

St. Paul's May 2025 Newsletter

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A Note from Pastor Stuart

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 am - Traditional Service
9:15 am - Faith Formation for all ages
10:30 am - Contemporary Service

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St. Paul's regularly takes pictures and video to share all the wonderful things happening digitally and in print. If you or your family are concerned about something being shared in this manner, please contact Pastor Stuart.

I just had lunch out on the deck and what a glorious day it is! The spring weather has really been lovely, as we all know after a pretty long, cold winter. One of my favorite hymns captures the joy of spring with a beautiful tune and marries it well with the images of Easter. (We even sang it on Easter, although at the 8 am service during communion, so I only vaguely heard it in the background.) I wanted to share the lyrics below as you enjoy spring and the joy of Easter!



God Bless!
Pastor Stuart

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

PASTOR STUART

Vacation Bible School - Save the Date

It's that time of year again! We are so excited for our Road Trip, which will be held **July 21 - 25, 2025!** We welcome students from age 4 (by 1/1/25) through 5th grade (completed 2024-2025 school year). Older students and adults are encouraged to volunteer as helpers. We are looking for station leaders at this time. If you are interested in leading crafts or snack please reach out to [Leah](#) or [Cari](#). We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the level of commitment. More information and registration information coming soon. We are looking forward to seeing you at VBS this year!!



Switching to the New Revised Standard, Updated Edition



It's fascinating to note how Biblical scholarship continues through the ages to give us the deepest understanding of the scriptures. We currently use the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which even by its name, indicates the continuing quest to give us the most accurate translation. The Revised Standard version was published in 1952 and became known as one of the most respected, readable and literally accurate English translations. (It was an update of the American Standard Version which was published in 1901.) However, scholarship continued to advance and so in 1989 it received an update which is why it is the New Revised Standard Version. But scholarship continues still to advance and so in 2021 the latest update was offered, the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition, which is usually abbreviated, NRSVue. This summer we're going to switch to this new translation in our worship services, as many ELCA churches are doing or already have. The NRSVue is recommended for its updated translation of biblical texts, incorporating new discoveries and scholarly insights that were not available when the original NRSV was published. The NRSVue aims for greater accuracy, clarity, and inclusivity in its translation, reflecting modern scholarship and updated understanding of the original languages and cultures. One interesting observation is something I mentioned in my Easter sermon. The NRSVue more accurately translates Matthew 28:17 as, "When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted." As I noted in my sermon, this is more accurate to the original Greek and the NRSVue contains over 20,000 small adjustments such as this. If you have any questions about this, there are many scholarly articles online or I would be glad to discuss this!

Bear Creek Camp



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Looking for something to do this summer? Tired of the same old shore house every year? Have you considered Bear Creek Camp in the near by Poconos? BCC is part of the ELCA and sponsored in part by the Southeast Pennsylvania Synod. They have been providing summertime fun for kids since the 1970's. There are programs for kids as young as first grade, all the way to high school seniors. In addition to traditional camping, this year there is an optional white water rafting trip for junior and senior high kids.

Check out Bear Creek Camp at <https://bearcreekcamp.org/camps/summer-camp/>. Now is the perfect time to sign up. There are 8 different sessions to choose from, the first one starts on **June 15**.

Stories To Ponder

Display of Honor

I have always enjoyed watching animals. On one particularly warm day, I was at the zoo watching a chimpanzee observing people. One man was enjoying an ice cream bar while looking at the chimpanzee. The chimp, being curious, made it clear that he wanted to try the ice cream. The man understood what the

chimpanzee wanted, but he began to laugh at the chimpanzee with his friends. The chimp then proceeded to offer a trade. He took a piece of his food and held it out to the man while also pointing to the ice cream. The man, still laughing, finished his ice cream and threw the stick at the chimpanzee. The chimpanzee carefully reached out and placed his own food on the ground near the man before retrieving the ice cream stick and investigating his new prize. The man walked away laughing with his friends at "the stupid monkey."

Clearly the man felt himself to be far superior to the chimpanzee. I was touched by the honor displayed by the chimp. He made an honest deal and he kept the terms, even before he allowed himself to check out the stick. I believe that chimpanzee was more honorable than that man could hope to be. We demonstrate our worth not by our status or our birth but by our actions. Without having words, the chimpanzee proved to be a creature of his word.

Chat and Chews Book Club

The Chat and Chews Sunday School Book Club meets on the **THIRD** Sunday of each month, after the late service in the Lounge next to the Hospitality Room.



However, our May meeting and final meeting for the 2024/2025 school year, will be at Gwen Werner's home on **Sunday, May 18**. Gwen will provide quiche and salad for brunch.

We will be reading "Dear Mrs. Bird," by AJ Pearce. Please bring summer book suggestions. You do not have to finish the book or even read it to join us in a lively and faithful discussion. Please contact [Gwen Werner](#) or call the church office for more information. Happy Reading!

Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

Each year around this time we support the Chester County Food bank as they prepare summer student food boxes. These boxes



help school-age children and their families receive nutritious, easy to prepare, non-perishable food during the summer vacation months. The boxes are designed to be kid friendly, containing items that children should be able to prepare with little to no adult supervision like PB&J. They are also put in the Senior Food boxes. Please add PB&J (plastic jars only, please) to your grocery run and bring them to church through **Sunday, June 15**. Thank you for your donations.

Summer Service Schedule

Beginning **Sunday, May 25**, St. Paul's will transition to a summer worship schedule from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend (**Sunday, August 31**), with one worship service at 9:30 am.



Office Closed / Memorial Day



The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 26**, in observance of Memorial Day.

Church Council News



Church council met on **April 8** and discussed the following items:

- The ongoing status of the parking lot fundraising campaign (thanks to all who have pledged/contributed!)
- The results of the April Thrift Sale, and resulting contributions to the Chester County Foodbank. Kudos to all the volunteers making the shop successful!
- Scheduling a leadership retreat. Council is looking at dates for this meeting. More information to come.

If you have feedback for council, please reach out!

Outdoor Service

On **Sunday, June 1**, we will celebrate a wonderful outdoor service (weather permitting) at 9:30 am followed by a great afternoon of food and fellowship. Mark you calendars and look for more details coming soon.



High School and College Grads

Share your high school or college graduate's name, picture, and future plans for a spotlight feature in the June newsletter! Please send photo and details to Maureen@StPaulsLionville.org.



Summer Worship Series



This summer we'll journey through some of Jesus' most powerful and thought-provoking parables, discovering how these ancient stories still shape our hearts and challenge our lives today. One of the most unique things about Jesus' ministry is that he didn't lecture or deliver theological treatises. He told stories. Stories about seeds and soil, sheep and coins, workers and widows. These parables weren't just simple illustrations; they were deep, layered teachings that invited listeners to think, reflect, and ultimately, respond. We hope you can worship regularly this summer (or check in via livestream) as the parables of Jesus stretch our imaginations!

Adult Faith Formation

Have you ever wondered about the deeper meaning and connection between the worship service Bible readings? The circumstances, the people, the customs of the time, the original pre-translated word meanings? The Sunday morning Lectionary Review class answers these questions. We meet at the **Sunday School time of ~9:15 am** in the downstairs Parlor/Lounge room 110. With a lively discussion we dig deeper into the worship service Bible readings and apply them to our lives today. The class is led by Frank Pechin. Please come and join us.



The Friday Night Fire Pit Fellowship Group meets at the church fire pit at **7:00 pm Friday nights** to share our stories of the week and get a preview of the worship service Bible readings for the coming Sunday. Seating is provided, but bring your own lawn chair (BYOLC) if desired. In case of inclement weather (rain, snow, heat, or gloom of night) we will meet somewhere indoors on the church property. It's a relaxing way to end the week and meet in fellowship with other members of St. Paul's. Please join us, and bring a friend.

Water in the Baptismal Font

Someone recently asked me a really good question, “Why is the baptismal font in the back of church with water in it?” We try to make sure there is water there every week because a helpful faith habit is to dip your finger in the water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead. Although some people may think of this as a Catholic practice (along with genuflecting when you enter the sanctuary), some folks from other denominations have adopted this practice as well. This act serves as a reminder of one's baptism and of our ongoing faith journey. When Martin Luther was explaining baptism in the Small Catechism he noted this about baptism, “It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new person should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.” So maybe the next time you're in church, dip your finger and make the sign of the cross and remember that daily dying and rising to new life!



Social Ministry News

A big “Thank You” to everyone who donated to this year’s Easter food drive. We filled 55 boxes with Easter dinners including chickens and hams for the Care Cater Foundation in West Chester and other needy families.

We had a great turnout for our Easter morning breakfast and with your donations raised over \$700 for the Thanksgiving Food Drive and Living Love Lunches. Special thank you to all the cooks, the servers, the table decorators, and the set up and clean up team.

The Crafters sold 103 boxes of their delicious chocolate candies. The monies will help them with their craft projects throughout the year that support Lutheran World Relief and other charitable organizations.

The Pop-Up Thrift Shop continues to be a huge success. In March we had our best month so far. We sold your donations and made \$2,700 which goes to support local charities and parsonage repairs. Our next and final sale for the summer is **Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18** from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. It’s going to be our biggest yet with items not only in the parsonage but also spread around the outside like a big yard sale.

Our next Living Love Lunches meal packing event will be **Tuesday, May 22** at 6:30 pm where we will prepare 50 lunches for the homeless community in Chester.

All this month we are collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Chester County Food Bank as they prepare to give out their summer student food boxes. PB&J is a big part of the giveaway so that school-age children can easily prepare a lunch for themselves during the summer months when school lunches are not available. Please add PB&J (plastic jars only, please) to your grocery list to bring to the church though **June 8**, National Children’s Day. And thank you for your donations.

We also delivered eight Easter plants to those families who lost a loved one throughout the year.

Our next American Red Cross blood drive will be **Thursday, May 29**.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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



- **Saturday, May 3, 5:30 to 8:00 pm – High School Senior Celebration Dinner.** We will be having a special celebration and dinner for our 2025 high school graduates at St. Matthew's. Please plan to join us!
- **Sunday, May 4, 12:30 to 3:00 pm – Decorating Our New Youth Room at St. Paul's.** All sixth through twelfth graders are invited to come paint, put up wall hangings, and help us create our new space! Pizza will be provided. Sign up here so we know how much food to order: [May 4th Youth Room Decorating](#).
- **Sunday, May 4, 4:00 to 6:00 pm – Our next Appalachia Service Project Prep Session.** We will meet at St. Paul's to find out work crew assignments and where we will be serving in Central Appalachia this summer!
- **Sunday, May 18, 6:30 to 8:00 pm – High School OASIS at St. Matthew'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.
- **Sunday, June 1, 2:00 to 4:00 pm – Appalachia Service Project Prep Session.** We will meet at St. Matthew's CLC to continue our preparations for our Appalachia Service Week.
- **Saturday, July 12 through Saturday, July 19 – Appalachia Service Project Work Week.** Our teams will travel to Central Appalachia to work on a variety of projects within the community.

A Note from the Director of Music

Martin@StPaulsLionville.org

When were musical instruments introduced into the Christian worship service?

Musical instruments were used during worship in the Old Testament. The exact nature of this early music is difficult to determine since accurate methods of notating music had not yet been developed. Early Christians, however, shunned the use of musical instruments in their worship. For many centuries, Christians sang unaccompanied hymns and psalms without the use of instruments. Gradually, instruments began to be introduced as attitudes changed. The first recorded use of an organ in a worship service was in 670 A.D. By the 15th century, organs were routinely used in the Roman Catholic Mass. However, the use of musical instruments was not adopted universally by all Christian denominations. Some early Protestant leaders, like John Calvin and John Knox, shunned the use of musical instruments in their religious services.



If you are interested in singing in the choir or playing the handbells please contact our Director of Music, Martin Hinkley. The Kingdom Choir rehearses on **Thursday evenings** from 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm. The Jubilant Bells rehearses on **Wednesday evenings** from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Please join us.

Twin Valley Coffee Fundraiser Ends May 2!



**TWIN VALLEY COFFEE
VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER**

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VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER**

St. Matthew's & St. Paul's Youth Ministry
is doing a fundraiser with Twin Valley Coffee
April 11th - May 2nd

Go to the link in the description below to place an order.

The group member who has the most orders placed in their name gets a \$25 gift card (with a qualifying amount of \$100 in products sold).

Happy shopping!

Welcome to our fundraiser to benefit St. Matthew's & St. Paul's Youth Ministry. We are excited to partner with Twin Valley Coffee to be offering freshly roasted Twin Valley Coffee to help us reach our fundraising goals.

Twin Valley Coffee is a local, family-owned, coffee roasting and retail business. They roast and prepare our fundraising coffee purchase as soon as we submit our organization's order. Their coffee makes a great gift for family and friends - or even for yourself!

In order to reach our fundraising goal, we need each member of our team to share this opportunity with friends and family who want to support you! Here are just a few things you'll need to know:

Our fundraiser will be completely contact-less. Twin Valley Coffee has created a unique online store for our team. Simply share the following URL with friends and family members near or far. Make sure to tell them that Twin Valley Coffee will roast and ship each order as soon as it is placed. The profit from every bag of coffee purchased and merchandise from our online store will add to our fundraising total. We will make \$2.50 profit for every 12 oz. bag, \$10 profit for every 5 lb. bag of coffee, and \$3.50 profit for every "5 Small Cold Brews" card and "5 Large Cold Brews" card sold. We will make \$1.00 on every "1 Small Cold Brew" and "1 Large Cold Brew" card sold. We will also make \$5 profit for each apparel item and \$3 profit for each drinkware item sold.

Our unique URL:

<https://twinvalleycoffeefundraisers.com/pages/st-matthews-st-pauls-youth-ministry-2025>

Our fundraiser will last for a period of three weeks. We will **start selling on April 11 and end selling on May 2.**

Don't forget, all you need to do is share the URL listed above with friends and family. After our fundraiser concludes Twin Valley Coffee will provide our team with a summary of our sales and the funds we raised!

Thank you so much for participating! As a motivated team we will reach our goal!

Penny Wars Youth Fundraiser Totals

The Penny Wars results are in! Matthew's finished with 5,992 points, and St. Paul's finished with an impressive 49,803! The total raised was \$872.15. Thank you to everyone who contributed! Stay tuned for more details about the special event featuring Pastor Christian of St. Matthew's!

2025 PENNY WARS RESULTS!

WELL DONE

Category	Value
Total Amount Raised	\$872.15
St Paul's Point Total is:	49803
St. Matthew's Point Total is:	5992

WINNER #1

Stay Tuned for details on the special event featuring Pastor Christian!

Thank you all for supporting our Youth!

Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Paul's



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

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

Fellowship Hall
104 S. Village Avenue
Exton, PA 19353

Thursday, May 29, 2025
2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: splutheran to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
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Brickside Dining for Living Love Lunches

We are partnering with Brickside Grille (in Eagleview) to raise funds for Living Love Lunches.

Once a month, Brickside will return 15% of your purchase to St. Paul's for Living Love Lunch supplies. This now applies to any purchases throughout the day, including brunch, using the buffet, or ordering dinner. Our designated Sunday is the first one of the month. Our next date will be **Sunday, May 4.**

Please remember that you must bring a paper flyer or show it on your phone for a donation to be made.

When you present our flyer or email, Brickside will return 15% of your purchase to St. Paul's for Living Love Lunch supplies. Please remember that you must bring a paper flyer or show it on your phone in order for a donation to be made.

The flyer is below, and you can visit [Brickside's website](#) to browse their menu.

Thanks in advance for taking one for the team by eating too much!!!



**Brickside Dining
Day**



1st Sunday of Each Month

**FIRST SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH**

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH
(BRUNCH, LUNCH
or DINNER)

15% of purchase is
returned to St. Paul's.
(EXCLUDES ALCOHOL)

PRESENT THIS EMAIL OR
COUPON UPON ARRIVAL.

Proceeds benefit:
Living Love Lunch



Living Love Lunches is a program that provides packed lunches to the homeless in Chester. St. Paul's contributes 50 packed lunches a month to the ministry.

Your support is appreciated!



Maximize Your Giving to St. Paul's

Increase the impact of your donation with a matching gift!

Did you know that many companies will match your donation to a non-profit organization? Corporate matching gifts can double or even triple your gift to non-profits such as St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This can make your contribution go even further, increasing the impact of your support.

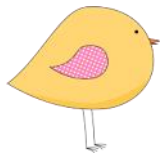


St. Paul's now participates in matching gift programs through [Benevity](#). Many companies like **UPS, Vanguard, Pfizer, Sodexo, Merck, AstraZeneca, Ameriprise, Prudential, and many others** use Benevity to provide matching gifts. You can **DOUBLE** your contribution to St. Paul's and maximize your giving benefit to the great programs that St. Paul's provides to the congregation and community. Check with your company's HR or internal giving portal to see if they use [Benevity](#) and you can increase your support of the great works at St. Paul's.

What are corporate matching gift programs?

Corporate matching gift programs are charitable giving programs set up by corporations in which the company matches donations made by employees to eligible non-profits, including us! Some employers also match gifts made by retirees, spouses, and board members.

Rare Birds



Join us on **Tuesday, May 13** as we hear all about Celeste's adventure to Australia. Anyone aged 50+ is welcome! Please meet in the upstairs social room at noon. We

will be serving a pancake lunch with all the fixings. We will also share information about the renaming of the Birds. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 13th. Please RSVP to Karen by **May 10**.

Crafters Meeting Schedule

Crafters usually meet on Wednesdays at 10 am. They now meet in the large downstairs area of the church. All are welcome!



Rejoicing Spirits

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

**Sunday, May 11
at 4:00 pm**

Come and experience an amazing worship service where:

we have lots of
music and 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.**

Congregational Photos



Friday, April 18 - Good Friday Service

Members of the congregation helped bring the story of Jesus' last days to life at our Good Friday service.



Congregational Photos (cont.)

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

Jubilant Bells and Kingdom Choir provided uplifting music for our Easter celebrations, and the Sanctuary was beautiful thanks to the efforts of Diane Baker and to all our members who purchased Easter flowers. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations meaningful by preparing food, serving as a worship volunteer, providing music, decorating the Sanctuary, greeting guests, or in any other way.



Congregational Photos (cont.)

Saturday, April 12 - Easter Family Fun Night

Members of our middle school and high school youth groups helped the Easter Bunny create a night of fun, games, and an egg hunt for younger children.



St. Paul's Magnets are Now Available!

St. Paul's magnets are now available in the narthex. Please take one and help spread the word about our community of faith.

Sunday, April 27 - Holy Hilarity - There's Something You Don't See in Church Every Day...

In honor of Holy Hilarity Sunday, Pastor Stuart, Craig Miller, Martin Hinkley, and Chris Robinson presented "God Boosters" to the congregation. If you haven't seen it yet, you can [check it out on our YouTube channel](#).



St. Paul's Volunteer Schedule for May and June

	5/4/2025 8:00 AM EASTER 3	5/11/2025 8:00 AM EASTER 4	5/18/2025 8:00 AM EASTER 5	5/25/2025 9:30 AM EASTER 6
Altar Care	Pechin, M	McPeak, J	Strawbridge, H & J	Ward, J
Asst. Minister	Erickson, F	Shallow, W	Wiest, A	Colberg, A
Lector	Berger, N	Pechin III, F	Erickson, F	Thomas, N
Usher/Greeter	Dierksheide, D	Wait, K	Missimer, M	Shallow, B
Usher/Greeter	Dierksheide, L	Wait, T	Wollenberg, R	Shallow, D
Acolyte	Gledhill, R	Shallow, C	Wiest, Jacob	Gledhill, H
	5/4/2025 10:30 AM EASTER 3	5/11/2025 10:30 AM EASTER 4	5/18/2025 10:30 AM EASTER 5	
Altar Care	Hujsak, T	Wachter, J & S	Kerstetter, H	
Asst. Minister	Heath, Z	Johnson, K	Brauer, B	
Lector	Tilghman, P	Robus, S	Grant, K	
Usher/Greeter	Fabry, J	McIlvaine, J	Teague, J	
Usher/Greeter	Piombino, J	McIlvaine, S	Teague, R	
Acolyte	Hillestad, K	Fernandez, M	Teague, L	
Lock-Up	Flach, C	Shallow, D	Huffman, M	Smith, P

	6/1/2025 9:30 AM EASTER 7	6/8/2025 9:30 AM DAY OF PENTECOST	6/15/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 1	6/22/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 2	6/29/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 3
Altar Care	Shallow, D & W	Pechin III, F	Rice, P & P	Stevens, L	Pechin, M
Asst. Minister	Robinson, C	Sanders, J	Sarpen, G	Robus, S	Colberg, A
Lector	Shallow, B	Wiest, K	Finkbiner, M	Mertz, A	Lammey, K
Usher/Greeter	Pindle, K	Heath, S	Munson, G	Berger, K	Adams, J
Usher/Greeter	Pindle, R	Kramer, K	Wornson, B	Stevens, J	Adams, C
Acolyte	Grant, E	Wiest, Jacob	Teague, R	Mertz, C	Young, W
Lock-Up	Wornson, B	Foltz, D	Heath, S	Robus, S & K	Swanson, B

St. Paul's Volunteer Schedule for July and August

	7/6/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 4	7/13/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 5	7/20/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 6	7/27/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 7
Altar Care	Missimer, M	Hujsak, T	McPeak, J	Wachter, J & S
Asst. Minister	Volunteer Needed	Erickson, F	Johnson, K	Shallow, W
Lector	Huffman, M	Finkbiner, A	Biber, B	Heydt, D
Usher/Greeter	Strawbridge, J	Flach, C	Robus, S	Tilghman, P
Usher/Greeter	Strawbridge, H	Burt, B	Fabry, J	Ward, J
Acolyte	Grant, J	Gledhill, R	Hillestad, K	Shallow, C
Lock-Up	Flach, C	Shallow, D	Huffman, M	Smith, P

	8/3/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 8	8/10/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 9	8/17/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 10	8/24/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 11	8/31/2025 9:30 AM PENTECOST 12 OUTDOOR SERVICE
Altar Care	Strawbridge, H & J	Kerstetter, H	Ward, J	Shallow, D & W	Pechin III, F
Asst. Minister	Pechin, M	Wiest, A	Sanders, J	Brauer, B	Missimer, M
Lector	Fernandez, R	Graham, G	Ermilio, J	McCurdy, K	Ripper, N
Usher/Greeter	Dierksheide, D	Piombino, J	Teague, J	Wait, K	Mcllvaine, K
Usher/Greeter	Dierksheide, L	Wollenberg, R	Teague, R	Wait, T	Mcllvaine, T
Acolyte	Fernandez, M	Wiest, Jacob	Teague, L	Gledhill, H	Grant, E
Lock-Up	Wornson, B	Foltz, D	Heath, S	Robus, S & K	Swanson, B

Thank You for Volunteering!



St. Paul's Volunteer Notes

We are grateful to our volunteers who give their time to ensure worship services run smoothly! Thank you for your service to St. Paul's.

Please make note of the following items:

- **We currently need more Altar Care volunteers, especially for the 10:30 am services.** If you or someone you know might be interested in helping out, please [email Maureen](#).
- **There are several upcoming services where we need volunteers** (all empty volunteer spots will be noted in red). If you can help, please [email Maureen](#).
- **Please save the email that is sent out with the volunteer schedule.** It goes out to all volunteers for that role. **If you are unable to serve on a day you are scheduled, please use "reply all" on that email to find a substitute** and [email Maureen](#) any changes to the schedule that are arranged outside of "reply all."
- If you would like to start volunteering, volunteer in another capacity, or step back from volunteering, please complete a "Serve with Love" survey (a pink sheet inserted into bulletins periodically throughout the year and on a table in the narthex) or you can submit the [online survey here](#).
- Scheduling occurs quarterly (in December for March-May, in March for June-August, in June for September-November, and in September for December-February) and is emailed to volunteers at the beginning of every month.
- For the most up-to-date volunteer schedule, visit StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers. Please [email Maureen](#) if you know of any changes that are not reflected in the schedule above.

Thank you!!



**Serve with Love
At St. Paul's**



About St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Lionville

St. Paul's is a community who gather to grow in faith with Jesus and God and then let that powerful gift of love and joy overflow into the community, nation and world! If we can be helpful in any way on your faith journey, everyone (and we do mean EVERYONE) is always invited and will be welcomed!!



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The office is generally staffed Monday-Thursday from 9:00-4:30 pm and **closed Fridays**.
To meet with a staff member or if you plan to visit the church, please call ahead.
Thank you!



For an emergency or if you are in need of pastor care,
call Pastor Stuart at 610-804-1740.

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Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, Invite into Fellowship

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.

Our newsletter is published every month. Members are welcome to submit news items.
Articles to St. Paul's Newsletter are due by **no later than the 24th of every month**.

Email items to: Maureen@StPaulsLionville.org

Please include WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY as well as your name and contact information if you're asking people to respond. Contact Maureen via email with any questions.