



# St. Paul's October Newsletter 2022

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## A Note from Pastor Stuart



Thank you so much for my installation!



I just wanted to share a short message of thanks for the great day of my installation at St. Paul's! I had noted on the Sunday before the event that I've been with you as your pastor since May so it wasn't really a beginning. However, it was a very wonderful day of celebrating our ministry that has already begun together! (I've already learned that whenever there is the opportunity for a party, St. Paul's does it right!) It was especially great to see so many people who had drifted away a little bit during the pandemic and pastoral changes and to have them express how good it was to be back. As I've said to many people, it's a wonderful new season at St. Paul's!

Of very special importance to me was the laying on of hands which took place at the end of the service, which is shown in the picture above. As when I was ordained as a pastor or as we also offer at a Confirmation, the laying on of hands is a powerful physical reminder of our connection. I have felt and do feel your support and prayers for me as your pastor and for our ministry together. Seeing all of you gathered around me brings joy to my heart and strength for all that God will do with us in the future!

God Bless! Pastor Stuart

## LiveStreaming the 8 am Traditional Service

Starting on **Sunday, October 9** and on-going, we will be offering the 8 am Traditional service via livestream on our [YouTube channel](#) in addition to the 10:30 am Contemporary service. Of course it will be available, as all our services are, anytime afterwards.

If you or someone you know needs help in viewing this service, please feel free to contact the church office. We hope this additional service being livestreamed is a blessing to you!

### Be In the Know

#### Worship Svcs

8:00 Traditional Service  
10:30 Contemporary Service  
9:15 Sunday school

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

## Council Corner

Congregational Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022.

During the Council meeting, we discussed the upcoming Rise Against Hunger event on October 16 (please donate and/or sign up – see the St Paul's Website's Events Page), the ministry fair that happened on September 11 (if you're still interested in getting involved, talk to the ministry lead or Pastor Stuart about how to get involved), the upcoming leadership retreat, and an event run by the Scouts to celebrate their 50 years of being chartered by St Paul's (it'll be fun).

We are very excited to have held Pastor Stuart's installation service on Sunday, September 18. We also got to celebrate with the pig roast afterward.

On September 11, we officially shredded the mortgage. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate with it being burned.

On September, we resumed having two services!

There is a lot of great stuff happening at St. Paul's that is reported elsewhere in this newsletter, but if you want a quick summary, please check out our on-line events page on our website. It's: <https://www.stpaulslionville.org/events>

Please continue to pray for our staff, our leadership, and one another.

Kyle Wiest  
Congregation Council Vice President

## 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.



**Caring for each other is one of the most important things we do — now more than ever! If you or your loved ones have a specific need during these challenging times - spiritually, physically, or emotionally - please email our designated email: [care@stpaulslionville.org](mailto:care@stpaulslionville.org).**

This is for everything from letting us know you are especially lonely or have a particular need, to requests for special prayers or support. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the office (610) 363-6264.

## New Members Class !

If you've been attending St. Paul's, we would love to welcome you as a new member this fall! We'll hold weekly classes starting Sunday, October 16 as an opportunity to grow in faith, learn more about St. Paul's and build friendships with others who are also joining. If you would like to attend or if you have any questions, please feel free to email:

[PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org) or call 610-804-1740.

## Leadership Retreat

Please save the date for our next **Leadership Retreat** on **Saturday, October 29** from 9 am to 1 pm. This will be a chance to gather with others who care about St. Paul's to plan and dream about our future together!! Mark your calendars! Everyone welcome; sign up at:

[www.StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://www.StPaulsLionville.org/events).

## ELCA—Hurricane Maria 5 years later

Recovery is still on-going five years after Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A Category 5 hurricane, Maria made landfall on Sep. 20, 2017, and brought devastation to the islands, which were already in a relief process after Hurricane Irma hit two weeks earlier. Maria caused catastrophic flooding and the worst electrical blackout in U.S. history — some areas of Puerto Rico were without power for months. With little access to the islands, the response to the humanitarian crisis was slow.

**Your generosity allowed Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) to immediately support those who were impacted. That support extends to this day as we accompany communities in continued recovery—in partnership with the Caribbean Synod.**

Today, we are seeing the news of many other disasters, including Hurricane Fiona, earthquakes, flooding and typhoons. With your gifts to the [Lutheran Disaster Response general fund](#), we can respond to disasters around the world — whenever and wherever they occur.

To read our Lutheran Disaster Response report, click here: [2017 Hurricanes](#).

Thank you for your constant prayers and support for our neighbors.

-The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund

## Connection Card

We're now using a "Connection Card" with the bulletin each week. (This replaces the Sunday worship sign-in.)

This bright yellow insert (also available online at [StPaulsLionville.org/cc](http://StPaulsLionville.org/cc)) is one of the best ways to get information from those new to St. Paul's and hence, welcome them.

Additionally, you'll also find it an excellent way to communicate with the church staff. If you have a prayer request, a question, or something you'd like more information on, just let us know through the Connection Card.

If you have any questions, as always, email me at [PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org) or call me at 610-804-1740.



## Be a 'Welcome' Ambassador

### The Welcome Ambassador Ministry Needs You!

Our new Welcome Team is creating a new ministry to let St. Paul's guests know how much we value them! It's called the **Welcome Ambassadors** and it's really simple but makes a big impact on people.

When a guest at St. Paul's gives us their address, we follow up their visit by dropping off a gift bag with cookies to thank them. It's not a long visit, just a simple, "Thanks for coming!" but it often means the world to someone. You could be a cookie baker (we will freeze the cookies and have them ready) or you could deliver the gift. That too is simple: the team will be contacted and whoever is available or lives in the area of the visit can volunteer.

If you would be interested in this ministry or would like to know more, please email [PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org) or call him at: 610-804-1740.

Thanks so much for considering this ministry to be used by God to welcome guests to St. Paul's!

- Pastor Stuart



## Greetings from Mutual Ministry

As we continue to enjoy more person-to-person interactions at church, we wanted to remind the congregation of our Mutual Ministry Committee and their role at St. Paul's. This perspective on mutual ministry comes from the ELCA:

*The ministry of any pastor, lay professional, and congregation is strengthened when there exists a small group of persons who act out of mutual concern for the pastor, lay professional, and congregation . . . through listening, interpreting, advising, conferring, evaluating, recommending, affirming, and forgiving, the ministry of the pastor and lay professional is strengthened as well as that of the congregation.*

Each St. Paul's staff member has a Mutual Ministry member as their advocate, to lend support on a personal level and with professional development. Mutual Ministry works to foster a positive work environment where the staff can effectively serve and support our congregation, and our numerous ministries and programs.

We also support a positive, communicative environment for all St. Paul's members that is rooted in our Christian faith. We encourage all members to contact a committee member to discuss any questions or concerns. Thank you!

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## Blessing of the Animals Service - Saturday, Oct. 15, 10:00 am

We're excited to announce that the Blessing of the Animals Service will be Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 am. Tell your pets to mark their social calendars for a "special blessing" just for them! Members of the congregation and the community are invited to bring their pets to this outdoor event on the church grounds from 10:00 – 11:00 am.

The Brandywine Valley SPCA—located in West Chester—will be on site with information about volunteering opportunities, as well as how you can help their adoptable shelter animals. They might even bring along some of their four-legged friends.

Additionally, **you** can be a blessing to the Brandywine Valley SPCA by bringing any of the following much-needed items to our Blessing of the Animals event:

- wet "pate" cat food
- cat litter (unscented clumping)
- dog treats
- peanut butter
- Kongs
- pee pads
- old towels, sheets and blankets
- poop bags
- & cleaning supplies like bleach, paper towels, Fabuloso, Windex, Clorox Wipes, blue Dawn & hand sanitizer.

Bring any of these items to the Blessing of the Animals event, or drop them off at the church in the next few weeks. The wonderful animals at the Brandywine Valley SPCA thank you!



Tell your friends and neighbors. This event is a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about the Brandywine Valley SPCA—and St. Paul's!

## Strong Faith for Hard Times Worship Series

One thing I've found that blesses our worship is sometimes holding a "worship series." Many churches like St. Paul's use the Revised Common Lectionary, a prescribed three-year cycle of scripture texts. This has value in systematically covering different parts of the Bible. However, there is also value in picking a theme, like in this case, **faith**.

Through much of October we will be talking about how faith gets us through difficult times. This seems especially appropriate coming out of the pandemic or any other challenges we might be going through. One advantage is that this can be very relevant. If the topic is something you know a friend, family member, co-worker, or neighbor would value, please invite them.

Additionally, it allows us to build on that same topic each week and delve deeper than we would with an one individual topic for one week. I think you'll find this to be a blessing, but if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know and I'll always be glad to talk!

-Pastor Stuart

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**Church Office Hours: Limited (We are reachable by phone)**  
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*For an emergency or if you are in need of pastoral care, call the church office or email [caristpauls@gmail.com](mailto:caristpauls@gmail.com). Voice mail is checked regularly.*

## More Studies at St. Paul's

### Three weekly opportunities for Adult Studies:

The Sunday morning **Contemporary Issues / Christian Perspectives** class continues to meet on Sunday mornings through the year. We meet at 9:30 am in room 208 on the second floor. With a 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. The class is led by Chris Robinson. All are welcome.

The **Simpson Meadows Bible Study** meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Simpson Meadows, 101 Plaza Drive in Downingtown. We study multi-week biblical-themed videos followed by a discussion of the video relating it to today's world. In October we continue with a six-session video series: "*Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*." The sessions are independent and can be joined at any time without viewing the earlier sessions. We meet in the second-floor lounge of Simpson Meadows. Masks and front-desk check-in are required. All St. Paul's members are welcome to join this study.

The **Friday Night Fire Pit** continues through October! We meet at the church fire pit at 7:00 pm on Friday nights to share our stories from the week and get a preview of the worship service Bible readings for the coming Sunday. All are welcome. Bring your own chair. As in the past, in case of weather not conducive to sitting outdoors, we will meet in the Parsonage. It's a relaxing way to end the week and meet in fellowship with other members of St. Paul's. (And at the fire pit sessions you can get lessons on making gourmet s'mores.) Please join us.

## Chat and Chews Book Club

Chat and Chews Sunday School Book Club meets on the second Sunday of each month in the Church Library at 9:15 am. Our next meeting is October 9th. The following are our current reads: *Arabella* by Georgette Heyer, and *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd.



Please contact Gwen Werner for more information. Happy Reading!

## Stewardship

Thank you for your continued generosity with your financial gifts that enable us to continue to support our many ministries. We will soon be looking to 2023 and thinking about the many more ways we can serve God, our Faith community, and our neighbors. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to give in time, talent and treasure.

We are blessed to have so many individuals who give so much of their time and talents, thereby enabling our community of Faith to do so much. There is always much more that we can do, so if you feel called to do something (or do more), reach out to Pastor Stuart or any of us on Council and the Stewardship committee.

If you don't quite know where you would fit and would like help identifying areas in which you would be really good, we have access to the ELCA Spiritual Gifts Assessment. This is a wonderful tool that helps you explore your spiritual gifts. Please talk to Pastor Stuart or Anne-Marie if you want to know more. There are so many wonderful ways to serve the church and we are always open to new ideas and new volunteers.

Thanks to Theresa Foltz and Jenn Pindle-Lloyd for joining Pastor Stuart and me on the Stewardship team (or "Stuart-ship" team as we are fondly becoming known).

Yours in Christ,  
Anne-Marie Walters



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## VBS Update

We are looking for someone interested in taking over for Anne W., our former co-leader for VBS. This is a great opportunity to work with our other great co-leader, Leah Skriletz. If interested, please contact Pastor Stuart.

Also, next year's VBS has been scheduled for the **week of July 23**. Mark your calendar now!

Grow in Faith & Serve with Love





## A Note from the Director of Music

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We have resumed almost all of St. Paul's music ensembles: Voice of the Spirit, Sunday School Singers, Kingdom Choir, Early Praise, Jubilant Bells, and the Worship Team. (Praise Players will start later in the year.) Please see below for details and start dates. Let's make a joyful noise at St. Paul's!

### MUSIC MINISTRIES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS:

**Voice of the Spirit:** St. Paul's teen choir is the perfect place to meet new friends and let your voice be heard. We sing a variety of music, but we're more than just music! Each week we gather for fellowship and fun. Students 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in the Choir Room on **Wednesdays from 6:15-7 pm**.

**Sunday School Singers:** We'll make some music together at the start of Sunday School each week. As long as you're registered for Sunday School, no additional registration is required.

**Praise Players:** St. Paul's children's music ensemble (open to kids 1st-5th grade) is a unique combination of classroom percussion instruments and singing. If enough response, we'll meet **6:15-7 pm on Wednesdays** in the Choir room, but not until winter.



### MUSIC MINISTRIES FOR ADULTS:

**Kingdom Choir:** St. Paul's adult choir meets **Thursdays in the Sanctuary from 7:30-9 pm**.

We usually sing two Sundays a month at the 10:30 am service and once a month at the 8 am service. The Kingdom Choir sings a variety of repertoire ranging in complexity as well as style. We have a great group of singers, but we are always looking for new members.

**Early Praise:** The **FIRST Sunday of each month** finds a group of early birds meeting at **7:30 am** to prepare an anthem to be sung at the 8am Traditional Worship Service that day. While we have a core of dedicated singers who join us every month, this is an ensemble that does not require an ongoing commitment. Fall dates include **October 2, November 6, and December 4**.

**Jubilant Bells:** St. Paul's handbell choir is open to teens and adults. We rehearse **Mondays in the Sanctuary at 7:30 pm starting October 10**. While we have quite a few experienced ringers who read music, this is not a requirement. All levels are welcome. If you're looking for a way to grow musically and spiritually, or just looking to make a joyful noise, please contact our Director of Music.

If you are interested in joining any of these ensembles, being added to our mailing list, or have questions, please contact me via email ([lyndseystpauls@gmail.com](mailto:lyndseystpauls@gmail.com)) or call the office (610-363-6264). I'm looking forward to the fellowship and faith that grows in each of these ensembles and worshipping with all of you through music.

## Confirmation 2022-23

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Confirmation Classes for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are held Sundays from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Parsonage.

Upcoming dates/topics: 10/2 - The Bible; 10/9 - The Law; 10/16 - Exodus/Deuteronomy; 10/20 - Ruth

Confirmation classes for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade are held every Sunday in the Church Library from 9:15 - 10:15 am. Their remaining classes are October 2, 9, 16, 23. Confirmation will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 30 at the 10:30 service.

Please join us in welcoming Will Shallow and Connor Skriletz as they affirm their baptism. If you know a student in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade who would be interested in our program, please contact Joan Strawbridge at [jstrawbridge52@yahoo.com](mailto:jstrawbridge52@yahoo.com).

## Youth and Family News

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**THINGS ARE OFF AND RUNNING!** We had a good turnout for both the Middle School kickoff event and the OASIS High School kickoff, and both sessions were full of excitement and positive energy for the year ahead. Unfortunately, our retreat to Bear Creek had to be postponed when half of our group got sick shortly beforehand, but we are looking to do something later this year to make up for that disappointment.

**HERE COMES THE BUSY SEASON!** (Okay, truthfully, when *isn't* it the "busy season?") October has lots of opportunities for youth of ALL ages to be involved in social events and service projects. OASIS has two get-togethers, there is a gaming afternoon for ALL youth (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades), and our Good Works Workday returns, as does the ever-popular Rise Against Hunger event! But wait! There's MORE!!!...

**DON'T MISS THE APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT PRESENTATION AND KICKOFF** on Sunday, October 2 beginning at noon in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall! The whole congregation is invited to come and hear about our group's ASP experience this past summer. This event will also serve as the kickoff and opening of registration for our 2023 ASP mission trip, scheduled for July 8-15, 2023! If you are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and considering joining our group next summer, please plan to join us to learn more about this amazing experience!

## And Coming to St. Paul's on October 23<sup>rd</sup>!



**Purchase a bottle of honey: Change the life of a child**

Honey Sunday, hosted by congregations all across the United States, supports the residential treatment and educational programs at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

To purchase a bottle of honey (\$10 suggested donation), and provide hope and healing for a child at the Ranch, complete the form at [www.dakotaranch.org/ORDERHONEY](http://www.dakotaranch.org/ORDERHONEY).



On Sunday, October 23, you will have the opportunity to purchase honey to benefit both the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, and the St. Paul's/St. Matthew's Youth Program. Orders and payment will be taken in person and online that day, and the honey will be shipped directly to you from the ranch's production center in North Dakota by mid-November.

What does this organization do? Directly from their website: "Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is a Christ-centered residential treatment and educational center for children and their families. We help the most troubled, complicated, and amazing kids by providing best-in-class psychiatric therapy and trauma-informed care, where we look kids in the eye, walk with them, and help them become their best selves."

For more information, visit their website at [www.dakotaranch.org](http://www.dakotaranch.org).

## Youth Calendars - Fall 2022

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun., October 16, 12:30 to 3:00 pm – **Rise Against Hunger in St. Matthew's CLC!** Let's show up strong as a youth team for the 1:00 to 3:00 shift making prepackaged meals to combat hunger in impoverished countries! Arrive early (12:30) for pizza in the downstairs lounge. Parents and younger children are welcome to join us, too! Register here to participate: [Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Rise Against Hunger](#); be sure to select the 1:00 time slot to be with our group!

Sun., October 23 12:45 to 3:30 pm – **Youth Gaming Day at Uplink Studios!** Come show off your e-skills as we take part in a gaming session at Uplink Studios in Glenmoore. **Sign up here by Sunday, October 16 to participate:** Oct. 23 [Youth Gaming Day](#).

Sat., November 12, location and time TBD – **Our Annual "Friendsgiving" Event!** Invite a friend or two to take part in our yearly push to share this wonderful group with others. They can be friends from outside of our congregations, or someone who IS a part of the church but you haven't seen around in a while. Games, activities, and (weather permitting) some time around the firepit will be part of the plan!

Sun., November 20, meet at St. Paul's at noon – **Load, Deliver, and Distribute Thanksgiving Food Boxes.** We'll help load the van and trailer at St. Paul's, then follow it all down to the Care Center Foundation in West Chester to help unload and distribute them to those in need in the community.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat., October 1, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Paul's – **OASIS.** Spend some time unwinding from the crazy busyness of everyday life, and maybe learn some ways to deal with it when you are in it. Come early at 6:00 pm for St. Matt's evening worship, if you'd like. Unlike other events, signup is NOT required; you can just drop in.

Sun., October 2, noon to 1:30 pm at St. Paul's – **Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Info Session.** If you weren't able to go with our group to West Virginia this past summer, here's a great opportunity to hear what it's all about from those who went. This will be the kickoff to our July 2023 ASP workweek, with registrations due at the end of October.

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Sat., October 22, 8:15 am to 3:30 pm – **Good Works Youth Workday.** Meet at the Good Works warehouse in Coatesville, then travel to a local residence to help make somebody's home safer, warmer, and drier. If you want a sample of what ASP is about, this is a GREAT way to get it! Sign up here by Monday, October 10 to participate: [Oct. 22nd Good Works Workday](#).

Sun., October 23, all morning at both congregations – **Honey Sunday!** Help collect orders for honey to benefit the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, and our youth ministry programs.

Sat., November 5, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Paul's – **OASIS**

Sun., November 20, meet at St. Paul's at noon – **Load, Deliver, and Distribute Thanksgiving Food Boxes.** We'll help load the van and trailer at St. Paul's, then follow it all down to the Care Center Foundation in West Chester to help unload and distribute them to those in need in the community.

Sun., November 20, 6:30 to 7:45 pm at St. Matthew's – **OASIS**

## Social Ministry

Social Ministry had 3 tables at the September 11 **Ministry Fair** in the Fellowship Hall, showcasing the many activities that the various Social Ministry groups are involved with. It was impressive to see the different ways that St. Paul's members can help improve the lives of others (and our own) through involvement in outside community organizations as well as our internal groups: food drives, collection and assembly of items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Habitat for Humanity, etc.

Set-up for the **backpack-filling event** was done on Friday September 23 and the mountains of school supplies were sorted and organized for the main event on Sunday, September 25. The 252 backpacks, each filled with 4 notebooks, 5 pens, 5 pencils, crayons, scissors, eraser, ruler, and pencil sharpener will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Packers were instructed to take a backpack to each of the individual school supply tables to pick up the required items and filled bags were then reviewed for completeness by our "quality control" group.

**Blessing of the Animals** is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 outside the church. All animals are welcome but must be accompanied by a human. Dogs/cats should be on leashes. (Humans are not required to be accompanied by an animal; perhaps there will be an opportunity to acquire a new pet at the event.) Representatives from local animal agencies will be in attendance to provide information on their organizations. If rain: we will meet in the narthex. (see our ad p. 4)

Collection of items for the **Thanksgiving food boxes** begins in October. A list of the requested items will be provided, but in the meantime, please start collecting boxes with lids to be used to deliver the food items to the families. Packing of the boxes is scheduled for November 13 between services.

On October 16 there will be a **Rise Against Hunger food packing event** in conjunction with St Matthew's. The goal is to pack 60,000 meals, with volunteers each working a 2 hour shift. You can sign up for your preferred packing time through the church website: [StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events)

**Blessing of the Quilts** assembled for Lutheran World Relief, will be held during the October 23 services. It is quite a sight to see all the completed quilts hanging in the sanctuary, a colorful display of the care and effort put into the design and assembly of these quilts. LWR will send these wherever they are needed to be used for shelter,

## Rare Birds Upcoming Events

### **Fire Pit Fun** October 11, 11:30

Join us for a hot dog roast lunch!  
Bring your lawn chair and grab a spot! RSVP: [karen@lammey.com](mailto:karen@lammey.com)  
by Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>



## Thank you, Hospitality !

The Hospitality Team pulled together a great event on September 18 following Pastor Stuart's Installation. There was a Pig Roast picnic, complete with side dishes and desserts provided by members of the congregation. A complete pig (from snout to tail) was roasted with very little pork leftovers, so everyone must have "pigged out." Many thanks to those who contributed food or helped with set up and clean up.

## Crafters

Crafters is going strong. We meet **every Wednesday at 9:30 am** in the Parsonage now that the weather has turned cooler. (On Oct. 5th, we'll be putting layettes together and will meet in Fellowship Hall.) We're also making baby blankets for LWR layettes and pillow cases to raise money to cover postage.

A couple of us are starting *plarn* mats for the homeless made from grocery bags. So keep saving those bags too! Anyone interested in either 'plarning' a mat or cutting the plastic bags to be used, please go to the YouTube video, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr\\_WHW\\_tGSE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr_WHW_tGSE) "How to Make a PLARN Bedroll" or contact Anne-Marie W. for info. This is a **great** way to recycle plastic bags for a great cause!

# St. Paul's Preschool



**ST. PAUL'S  
PRESCHOOL**  
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**MORNING CLASSES for:**

3 Year Olds - 3 days  
4 Year Olds - 3 days  
Pre-K 5 Year Olds -- 5 days } (9 am-12 noon)

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[preschool@stpaulslionville.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulslionville.org)

### Did you know St. Paul's Preschool offers a Pre-K Class?

Our Pre-K's program is specifically designed for those children who do not meet the kindergarten age requirements or those needing another year in a small-class setting before entering kindergarten.

Our Pre-K's program uses the Learning Without Tears® curriculum and a complete math curriculum in addition to STEM activities to encourage individual growth while focusing on kindergarten readiness skills.

Please call or email for more information; space is limited.

**610-594-9393**  
**[www.stpaulslionville.org](http://www.stpaulslionville.org)**

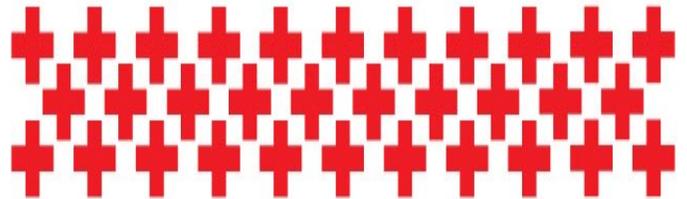


**Interested in working at our preschool?  
Give Cari a call!**

# St. Paul's Blood Drive

**American Red Cross**

*Give blood. Help save lives.*



**Blood Drive**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall  
104 S. Village Avenue  
Exton, PA 19353

**Thursday, October 13, 2022** ←  
**1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, please sign up after services or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: splutheran

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.  
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment

We've got a treat for you this month: Come to give in October and get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. Enjoy some buttery popcorn or a refreshing drink with your next movie screening on us. Terms apply, see [redblood.org/boo](http://redblood.org/boo)

# Rejoicing Spirits Service

Our next Rejoicing Spirits service is scheduled for **Sunday, October 9** at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Hope we see you there!



**Everyone is Invited to Rejoicing Spirits Worship Services!**

Come and experience an amazing worship service where:

we have lots of music & joyous singing



many ways to participate, serve and lead



and fellowship!



*Faith* IS NOT KNOWING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, BUT KNOWING *who holds the future.* meaningful messages



"NO" shushing policy



**Volunteers are asked to arrive at 3:30 pm.**

# October Volunteers

## 2022 OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

	10.2.2022 8.00	10.9.22 8.00 am	10.16.22 8.00 am	10.23.22 8.00 am	10.30.22 8.00
<b>Altar Care</b>	Pechin, Frank	Shallow, Dan	Strawbridge, H & J	Strawbridge, Joan	Pechin, Melissa
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Erickson, Flos	Lammey, Karen	Missimer, Matt	Pechin, Melissa	Robinson, Chris
<b>Lector</b>	Pechin, Frank	Huffman, Mike	Berger, Nancy	Missimer, Matt	Pechin, Melissa
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Ward, John	Pindle, Bob	Huffman, Mike	Pindle, Bob	Munson, Gordon
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Ward, Linda	Pindle, Karen	Berger, Kirk	Pindle, Karen	Missimer, Matt
<b>Acolyte</b>	Shallow, Carly		Wiest, Jacob	Shallow, Carly	Wiest, Jack
	10.2.22 10.30 am	10.9.22 10.30 am	10.16.22 10.30	10.23.22 10.30	10.30.22 10.30
<b>Altar Care</b>	Kerstetter, Harold	Mata, Elisa	Rice, P & P	Stevens, Linda	Wachter, J & S
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Johnson, Kim	Sanders, Julie	Burt, Bruce	Albright, Anne	Johnson, Kim
<b>Lector</b>	Miller, Craig	Fabry, Joel	Burt, Bruce	Baker, Cherie	Mcllvaine, Sue
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Flach, Chris	Fabry, Joel	Teague, Jim	Stevens, Jeff	Burt, Bruce
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Burt, Bruce	Heath, Will	Teague, Ryan	Wollenberg, Bob	Walters, Anne-
<b>Acolyte</b>	Teague, Luke	Teague, Ryan	Teague, Luke	Teague, Ryan	Teague, Luke
<b>Lock-Up</b>	Greenawalt, Evan	Heath, Scott	Huffman, Mike	Shallow, Dan	Smith, Peter

## Lots of Love from *Love Does*

lovedoes@stpaulslionville.org

**Rise Against Hunger** – save the date of **Sunday, October 16** for our next event in partnership with St. Matthews and probably being held there as well. Bill and Lauren Bauer are leading the St. Paul's team for this family activity. Please save your quarters. Each meal we pack costs 31 cents, so by saving quarters for this worthy cause you can make a huge difference. Look out for the details to come.



**GoodWorks** - St. Paul's sends volunteers and youth every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, which makes the next work day October 22. Not sure what is next but it will be fun! If you want to learn something new and help Elaina who is a nurse at Chester County Hospital and a single Mom, contact: [chrisrobinson228@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisrobinson228@hotmail.com) or [annemariewalters@hotmail.com](mailto:annemariewalters@hotmail.com).



**Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sports** – cycling on the Chester Valley Trail every Sunday from 1-3:00 pm leaving from Exton Park. This volunteering activity pairs volunteers with disabled athletes keeping them safe and providing company as they cycle on the trail and get great exercise. We have 30 disabled athletes signed up and we urgently need more volunteers as some weeks either an athlete has to go out alone or they have to wait until someone comes back, cutting down their time to exercise. If you're interested in coming out & helping, contact: [annemariewalters@hotmail.com](mailto:annemariewalters@hotmail.com). The program ends the end of October, restarting in April.



**Habitat for Humanity** – now has two ReStores in Chester County and they need household items! The ReStores accept furniture, tools, doors, cabinets, glassware – see this link for what they take - [Donations | Re-store \(hfhcc.org\)](https://www.hfhcc.org). They even have a truck that will come and pick up larger pieces. The ReStores are open Wednesday through Saturday 9 to 5pm and are always in need of volunteers. You can volunteer from as little as two hours to all day. Email [annemariewalters@hotmail.com](mailto:annemariewalters@hotmail.com) or [chrisrobinson228@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisrobinson228@hotmail.com) for more information.



**Volunteer English Program** - Sponsoring a 3-session training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop is held via Zoom on Thursday, Oct. 20, Tuesday, October 25, and Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, running from 6-8:00 pm. For more information or to register, contact (610) 918-8222 or visit their website at [www.volunteerenglish.org](http://www.volunteerenglish.org). A one-year commitment of about 3 hours a week is requested.



## Elder Abuse “Silent No Longer”

**Elder abuse (violence, psychological, financial, sexual, & neglect) has been on the rise during the Covid-19 pandemic. It's time to take the crisis seriously.**

- 1) Approximately 1 in 6 people 60 years & older experienced abuse in community settings this year.
- 2) Rates of elder abuse are high in institutions such as long-term care facilities & nursing homes in the past year.
- 3) Elder abuse is predicted to increase as the population ages.

**Reporting Abuse In the state of Pennsylvania**, if you work with and suspect abuse of an individual over the age of 60—you are mandated to report it to the appropriate authorities.

**PA Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline**  
**1-800-490-8505**

### Local Resources:

**Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline**  
1-800-490-8505  
[www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov)

**National Center on Elder Abuse**  
[www.ncea.acl.gov](http://www.ncea.acl.gov)

**Chester Cnty Department of Aging**  
Toll-Free: 1-800-564-7000  
Local: (610) 344-6350  
[www.chesco.org/486/Protective Svcs](http://www.chesco.org/486/Protective_Svcs)

**Domestic Violence of Chester Cnty**  
Toll-Free: 1-888-711-6270  
Local: (610) 431-1430  
[www.dvcccpa.org](http://www.dvcccpa.org)

**Berks Cnty Department of Aging**  
(610) 478-6500

## Honey Brook Food Pantry Update

On behalf of the Honey Brook Food Pantry and the hundreds of families served by the Pantry each month, I want to update you regarding our Summer, 2022 status & thank you for your great support, your volunteer time and your interest.

As you might imagine, the repercussions of the financial issues facing our community have dramatically increased the number of families turning to us for food support. The pantry served nearly 1,800 people this summer.....**a 51% increase over 2021**. Kids were provided extra Peanut Butter, Jelly and Bread as well as Supplemental Food Boxes and 550 were served, **a 64% increase**. Perhaps the most telling statistic is that **65 new families** sought assistance from June-August...nearly triple the historic trend of new families registering.

We continue to provide high quality food utilizing a "Drive-Thru" outdoor distribution model. Clients receive a 7-day food supply including non-perishable items, dairy, meat, starches, fresh produce and much more on a bi-weekly basis. We are also happy to report that with the re-start of the healthy cooking "**Taste-It**" program, **ALL of the critically important supplemental services have been restored within our outdoor model**. These include our Wellness Tent, (where blood-pressure screenings, medical info and specialized nutritional supplements for families with children under 4 years of age and diabetes-friendly food selections are available), backpack and kids' bag food programs, dental referrals, employment assistance, adult/kids' gardening programs, free market & many more options to encourage independence.

Our 90+ volunteers have been terrific, as always, throughout the year and will be honored later this month.

The increased cost of the food we purchase has been well documented as food inflation is near the top of the list. We are preparing for the holiday season with our traditional Holiday Dinner, Toys, Coats and other winter clothing. Reflecting the need that exists, **we are adding an additional distribution on 11/30 and preparing for 370 individual children compared with 290 last winter**. Despite the food availability challenge, the community can continue to be confident that we are always prepared to provide food as scheduled, on-site, through delivery and on an emergency basis.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of participating in this year's golf event on October 11th (Honey Brook Golf Club) and for your great interest and support throughout the years.

Regards,  
Kenneth R. Ross, Board Chairman 610-291-0067  
[www.honeybrookfoodpantry.org](http://www.honeybrookfoodpantry.org)

## Crop Walk - October 2!

**The 36th Annual Downingtown Area CROP Walk** will be held on **Sunday October 2!** Join Central Presbyterian Church members at **11:00 am** to begin our walk through Downingtown.

Register to walk with Team Central on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or Donate to Central's Team here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/downingtwnpa>

If you are a Facebook user, please join the Downingtown CROP Facebook page for updates and further information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3192412217485281>

### What is the CROP Walk?

CROP Hunger Walks are walk events held across the USA raising funds to support [Church World Service](http://ChurchWorldService.org), an organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Learn more here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/page/about-the-crop-hunger-walk>



## Making Medicare Easier in Chester County (pamphlets in airlocks)

Free, Confidential Unbiased Counseling provided by Chester County Department of Aging Services

### What is Medicare?

- A federal health insurance program for:
  - People age 65 years or older
  - People under age 65 who have
    - ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease) ▪ ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) ▪ Received Social Security Disability Insurance benefits for 24 months ▪
  - You must have been a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant for at least five years

### What is PA MEDI?

- Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight, PA MEDI is Pennsylvania's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).
- Services provided by nearly 52 Area Agencies on Aging
- Supported by nearly 600 volunteer counselors statewide

### How can a PA MEDI Counselor help beneficiaries?

- Provide free, unbiased, confidential Medicare information
- Counsel people about Medicare health and drug coverage options
- Explain the different parts of Medicare: Part A (Hospital Insurance), Part B (Medical Insurance), Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans) and Part D (Drug Coverage Plans)
- Explain Medicare Supplement Plans (Medigap)
- Help find the best coverage for you, by comparing plan options • Review eligibility for programs that help to pay for Medicare premiums, deductibles, copayments and drugs

**Chester County PA MEDI offers FREE educational seminars to groups at various locations.** Visit our website for a calendar and how to sign up: [www.chesco.org/477/PA-MEDI](http://www.chesco.org/477/PA-MEDI)

**PA MEDI has state-certified Medicare counselors who can work directly with you** on Medicare-related problems or opportunities. Counseling can be done on the phone or at a PA MEDI Counseling Center.

**Contact PA MEDI in Chester County:** call the HELPLINE at 610-344-5004 option 2 or EMAIL: [smilam@chesco.org](mailto:smilam@chesco.org).

(PA MEDI is a free health insurance counseling program to help Medicare beneficiaries in PA with health insurance concerns. PA MEDI is part of the federal program, State Health Insurance Assistance Programs, SHIP.) PA MEDI services are free, and all information kept confidential.

### PA MEDI Counseling Centers in Chester County

**Helpline** 610-344-5004 - Option 2; [smilam@chesco.org](mailto:smilam@chesco.org)

**West Chester Senior Center** 610-431-4242

**Brandywine Valley Active Aging** Coatesville 610-383-6900 / Downingtown 610-269-3939

# Congregational Photos



*Take me out to the ball game....*

**St. Paul's at the Reading Phillies last month. Our attendees got to hold the flag! What a great night!!**

# Congregational Photos (cont.)



Ministry Fair at St. Paul's on September 11.

# Congregational Photos (cont.)



Our full team, ready to leave from St. Matthew's on Saturday morning.



Youth ASP Mission Trip to West Virginia



Our first task - clearing the road to our overnight lodging! (A big wind and rainstorm went through about twenty minutes before our arrival.)



Evening Worship

# Congregational Photos (cont.)



## APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

Another day filled with West Virginia downpours, although there wasn't nearly as much lightning so most of our groups were able to work through the weather. Crew C finished their deck project and got ready to tackle the siding that needed to be replaced, as well as a few other odds-and-ends jobs. Crew A completed their flooring work, too. It's been great to watch our young people working as a team with each other, figuring out how to accomplish construction tasks, and bonding with the families that we are serving here in Logan County this week.

We also shared the congregations' care packages with the youth, and they were a BIG hit! Thanks to all of you who donated so much food and other fun things that we needed THREE boxes to ship it all. All of it was GREATLY appreciated!



In September at our outdoor service, Pastor Stuart was installed at St. Paul's as our official Pastor by ELCA Dean, Chris Franz. This was followed by a pig roast picnic.



# Congregational Photos (cont.)



**CHURCH PICNIC—  
PIG ROAST**  
**After Pastor Stuart's  
installation**

