

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Lionville January 12, 2025



"Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, Invite into Fellowship"

Baptism of our Lord

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 am Faith Formation (for all ages)

10:30 am Contemporary Service

4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits Service

Attend in person or [worship online](#)

Everyone is welcome!

Our Prayer List.

We pray for Ron, Elaina, Adam, Anne, Samantha D., Patty, Deb, Helene M., Tom, Garrett, Jen, William, Alex, Charles, Jane, Samantha, Michael, Steven, Rick, Dave M., Lucy, Janet K., Amy C., Ruth, Sid, Sandy L., Pat, Marlene, Nancy, Garnet, Chip, Sandy F., and Jean. We lift up Daniel, Zach, Alistar, and Chris in the military. We pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.

MLK Day of Service



On **Monday, January 20** from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church will celebrate Dr. King's legacy of service by offering the following volunteer opportunities.

- Food collection at the Chester Springs ACME
- Living Love Lunches Personal Hygiene Care Packages (assemble and write notes of encouragement)
- Church and Parsonage clean up (vacuuming, dusting, polishing, plus much more!) & Removing and Storing Christmas Decorations

We will gather in the church Narthex at 9:30am for light refreshments, a group picture, and a send-off prayer. Sign up [here](#) to participate. For more information contact [Gwen Werner](#).

Alice Robison Memorial Service

The memorial service for Alice Robison will be on **Saturday, February 1** at St. Paul's. There will be a time of visitation from 10-11 am followed by the service at 11 am. As one of our very long-time members, many who remember Alice may already be gone, but I'm sure the family will appreciate receiving visitors on that day!

Director of Youth Ministries

Craig Miller will be on leave from January 6 through February 3, 2025. As a society we are becoming very aware that taking care of one's personal health is vital and we pray this time of rest and recharging is a blessing to Craig. During this time Pastor Stuart (and Pastor Christian) and our excellent team of adults will be leading our youth ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Pastor Stuart.



Annual Congregational Meeting Details

On **Sunday, February 2** we will have our annual congregational meeting. There will just be one worship service at 9:30 am followed by the meeting. The meeting will be livestreamed, but you may only vote by attending in person. The meeting will be followed with a fellowship potluck. Please sign up at StPaulsLionville.org/events to bring something to share. There will be no Sunday School that morning, but our wonderful Sunday School staff will be providing a short event for kids during the meeting. The annual report is being prepared by our many leaders and should be available in print and online by **Sunday, January 19**. In addition, for approval of the budget, our treasurer will be available between the services on **January 19** and **January 26**.



2026 Church Council Nominating Committee

In order to speed up the annual meeting in February, we are looking for folks to volunteer ahead of time to serve on the 2026 Church Council Nominating Committee. The committee identifies good candidates to serve on Church Council and then asks if they are willing to serve. It is a short term commitment in November and December 2025. If you are interested or would like more info on what is involved, please reach out to [Kyle Wiest](mailto:kyle.wiest@stpaulslionville.org).

Christian Unity Service



This year celebrates the 1,700 year anniversary that churches have been cooperating with each other since the first Christian Ecumenical Council. As we do each year, the Exton/Lionville Ministerium will be hosting a worship service to celebrate this unity. This year the service will be on **Sunday, January 19** at 4 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church ([400 Lancaster Ave, Malvern, PA](http://400LancasterAve.Malvern.PA)) and the guest preacher will be Pastor Stacy Gonzalez from Grove Presbyterian Church. (You can also watch the livestream at Covenantfrazer.org)



Making Sense of the Christian Faith Adult Class

Pastor Stuart's adult class in meeting at **9:15 am on Sundays** in room 207 to work on a video-based class called "Making Sense of the Christian Faith." The study is led by David Lose, a very well-respected seminary professor and pastor of the ELCA. We hope you can join to learn, grow and make some new friends!

Living Love Lunches

The following items are needed for Living Love Lunches:

- individual packages of salty snacks (chips, pretzels, fritos, etc)
- granola bars
- cookies- individual packages or larger packages that we will divide up into ziplocks
- individual cups of applesauce, fruit, pudding

Place items in bin marked Living Love Lunches. Our next Living Love Lunches lunch packing event is on **Tuesday, January 21** at

Welcome Elsie Sue Adams!

Greg and Ashley Adams welcomed their daughter Elsie Sue Adams on December 27. Proud grandparents are Brad and Sue Rice. Congratulations!

Youth Ministry News

For the most up-to-date event information and signup links, go online to the Youth Ministry web page at StPaulsLionville.org/youth.

OUR NEXT HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS' GET-TOGETHER will be **Sunday, January 19** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Paul's. Come relax and unwind from the stress of school, activities, jobs, and anything else. No heavy topics or deep Bible studies; just an opportunity to "be." No advanced sign-up necessary; just show up! Open to all 9th through 12th graders, including friends.

A GOOD WORKS YOUTH WORK DAY IS SCHEDULED for **Saturday, January 25** from 8:15 am to 3:45 pm (meet at the Good Works warehouse in Coatesville). Come spend the day helping fix up homes for families who don't have the means to do it themselves. Anyone in eighth through twelfth grade is welcome to join us, including friends. Sign up here by **January 15** to participate: [Jan. 25th Good Works Workday](#).

6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS - DON'T MISS OUR ESCAPE ROOM EVENT! Our Middle School MANIA! group is going to Elite Escape in Exton on **Sunday afternoon, February 9**. Meet at St. Paul's at 11:45 am for pizza, then we will carpool to Elite Escape to attempt to 'Escape from Oz!' Family cost is \$20 for one participant, or \$35 for two or more participants from the same household. Sign up here to be "locked away": [Feb. 9th Middle School MANIA! Escape Room](#).

THE ANNUAL TUSCARORA LUTHERAN YOUTH RETREAT will be **Friday evening, April 4 through Sunday, April 6** at the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center along the Delaware River. Sixth through twelfth grade youth from Lutheran congregations across southeastern Pennsylvania will gather to have fun, make new friendships and renew old ones, and engage in activities around this year's theme of Prayer. The cost is \$175 per registrant if registered **before February 15**; scholarships are available. Registration is open now; sign up here if you are interested in participating: [Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW FOR NEXT SUMMER'S APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT WORK WEEK! Our annual work week with ASP will be **Saturday, July 12 through Saturday, July 19, 2025**. All current 7th through 12th graders are welcome to join us for a meaningful week of memorable fun and eye-opening experiences as we travel once more to Central Appalachia to help make people's homes safer, warmer, and drier. To register, go to the online [ASP Registration Portal](#) and use group code **15902** to find our trip. If you haven't participated in ASP before, you will need to create an account first; **be sure to create the account in the participant's name, not the parent's!** If you have questions about ASP, contact Craig Miller at craigyouthmin@gmail.com, or 484-320-0785.

Christmas Eve Street Signs

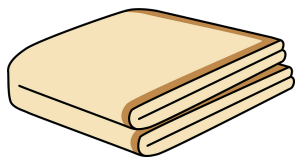
If you took a sign advertising our Christmas Eve worship times, please remember to bring it back to church so it can be reused next year. Thanks so very much for advertising the services!

Director of Music

Documents related to our search for a new Director of Music are now available. If you or someone you know is interested, they can be found at StPaulsLionville.org/careers! Please keep this process in prayer as our discerning team receives information, starts to interview, and seeks God's direction.

St. Paul's Thrift Store Accepting Donations!

St. Paul's will be hosting a pop-up thrift store the **1st week of February** and we need your donations! A pop-up thrift is like an indoor garage sale. **From now through January**, your donated items can be placed in the designated room in the parsonage from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm on Sundays! Instead of bringing your items to Goodwill, consider donating to the sale. Household goods, toys, holiday decorations, small furniture, gently used clothing, etc. is all needed. Proceeds from the sale will be used to make repairs to the parsonage as well as be donated within the community. Please contact [Jennifer Pindle](#) with questions.



Blankets Needed

During this winter season, warm blankets are needed for the homeless in Chester. If you have a blanket you are not using, place it in one of the bins in the hallway and it will be distributed to the homeless.

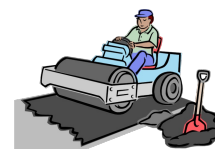
New Church Directories Available



New church directories are now available in the narthex. Please feel free to take one per family.

Parking Lot Improvement Committee

Do you have a knack for marketing, fundraising or just have a passion to see improvements at St. Paul's come to fruition? If so, we'd love for you to be a part of this much-needed project!



We're planning to raise approximately \$100,000 during 2025 - through a variety of means - to completely repave our entire property.

We'd like to kickoff this project within weeks, so if you're interested, please see Pastor Stuart or sign up [online](#) so we can schedule a meeting soon. Thanks!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	January 12	January 19
	8:00 am Service	8:00 am Service
Altar Care:	Shallow, D & W	Pechin, M
Asst. Minister:	Erickson, F	Robinson, C
Lector:	Huffman, M	Ripper, N
Usher/Greeter:	Ward, J	Berger, K
Usher/Greeter:	Wollenberg, R	Kramer, K
Acolyte:	Shallow, C	Gledhill, R
	10:30 am Service	10:30 am Service
Altar Care:	Borneman, E	Kerstetter, H
Asst. Minister:	Brauer, B	Sanders, J
Lector:	Fabry, J	Tilghman, P
Usher/Greeter:	Piombino, J	McPeak, J
Usher/Greeter:	Wornson, B	Flach, C
Acolyte:	Young, W	Hillestad, K
Lock-Up:	Flach, C	Shallow, D

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of Sunday, January 12, 2025

Date	Time	Event
Sun, Jan 12:	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Sunday School for K-5th (starts in Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Confirmation for 6th-8th (Youth Room)
	9:30 am	Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspectives (208)
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	4:00 pm	Rejoicing Spirits Service
Mon, Jan 13:	1:00 pm	Knitters (Room 110)
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 216 Meeting (FH)
Tues, Jan 14:	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (110)
	11:30 am	Rare Birds (50+) (FH)
	6:30 pm	Council Meeting (110)
Wed, Jan 15:	10:00 am	Crafters (Downstairs)
	6:30 pm	Parent Support Group (FH)
	7:00 pm	Invite and Welcome Team (Zoom)
Thu, Jan 16:	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)

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