

# This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Lionville March 31, 2024



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

## **Easter Day**

**8:00 am** - Traditional Service  
**10:30 am** - Contemporary Service

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

## **Our Prayer List**

We pray for Julie, Dave, Brian, 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, Garnet, Chip, Sandy F., Alice, and Jean. We lift up Daniel, Zach, Alistar, Chris, and Adam in the military.

## ***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.

Don't forget to pick up some of the Crafters' delicious chocolate eggs (coconut and peanut butter) which will be on sale at the Easter Breakfast!

## ***Good Friday and Easter Services***

**Good Friday:** March 29 at 7:00 pm.  
This service will include a special celebration of The Passion According to Mark.

**Easter Sunday:** March 31 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Breakfast will be served following the early service (see article above for more information and to sign up).

Visit [StPaulsLionville.org/holyweek](http://StPaulsLionville.org/holyweek) for more details. Share the link to invite others as well! All of the services will be livestreamed.

## ***Easter Message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton***

Please enjoy [this video message](#) (below) from our Presiding Bishop on the power of the Resurrection from the Gospel of Mark!



## *Building Usage Survey*



Church Council would like to learn how teams, classes, committees and other groups use the church's facilities in order to look at ways to better meet those needs. As such, we are asking that the leaders of ALL our teams, classes, groups and committees submit [a response to this survey](#) by **Sunday, April 28**. Please solicit the input from your group so we have all your thoughts when completing the survey. ([Here is a map of the church.](#)) Please submit a response even if your group is only a person or two but needs to use the church at some point in the year. If you have any questions and/or need help with computer/data input, please reach out to the Church Council President (Kyle Wiest) or Vice President (Bryon Wornson).

### *The Gospel of Mark in Lent Survey*

As we end the Lenten season, the Worship Planning Team would appreciate you [filling out this simple survey](#) to get your feedback. This will help us evaluate the effectiveness of this series and also help in planning for the future!

### *Early Praise Choir*

On **Sunday, April 7**, a group of early birds will meet at 7:30 am to prepare an anthem to be sung at the 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service that day. This ensemble does not require an ongoing commitment or advance preparation. Please email [Lyndsey Holmes](#) if you would like to receive reminders and preview the music. The last Early Praise Choir date for Spring 2024 is May 5.

### *Dramatic Presentation of the Gospel of Mark Available Online!*

As a congregation, we have had the opportunity to dig into the Gospel of Mark this Lenten season. The bible studies, the daily readings, Pastor Stuart's sermons and the Gospel of Mark movie shown at midweek Lenten services have provided many opportunities to understand this Gospel on a deeper level. On Sunday, March 17, we were provided a wonderfully unique way to experience the Gospel of Mark when Nathan Thomas shared a dramatic presentation of it. This 90-minute oration was captivating! It was reminiscent of the ancient tradition of reading an entire Gospel aloud to a group, but we heard it with new ears as the words he spoke came from a recent translation. While seeing this event live was memorable, we encourage you to view it on our [Youtube page](#). It is not to be missed!

### *VBS Registration is Open!*

Camp Firelight VBS will be held **Monday-Friday, July 22-26**, from 9:00-12:00 pm. For more information or to register a camper or as a volunteer, visit [StPaulsLionville.org/vbs](#). We look forward to seeing you this summer!

### *Principally Harps!*

Mindy Cutcher (Principal Harpist with the Pennsylvania Ballet) and Janet Witman (Principal Harpist with the Kennett Symphony) will perform on **Sunday, April 7**, at 4:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville, PA. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

### *Entertaining Event for All!*

All are invited to a special event in Lansdale on **Sunday, April 14!** Entertainers Joe Davis and David Scherer, also known as JUSTmove, will offer an afternoon of music, storytelling, laughter, and inspiration at a special presentation at Trinity

Lutheran Church in Lansdale. These two highly talented, social-justice-oriented performers have been regulars at ELCA Youth Gatherings, and are bringing their talents to our area to benefit the SEPA Synod Youth Scholarship Fund. The ticket cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students presale through April 12; \$25 per person after that. Tickets may be purchased directly [online here](#), or through Craig Miller. A group carpool is planned to leave St. Paul's parking lot at 3:00 pm, or meet us at Trinity; [sign up here](#) if you want to travel with our group.



## *Rare Birds*

We are going to try again! Enjoy a pizza lunch and viewing of The Saint Paul's Players production of NUNSENSE! on **Tuesday, April 16**, at 12:00 pm. RSVP to [Karen Lammey](#) by April 12.

## *The St. Paul's Store is Open!*

Have you ever wanted a St. Paul's sweatshirt, T-shirt, water bottle, blanket, bookbag or other branded item to celebrate our church? How about giving them as a gift? Now it's so simple to purchase them! Just go to [StPaulsLionville.org/shop](http://StPaulsLionville.org/shop) or click the blue shopping cart icon in the upper right of our website. Thanks so much to Becky Shallow and the Communication team for creating this awesome place to get your St. Paul's items!

## *Twin Valley Coffee*

The Twin Valley Coffee Youth Fundraiser is coming in mid-April. People will be able to order Twin Valley's famous coffee beans and other products online, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the St. Paul's/St. Matthew's Youth Ministry. Watch for details on how to order, coming soon!

## *A New Way to Give to Youth Ministry*

Be sure to check out our "Need Envelope" Youth Fundraiser posted on the bulletin board near the stairs by the church office. Each of these brown envelopes has a specific need 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 of it, 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



It's the final week for Penny Wars and St. Paul's has opened up its lead to nearly 6,000 points! As of March 26, St. Paul's has 37,124 points to St. Matthew's 31,262. Easter Sunday is the last day that money will be collected for this event, so if St. Matthew's is going to pull it out, it's now or never! **SPECIAL INCENTIVE:** We are now at \$1,472 total collected between the two congregations. If we reach \$1,750 or more by this coming Sunday, BOTH pastors will be involved, along with Craig Miller!

## 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](http://StPaulsLionville.org/youth).*

**THE NEXT HIGH SCHOOL OASIS** will be Sunday, April 7, from 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Matthew'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.

**OUR FIRST APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT PREP SESSION** will be held on Sunday, April 14, from 12:00-1:30 pm at St. Paul's. Pizza will be provided. Come meet the other members of our group and begin our preparations for our June 22-29 trip to Central Appalachia!

**THE NEXT ELCA YOUTH GATHERING GROUP MEETING** will be on Sunday, April 21, from 4:00-5:30 pm at St. Matthew's. Only Gathering participants need to attend; parents are not asked to come (though you are welcome to do so). Please make every effort to be there as we continue to plan for our trip to New Orleans this summer!

**IT'S BACK - YOUTH LASER TAG AND MINI GOLF AT GRAND SLAM!** On Sunday, April 28, all sixth through twelfth graders (including friends) are invited to join us for an afternoon at Grand Slam in Malvern playing mini glow golf and laser tag, along with some time in the arcade. Meet at St. Paul's at noon for pizza, then carpool to Grand Slam. Cost per family is \$20 for one youth participant, or \$35 for two or more participants from the same household. Sign up here to join in the fun: [April 28 Laser Tag and Mini Golf](#).

**CALLING ALL YOUTH!** We need plenty of hands to help with our upcoming car wash fundraisers. Sixth through twelfth graders are strongly encouraged to participate and help raise money for our youth ministry events. St. Matthew's car wash will be on Sunday morning, April 21, and St. Paul's will be on Sunday morning, May 5. Sign up here to help with one or both: [Youth Car Wash Fundraisers](#).

**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!**

## *Navigating Difficult Conversations: Racism*

Women of the ELCA of Chester Conference and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd invite you to a conference/workshop on Navigating Difficult Conversations: RACISM being held **Saturday, April 13**, from 8:30-12:15 pm. Registration is due by Tuesday, April 9. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

## *Bear Creek Summer Camp*

Early Bird registrations are being accepted through 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*

Coffee Fellowship is only being sponsored one Sunday in the next three months. 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](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events).

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

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Week of Sunday, March 31, 2024**

| Date         | Time     | Event                               |
|--------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Sun, Mar 31: | 8:00 am  | <b>Traditional Worship Service</b>  |
|              | 9:00 am  | Easter Breakfast (FH)               |
|              | 10:30 am | <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b> |
| Mon, Apr 1:  | All Day  | Church Office Closed                |
|              | 7:00 pm  | Boy Scouts Troop 216 Meeting (FH)   |
| Tue, Apr 2:  | 10:00 am | Staff Meeting (110)                 |
|              | 6:30 pm  | Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)  |
| Wed, Apr 3:  | 10:00 am | Crafters (Parsonage)                |
|              | 6:15 pm  | Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  |
|              | 6:30 pm  | Parent Support Group (Zoom)         |
| Thu, Apr 4:  | 8:00 am  | Amigos (Parsonage)                  |
|              | 6:00 pm  | Cub Scout Den 1-Tigers (FH)         |
|              | 7:00 pm  | Stewardship Team Meeting (Zoom)     |
| Fri, Apr 5:  | 7:00 pm  | Friday Night Fire Pit               |
| Sat, Apr 6:  | 9:30 am  | Cub Scout Den 5-Webelos (FH)        |
|              | 3:30 pm  | Cub Scout Den 8-Lions (FH)          |

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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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