

# This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## THIS WEEK (July 30-August 5, 2023)

<b>Sun, 30:</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:30 10:30	<b>Combined Worship Service</b> Cont. Issues/Christian Perspectives (Sanc.) Quilting Bee and Lunch
<b>Mon, 31:</b>	1-2:30 pm 7:00 pm	Knitters (110/111) Boy Scouts 216 (FH)
<b>Tue, 1:</b>	6:30 7:00	Exec Committee (Zoom) <i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i>
<b>Wed, 2:</b>	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Crafters (Parsonage Picnic Area) Parent Support Group (FH)
<b>Thu, 3:</b>	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)
<b>Fri, 4:</b>	5:00 pm	Friday Night Fire Pit
<b>Sat, 5:</b>		

## WORSHIP With Us This Sunday!

Come join us! Or if you prefer - worship with us online at 9:30 am by clicking on [Worship Online](#) or visiting [StPaulsLionville.org](http://StPaulsLionville.org). All are welcome!

**Our Prayer List** We pray for Stanley, Bill, Mark, Steven, Deb, Mary, Kelly, Rick, William, Wrenly, Brett, Amy, Jan, Bob, Dave, Marlene, Nancy, Josie, Garnet, Ben, Chip, Sandy, Alice, and Jean, as well as Daniel, Zach, Alistar, and Chris in the military. Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.



## Volunteers

**9:30 am**

<i>Altar Care:</i>	Dan Shallow
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Liz Vautier
<i>Lector:</i>	Elisa Mata
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Joan Strawbridge
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Harold Strawbridge
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Luke Teague
<i>Lock-up:</i>	Mike Huffman

**Quilting Bee** We're having another Quilting Bee and luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the service on [Sunday, July 30](#), to continue assembling mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing experience is necessary. If you can pin, cut or tie, you're all set. Please bring your favorite green salad, fruit salad, chicken salad, macaroni salad, Jell-O salad, etc. to share. If you've got a few hours, we hope you'll join us for fun, food and fellowship.



*The Crafters will be meeting from 11am to 1pm on Wednesdays in the Picnic Grove, thru the Summer. Bring your lunch and a pillow, if desired. In inclement weather, we will meet in the Parsonage.*

## Sign Up to Receive Texts from St. Paul's

In order to meet the current communication rules, please fill out a very short form at [StPaulsLionville.org/textsignup](http://StPaulsLionville.org/textsignup) to opt in to be notified and updated about upcoming events at St. Paul's via text.



## Crayfish Cleanup at Valley Forge National Park

We will once again have the opportunity to work with National Park Service to learn about and remove invasive crayfish from the streams of Valley Forge National Park. All ages are welcome and no prior experience is needed. You will get wet and water shoes/crocs are recommended. Kids should be accompanied by an adult. We had so much fun doing this last year and hope you can join us on August 12th from 9 AM - noon

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA4AA2EA5FF2-crayfish>

**Coffee Fellowship Help** The volunteer list to sign up to provide snacks and prepare coffee on Sundays is in the narthex and online via Signup Genius at [StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship](http://StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship). Sign up with a friend or with a church group and have some fun!



**2023 Giving For Operating Expenses YTD**

Giving 7/23 - \$ 21,316

**2023 Target**

\$ 240,790

49%

\$ 490,622

YTD Budgeted Income: \$ 283,051 **YTD Shortage: \$ 42,261**

### **LWR School Bags**

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.



LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. School bag kits help keep education going during a crisis. The kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

To donate, [click here](#) to sign up or visit [StPaulsLionville.org](http://StPaulsLionville.org)/events. Items will be bundled and sent globally. New items only. Please return to St. Paul's Lutheran Church by **Friday, September 1**.

### **Blood Drive**

St. Paul's is hosting a blood drive on **Thursday, August 17**, from 2:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (last appointment time is 7:00 pm).



The Red Cross requires donors to pre-register to donate. To make an appointment, either call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and enter the sponsor code "splutheran".

### **Simpson Meadows Bible Study**

meets 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. We are currently viewing the video series "The Last Days of Jesus". Six commentators present insight into events in the life of Jesus leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. All 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.

### **Change to Contemporary Issues/Christian**

#### **Perspectives Class**

During the summer months, the Sunday morning Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspectives Adult Faith Formation class will join the Pastor's Sermon Question and Answer session. We will meet in the sanctuary after the worship service and coffee fellowship time. Please join us with whatever questions you have and get a deeper perspective on the sermon.

### **Prayer Team**

If you would like to be part of the prayer team who is contacted when immediate prayer is needed, please contact the church office or [PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org). Also, if you have an immediate need for prayer, please don't hesitate to contact the church office or Pastor Stuart!



## **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

### **THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ARE GOING**

**BOWLING** on Wednesday, August 9, from 1:00-3:00 pm at Palace Bowling in Downingtown! Come join us for a couple of hours of indoor fun to beat the heat. Cost is \$15 per person and includes shoe rental, unlimited bowling, pizza, and soda. Anyone who just finished 5th through 8th grades is welcome; friends can come, too! Sign up here to participate: [August 9 Middle School Bowling](#).

### **THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH KICKOFF POOL**

**PARTY** will be Sunday, August 20, from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Holmes family pool in East Fallowfield. Come join us for an afternoon to reconnect with friends, make some new ones, and have some fun in the water! Be sure to wear a swimsuit and bring a towel if you want to swim. Open to all youth who are going into 9th through 12th grade this coming fall. Bring a snack to share; pizza and drinks will be provided. Sign up here: [August 20 High School Pool Party](#). Be sure to sign up so we know how many people to expect, and so we can share the address with you!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH** - Information about your kickoff event at the end of August is coming soon; watch for it!

### **Summer Worship Series**

Throughout most of this summer we'll be focusing on the healings and miracles of Jesus. One of the things that stands out most clearly about Jesus is his ability to reach out and touch people and provide them with a healing presence. Certainly as we are exiting a pandemic and as we often experience health problems, remembering Jesus' healing is comforting. Additionally, we see in Jesus the power to provide other blessings such as calming storms, feeding crowds and even blessing a wedding that runs out of wine. We hope this focus on Jesus' healing and miraculous presence blesses your worship this summer!



### **Donut Days**

The Social Ministry Team will host coffee and donut fellowship on **Sunday, August 27**. You are invited to gather, enjoy donuts, and donate to the [Turkey house](#) if you like.



### **Shorti Wawa Coupons for Sale!**

We have discount Wawa Shorti hoagie coupons in the office. Cost is \$5 per coupon. Stop by and see Marisa or Cari.



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