

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

4th Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2022

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THIS WEEK (December 18-24, 2022)

Sun.: 18	8:00 am 9:15-10:15 9:15-10:15 9:15-10:15 9:15 10:30 11:30 4:15pm	4th 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) Strings Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Youth "Wild Lights"
Mon.: 19	7:00-8:30 pm 7:30	BSA 216 Meeting (FH) Jubilant Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)
Tue.: 20	10:00am 6:00 pm 7-8:30 7:00	Staff Meeting Cub Den 2 (FH) Simpson Meadows Bible Study Worship Planning Team (Zoom)
Wed.: 21	9:30 am 6:30-9 7:30	Crafters (Sanctuary) Parent Support Group (FH) Worship Team (Sanctuary)
Thur.:22	8:00 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Amigos (Pars) Cub Den 7 Mtg (FH) Kingdom Choir (Sanc)
Fri.: 23		
Sat.: 24	3:00pm 8:00 10:00	Family Christmas Eve Service Contemporary Christmas Eve Service Traditional Christmas Eve Service

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 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
Altar Care:	Dan Shallow	Anne Albright
Asst Min:	Al Colberg	Anne Albright
Lector:	Will Shallow	Kelly Grant
Ushers/Grtrs:	Mike Huffman	Sue McIlvaine
Ushers/Grtrs:	Kirk Berger	Jim McIlvaine
Lock-Up:	Mike Huffman	

Christmas Strings We will be rehearsing in the choir room one last Sunday—12/18 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Children's Christmas Play will be presented during the 2nd service this Sunday (12/18).

Family Pictures This Sunday get your FREE family photos taken here at St. Paul's! The pictures are taken in room 102; just sign in on the clipboard—**just** for emailing purposes. **No appointments needed.** Just go to Room 102; it's fast! Photos are taken after the 8am service or before/after the 10:30 service. We want to see everyone's pictures in the new directory!!



Poinsettias ! We have left: 4 red poinsettias in 6" pots from Blossom Boutique to decorate our altar. 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. **BUT WE NEED TO KNOW THIS MORNING!** Please call the office.

The Christmas Day service will be available online at noon on Christmas Eve. Here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/ZkKLjtUnmmo>

Holiday Season Dates

- **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**
- 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!



Christmas Eve Signs Available for Lawns

We have lawn signs for those living in high traffic areas or have permission to put them in good locales advertising our Christmas Eve services. They will be in the church this Sunday and in the airlocks after Sunday for distribution.

Thanking our Staff Dear fellow members, each year we look forward to Advent and the Christmas season, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As in years past, Mutual Ministry will gather donations from the congregation for a staff Christmas gift. Please give prayerful consideration and express your thanks to our staff for their dedication and service over the past year.

As Chair of the Mutual Ministry Committee, Joel Fabry will gather your gifts and distribute them to our staff before the New Year. You can send your gift (as a check made payable to Joel Fabry, not cash) directly to Joel at 104 Southside Circle, Downingtown, PA 19335, or if Venmo is your preferred payment method, you can send your gift to @Joel-Fabry by Christmas Day.

With thanks and prayers this Christmas season,
St. Paul's Mutual Ministry Committee

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.

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

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



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.



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 January 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.

Christmas Season Giving This Year

The Lord's Pantry has requested monetary donations rather than gifts for local children. The Pantry buys gift cards and distributes them to the families to buy their gifts. We're asking you to **make your checks out to The Lord's Pantry** and give them to the office. We'll deliver all checks to the Pantry. This Sunday is the deadline.

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



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.

2022 Giving For Operating Expenses YTD

\$ 385,069

Giving 12/11 - 11,378

91%

2022 Target

\$ 423,000

YTD Budgeted Income: \$ 406,731 YTD Shortage: \$ 21,662



Youth News

WE NEED FEMALE ADULT LEADERS FOR BOTH MISSION TRIPS NEXT SUMMER! We are looking for one female adult leader for our June 18-23 middle school trip to Washington D.C., and one for our July 8-15 high school Appalachia Service Project workweek. Contact Craig Miller as soon as possible if you can help with these amazing experiences for our youth (and for our adult leaders, too!).

"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 10 through Sunday, February 12 (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](#)

ANNOUNCING A NEW YOUTH MINISTRY PLATFORM! Beginning in January, we will be using the GroupMe app as a central location for information related to upcoming youth events, with groups for high school youth, middle school youth, the middle school mission trip, and the Appalachia Service Project workweek. Invitations to join relevant groups will be sent to youth and families during the first week of January. Information will still be shared in the ATC and other methods, but GroupMe will become the primary means of communicating information.

THERE ARE TWO UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS IN JANUARY:

Sunday, January 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm - **Fun & Games Day at St. Matthew's.** Spend an afternoon playing games of all types - board, card, electronic, active, strategy, skill, chance, mind. Sign up here to participate: [Jan. 8th Middle School Fun & Games.](#)

Sunday, January 29 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm - **Gaming Day Part II at Uplink Studios.** Come and show off your e-gaming skills as we spend another afternoon at Uplink. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up here to join us: [Jan. 29th Youth Gaming Day.](#)

THERE ARE FOUR UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES IN JANUARY FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

Sunday, January 8 from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm - **High School "Brunchtime!" at St. Matthew's.** This time we're cooking our own! Sign up to attend and bring something to share with the group at the meal table: [Jan. 8th "Brunchtime".](#)

Saturday, January 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm - **OASIS at St. Paul's.** Spend some time away from the busyness of life and de-stress with friends and food! No signup is necessary; just show up.

Saturday, January 28 from 8:15am to 3:30 pm - **Good Works Youth Workday.** Meet at the Good Works Coatesville warehouse at 8:15, then travel to a nearby residence to help make it safer, warmer, and drier for the family that lives there. **Sign up here by Wednesday, January 18 to participate:** [Jan. 28th Good Works Workday.](#)

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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.

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.](#)

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.

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.**

