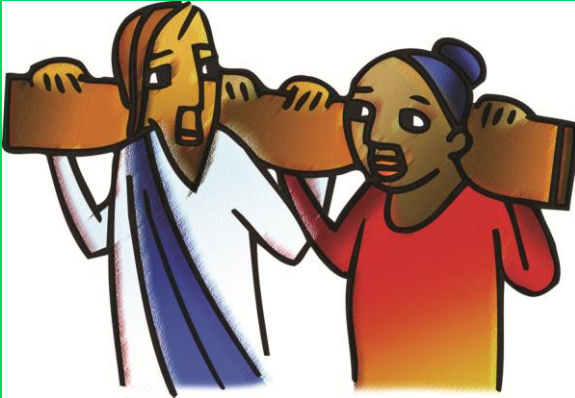


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



**SIXTH  
SUNDAY  
AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**JULY 5, 2026**

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## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

### Our Purpose:

*We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.*

### Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

### Important Worship Notes

*All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.*

**Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.**

**P:** Pastor

**C:** Congregation

**L:** Lay Reader

**A:** Assisting Minister

***If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.***

**+ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +**  
**July 5, 2026**

**INTRODUCTION**

*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent.*

*Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community.*

*Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.*

*We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary."*

*Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

**THE GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

## \*GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dierks Wiles

**P** You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

L The First Reading according to Zechariah, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

A <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C <sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

A <sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C <sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

A <sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C <sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in all your works.**

A <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

A Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

L The Second Reading according to Romans, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## \*GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

## SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need, including those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... *(A brief silence.)* God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.  
C **Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you," or similar words.  
The assembly is seated.*

### **THE MEAL**

### **OFFERTORY SONG**

Flute Choir

There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give> or scan this QR Code and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to give.



**\*OFFERING RESPONSE** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW 884

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A** Let us pray,  
Loving God,
- C** we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

## \*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that we, who believe in him, should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in his body and blood.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*All are welcome to commune.*

*If you wish to receive communion from your seat, let an usher know.*

*If you are in need of gluten free wafers, please ask at the bread station.*

*Grape juice is available in the prefilled cups next to the empty ones.*

## \*AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

*"Finlandia"*  
*"Near My God Thee"*

Flute Choir  
Sibelius  
Mason

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*

watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## \*BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## \*SENDING HYMN

*"This Is My Song"*

ELW 887

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

## **\*PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**P** Gracious and loving God,

On this day, as our nation marks 250 years since its founding, we give you thanks for the blessings you have poured out upon this land. We remember with gratitude those who dreamed of liberty, those who sacrificed for freedom, and those who have labored through the generations to build communities of justice, peace, and opportunity.

We thank you for the freedoms we enjoy: the freedom to worship, to speak, to gather, and to serve our neighbors. Remind us that these gifts carry with them the responsibility to seek the common good, to care for those in need, and to work for a society where all people are treated with dignity and respect.

As we celebrate our nation's history, help us also to acknowledge its shortcomings. Give us humility to learn from the past, courage to confront injustice in the present, and wisdom to build a better future for generations yet to come.

Bless those who serve our country in positions of leadership, in the military, in public safety, and in countless acts of public service. Guide them with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to peace.

Above all, keep our hearts focused on your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, teach us to love our neighbors, welcome the stranger, pursue reconciliation, and be instruments of your peace in the world. We ask all this in your name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C** **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.  
Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable

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	<u>July 5</u>	<u>July 12</u>
<b>Saturday Night Worship</b>	<b>No Sat. Night Service</b>	Russ Kaltreider (7/11)
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Deb Sowers	Frank Hueske
<b>Acolyte</b>	Matthew Kaltreider	Nora Weible
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Donna Lehman	Norma Lucabaugh
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Suzanne Butler	Cindy Schmidt
	Janet Haack	Sally Lovelace
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Colehouse	Bob Colehouse
	Dan Fuhrman	Dan Fuhrman
	Glenn Alwine	Glenn Alwine
	Kingsley Walkins	Kingsley Walkins
<b>Altar Committee</b>	Linda Knapp	Linda Knapp
	Sally Lovelace	Sally Lovelace

**BOTH ALTAR FLOWER VASES** are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of my mother, Pauline Kessler, and my sister, Sylvia Kessler Marsh by Nancy Kessler Grove.

**EACH MONDAY**, children and families will receive a weekly email devotion (including a video and printable activities) from our Christian Education committee. Contact the church office if you did not receive one last week and are interested in being on our email mailing list

**MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAYS.** All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

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

Radio-July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-July 12 (1 vase at \$20 each); Aug. 9 & 16 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine-July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 9, 16 & 30 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 9, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

**PENTECOST PRAYERS:** The candle and pinwheel displays in the front of the sanctuary represent where members of our congregation see LIGHT in our world and PRAYERS that we lift to heaven, asking the Spirit to intercede for us. Thanks be to God!

**COOPERATIVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026** - We are planning on having VBS for children ages 5 – 10 on Monday, July 27 thru Friday, July 31 from 9:30 - 12:00 noon located at St. Mark's Fellowship Hall and is a cooperative ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (York Street) and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

The theme this year is "**Camping with God**". Registration is limited to 40 with a waiting list. We will need quite a few volunteers with clearances. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call 717-637-5941 or email [assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org). Please consider volunteering to help with this important community event.

**CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO HELP LEAD WORSHIP BY OFFERING THE PRAYER OF THE DAY DURING SUNDAY SERVICES!** This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to share their voices and participate in the life of the church. Children may sign up on the sheet outside the pastor's office. The prayer will be provided ahead of time, and we are happy to help any child who would like assistance practicing. We hope many of our children will take part in this meaningful way to serve in worship!

**SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITY** - As our music program takes a break for the summer months, we invite members of the congregation to share their musical gifts during worship. If you would be willing to provide special music, be it vocal or instrumental, solo or group; we ask you to please sign up on the sheet outside the pastor's office. Summer music is a meaningful way to enrich our worship and offer praise to God through the gifts given to the people in our congregation. Thank you for considering how you might participate in the life and worship of our congregation this summer.

**JULY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING - THE LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.** St. Paul's Members and Friends....this month our designated giving targets The Lutheran Camping Corp. of Central PA ([LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)). The Lutheran Camping Corp. includes both Nawakwa in Arendtsville, PA and Kirchenwald in Lebanon, PA.

We have the opportunity to support the Lutheran Camping Corp. with our Special Designated Giving this July. Please assist these wonderful camps with prayers and generous giving!

**AS WE PREPARE for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday** this September, we want to make sure everyone has a t-shirt! The t-shirt design has not changed from previous years. If you need a **new shirt** or have never received one, please sign up on the sheet outside Pastor's office. Be sure to indicate your size. Orders need to be placed by August 1.

**CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH!** Join Pastor Jason for **Alive!** at Camp Nawakwa, **September 24–26**. Spend a weekend making new friends, reconnecting with church friends, enjoying camp activities, and exploring your faith together. Alive! is a Synod-sponsored retreat, and thanks to the Adventures in Ministry Fund, the registration fee will be fully covered. Sign up on the sheet outside Pastor's office by August 1.



**BACK TO SCHOOL TIME** will be here before you know it and the Faith In Action Committee is looking to fill backpacks for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF again this year.

Last year we had such a good response that we decided to try to fill 108 School Kits again. We had a lot of supplies left from last year that we will use this year but we do still need some items to fill the backpacks that we purchased.

We will start collecting these items in July and fill the backpacks in early September. Look for the collection boxes in the hallway. Watch for sales that will help you in your purchases.

Here is a list of items that we need;

- 432 - 70-80 sheet **SPIRAL** notebooks of wide or college lined paper approximately 8"X 10 1/2". **NO** loose leaf paper
- 53 - pencil sharpeners
- 107 - pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 344 - **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers
- 387 - black or blue ballpoint pens (**NO** gel ink)
- 101 - boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 31 – 2-1/2" eraser

We will try to keep you informed of what has come in and what is needed. We had so many rulers last year that we don't need any this year because we have enough left to fill this year's backpacks.

We thank you for your generosity and your help with this project over the years. We have made a difference in the lives of many children as well as adults around the world.

**SUN., JULY 5**            8:30 am    Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM  
                                 9:30 am    Worship Service – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Immediately following worship    Coffee Hour – lounge

**WED., JULY 8**            12:15 pm    Midweek Devotions – Lounge

**THUR., JULY 9**            7:00 pm    Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym

**FRI., JULY 10**            11:00 am    Pictorial Directory meeting - lounge  
                                 2:30 pm    Grocery Ministry prep - gym

**SAT., JULY 11**            9:00 am    Grocery Ministry Distribution – Boy Scouts Troop 102  
                                 5:00 pm    Saturday Evening Service – Russ Kaltreider  
                                 6:45 pm    Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

**SUN., JULY 12**            8:30 am    Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM  
                                 9:30 am    Worship Service – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Immediately following worship    Coffee Hour – lounge