

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022

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THIS WEEK (December 11-17, 2022)

Sun.: 11	8:00 am 9:15-10:15 9:15-10:15 9:15-10:15 9:15 10:30 12:00 pm 12:00 4:00	3rd Sunday of Advent Traditional Svc (also streamed) Sunday School (Age 3 potty-trained through 5th Gr) (Sanctuary) Class on FAITH (204) Current Iss/Christian Perspec (208) 6th-8th Confirmation Class (Pars) Contemporary Svc (also streamed) <i>Chat/Chews Book Club</i> (A. Byer's home) <i>Youth Protection Pol Trng</i> (St. Matt's) Rejoicing Spirits Service (3:30 Caroling)
Mon.: 12	7:00-8:30 pm 7:30	BSA 216 Meeting (FH) Jubilant Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)
Tue.: 13	11:30 am 6:00 pm 6:45 7-8:30 7:30	Rare Birds— <i>Ron's Schl House</i> Cub Den 4 (FH) Council Meeting (Zoom) <i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i> Car Club Meeting (FH)
Wed.: 14	9:30 am 6:15 pm 6:30-9 7:30	Crafters (Sanctuary) Voice of the Spirit (Choir Rm) Parent Support Group (FH) Worship Team (Zoom)
Thur.: 15	8:00 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Amigos (Pars) Cub PACK Mtg (FH) Kingdom Choir (Sanc)
Fri.: 16		
Sat.: 17	8:15-3:15 pm 3:00-5:00 6:00-8:00	<i>GoodWorks</i> <i>Middle Schl Xmas Event (St. Matt's)</i> <i>High Schl Xmas Event (St. Matt's)</i>

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 Kyle Wiest's father, Lily, Brett, Amy C., Amy D., Eric, Shirley, Sue, Carmen, Jan, Sandy L., Nancy, Marlene, Josie, Don, Garnet, Ben, Chip, Sandy, Bob, 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	8:00	10:30
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Frank Pechin	Lauren Zurowski
<i>Asst Min:</i>	Chris Robinson	Julie Sanders
<i>Lector:</i>	Anne Wiest	Elisa Mata
<i>Ushers/Grtrs:</i>	Dan Dierksheide	Anne-Marie Walters
<i>Ushers/Grtrs:</i>	Linda Dierksheide	Bryon Wornson
<i>Lock-Up:</i>	Scott Heath	

Christmas Season Giving This Year

The Lord's Pantry has once again requested monetary donations rather than gifts for local children. The Pantry will buy gift cards and distribute them to the families to buy their gifts. We're asking the congregation to **make their checks out to The Lord's Pantry** and give them to the office. We'll deliver all checks to the Pantry.

The **Lakota**, who we support by collecting socks, mittens or hats, this year need **children's new sweatshirts, sweatpants and long sleeved T-shirts**. Tags for those items will be hung on the **Giving Tree** in the narthex. Please consider grabbing a tag or two.

The **Children's Christmas Program** will be presented during the 2nd service on Dec. 18th.

Karen Slyman's Retirement Celebration this Sunday, December 11

As we prepare for the retirement of our long time Administrative Assistant, on Sunday, December 11 between the services, there will be a special hospitality time of celebration. Please be sure to come out and congratulate Karen as she looks forward to this joyous next stage of her life!

Christmas Strings We will be rehearsing in the choir room on Sundays 12/2, 12/11 and 12/18 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Advent Family Pictures For the next 2 Sundays in Advent, (December 11 and 18) we are offering FREE family photos offered by photographers here at St. Paul's! The pictures are taken in room 102, and there will be a clipboard on which to sign in just for email purposes. No appointments needed. Photos taken after the 8am service or before/after the 10:30 service.



Downingtown Holiday Parade is this Sat., Dec. 10. We will meet at Beaver Creek Elementary at 2:00 to prepare for the 3:00 parade. The parade ends at East Ward Elem School. Park near there and have someone drop you off at Beaver Creek. Please wear Christmas pajamas/layers to keep you warm. We will be walking and waving behind our float. We also need a limited number of individuals to hand out jingle bells to the crowd. If you can join us use the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA4AA2EA5FF2-parade>

Holiday Season Dates



- **Remaining Advent** December 11 and 18.
- **Christmas Eve Services** will be held here:
3:00 Family Service 8:00 Contemporary Service
10:00 Traditional Service
- On **Christmas Day**, the Synod offers a streamed service
OR
these 3 local Lutheran churches are holding live services:
 - **St. Matthew's** at 8:30 am
2440 Conestoga Road, Chester Springs
 - **Messiah Lutheran** at 10:00 am
46 W. Lancaster Ave, Downingtown
 - **St. Peter's Lutheran** at 10:00 am
1239 Clover Mill Road, Chester Springs

KEEP ON Inviting People to Celebrate on Christmas Eve!

Last night we dropped another wonderful social media post on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages which will let people know about the great things happening on Christmas Eve. Please let others know by using the "Share" function to your own page or the "Direct Share" to send it to someone you would like to invite!

Additionally, there are still more beautiful pre-printed Christmas cards that we handed out this past Sunday which you can use to invite someone to be blessed on Christmas Eve. And keep on praying for those you have already forwarded a video to or given them a Christmas card!



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.



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.

Contact Brian Lloyd at:
484-947-4755 or
brianplloyd2000@gmail.com



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



COVID Update Caring for one another is a foundational principal at St. Paul's. We continue to follow the CDC guidance on Covid safety measures. So masks are not required—but *for the safety of those who are at a higher risk for severe disease who may be in attendance, you might want to consider it.* With flu season upon us, **this is a great time to consider a flu shot as well as the new updated Covid booster. Be prepared for the holiday season in a very important way.** Remember last year...
Chester County's level is MEDIUM. For those who want to review CDC guidance, [click here](#).



An ounce of prevention...

Poinsettias !

We have ordered 20 red poinsettias in 6" pots from Blossom Boutique to decorate our altar. Just like previous years, if you're interested in purchasing one in memory of someone or even in celebration of someone, please let the office know.

Cost is \$17 and we will put your message in our bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make the checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran with a note on the memo line that it's for poinsettias. You can take the poinsettias home after all the Christmas Eve services. We had to place an order before Thanksgiving, so we have ordered 20, and these will be sold on a first come, first served basis.



Find out what events & drives are going on! Just go to:
StPaulsLionville.org/Events!

2022 Giving For Operating Expenses YTD

Giving 12/4 - 14,550

2022 Target

\$ 373,691

88%

\$ 423,000

YTD Budgeted Income: \$ 398,596 YTD Shortage: \$ 24,905



Youth News

THE YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS will be on Saturday, December 17 at St. Paul's. The Middle School Youth will gather from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, while the high school will get together from 6:00 to 8:00 pm with dinner provided. For each gathering, participants are invited to bring an inexpensive (\$1-\$5), wrapped joke gift for our ever-popular gift exchanges! Friends are also welcome to join us. Sign up here for the Middle School Gathering: [Dec. 17th Middle School Christmas Gathering](#). High School Youth can sign up here: [Dec. 17th High School Christmas Get-Together](#).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS EVEN MORE JOYFUL? On Sunday, December 18, we will be hosting a group of elementary-aged kids from the Martin Luther School of Gemma Services at Elmwood Park Zoo's "Wild Lights" display. These children are residents of the school who come from difficult home situations that may involve abuse, neglect, or addiction challenges. We will meet in St. Paul's parking lot at 4:15 pm to car-pool to Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, where we will meet up with the kids and staff members from the school and spend some time seeing the light displays together; the estimated return time to St. Paul's is 7:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person; youth are invited (but NOT expected) to chip in additional funds to help cover the costs of our Martin Luther School guests. Sign up here to participate: [Dec. 18th Elmwood Park Zoo Trip with Martin Luther School](#).

"CONNECT - DISCONNECT - RECONNECT" YOUTH RETREATS TO BEAR CREEK CAMP The Middle School and High School Youth will each have their own retreat at Bear Creek Camp from Friday, February 10th through Sunday, February 12th (we'll be home in *plenty* of time for the Super Bowl) focusing on the theme of "Connection." The cost is \$40 for the first participant from each family, and \$20 for each additional participant. You don't want to be left out of this fun opportunity to spend time with friends in the Poconos, away from it all! We also need adult leaders to drive and be with our groups while we are there. Sign up here to join us:

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

[Adult Help with Bear Creek Camp Retreats](#)

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING is being offered this Sunday, December 11 at 10:45 am at St. Matthew's and at noon at St. Paul's (after worship at each congregation). All adults who work with youth and children in any capacity, including as drivers for youth events, must complete this training if you have not done so within the past year, and all adults are welcome and encouraged to take part and become more informed stewards of our kids' safety. Sign up here to take part: [December 11th Youth Protection Policy Training](#).

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.

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.

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](#).

Easter Hams?? Many thanks to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Many people donated the "free" turkey that they received using their Giant card points. **Giant will also be awarding hams with points for Christmas.** If you do not have a need for your ham, please consider bringing to church as we can freeze and use for our Easter Food Drive. Contact Jenn Pindle Jennifer.pindle@verizon.net with any questions.

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@stpaulsionville.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.**

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.

