

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

June 4, 2023

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THIS WEEK (June 4-10, 2023)

Sun, 4:	9:30 am 3:00 pm 7:00	Outdoor Worship Service Church Picnic Eagle Court of Honor (Sanctuary & FH) ASP Session #3 (St. Matthew's)
Mon, 5:	7:00 pm	BSA 216 Meeting (FH)
Tue, 6:	10:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 7:00	Staff Meeting (110) Cub Den 8 (FH) Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom) Simpson Meadows Bible Study
Wed, 7:	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Crafters (Parsonage) Parent Support Group (Zoom)
Thu, 8:	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)
Fri, 9:	7:00 pm	Friday Night Fire Pit Fellowship
Sat, 10:		

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. All are welcome!

Our Prayer List We pray for Eric, Deb, Mary, Kelly, Maggie, Dick, Joan, Rick, Ray, 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

Altar Care: Dan Shallow
Assisting Minister: Liz Vautier
Lector: Sue McIlvaine
Usher/Greeter: Kyle Wiest
Usher/Greeter: Anne Wiest
Acolyte: Jacob Wiest
Lock-up: Chris Flach

June 4 Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

On **Sunday, June 4**, we'll celebrate a wonderful outdoor service (weather permitting) at 9:30 am followed by a great afternoon of food and fellowship. The church will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers and you can sign up to bring a side or dessert [at this link](#). (The link is also available at StPaulsLionville.org/events.) If your family likes to play outdoor games, bring your favorite one along. This is always such a delightful event that it would be a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to worship that day!

Please note that for those who regularly watch our livestream, due to the complications of offering the livestream outdoors, only the pre-recorded sermon will be offered that morning.



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!



Eagle Scout Car Wash

If you were away for the Memorial Day holiday weekend and missed the Eagle Scout Project fundraising car wash, don't fret you have another chance to get the pollen off your car (or bicycle). Troop 216 Life Scout Kyle Swan will be hosting an Eagle Scout Project fundraiser car wash at Marchwood Hardware on **Saturday, June 3**. The car wash will run from 9:00 am to around 4:00 pm. Mr. Swan will use the money raised to replace a trail bridge and plant perennial flowers at Binky Lee Nature Preserve.



Please Sign Up to Receive Church Texts

We have been trying to add text communication to inform you of upcoming events and changes. However, current communication rules require you to opt-in for this service. Please fill out a very short form at StPaulsLionville.org/textsignup to start receiving texts.



Birthday Blessings to Alice Robison!

Alice will celebrate her 92nd birthday on **Tuesday, June 6!** Let's help her celebrate by sending birthday cards and wishes to:

Alice Robison
Woodbridge Place
1191 Rapps Dam Rd
Phoenixville, PA 19460-4787



A Very Helpful Bible App In our adult class we talked a little bit about Bible apps. One of the very best is YouVersion. It's available on the computer, Android, and iPhone and contains multiple Bible versions. It has the ability to read scripture to you and to connect you with friends to see their comments and share your own. You will find multiple reading plans and can view and create Bible images. No wonder it's been loaded on a quarter of a billion devices! You might want to use it as well to bless your growth in Scripture!



Family Fun Night, Friday, July 7 from 5-7 pm

Our Welcome Team is planning a night of fun and fellowship, like an old time carnival minus the rides. There will be friends, food, face painting, games, and music. The event is open to everyone at St. Paul's, young and young at heart alike. We will also promote the event externally as a way to connect with our community so they know about the great things happening here. We hope to see many new faces attending and it would be great to have you invite friends, family, and neighbors. To make the event a big success we need your help. Even if you can't attend, you can still support the event through donation of some key supplies. Check out the donation/volunteer signup page at [StPaulsLionville.org/familyfunnight!](http://StPaulsLionville.org/familyfunnight) If you have any questions, you can reach out to Pastor Stuart at 610-804-1740 or PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org.



Serve With Love A "Serve with Love" survey will be inserted into bulletins for the next few weeks or you can [click here](#) to submit the online survey. This survey allows you to notify the office if you would like to start volunteering, volunteer in another capacity, or step back from volunteering.

We will be scheduling Altar Care, Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Ushers/Greeters, Acolytes, and Lock-up volunteers for September, October, and November next. We also have a new website where you can view the most up-to-date volunteer schedule: StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers. If you have any questions, please email Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org.



Rejoicing Spirits

The next Rejoicing Spirits service is scheduled for **Sunday, June 11**, at 4:00 pm. Experience an amazing worship service where we have meaningful messages, lots of music, and a "no shushing" policy. All are welcome! Stay after for fellowship and refreshments.

Visioning Process Interviews Our Visioning Team wants to offer an opportunity for deeper conversation with the members, staff, Church Council and key leaders. This will be a time to answer specific questions that have arisen from other information collected and to hear your perspective for the future. Please go to StPaulsLionville.org/visioninterviews and sign up for one of the three time slots offered. (More time slots will be added if these fill up or a significant number of people can't attend these opportunities.) Thank you so much for your contribution to the Visioning Process!

Sermon Question and Answer I'd like to try something new over the summer that I've never done before. Preaching is usually a "one way" form of communication, except for the few conversations I have with people about a message. As a method of making this more a "dialogue" I'd like to try over the summer a "Question and Answer" time after the service. You can grab a drink or quick snack and then we'll gather back in the sanctuary for any questions the sermon might have prompted and I'll do my best to field those questions. I'm a little trepidatious about how this will go, but if you're willing to give it a try, so am I!



-Pastor Stuart

Vacation Bible School

July 24-28 from 9:00-Noon

Registration forms for students and volunteers are in the narthex or:

[Click here](#) to sign up your child(ren) online.

[Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer online.



Peanut Butter & Jelly Food Drive Each year around this time we support Chester County Food Bank as they prepare Summer Student Food Boxes. These boxes provide school-age children and their families with 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 put in Senior Food Boxes as well. Please add PB&J (plastic jars only) to your grocery run and bring them to church now through **Thursday, June 15**. Thank you for your donations.



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. Sign up with a friend or with a church group and have some fun!



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

OUR NEXT GOOD WORKS YOUTH WORKDAY will be Saturday, June 24, from 8:15-3:45pm. Meet at the Good Works Coatesville warehouse at 8:15 am, then travel to a nearby residence to help make it safer, warmer, and drier for the family that lives there. Sign up here by Wednesday, June 14, to participate: [June 24 Good Works Workday](#).

PEER MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TRAINING will be held Tuesday, June 27-Thursday, June 29, from 9:00-2:30pm each day at St. Matthew's. This intensive, enriching, and fun program helps teens develop stronger relational skills and encourages them to become active listeners. It also gives them more confidence when they are confronted by a peer who is in crisis, and shows them how to guide friends to others who can give them the help that they need. How much of an impact does it make in their lives? Just ask any of the four already-trained Peer Ministry Leaders who are willingly (and eagerly) giving up three days of their summer break to come back and help teach the new group! Youth who have just completed grades 8 through 11 are welcome to participate; contact Craig Miller at craigyouthmin@gmail.com or 484-320-0785 to sign up or for more information.

SUMMER 2024...IT'S COMING..."CREATED TO BE": THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING!!! This every-three-year event returns Tuesday, July 16-Saturday, July 20, 2024, and will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. All students who will be in 8th through 12th grades during the 2023-24 school year are eligible to participate. A formal kickoff event will happen in early September when registration for the Gathering opens, so be alert for more details coming later in June - but hold the dates on your 2024 calendar now!

STUDENTS WHO MISSED OUT ON ATTENDING A YOUTH GATHERING BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC - Don't despair! There are two opportunities for you to have the experience, though admittedly from a different perspective:

- Attend the Youth Gathering as a volunteer! Volunteers are an important part of the Gathering who fill a wide variety of roles during the event. Applications to be a volunteer open on Thursday, June 15, 2023; go to <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/volunteers> for more information.
- Attend the ELCA Young Adult Gathering! This new event will be held concurrently with the Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Individuals who are 18 through 35 will come together in groups based on their age to explore, act on, and discuss topics around their Christian faith. More info can be found here: <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering>.

SUMMERTIME YOUTH EVENTS are still being finalized. Keep watch for details!

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. Also, if you have an immediate need for prayer, please don't hesitate to contact the church office or Pastor Stuart!



Bear Creek Summer Camp With the warm weather we are having, it's a good time to start thinking about Summer Camp. First and second graders can participate in the half-week "Try Camp" program for first-time campers and the older kids have a full week program. Siblings are eligible for a \$50 discount. Summer Family Camp and Artist's Retreat weeks also offered!

[Click here](#) for information.

[Click here](#) to register.



St. Paul's Blood Drive St. Paul's will host a blood drive on **Thursday, June 29**, from 2:30-7:30 pm (the last appointment time is 7:00 pm). The Red Cross now requires donors to pre-register to donate. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and enter zip code "19341" as the search criteria. You could receive a \$10 e-gift card by email to a merchant of your choice and you'll also be automatically entered for a chance to win a backyard theater package! Learn more [here!](#)



Have old eyeglasses? We have a box in the narthex to collect your unbroken and used eyeglasses for the Lions Club.



Contemporary Issues/Christian

Perspectives Class will continue to meet during the summer following the single worship service. We meet upstairs in room 208 or outside if the weather permits. 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. **We will not meet Sunday, June 4, due to the church picnic.**

2023 Giving	For Operating Expenses YTD	Giving 5/21 - \$ 4,220	2023 Target
\$ 172,242	35%		\$ 490,622

YTD Budgeted Income: \$ 198,136 **YTD Shortage: \$ 25,893**

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](#).