

# This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## THIS WEEK (October 1-7, 2023)

<b>Sun, 1:</b>	7:30 am <b>8:00</b> 9:15 9:15 9:15 9:15 9:15 9:30 <b>10:30</b> 11:45 6:30 pm 7:00	Early Praise Choir (Sanctuary) <b>Traditional Worship Service</b> Sunday School (potty trained-5th) (Sanc.) 6th-8th Grade Confirmation Meeting (Pars.) 9th Grade Confirmation (111) Animate: Bible Adult Class (204) Pack LWR School Bags (FH) Contemp. Issues/Christian Persp. (208) <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b> QPR Suicide Prevention Training (FH) OASIS (Fire pit) Confirmation Team Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Mon, 2:</b>	7:00 pm	BSA 216 Meeting (FH)
<b>Tue, 3:</b>	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Staff Meeting (110) Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Wed, 4:</b>	11:00 am 6:15 pm 6:30 7:30	Crafters (Pars.) Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanc.) Parent Support Group (FH) Jubilant Bells (Sanc.)
<b>Thu, 5:</b>	8:00 am 6:15 pm 6:30 7:00 7:30	Amigos (Pars.) Voice of the Spirit Rehearsal (Choir Room) Cub Den 1 (FH) Stewardship Team Meeting (Zoom) Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Fri, 6:</b>	7:00 pm	Friday Night Fire Pit
<b>Sat, 7:</b>	6:00 pm	Chocolate Turtles with Crafters (FH)

## WORSHIP At St. Paul's This Sunday!

Everyone is welcome! If you prefer, worship online at 8:00 am (traditional) or 10:30 am (contemporary): click on [Worship Online](#) or visit [StPaulsLionville.org](http://StPaulsLionville.org)

**Our Prayer List** We pray for Maureen, Joanna, Phoenix, Lucas, Judy, Terri, Bill, Chet, Tom, Stanley, Bill, Mark, Steven, Sandy L., Mary, Kelly, Rick, William, Wrenly, Brett, Amy, Jan, Marlene, Nancy, Josie, Garnet, Chip, Sandy F., Alice, and Jean. We lift up Daniel, Zach, Alistar, and Chris in the military. We pray for those who grieve, including the family and friends of Jim Telepchak and Flora Rutledge. Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.



<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<i>Altar Care:</i>	H&J Strawbridge	Lauren Zurowski
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Matt Missimer	Bill Brauer
<i>Lector:</i>	Harold Strawbridge	Kelly Grant
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Joel Fabry	Philip Tilghman
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Kirk Berger	Bruce Burt
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Jacob Wiest	
<i>Lock-up:</i>		Peter Smith

Visit [StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers](http://StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers) for volunteer schedule.

**Mental Health Workshops** QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Suicide Prevention Training: **Sunday, October 1**, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Light lunch provided. To ensure there are enough food and materials, [click here](#) or visit [StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events) to sign up.



"Resilience" Movie: **Sunday, October 15**, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. "Resilience" Movie ([view the trailer here](#)) and discussion offered by Chelsea Melrath from the [Chester County Health Department](#). Light lunch provided. To ensure there are enough food and materials, [click here](#) or visit [StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events) to sign up.

**Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event** Help pack 60,000 meals at St. Matthew's on **Sunday, October 15**. [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer for a 2-hour shift between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm and donate or visit [StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events).



**Early Praise** The **FIRST** Sunday of each month finds a group of early birds meeting at 7:30 am to prepare an anthem to be sung at the 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service that day. This is an ensemble that does not require an ongoing commitment or advance preparation. If you'd like to receive reminders and preview the music, please email Director of Music, Lyndsey Holmes ([Lyndsey@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:Lyndsey@StPaulsLionville.org)). Fall dates are **Sunday, October 1, November 5, and December 3**.



**LWR School Bags** Many thanks to all those that donated to the LWR School Bag Drive! We will be packing the bags between the services (at 9:15 am) on **Sunday, October 1**, in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us. No need to sign-up.

# Rejoicing Spirits

The next Rejoicing Spirits service is scheduled for **Sunday, October 8**, 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.

**We will be celebrating 20 years of Rejoicing Spirits at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, where it all started!**

**Rare Birds** Get ready to welcome fall with our Octoberfest! We hope you can join us on **Tuesday, October 10**, at 11:30 am. Depending on the weather, we will either meet in the picnic grove or the social room.

We will enjoy a German inspired lunch and have games on hand for anyone who wants to play. A \$10.00 donation will be collected at lunch. Please RSVP to Karen at [karen@lammey.com](mailto:karen@lammey.com).

**Medicare Open Enrollment** is October 15–December 7. All Medicare beneficiaries should check their coverage during this time as prescription formularies and premiums can change each year. Checking your coverage ensures that you have the best plan for you. You can check your coverage online at [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) or meet with a PA MEDI Volunteer Counselor. [Click here](#) to sign up with a PA MEDI Counselor at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church on **Thursday, October 19, November 9, or November 16**, or visit [StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events).



To meet with a PA MEDI Counselor at a local library or senior center, call 610-344-5004.

**Trunk or Treat** St. Paul’s is hosting a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot along with Warwick Child Care Center on **Friday, October 20**, from 6:30-8:00 pm. This is a free family event and costumes are welcome. If you are able to decorate a trunk and pass out candy or donate candy (please drop off by **Sunday, October 15**), [click here](#) to sign up or visit [StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events). Chris Robinson will also have the fire pit going!



**Crafters** The Crafters meet every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Parsonage for fellowship and to work on various projects. They are currently sewing baby blankets for LWR Baby Bundles. We are eagerly looking for more help. No experience needed!

## **October Family Fun Night, Saturday, October 21,**

**from 5:00-7:00 pm** We’re having another great night of free fun, food and games for all ages. You’re encouraged to come in costume and our youth are offering a special Candy World Fun Maze, age appropriate for young kids. To make this a great success like the one in July, 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!
- [Sign up here](#) to help out in some way or make a donation of supplies.
- Plan on attending yourself...[sign up here](#) so we know how many are coming!

If you have any questions, you can reach out to Pastor Stuart at [PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org) or 610-804-1740.

**Blood Drive** St. Paul’s is hosting a blood drive on **Thursday, October 12**, from 2:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Red Cross requires donors to pre-register. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://RedCrossBlood.org/give.html/find-drive) and enter the sponsor code “splutheran” to pre-register.



**Flannel Sheets Needed** Social Ministry is in need of used or new flannel sheets to make diapers for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. Each kit contains four diapers and the quality of purchased diapers has declined while the price has soared. LWR has suggested cutting diapers from flannel sheets. Place your sheets in the bin in the hallway marked Quilts/Sheets.



## **Downingtown Good Neighbor Christmas Parade**

St. Paul’s will participate in Downingtown’s Good Neighbor Christmas Parade on **Saturday, December 9**, at 3:00 pm. If you would like to help with the pre-parade decorations and handouts, please email Jenn Pindle Lloyd at [jennifer.pindle@verizon.net](mailto:jennifer.pindle@verizon.net). Look for a sign-up closer to the event to participate in walking in the parade!



**Amoroso Strings** Philadelphia Orchestra musicians Richard Amoroso Sr. (cellist) and Richard Amoroso Jr. (violinist) will perform a variety of music sharing how God has shaped their musical relationship as well as the one they have with one another on **Sunday, October 1**, at 4:00 pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church (355 St. John’s Circle, Phoenixville).

<b>St. Paul’s Financials</b>	Total Income YTD:	\$ 313,735
	Total Expense YTD:	\$ 327,014
	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>(\$ 13,279 )</b>

**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](#).**

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**THE NEXT HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS' IS THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1** from 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Paul's fire pit. Come spend some down time sharing highs and lows, munching on snacks, and de-stressing with friends. No heavy topics or deep Bible studies, just a chance to unwind. No advance sign-up is necessary, either; you can just arrive. All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us at the OASIS, including friends!

**MANIA! (FORMERLY MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH) IS GOING TO URBAN AIR** on [Saturday, October 14](#), from 1:00-3:00 pm! All 6th-8th graders are welcome to come, including friends! The cost is \$20 per person and covers pizza, a pair of Urban Air jumping socks, and two hours' use of the facility. Sign up here to be part of the fun: [October 14 MANIA! at Urban Air](#).

**OCTOBER 15 RISE AGAINST HUNGER "YOUTH SHIFT"** - St. Paul's and St. Matthew's 6th-12th graders, friends, and families are invited to join us from 1:00-3:00 pm in St. Matthew's CLC to help prepare packaged meals for those experiencing hunger around the world! We will meet in the downstairs lounge at St. Matthew's at 12:15 pm for pizza beforehand; please let Craig Miller know if you will be eating with us so we make sure to order enough! If you aren't able to help at the 1:00 pm timeslot, you can still help at either the 11:00 am or 3:00 pm shifts. Sign up to participate in the event here: [October 15 Rise Against Hunger](#).

**HONEY SUNDAY IS RETURNING!** On [Sunday, October 22](#), you will be able to place orders for honey from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch after worship. A donation of ten dollars is suggested for each bottle that you order. Proceeds will benefit the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, and the St. Paul's/St. Matthew's youth ministry.

**LIVING "UNAFRAID!" - THE ST. PAUL'S/ST. MATTHEW'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT** to Bear Creek Camp takes place [Friday evening, November 3-Sunday afternoon, November 5](#). Spend a long weekend in the Pocono Mountains engaging in fun activities, eating plenty of food, and discussing the challenges of stress and anxiety in our lives, and how to keep them from overwhelming us. All 9th-12th graders are invited, including friends. Cost is \$40 for the first family member, then \$20 for each additional family member. Save a spot by the bonfire here: [November High School Retreat to Bear Creek Camp](#).

**"CREATED TO BE": THE 2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS, LA** - Registration is open now for this every-three-year event happening [Tuesday-Saturday, July 16-20](#), in New Orleans. All youth currently in the 8th-12th grades are eligible to participate, including friends. Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders - this will be your ONLY opportunity to attend a Gathering as a youth, so don't let it pass you by! Registration forms are available in the CLC; completed forms and a \$150 deposit made payable to St. Paul's are due by [Sunday, October 15](#). Contact Craig Miller at [craigyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:craigyouthmin@gmail.com) with any questions.

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT** - Our annual work week with ASP will be [Saturday, June 22- Saturday, June 29, 2024](#). All current 7th-12th graders are welcome to join us for a meaningful week of memorable fun and eye-opening experiences as we travel once more the Central Appalachia to help make people's homes safer, warmer, and drier. Registration is open now; for information, contact Craig Miller at [craigyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:craigyouthmin@gmail.com).

**OUR NEWEST HIGH SCHOOL PEER MINISTRY LEADERS** are being commissioned in worship this coming [Sunday, October 1](#). These seven young men and women have completed twenty hours of training in listening leadership, helping leadership, and welcoming leadership. Congratulations to Callie Comegys, Mackenzie Comegys, Will Heath, Zack Heath, Emily Lloyd, Will Shallow, and Addie Williams! They join Alyssa Sanders, Julia Sevick, and Tyler Williams on the roster of currently active Peer Ministry Leaders for both congregations.

**Pecan Turtles** Come join the St Paul's Crafters on [Saturday, October 7](#), from 10:30-1:00 pm for a candy-making session. We will be making our famous Pecan Turtles to sell for the holidays. The candy sales are the major funding source for the materials used to create the flannel baby blankets for Lutheran World Relief and the Christmas Stocking for the children at the West Chester Care Center. All are welcome; no candy making experience required but many hands needed (we will provide the food service gloves). We have nuts to sort, caramel to mold, chocolate coating to pour, packaging to prepare and boxes to decorate! Work session to be followed by a pizza lunch. Hope to see you there!

**St. Paul's Mugs** are for sale for just \$5! Funds support gifts for those who are new guests to St. Paul's. They are available after worship or contact the church office during office hours!



**Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspectives Class** meets on Sundays at 9:30 am 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.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive** The Social Ministry Committee is collecting Thanksgiving food baskets for those in need in and around the Care Center Foundation in West Chester. Our goal is to fill 100 baskets. If you are able to help, [click here](#) or visit [StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events) to sign up.



Here's what goes into a complete family dinner box:

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| 2 cans green beans               | 2 cans corn            | 2 boxes mac and cheese           |
| 1 box mashed potatoes (13.5 oz.) | 2 jars turkey gravy    | 2 boxes stuffing                 |
| 1 jar applesauce (large)         | 2 cans cranberry sauce | 1 cake mix and can cake frosting |

Your box can be dropped off at the church in the air-lock area from [Sunday, October 15-Sunday, November 12](#), Monday-Friday after 1:00 pm so as to not conflict with preschool, or anytime on the weekend. Ideally, food should arrive packed in a copier paper type box as this allows us to better stack, but any size will do. Also, if you have any leftover Halloween candy you'd like to donate, please slip that in your box.

We will also be accepting cash donations for turkeys. You can make a check out to St. Paul's with "turkey donation" in the notes and mail to the church.

If you want to help with filling a food basket but don't want to do the shopping, \$25 will cover the cost for a full dinner box. Please put your check in an envelope marked "Food Box Donation" and mail to the church or drop in the offering plate.

Thank you for helping to support this worthwhile effort.

**Boxes Needed** Please start saving boxes for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Ideally, we're looking for Xerox paper boxes with lids that you find in an office. 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. If you plan on purchasing a complete Thanksgiving dinner and you can bring your purchases in a box with a lid that would also be helpful. Thank you for your help.

**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](http://StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship). Sign up with a friend or with a church group and have some fun!



**Shorti Wawa Coupons for Sale!** We have discount Wawa Shorti hoagie coupons in the office that support St. Paul's Preschool. Cost is \$5 per coupon. Stop by and see Marisa or Cari.



**Women of the ELCA Retreat** Southeastern Pennsylvania Women of the ELCA is sponsoring a spiritual retreat at the campus of the United Lutheran Seminary in Mount Airy. Its aim is to give us the opportunity to become more aware of God's presence in our lives and in our world. The retreat, Gather, Rest and Renew, is open to all women over 15, not just members of WELCA. The retreat will be held on [Saturday October 14](#), from 9:00-4:00 pm. A \$20 donation is requested and includes lunch. Registrations are due October 6. [Download the registration form here](#) and [download the latest SEPA Women of the ELCA newsletter here](#).

**Bible Apps** One of the very best Bible apps 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!



**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](mailto:PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org). Also, if you have an immediate need for prayer, please don't hesitate to contact the church office or Pastor Stuart!



**Congregational Care** Caring for each other is one of the most important things we do. If you or loved ones have a need: spiritually, physically, or emotionally, email: [Care@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:Care@StPaulsLionville.org). From letting us know you're especially lonely to special prayers. **If a pastoral emergency, call Pastor Stuart at 610-363-6264 x4.**



**Thrivent Action Cards** Are you a member of Thrivent? We can use you help! Thrivent will provide up to \$250 in seed money to put on a fundraiser, educational event, or service activity. There are several committees at St. Paul's who actively use these funds for projects such as school bags, quilts, baby care kits, and personal care kits. Applying is very easy. We can walk you through it. Reach out to Ann Byer at 484-678-6445 or [annbyer1@gmail.com](mailto:annbyer1@gmail.com). We'd be delighted to add you to our list.