

# This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

January 1, 2023 (Happy New Year!)

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## THIS WEEK (January 1—7, 2023)

<b>Sun.: 1</b>	9:30 am	<b>New Year's Day</b> Combined Worship Service
<b>Mon.: 2</b>	Office Closed	
<b>Tue.: 3</b>	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 7:00	Staff Meeting Cub Den 8 (FH) <i>Simpson Mdw's Bible Study</i> Executive Committee Mtg (Zoom)
<b>Wed.: 4</b>	9:30 am 6:15 pm 6:30 7:30	Crafters (Parsonage) Voice of the Spirit (Choir Rm) Parent Support Group (Zm) Worship Team (Sanctuary)
<b>Thur.: 5</b>	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Amigos (start in Parsonage) Cub Den 1 (FH)
<b>Fri.: 6</b>	6:00 pm	Open Mic Night (FH)
<b>Sat.: 7</b>	9:30 am	Cub Den 5 (FH)

## WORSHIP With Us This Sunday!

Come join us! Or if you prefer-- worship **online at 8:00 or 10:30** with us by clicking on: [Online Worship](#) OR you can go to: <https://www.stpaulslionville.org/>.

**Our Prayer List** We pray for Cornell and family, Lily, Brett, Amy C., Amy D., Eric, Shirley, Sue, Carmen, Jan, Sandy L., Nancy, Marlene, Josie, Don, Garnet, Ben, Chip, Sandy, Alice, Jean, and Vicky, as well as Zach, Chris and Alistar in the military. If you have an addition to the prayer list, contact the office.



## Volunteers 9:30

**Altar Care:** Anne Albright  
**Asst Min:** Kim Johnson  
**Lector:** Lyndsey Holmes  
**Ushers/Grtrs:** Chris Flach, Joel Fabry  
**Acolyte:** Luke Teague  
**Lock-Up:** Peter Smith

*Thank You*

## Open Mic Night - Friday, January 6, 2023

Come join us for a night of talent provided by....YOU!

6-9pm in Fellowship Hall

(might end earlier, but no later)

Hot chocolate bar provided; attendees should bring a snack to share.

If you have questions, contact Brian Lloyd at: 484-947-4755 or [brianplloyd2000@gmail.com](mailto:brianplloyd2000@gmail.com)



## Chat & Chews Sunday School Book Club

Chat and Chews Sunday School Book Club will meet on the second Sunday of each month in the Church Library (NEW TIME) after the 10:30 am worship service. Our next meeting is Jan. 8 and lunch will be provided. We will plan out our books for the rest of the year, so please bring something you would like to read. We are trying to give our group a boost and hope new friends will join us. One of our changes will be someone selecting a book and leading the group that month. I will continue with emailing and texting dates, etc. Please contact Gwen Werner for more information.

## A Friendly Giving Reminder

If you use [online giving to St. Paul's](#), please remember to update that amount to your new 2023 estimate of giving. Or if you haven't yet signed up, the new year is a great time to begin this easy, safe, and reliable way to be generous. As always, thanks so much for this faithful giving that empowers so much ministry at St. Paul's!

**St. Paul's regularly takes pictures and video to share all the wonderful things happening in print and digitally. If you or family have any concerns about something being shared in this manner, contact [Pastor Stuart](#).**

## Shorti Wawa Coupons for Sale!



We currently have discount Wawa shorti hoagie coupons in the office. Cost is \$4 per coupon. If interested, please stop by and see Cari or Karen.

## Coffee Fellowship Help

The volunteer list to sign up to provide fellowship snacks/prepare coffee on Sunday mornings is online via Signup Genius. Sign up with a friend or with a church group. [Click here: Coffee Fellowship Signup](#) You can also sign up in the narthex. Please consider volunteering one week; it does make a difference.

2022 Giving For Operating Expenses YTD

\$ 404,815

Giving 12/25 - 14,754

2022 Target

96% \$ 423,000

YTD Budgeted Income: \$ 423,000 YTD Shortage: \$ 18,185

**Simpson Meadows Bible Study** meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We study multi-week biblical-themed videos followed by a discussion relating the video to today's world. Sessions are independent and can be joined any time without participating in the earlier sessions. We meet in the 2nd floor lounge of Simpson Meadows. Masks & front-desk check-in are required. All are welcome.

**Congregational Care** Caring for each other is one of the most important things we do. If you or loved ones have a need: spiritually, physically, or emotionally, email: [care@stpaulslionville.org](mailto:care@stpaulslionville.org). From letting us know you're especially lonely to special prayers. **If a pastoral emergency, call Pastor Stuart at 610-363-6264, x. 202.**

**Have old eyeglasses?** We have a box in the narthex to collect your unbroken and used eyeglasses for the Lions Club.



**Contemp. Issues/Christian Perspectives Class** continues through the fall. We meet following the worship service in the second floor room 208. With lively discussion, we dig deeper into the current issues on your mind while looking at Christian perspectives using the worship service Bible readings of the day.

**Find out what events & drives are going on! Just go to: [StPaulsLionville.org/Events!](https://StPaulsLionville.org/Events)**

## **YOUTH INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY!** Yes, I know, we've already been in it for more than two decades, but the youth ministry is finally catching up! (Besides, it sounds more invigorating than simply repeating "Happy New Year" yet again.) In case you missed the announcement in the Youth Ministry News, beginning this month we are moving our primary event information communication to the GroupMe app, which folks will hopefully find to be a more streamlined and effective way of keeping up with events across our multifaceted youth ministry program. There will be groups set up for the high school youth and families, middle school youth and families, middle school mission trip to D.C., high school ASP trip, and Peer Ministry Leadership, for starters. During the first week of January I will be e-mailing links to youth and families, inviting them to join their respective groups in GroupMe. If you don't get a link by January 9<sup>th</sup> to a group that you need, please let me know! (I will still be using other methods like e-mail, the newsletters, and the weekly announcements to convey information, but the goal is to make GroupMe the hub of all youth-ministry-related information.) Watch for the coming launch of an Instagram page, too.

**TIME-SENSITIVE FEBRUARY RETREAT INFORMATION** – Registration is open RIGHT NOW for our Middle School and High School **"Connect-Disconnect-Reconnect"** retreats to Bear Creek Camp from Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. (Fear not – we will be back on Sunday in *plenty* of time for the Super Bowl.) Our groups will be staying in the Retreat House at Bear Creek and engaging in games, activities, and discussions around the theme of connectedness. The Middle School retreat is open to 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders, while the High School retreat is for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Cost is \$40 for one participant from each family, and \$20 for each additional participant (registrations for both retreats count toward this discount). The signup links to participate are below; **deadline is Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>!**

[Middle School Youth Retreat to Bear Creek Camp](#)

[High School Youth Retreat to Bear Creek Camp](#)

[Adult Helpers/Drivers for Bear Creek Camp Retreats](#) (we need at least two male and two female adult leaders for this event to happen!)

**MARCH RETREAT INFORMATION – ALSO TIME SENSITIVE – The Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat** is back! This great event brings together several hundred 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders from Lutheran congregations across the Southeast PA Synod to explore their faith among their peers. This year's retreat runs from Friday, March through Sunday, March 26, 2023 at the Tuscarora Inn & Conference Center in Mount Bethel, PA, along the upper Delaware River; the theme will be "Do Justice, Show Love, Walk Humbly with God". The cost is \$125 per person, payable by check to St. Paul's. Sign up here to be part of the fun: [Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat](#). **Signup deadline is Sunday, January 22!**

**IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP** – After speaking with families, pastors, and the Youth Support Team, we have decided that we are going to make some adjustments to our Middle School Mission Trip to Washington D.C. as follows:

The trip is being **shortened** by two days. The dates will now be **Sunday, June 18 through Wednesday, June 21**. Eligible participants are students currently in **5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades** – those who will be rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders by the time we actually go to D.C. (Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be encouraged to participate in the July Appalachia Service Project workweek instead of the D.C. trip.)

A shorter trip means less expense, so the per-person cost is being reduced to **\$240 per person**. Still, if finances are the **ONLY** thing keeping someone from participating, please talk to Pastor Stuart, Cari, or me; scholarship funds are available.

If you haven't already signed up and would like to join us for this great opportunity (especially if you are now eligible to do so), please add your name to the list here: [Middle School Trip to Washington DC](#).