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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>

News

Time is running out...Don't forget to

- Let Carmen know you will be attending Pastor Dan's Appreciation Brunch this Sunday
- Submit your poinsettia order forms this Sunday
- Finish shopping for the Christmas Blessing Express gifts due next Sunday

Advent Decorations

Please consider volunteering to help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. We will be decorating next **Saturday, November 29th**, beginning at **9AM**. Please come and be a part of it.

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. 14th 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.

Grocery Ministry Update

THANK YOU to all who have generously supported our Grocery Ministry crisis appeal! You donated over 300 cans of food as well as nearly \$100 (above what is normally collected throughout the month) in this first week alone. We are able to provide food for our neighbors, but the need continues while the York County Food Bank and New Hope begin receiving inventory from government agencies. PLEASE KNOW that we are going to provide a full Christmas meal to our neighbors in a few weeks. Donations of **canned yams/sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce** are needed for this appeal. Place your donation in the box outside of the sanctuary by Dec. 6.

Advent Bible Study

Will be held from the first Tuesday in Advent, December 2nd to December 23rd 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.

Advent Devotions

Christian Ed. Committee is providing Advent devotionals and calendars for your Advent preparations! There will be both a weekly devotional (appropriate for ALL) as well as a daily devotional (more appropriate for adults). Items will be available on the counter outside of the sanctuary starting next Sunday.

If you haven't already, consider joining the "Dear Christ Enters In" Bible Study group that will meet on Tuesday mornings. More information and a sign up is on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's Office.

"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 30th. They will be taken to New Hope. Thank you so much. The Faith In Action Committee

Christian Education Committee Needs

We are 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.

We continue to look for a person (or two!) to join our team of leaders for the **7-12th grade** Faith Formation group. Currently the group meets 3 weeks out of the month (not on Sundays that the Confirmation group meets). Volunteers would serve as a mentor for the youth and use the "Faith Lens" article published weekly by the ELCA as a discussion guide for the class. No experience is necessary but for a desire to talk and share your faith with our youth. All that is needed is PA Clearances (we can help you get them!). You would serve as your schedule allows! See Deb Sowers or contact the church office to volunteer.

Please consider sharing your time and talents to shape our youth's faith formation!

This Week's Calendar

THUR., NOV. 20	6:00 pm	Bell choir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – 2 nd Floor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 - Youth Room & Gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary
FRI., NOV. 21	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., NOV. 22	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – St. Paul's help needed
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., NOV. 23	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service
		Immediately following Pastor Dan's Farewell Appreciation Brunch
MON., NOV. 24	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups – 2 nd floor (Daisies – Fellowship Hall)
TUES., NOV. 25	10:30 am	L.I.U. Class – Youth Room
WED., NOV. 26	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge

Sponsorships Available:

Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org

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

Altar Flowers—Nov. 30, Dec. 14 (2 vases at \$20 each); (2) 4-plant poinsettias for Dec. 24 at \$50 each

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

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

Eternal Flame—Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21 (\$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.

Mar-Lu-Ridge Give Thanks Auction

The 2025 Giving Thanks Online Auction IS OPEN! Our community has donated some truly incredible items. There are paintings, quilts and other gorgeous handmade textiles, getaway packages, and unique gifts for you to enjoy or share with a friend this holiday season.

You can register for the auction today and start bidding on our awesome selection of items.

Register here: <https://event.auctria.com/4556431c-87b4-4ebf-a680-fb50b9f2836e/>

Online bidding opens at 8:00 am on Thursday, November 20th. In the meantime, feel free to browse the items we are auctioning by clicking "Catalog" in the header above. If you see something you like, you must follow the "Online Registration" link above before placing a bid.

All bidding closes at 4:00pm on Sunday, November 23rd. At that time, top bidders will receive notification and further instructions by email.

Not sure if you want to bid on an item, but still want to support the ministries of Mar-Lu-Ridge? Purchase "Squares for Chairs!" These funds will be used to purchase new chairs for our well-loved meeting spaces: Agape Hall, Potomac Lodge, Ridge Inn, and Lodge 3. Each "square" enters you into a drawing for MLR swag and other cool items!

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.