

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Lionville March 24, 2024



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

Palm/Passion Sunday

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

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!

Help with Easter Food Baskets

Help load, deliver, and distribute Easter Food Baskets at the Care Center Foundation in West Chester on **Sunday, March 24**. 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!

Crafters Chocolates

The Crafters will be selling their chocolate eggs (coconut and peanut butter) the morning of **Sunday, March 24**. Any unsold chocolates will be available to purchase at the Easter Breakfast the morning of **Sunday, March 31**.

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).

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. This past 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!

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm/Passion Sunday: March 24 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

Maundy Thursday: March 28 at 7:00 pm. This service will feature a meaningful "upper room" communion.

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 below for more information and to sign up).

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

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.

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!

Tuscarora Youth Retreat

Our youth had a great time at the Tuscarora Lutheran Retreat this past weekend. Check out the photos on the church's Facebook page, or the youth ministry Instagram site!

A New Way to Give to Youth Ministry

Recognizing that some people like to give to a very specific need, we now have "Need Envelopes" posted on the bulletin board by the set of stairs at the back of the church. Each of these brown envelopes 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 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

As of Tuesday, March 19, St. Paul's has opened up its lead over St. Matthew's. Current totals are St. Paul's 31,009, and St. Matthew's 28,705! Total dollars raised so far are \$1,272.34, 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. Matthew's Chester Springs, 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.

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!

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](#).

* **Saturday, March 30** - St. Matthew's Easter Egg Hunt. Help hid eggs starting at 8:30 am and/or assist with the hunt and other activities from 10:00-11:00 am. Sign up here: [St. Matthew's Egg Hunt Help](#).

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.

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

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 24, 2024

Date	Time	Event
Sun, Mar 24:	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Sunday School for K-5th (Sanctuary/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
	11:45 am	<i>Load, deliver, and distribute Easter Food Baskets</i>
	6:30 pm	OASIS
Mon, Mar 25:	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)
	7:00 pm	Social Ministry Meeting (101)
Tue, Mar 26:	9:30 am	Piano Tuning (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den 2-Bears (FH)
	7:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (110)
	7:00 pm	Mutual Ministry Meeting (Zoom)
Wed, Mar 27:	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	Youth Support Meeting (110)
	7:30 pm	Jubilant Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu, Mar 28:	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den 3-Wolves (Parsonage)
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Den 7-Bears (FH)
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
	7:00 pm	Communications Team Meeting (Zoom)
Fri, Mar 29:	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat, Mar 30:	10:00 am	<i>St. Matthew's Easter Egg Hunt</i>

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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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