

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Lionville March 17, 2024



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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Everyone is welcome!
Attend in person or [worship online](#)

Our Prayer List

We pray for Dan, Lucy, Janet, Amy C., Kerri, Bruce, Ruth, Sid, Jon, Greg, Delores, Melissa, Joanna, Bill H., Bill T., Steven, Sandy L., Kelly, Rick, Amy D., Joy, Pat, Marlene, Nancy, Chip, Garnet, Sandy F., Alice, and Jean. We lift up Daniel, Zach, Alistar, Chris, and Adam in the military.

Easter Food Drive Update



Food and funds for the Easter Food Drive need to be brought to the church by **Sunday, March 17**. Here's how you can help:

- Purchase food to fill a box: [Click here](#) to sign up to donate food and click [here](#) for a shopping list of the items that make up a complete family dinner. Please drop off at church in a copier paper type box if possible.
- Donate funds to purchase food: [Click here](#) to sign up to donate funds for a volunteer to fill a food box for you. Each box is \$25. Make a check out to St. Paul's with "food box donation" in the memo line and put it in the offering plate on Sunday.
- Donate funds for the purchase of hams and chickens: Make a check out to St. Paul's with "ham/chicken donation" in the memo line and put it in the offering plate on Sunday.
- Donate free ham received with grocery bonus points: Please put it in the upstairs freezer.
- Bring in copier paper boxes: Please bring copier paper boxes with you on Sunday.

Food baskets will be delivered on **Sunday, March 24**. If you would like to help with deliveries, meet at St. Paul's at 11:45 am to load, then travel to the Care Center to unload and distribute from 1:00-2:00 pm (you can help with one or both parts). Sign up here: [March 24 Easter Food Basket Help](#). Families welcome!

Thank you for helping to support this worthwhile effort!

Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat

Please keep our Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat participants in prayer as our eight 6th-12th grade youth and five adults travel to Bear Creek Camp for this weekend's retreat.

First Communion

We will celebrate the First Communion of Stephanie Mata, Cade Mertz, and Jacob Wiest at both services on **Sunday, March 17**.

Easter Flowers

St. Paul's will be ordering flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter. If you would like to sponsor a daffodil, lily, or tulips in memory or honor of a loved one, please submit [this online form](#). Green order forms are on the table in the center of the narthex that you can fill out and turn in with your check if you prefer. Orders are due **Tuesday, March 19**.



Flowers can be picked up following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, March 31, or between 10:00-4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 2. Dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Each flower is \$10. Please make your check out to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church" and write "Easter flowers" in the memo line. You can put your check in the offering plate, drop it off between 10:00 am-4:00 pm on a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, or mail it to the church at 104 S. Village Avenue, Exton, PA 19341.

If you have any questions, please contact the [church office](#). Thank you!

Dramatic Presentation of the Gospel of Mark

As we're getting deep in the Gospel of Mark, we have an additional treat! Our own Nathan Thomas has offered to share a dramatic presentation of the Gospel of Mark. This will occur on **Sunday, March 17**, at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's. If you've never heard a Gospel read aloud by a great communicator, as it was done in the ancient world, you will absolutely be blessed! We hope you can attend, but if you cannot, it will be [livestreamed](#).

Candy Donations

Both of our congregations are holding egg hunts this year -- St. Paul's on Saturday evening, March 23, and St. Matthew's on Saturday morning, March 30 -- and we need stuff to stuff in the eggs! A donation box is in the airlock of the front entrance. Please bring all candy by this **Sunday, March 17**. (Eggs not required - we have PLENTY!) Thank you!!!

Easter Family Fun Night

We're having another great night of free fun, food, and games for all ages on **Saturday, March 23**, from 5:00-7:00 pm. We have a number of Easter-themed activities including glow-in-dark Easter Egg Hunts and pictures with the Easter Bunny. We'll also have crafts, hot dogs, games, face painting, donuts, music, and more coming! The event is open to the public, young and old alike! To make this another great success, we need you to do three things:



- Advertise the [Facebook Event](#) to your personal page and forward it to friends, family, and neighbors! Make a personal invitation to them as a great way to introduce them to St. Paul's!
- Help out in some way or make a donation of supplies by [signing up here](#).
- Plan on attending yourself by [signing up here](#) so we know how many are coming!

Crafters Chocolate Eggs

Please join the Crafters on **Saturday, March 16**, from 10:00-12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to make candy eggs for Easter. The chocolate covered coconut and peanut butter eggs are sold to provide the Crafters with funds to purchase the fabric used in the baby quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are used to bundle together the baby items needed to cloth and care for infants. No experience is necessary, instruction will be provided. Join us for a pizza lunch following

Spaghetti Dinner Thanks

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Youth Ministry event last week by attending, donating food, helping run the dinner, and/or providing contributions to our youth ministry! We raised over \$1,600 for our youth trips this summer with Appalachia Service Project and the ELCA Youth Gathering. This one event put us nearly 1/3 of the way toward our total fundraising goal of \$5,000. Thank you again!

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Easter Breakfast



Please join us at the annual Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, March 31**, between 9:00-10:15 am. Breakfast will include pancakes, Brian Lloyd's famous quiche, sweets, and more. Come early for the best selection and variety of items. A free will offering will be collected to help the food insecure in our area (families of the Care Center in West Chester and homeless in Chester). What a great way for your family to come together for a meal and pay it forward to another family. To help us estimate how many pancakes our Council President, Kyle Weist, needs to flip, please [click here](#) to RSVP. We certainly know plans are fluid and this will just give us a general sense. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Social Ministry and Council would love additional hands to help with set up, serving, and clean up. Please [click here](#) to let us know if you can help in these areas.

Holy Week and Easter

Visit and share StPaulsLionville.org/holyweek for information regarding services during Holy Week and Easter. All of the services will be livestreamed.

Community Yard Sale

Please start putting aside any books, toys, games, and household items you'd like to donate to this year's community yard sale. The date is a Saturday in May (TBD) at the home of Tilly and Dick Hujzak.

A New Way to Give to Youth Ministry



Recognizing that some people like to give to a very specific need, "Need Envelopes" are posted on the bulletin board by the stairwell near the church office. Each brown envelope has an item written on it along with a dollar amount that item costs. Examples include \$10 for duct tape for ASP, \$25 for a dinner at the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, etc. You can take an envelope off of the board, fill out your information on the card inside, and return it with the requested donation by giving it to Craig Miller, the church office, or putting it in the offering plate on Sunday. If you are a "specific need" person, be sure to look over the envelopes and see how you can help!

Exton Ministerium Music Fest

On **Sunday, April 14**, at 7:00 pm the musicians of our local churches will gather for a celebration of music, each bringing their own special gifts to share! The gathering will be at Saints Philip and James Catholic Church at 723 Lincoln Hwy E, Exton, PA 19341. There will be refreshments and fellowship afterwards! We hope you can attend to enjoy our musicians and those from many other churches!

New Member Classes

If you've been attending St. Paul's, we would love to welcome you as a new member this spring! Classes will be held on **Sunday, April 21, 28, and May 5 and 19**, from 7:00-8:00 pm. These four weeks will be an opportunity to grow in faith, learn more about St. Paul's and build friendships with others who are also joining. Childcare will be provided. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please feel free to [email](#) or call (610-804-1740) Pastor Stuart.

Penny Wars Youth Fundraiser

As of Tuesday, March 12, St. Matthew's has pulled within just 300 points of St. Paul's! Current totals are St. Paul's **23,374** and St. Matthew's **23,055**. Total dollars raised so far are \$1,042.39, so Youth Director Craig Miller is already going to be involved - but which Pastor will be joining him? For more detailed info about this friendly youth fundraiser competition with St. Paul's Lionville, see the display in the Gathering Area. Penny Wars continues through Easter Sunday, March 31.



Teacher Appreciation Sunday

On **Sunday, April 7**, at both services, the emphasis for worship will be recognizing and celebrating the teachers in our congregation and community! Invitations are available on the table in the narthex for adults and students to share with some of the teachers they appreciate in our community. Please be thinking about who you might invite to thank them.

Servants of the Year

Just as we focus on our financial generosity in the fall, in the spring we focus on our opportunity to be generous with our time and talent. As part of this emphasis on **Sunday, April 21**, we will recognize, "Servants of the Year." Please take the time [to fill out this simple form to nominate](#) some of the people you appreciate at St. Paul's. All those nominated will be recognized at this worship service!

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.

THE NEXT HIGH SCHOOL OASIS will be Sunday, March 24, from 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Paul's. Come hang out for a bit and decompress from stress. Open to all 9th through 12th graders, including friends. No signup necessary; just show up.

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR OUR APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT WORK WEEK taking place Saturday, June 22, through Saturday, June 29. This year, the trip is open to all current 7th through 12th graders, as well as adults. The cost is \$400 per youth participant, with scholarships available to families with financial need; talk to Craig Miller, Pastor Stuart, or Pastor Christian for more info. To join our team on this amazing experience, sign up through ASP at this site: [ASP Workweek Signup](#). Use group **#15099** when registering. (If you have not been involved with ASP before, you will need to create a new account.) If registration is full when you sign up, please let Craig Miller know of your interest so that we can try and open more spots!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO SERVE:

- Saturday, March 23 - **St. Paul's Easter Family Fun Night**. Come help hide eggs at 3:30 pm and/or assist with activities during the event (5:00-7:00 pm). Sign up here: [St. Paul's Easter Fun Night Help](#).
- Sunday, March 24 - **Load, Deliver, and Distribute Easter Food Baskets at the Care Center Foundation in West Chester**. Meet at St. Paul's at 11:45 am to load, then travel to the Care Center to help unload and distribute from 1:00-2:00 pm. Help with one or both parts. Sign up here: [March 24 Easter Food Basket Help](#). Families welcome!
- Saturday, March 30 - **St. Matthew's Easter Egg Hunt**. Help hide eggs starting at 8:30 am and/or assist with the hunt and other activities from 10:00-11:00am. Sign up here: [St. Matthew's Egg Hunt Help](#).

Lutheran Night at the Phillies

Bear Creek Summer Camp

Early Bird registrations are being accepted through

The Philadelphia Phillies will host the St. Louis Cardinals at Citizens Bank Park on **Friday, May 31**, at 6:40 pm for Lutheran Night. If 500 or more tickets are sold across the synod, the bishop will be able to throw out the first ball! Purchase your tickets [here](#)!

March 31 and include a free t-shirt. First and second graders can participate in a half week "Try Camp". Older campers have full week of camp. Whitewater rafting is new this year! Discount of \$50 for siblings and "bring a friend". [Click here for information](#). [Click here to register](#).

St. Paul's Night at the Reading Phillies



St. Paul's is excited to hold our annual trip to the Reading Phillies on **Saturday, June 8**. The game starts at 6:45 pm and will end with a Mega Blast Fireworks Show. Tickets are \$11.00 per person. Payment by check made payable to Anne Wiest is due no later than **Sunday, April 21**. Payment can be put in the Council President's mailbox at St. Paul's or given to Kyle or Anne Wiest. [Click here](#) to sign up!

Coffee Fellowship

Team up with friends, family, or your church group to provide snacks and prepare coffee on Sunday mornings and sign up in the narthex or online at StPaulsLionville.org/events.

Welcome Brochures

New St. Paul's welcome brochures are now available in the airlocks and on the literature table toward the Sunday School classrooms. Please feel free to share them with anyone you are encouraging to attend St. Paul's!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Week of Sunday, March 17, 2024

Date	Time	Event
Sun, Mar 17:		<i>Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat</i>
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Packing Easter Food Boxes (FH)
	9:15 am	6th-8th Confirmation (Parsonage)
	9:15 am	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (204)
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	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	4:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Dramatic Presentation by Nathan Thomas (Sanctuary/Livestream)
Mon, Mar 18:	9:30 am	Women's Gospel of Mark Bible Study (101)
	1:00 pm	Knitters (110)
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 216 Meeting (FH)
Tue, Mar 19:	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (110)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den 6-Arrow of Light (Parsonage)
	7:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (110)
	7:00 pm	Worship Planning Meeting Team (Zoom)
Wed, Mar 20:	10:00 am	Crafters (Parsonage)
	6:15 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Parent Support Group (FH)
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Invite and Welcome Team Meeting (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	Jubilant Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu, Mar 21:	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)
	6:15 pm	Voice of the Spirit Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH)
	7:30 pm	Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri, Mar 22:		
Sat, Mar 23:	8:15 am	<i>GoodWorks</i>
	5:00 pm	Easter Family Fun Night

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Sunday Services:

8:00 am - Traditional Service

9:15 am - Faith Formation for all ages

10:30 am - Contemporary Service

Second Sunday of Every Month:

4:00 pm - Rejoicing Spirits Service

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