

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

February 26, 2023

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THIS WEEK (Feb. 26 - March 4, 2023)

Sun, 26:	8:00 am 9:15 9:15 9:15 9:30 10:30 12:15 pm	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School (age 3 potty-trained-5th gr) Confirmation Class 6-8th Gr (Parsonage) Explore Faith Practices (204) Current Issues/Christn Perspec (208) Contemporary Worship Service Middle School Escape Room
Mon, 27:	7:00 pm 7:00 7:30	Boy Scouts 216 (FH) Social Ministry Meeting (Room 101) Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue, 28:	6:00 pm 6:00 7:00 7:00	Cub Den 6 (Parsonage) Cub Den 3 (Fellowship Hall) Mutual Ministry Meeting (Zoom) <i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i>
Wed, 1:	10:00 am 6:15 pm 6:30 7:30 8:00	Crafters (Parsonage) Voice of Spirit (Choir Room) Parent Support Group (Zoom) Midweek Lenten Service Worship Team (Sanctuary)
Thu, 2:	8:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30	Amigos (Parsonage) Cub Den 1 (FH) Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri, 3:		
Sat, 4:	9:30 am	Cub Den 5 (FH)

WORSHIP With Us This Sunday!

Come join us! Or if you prefer - worship with us online at 8:00 am or 10:30 am by clicking on [Worship Online](#) or visiting StPaulsLionville.org. All are welcome!

Our Prayer List We pray for Sue, Julie, Stanley, Rick, Ray, Maureen, William, Cornell and family, Wrenly, Brett, Amy C., Amy D., Carmen, Jan, Sandy L., Nancy, Marlene, Josie, Don, Garnet, Ben, Chip, Sandy, Alice, Jean, and Vicky, as well as Daniel, Zach, Chris and Alistar in the military. If you have an addition to the prayer list, contact the office.



Volunteers	8:00 am	10:30 am
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Dan Shallow	Harold Kerstetter
<i>Asst Min:</i>	Chris Robinson	Anne Albright
<i>Lector:</i>	Flos Erickson	Will Shallow
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Carly Shallow	Kara Hillestad
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Gordon Munson	Joel Fabry
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Matt Missimer	Chris Flach
<i>Lock-up:</i>	Dan Shallow	

Special Lenten *Following Jesus to the Cross Series!*

On **Sunday, February 26**, at the 8:00 and 10:30 am services we will start a worship series which follows Jesus journey to the cross! Every Sunday you will get a gift to fit the theme of that week, a keepsake created by our wonderful Amigos and Crafters. The first gift is a cross, and then each week (and the days in Holy Week) another keepsake will follow, each one to remind you of an event in Jesus' life as he proceeds to the cross. (Attend as often as you can to collect all nine gifts, ending on Easter Sunday.)

We will also be offering a brief **Wednesday evening service at 7:30 pm** in which we will focus on a great saint whose life emulates the theme of that week. (The Lenten Planning survey told us over 20 people would attend a Wednesday evening service.)

We truly hope that all of these Lenten additions will bless your Lent this year!

Thank You So Very Much

to Jim Lammey, the Amigos and especially the crafters for making all of the Following Jesus to the Cross keepsakes. You all are wonderful!!



You Get to Pick Our New Church Logo!

Our Communication team is now ready to share a number of options for a new church logo for St. Paul's that more authentically communicates the personality and mission of our congregation.

Starting on **Sunday, February 26**, and continuing till April 2, you will find printed and displayed in the back of the church a number of logo designs. Every time you attend church during Lent, feel free to collect a ticket from the bowl also in the back of church and drop it in to "vote" for your favorite new logo. Each week we'll remove the logo with the lowest count as we narrow down our list. On Easter morning we will tally the "votes" and share with you the new St. Paul's logo!!



Communications Survey Our Communication Team would love your feedback about a number of areas of our ministry. Please take a few moments [and fill out this very brief survey!](#) Thank you!

Easter Food Drive Underway

Once again are collecting food to fill 55+ Easter food baskets for those in need in and around the Care Center Foundation in West Chester. These are families of the children who attend the preschool as well as other families in that neighborhood. If you're able to help, please sign up: [Easter Food Drive Signup](#).



Here's what goes into a complete family dinner (a shopping list can be picked up in the narthex):

2 cans of corn	1 jar peanut butter (plastic jar)
2 jars chicken gravy	1 jar applesauce (50 oz.)
1 jar jelly (plastic jar)	1 brownie mix (makes 9 x12 pan)
1 bottle of syrup (24 oz)	2 boxes macaroni and cheese
2 cans of green beans	1 package complete pancake mix

Collections for the Care Center will be delivered on Palm Sunday, so we're asking that you please **bring in items no later than Sunday, March 26**. Ideally, food should arrive packed in a copier paper type box as this allows us to better fill, stack and deliver.

We are also accepting cash donations for hams and chickens. You can make a check out to St. Paul's with "ham/chicken donation" in the notes and put in the offering plate or mail to the church. If you have a free ham with your grocery bonus points that you'd like to donate, please bring it in and we'll put it in the parsonage freezer.

Also, if you want to help with filling a food basket but don't want to do the shopping, there are shoppers available to do that for you. \$25 will cover the cost for a full dinner box. Please put it in the envelope marked "Food Box Donation" and put in the offering plate or mail to the church. No need to sign up for check donations.

Thank you for helping to support this worthwhile effort!

Bear Creek Summer Camp

With the warm weather we are having this winter, it's a good time to start thinking about Summer camp. Bear Creek Camp is currently accepting Early Bird registrations for Summer Camp through March 31. If you register before the end of March, your campers will receive a free camp t-shirt. 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.

[Click here for information](#).

[Click here to register](#).



Support the Middle East after the Earthquake

You've no doubt read about the earthquakes which on February 6 devastated Turkey and Syria causing significant destruction with over 10,000 deaths. Our Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to supporting ACT Alliance and other partners by providing immediate aid. You may give to Lutheran Disaster Response [with this link](#) and all gifts will be 100% directed toward this effort. Thank you!



Boxes Needed As the Social Ministry Committee looks ahead to Easter and our food drive to fill 55 baskets for Easter dinners, we're asking that you please start to save boxes for us.

Ideally, we're looking for cardboard boxes with lids that you find in an office. Please check with your mailroom to see if they will put them aside for you. Having boxes that are all the same size makes it a lot easier for us to fill, stack, and deliver. As you get them, please bring them to the church and we will store them until needed.

Donations for Quilts The quilters need your help! We have many beautiful quilt tops assembled. We need blankets and sheets to complete the quilts. If you have new / nearly new blankets or colored sheets that we can use, please place them in the bin under the table in the hallway marked "Quilts".

Per Lutheran World Relief guidelines, we cannot use wool, fleece, or microfiber items. The water filtration systems in some of these areas cannot handle the fibers shed by these materials.

Personal Care Kits Seventy-eight personal care kits were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse this week. The kits were assembled by the Sunday school students last Sunday. Each kit contained a bath towel, comb, nail clipper, toothbrush, and two bars of soap. Thanks to Thrivent for the Thrivent Card and the congregation for donations of materials.



Restock the Food Bank Shelves

This is what 444 pounds of food looks like!



Thank you to everyone who donated food to fill the Chester County Food Bank shelves and decorated boxes!

Coffee Fellowship Help The volunteer list to sign up to provide snacks/prepare coffee on Sundays is online via Signup Genius. Sign up with a friend or with a church group! Sign up in the narthex or online at StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship. Have some fun!

Grow in Faith as We Explore Faith Practices

At 9:15 am on Sunday mornings in room 204, we will be watching a wonderful series of thought-provoking videos on faith practices. The class will watch one of these nine-minute videos and then share and discuss with each other! The videos are so well done that we'll spend two weeks discussing each one, so it's very easy to pop into the class. The videos topics and speakers:

- Brian McLaren: Prayer: Oriented toward God
- Sara Miles: Food: Eating, with Jesus
- Mike Slaughter: Worship: Seeking God's Presence
- Phyllis Tickle: Sacraments: A Tapestry of Traditions
- Shane Claiborne: Money: The Joy of Sharing
- Enuma Okoro: Service: The Needs Right in Front of You
- Doug Pagitt: Community: An Unexpected Family

Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspectives Class

meets following the 8 am worship service on the second floor in room 208. With 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.

Simpson Meadows Bible Study

meets Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. We study multi-week biblical-themed videos followed by a discussion relating the video to today's world. Sessions are independent and can be joined any time without participating in earlier sessions. We meet in the second floor lounge of Simpson Meadows. Masks & front-desk check-in required. All are welcome.

The Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!

On Friday, March 10, come to St. Matthew's and enjoy an evening out where we do the cooking for you. As in past years there will be two seatings for the dinner, one at 5:30 pm and one at 7:00 pm. The dinner will be held in the Christian Life Center (CLC) of **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2440 Conestoga Road in Chester Springs**. Advance tickets go on sale beginning this Sunday, February 19, before and after each worship service.

\$ 10 Adults \$ 5 Children (12 & under) \$ 25 per Family

(Seriously...where else can you get a good dinner out at these prices? Even fast food costs more!)



YOUTH INFORMATION

THE SPAGHETTI DINNER YOUTH FUNDRAISER IS RETURNING! On Friday, March 10, come to St. Matthew's and enjoy an evening out where we do the cooking for you. As in past years there will be two seatings for the dinner, one at 5:30pm and one at 7:00pm. The cost will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, or \$25 per family. (Seriously - where else can you get a good dinner out at these prices?) Advance tickets are on sale Sundays before and after worship.

THE NEXT HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS' EVENT will be on Sunday, March 5, beginning at 6:30pm at St. Matthew's. Come spend some time relaxing, eating, and talking about entertaining topics. No heavy stuff, just a chance to de-stress. Signup is NOT required, just show up. Feel free to bring along a friend or two!

OUR FIRST APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT PREPARATORY MEETING will be on Sunday, March 12, from 7:00 to 8:30pm at St. Paul's. We will get to know each other, start going over some ASP basics, provide info about upcoming deadlines and fundraisers. Please plan to attend if at all possible. **A few openings for youth are still available**; contact Craig Miller at craigyouthmin@gmail.com or 484-320-0785 if you would like to join us!

SPAGHETTI DINNER HELP NEEDED - All youth and their families are encouraged to sign up to help with our March 10th Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser. There are lots of ways to support this event, such as selling tickets on Sunday mornings, helping with setup and cleanup, and of course helping during the event itself. Please look at this [Spaghetti Dinner Help Signup Genius](#) page and think which of these jobs you and your family can do, and don't hesitate to choose multiple roles - as long as they don't pose a time conflict! We also need food donations. If you are absolutely unable to help on the evening of the dinner, this is a great alternative way to support the event and help it succeed. The list of needed items is here: [Food for Spaghetti Dinner](#). Again, you are more than welcome to sign up for multiple items, whether from the same category or across the board!

See the *Youth Ministry News* or contact Craig Miller (craigyouthmin@gmail.com) for details about these opportunities!