



St. Paul's January Newsletter 2023

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A Note from Pastor Stuart



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Worship Svcs

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

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Visioning Process

The King James Bible translates Proverbs 29:18 as, "Where there is no vision, the people perish..." which says quite a lot in a few words. It makes sense that if a people, or in our case a congregation, have no sense of where God is leading and directing, this will be problematic. Or more humorously, the famous baseball player and quotable Yogi Berra said, "If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else." Indeed if St. Paul's has no idea where we are going, we are unlikely to fully accomplish the goals and dreams God has for us.

With this in mind, St. Paul's will be entering an exciting time in 2023 called a Visioning Process, which I shared about in [my January 1, 2023 sermon!](#) This is an idea I got many years ago from a great ELCA pastor, Merv Thompson. It's a process I've engaged in a number of times in previous congregations and taught to many others.

At its heart is a very simple question, "God, what do you want St. Paul's to look like in three years?" This is one of the most powerful questions you can ask of yourself or we can ask as a faith community. The real heart of the process is deeply exploring numerous ways to get those answers, especially seeking wisdom from God, from ourselves, from our community and from resources outside of St. Paul's. In addition to some congregation members who will help lead this process, there will be numerous opportunities for you to provide your own sense of where God is leading us. I hope you will start thinking, praying, and dreaming about what God holds in store for us, both individually and as a congregation!



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](#).

We Welcome Marisa Weisskopf to Our Staff this month!

Our discerning team and Church Council have selected our new staff person for the role of **Communications and Office Administrator**, Marisa Weisskopf! Marisa comes with a wealth of technology and organizational skills and also experience at non-profits and in a church office environment. She grew up in Iowa and graduated from St. Mary's which is in Notre Dame, Indiana, and has her MBA from Iowa State University. Marisa will be joining the staff in mid-January (Jan. 17) after she has finished at another congregation. We know you will enjoy getting to know Marisa. Please give her a true St. Paul's welcome when you meet her in January!



Council Corner

Congregational Council held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. We've started meeting in person again.

During the Council meeting, we discussed the budget for 2023 and the stewardship campaign. The stewardship drive was very successful. Thank you to everyone that submitted an estimate of giving. If you did not submit and estimate already, it's not too late. The estimates are helping us determine which of the committees' wish list items we may be able to pursue in 2023.

Please mark your calendars for our annual congregation meeting on February 5.

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

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Kyle Wiest, Congregation Council Vice President

A Friendly Giving Reminder

If you use [online giving to St. Paul's](#), 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!

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 help out if you like Sunday morning snacks.



Welcome 2023!



EACH NEW YEAR, WE HAVE BEFORE US A BRAND NEW BOOK CONTAINING 365 BLANK PAGES. LET US FILL THEM WITH ALL THE FORGOTTEN THINGS FROM LAST YEAR—THE WORDS WE FORGOT TO SAY, THE LOVE WE FORGOT TO SHOW, AND THE CHARITY WE FORGOT TO OFFER.

Peggy Toney Horton 

Mutual Ministry

As we continue to enjoy more person-to-person interactions at church, we want to continually remind the congregation of our Mutual Ministry Committee and their role at St. Paul's.

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!

Mutual Ministry: Joel Fabry, Anne-Marie Walters, Lindsay Albright, Joan Adams, Fran Kane, Jane Lynch, and Kyle Wiest.

The Exton-Lionville Ministerium Service - Sunday, Jan. 22

Christian Unity Service at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lionville

The Exton-Lionville Ministerium will hold its annual prayer service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 22, at 7:00pm [here at St. Paul's](#).

Our Theme: **Do good; seek justice** (Isaiah 1:17)

Watch THIS WEEK for more information.

Ways to Prevent Social Isolation & Loneliness in Seniors (& others)

- 1 Seniors: encourage visitors to stop in and visit awhile. Reach out to local friends/neighbors. Focus on family time. Family: if you live near an aging relative, routinely make time to visit. Simply having a meal with them can be uplifting. Wonder if it were you? Wouldn't you want someone to take the time?
- 2 Fuel new interests of activities for seniors (or yourself), such as volunteer opportunities, senior center programs, or take time to learn what makes a loved one (or you) happy, and join them in that pursuit.
- 3 Encourage exercise: moving our bodies releases endorphins, reduces stress and just makes us feel good. Exercise is especially beneficial to seniors to get their blood moving in addition to increasing their flexibility and strength — and also helps give us a positive body image.
- 4 Advocate for relationships with peers as well as with younger people. Spending time with younger people adds vitality to a daily routine.
- 5 Tap into technological resources to help prevent senior isolation. It may be a challenge at first, but it's not insurmountable. FaceTime, email, surfing the net, virtual senior centers. (It would be wise to include scamming preventive measures.)
- 6 Include the elderly in conversations when there's a group of people or family gathering. It's **not** enough to think, "well, she's here with us; that's enough." Make them a part of what's being discussed, even if it means talking louder. NO ONE likes to feel like they've been "shelved" or have nothing to offer.

(For more details: <https://www.aplaceformom.com/caregiver-resources/articles/social-isolation>)

Our newsletter is published every month. Members may submit news items.

Articles to St. Paul's Newsletter are usually due by **no later than the 25th of every month**.

Email items to: newsletter@stpaulslionville.org.

Include WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY. And include your name and contact information if you're asking people to respond. Questions: contact the office.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is a member of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Church Office Hours: Limited (*We are reachable by phone*)
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Phone: 610-363-6264
Preschool: 610-594-9393

For an emergency or if you are in need of pastoral care, call the church office or email caristpauls@gmail.com. Voice mail is checked regularly.

Social Ministry

We want to start this month's article with a tribute to our long-time chairperson, **Shirley Deist**, who passed away on December 15 and is forever in God's arms and with her late husband. Shirley was the driving force behind Social Ministry at St. Paul's for more than 30 years. Most of the projects we do and the causes we support were her ideas— from the Christmas stockings and Thanksgiving and Easter food drives for the Care Center in West Chester, to the latest idea of individual stockings for our staff. Words cannot adequately express the impact she has had on so many of us and many remember her as the first person to welcome them to St Paul's when they were new, taking newcomers under her wings and finding them things to do. We will miss her terribly. In her usual effective way, she left Social Ministry in good hands, and right until the end, made sure we all knew what to do to carry on the work she started. May God bless you and keep you, Shirley.

(See more photos on the Congregational Photos pages.)



Thank you to everyone who turned out for the **Downingtown Holiday Parade** on December 10. We handed out over 600 bells and made a great impression on the parade watchers, spreading the word of the real reason for the season – the greatest gift of all! We'll definitely be doing this again next year. See our photos!

Thank you also to everyone who bought the **pecan turtles and clusters** from the **Crafters**. We made over 50 boxes and sold out! Next project will be **eggs for Easter!** We will also be **making blankets** for the baby bundles so why not join us every Wednesday from 10 am-12.30 pm in the Parsonage and learn a new skill—and have fun while you do so.

Thank you again for supporting the **Christmas drive** to clothe the **Lakota Indians**, with sweatshirts, long sleeved tee-shirts and sweat pants. We sent over three large boxes of clothes; your generosity overwhelms us and the Lakota tribe is very grateful. In addition, you helped us collect over \$500 for the **Lord's Pantry** so parents in need can buy presents for their children. Thank you!

Our next drive will be to stock up the local food banks, through January into February. After Christmas and Thanksgiving the food bank shelves typically run dry, but the need is always there, especially through the winter months. We're asking for the following items (low sugar, low sodium, no fructose and no glass containers please.) See the next page for our list of needed items.

We will also be collecting outside of Acme in Chester Springs on Martin Luther King Day. If you're looking for a great family project to do that day, please consider joining us. Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AA9AA2EA4FF2-stpauls1>

Finally, please keep the tabs from soda cans and stamps coming. Money raised from the stamps also helps LWR send the quilts, school bags, and layettes to where they are needed.



Requested Food Drive Items

- Breakfast Cereal / Oatmeal
- Brown Rice
- Hearty soups/stews (*preferably pull-top*)
- Pasta Sauce / Canned Tomatoes
- Herbs & Spices
- Peanut Butter (*no high fructose corn syrup, look for the brown lid*)
- Pasta
- Canned Tuna, Salmon & Chicken
- Beans (dried & canned)
- Cooking Oils (Olive & Canola)
- Crackers *whole grain*
- Dried / Canned Fruits *in juice*
- Condiments, Dressings

Bring them to the church. Thank you!

Chat and Chews 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 8th 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. Happy Reading!

Adult Studies at St. Paul's

The Sunday morning **Contemporary Issues / Christian Perspectives** class continues to meet on Sunday mornings. We meet at the Sunday School time of 9:30 am in room 208. 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. There will be no class on January 1st. We will start the new year on January 8.

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. On Tuesday January 3 we will begin a 6-session video series called "The Way" which looks at 6 events in the life of Jesus. 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. Front-desk check-in is required. All St. Paul's members are welcome to join this study.

Our **Firepit Fridays** will start up again in spring.

Rare Birds

The Rare Birds have flown south for the month of January! Stay tuned for our gathering in February!



Wawa Hoagie Coupons

You can still purchase WAWA shorti hoagie coupons from St. Paul's Preschool. The cost is \$4 which gets you a shorti hoagie at a discount! Please consider buying a few for your next busy day and help out our school! See Cari/office for more information.

Thank you!





A Note from the Director of Music

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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 sometime in 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.

Jubilant Bells: St. Paul's handbell choir is open to teens and adults. We rehearse **Mondays in the Sanctuary at 7:30 pm.** 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 Lyndsey, 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) 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

jstrawbridge52@yahoo.com

6th-8th Grade Confirmation Classes (classes meet in the Parsonage at 9:15 am on Sundays.)

If you have a child in the 6th thru 8th grade and are interested in the Confirmation Program, please get in touch with Joan Strawbridge (jstrawbridge52@yahoo.com).

Youth and Family News

craigyouthmin@gmail.com



WELCOME TO THE 21st 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 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 through Sunday, February 12. (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 6th through 8th graders, while the High School retreat is for 9th through 12th 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.**

[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 6th through 12th 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 **5th through 7th grades** – those who will be rising 6th through 8th graders by the time we actually go to D.C. (Current 8th 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](#).



Youth Calendars - Jan 2022

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8, 2:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Matthew's – **Middle School Youth Fun & Games Day.**

Games of all kinds will be played – active, mind, chance, skill, board, card, electronic. Be sure to sign up here so that you don't miss the fun! [Jan. 8th Middle School Fun & Games.](#)

Sunday, January 29, 1:00 to 3:30 pm – **Youth Gaming Day Part II at Uplink Studios!**

Cost is \$20 per person; sign up here to join an afternoon of fun! [Jan. 29th Youth Gaming at Uplink Studios.](#)

Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12 – **“Connect-Disconnect-Reconnect” Middle School Youth Retreat to Bear Creek Camp in the Poconos.** Cost for each family is \$40 for the first youth, \$20 for each additional participant. Sign up here by January 29 to participate: [Middle School Youth Bear Creek Retreat.](#)

Sunday, February 26, 12:45 to 2:30 pm – **Middle School Youth Escape Room Event.**

Join us at Elite Escape in Exton to spend an hour working on “Aladdin: Quest for the Lamp!” Cost is \$15 per person; sign up here to help us solve the riddle: [Feb. 26th Middle School Escape Room.](#)

Friday, March 24 through Sunday, March 26 – **SEPA Synod Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat.** Spend the weekend with several hundred Lutheran youth from our area exploring what it means to “Do Justice, Show Love, Walk Humbly with God”. Cost is \$125 per person. Sign up here by Sunday, January 22 to come with us: [Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat.](#)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8, 11:30 to 1:15 pm at St. Matthew's – **High School “Brunchtime!”**

Our second get-together over a late-morning meal will happen at St. Matthew's, where we will prepare the food ourselves! Sign up here to join us: [Jan. 8th High School Brunch.](#)

Saturday, January 21, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Paul's – **OASIS**

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

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Sunday, February 5, 6:30 to 7:45 pm at St. Matthew's – **OASIS**

Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12 – **“Connect-Disconnect-Reconnect” High School Youth Retreat to Bear Creek Camp in the Poconos.** Cost for each family is \$40 for the first youth, \$20 for each additional participant. Sign up here by January 29 to participate: [High School Youth Bear Creek Retreat.](#)

Friday, February 24 through Saturday, February 25 at St. Matthew's – **30-Hour Famine.** Learn about the impact of hunger in our world through eye-opening activities, personal reflection, and firsthand experience by participating in a juice fast. Youth may participate even if they cannot be onsite for the entire period, or if they are unable to actually fast.

Sunday, March 5, 6:30 to 7:45 pm at St. Matthew's – **OASIS**

Saturday, March 18, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Paul's – **OASIS**

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Lots of Love from *Love Does*

lovedoes@stpaulslionville.org

Martin Luther King Day of Service, Monday January 16 – Do you get the day off on MLK day and want to give back? This year we are organizing some local projects so you don't have to travel far and just taking your morning too. **Meeting at the church at 9.30 am**, we have three projects organized and I can add more if we get the interest:

- Collecting food for the food bank outside ACME in Chester Springs to support our **restock the food bank shelves drive**
- Deep clean the church (inside) – lots of tasks
- Clean up the Struble River Trail (outdoors)

If you're available and interested, please use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AA9AA2EA4FF2-stpauls1> or simply email me at: annemariewalters@hotmail.com

Habitat for Humanity – in Chester County is building new homes in West Grove (and needs volunteers). They've started a program of critical home repair in the rest of the county as well. In addition, they have two ReStores (second hand furniture and home goods stores in Caln and Phoenixville) both of whom need volunteers and donations. Did you know they have a truck that will come and pick up heavy items of furniture free of charge? To schedule a pickup, all you need to do is fill in a form on this web site link: [Donations - Restore \(hfcc.org\)](http://Donations-Restore(hfcc.org)). And the Phoenixville ReStore is now open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm so you can get there after work!. Email annemariewalters@hotmail.com or chrisrobinson228@hotmail.com for more information about the volunteering opportunities.



GoodWorks – we have started working on John's home; he lives just above Community Lane in Coatesville. John is from Liberia and needs all the help he can get to make his home safer, drier, and warmer for his family. John has a strong faith and attends Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The next St. Paul's work days are **January 28** and **February 25**. If you want to learn something new and help bring the love of Christ to someone who needs help, please contact chrisrobinson228@hotmail.com or annemariewalters@hotmail.com.



Rejoicing Spirits Service

Our next Rejoicing Spirits service is scheduled for **Sunday, January 8** at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be caroling at 3:30 pm. 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.

St. Paul's Preschool



ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL

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3 Year Olds - 3 days
4 Year Olds - 3 days
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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.

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REGISTER NOW!!

Vacation Bible School

While VBS season has passed, we will be back in the swing of things again in January and would love for you to join us. **We are looking for a new co-leader** to work with me on the planning process. Don't worry, it isn't as intimidating as it sounds! Feel free to reach out to me at LeahRN78@gmail.com or [Pastor Stuart](#) for more information.

Again, your commitment to VBS never ceases to amaze me. Thank you all! - Leah Skriletz

SAVE THE DATE: VBS will be July 24 through July 28, 2023.

Increase St. Paul's Visibility

One of our members did something that I thought so wonderful, I wanted to commend it to the rest of the congregation. She is a member of a local musical group who are presenting a concert series including a program in which you can sponsor advertising space.

She offered to buy the ad if we provided the actual advertisement, which we did. I realized this is a win, win, win all the way around. She gives to an organization she believes in, while also supporting St. Paul's. Additionally, more people will hear about St. Paul's!

I hope more people will offer this opportunity to support local organizations, schools, theater groups, etc. that you are a part of, while also helping to let people know about St. Paul's!
- Pastor Stuart



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.

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.

Grow in Faith & Serve with Love

January / February Volunteers

		1/8/2023 8:00 AM BAPTISM of our LORD	1/15/2023 8:00 AM	1/22/2023 8:00 AM	1/29/22 8:00 AM
Altar Care		Pechin, Frank	Ward, John	Strawbridge, H&J	Shallow, Dan
Asst. Minister		Lammey, Karen	Missimer, Matt	Sarpen, Gary	Colberg, Al
Lector		Pechin, Frank	Huffman, Mike	Berger, Nancy	Pechin, Frank
Usher/Greeter		Pindle, Karen	Berger, Kirk	Strawbridge, Harold	Adams, Chad
Usher/Greeter		Pindle, Bob	Kramer, Ken	Strawbridge, Joan	Adams, Julie
Acolyte		Wiest, Jack	Shallow, Carly	Wiest, Jack	Shallow, Carly
	Epiphany 9:30 AM Blended Service	1/8/2023 10:30 AM BAPTISM of our LORD	1/15/2023 10:30 AM	1/22/2023 10:30 AM	1/29/23 10:45 AM
Altar Care	Albright, Anne	Kerstetter, Harold	Mata, Elisa	Stevens, Linda	Rice, Paul & Pam
Asst. Minister	Johnson, Kim	Sanders, Julie	Miller, Craig	Burt, Bruce	Albright, Anne
Lector	Baker, Cherie	Dave Heydt	McIlvaine, Sue	Baker, Cherie	Johnson, Kim
Usher/Greeter	Flach, Chris	Stevens, Jeff	McIlvaine, Sue	Stevens, Jeff	Flach, Chris
Usher/Greeter	Fabry, Joel	Heath, Scott	McIlvaine, Jim	Wornson, Bryon	Heath, Scott
Acolyte	Teague, Luke	Merkel, Addie	Gulliford, Azzy	Teague, Luke	Hillestad, Kara
Lock-Up	Smith, Peter	Walters, Anne-Marie	Wornson, Bryon	Flach, Chris	Foltz, Dave

		2/12/2023 8:00 AM	2/19/2023 8:00 AM	2/22/2022 7:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY	2/26/2023 8:00 AM
Altar Care	ONE SERVICE ANNUAL MEETING	Pechin, Melissa	Pechin, Frank		Shallow, Dan
Asst. Minister		Shallow, Will	Colberg, Al		Robinson, Chris
Lector		Lammey, Jim	Pechin, Frank		Erickson, Flos
Usher/Greeter		Dierksheide, Dan	Shallow, Becky		Munson, Gordon
Usher/Greeter		Dierksheide, Linda	Huffman, Mike		Missimer, Matt
Acolyte					
	2/5/2023 9:30 AM	2/12/2023 10:45 AM	2/16/23 10:45 AM	3/2/2023 7:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY	2/26/2023 10:45 PM LENT 1
Altar Care	Wachter, Steve & Judy	Zurowski, Lauren	Albright, Anne	Strawbridge, J&H	Kerstetter, Harold
Asst. Minister	Missimer, Matt	Brauer, Bill	Sanders, Julie	Lammey, Karen	Albright, Anne
Lector	Shallow, Will	McIlvaine, Sue	Fabry, Joel	Lammey, Karen	Herman, Mark
Usher/Greeter	Teague, Jim	McIlvaine, Sue	Walters, Anne-Marie	Heath, Scott	Fabry, Joel
Usher/Greeter	Teague, Ryan	McIlvaine, Jim	Wornson, Bryon	Wornson, Bryon	Flach, Chris
Acolyte					
Lock-Up	Flach, Chris	Heath, Scott	Huffman, Mike		Shallow, Dan

Thank-You's

DEAR FELLOW LUTHERANS,
 I SINCERELY APPRECIATE ALL THE CARDS I RECEIVED WITH ALL THE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. THEY MEAN SO MUCH TO ME.
 ITS BEEN A TOUGH ROAD SO FAR, BUT I CAN SEE WITH ALL THE PRAYERS, THERE CAN ONLY BE A GOOD OUTCOME. THANK YOU ALL! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 YOUR "BROTHER" IN CHRIST
 SANDY LODACKI

Congregational Photos (cont.)



We held the Sunday School CHRISTMAS PAGEANT toward the end of December. Our kids shared the Christmas story with the congregation for the first time since the start of the pandemic, and they did a great job. Thanks go to adult leaders Julie and Ginny and our high school student leaders for all of their work in planning, coordinating, costuming, and rehearsing with our younger children.

We also enjoyed a musical offering from our youth choir, Voice of the Spirit (below), who have also returned from a pandemic-induced hiatus.



Congregational Photos (cont.)



Our St. Paul's Downtown Parade float and the walkers in the parade. A big thank you to our float committee!



Thank you to everyone that donated to our Toys for Tots collection. 99 toys will be given to kids in need in our area for Christmas!!

Congregational Photos (cont.)



Clockwise from top left: Shirley led the Social Ministry Committee, worked with the Crafters, joined in painting with Women's INC, was part of the chili cook-offs, involved with the food drives, and the making of quilts and other items. You are loved and will be missed.



Thank YOU, Shirley!

