

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

August 27, 2023

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THIS WEEK (August 27-September 2, 2023)

Sun, 27:	9:30 am 10:30 11:00	Combined Worship Service Cont. Issues/Christian Perspectives (Sanc.) Vision Team Meeting (FH)
Mon, 28:	1:00 pm 7:00 7:00	Knitters (101) Boy Scouts Meeting (FH) Social Ministry Meeting (101)
Tue, 29:	7:00 pm	<i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i>
Wed, 30:	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Crafters (Picnic Grove) Parent Support Group (FH)
Thu, 31:	8:00 am	Amigos (Pars.)
Fri, 1:	7:00 pm	Friday Night Fire Pit
Sat, 2:		

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 Tom, Patricia, Mary Ann, Stanley, Bill, Mark, Steven, Mary, Kelly, Rick, William, Wrenly, Brett, Amy, Jan, Marlene, Nancy, Josie, Garnet, Ben, Chip, Sandy, Alice, and Jean, and our friends and other residents at Simpson Meadows. We lift up Dan, Zach, Alistar, and Chris in the military. We pray for those who grieve, including Fran K. on the loss of her brother, Phillip. Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.



Volunteers 9:30 am

<i>Altar Care:</i>	Elisa Mata
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Melissa Pechin
<i>Lector:</i>	Dan Shallow
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Becky Shallow
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Kim Johnson
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Kara Hillestad
<i>Lock-up:</i>	Dave Foltz

Visit StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers for volunteer schedule.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices

Children (and teachers and adults as well) are welcome to bring their backpacks on [Sunday, August 27](#), for a blessing as they head off to school in many districts the following week!



Donut Days The Social Ministry Team will host coffee and donut fellowship on [Sunday, August 27](#). You are invited to gather, enjoy donuts, and donate to the [Turkey house](#) if you like.



LWR School Bags Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.



LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. School bag kits help keep education going during a crisis. The kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

To donate, [click here](#) to sign up or visit StPaulsLionville.org/Events. Items will be bundled and sent globally. New items only. Please return to St. Paul's Lutheran Church by [Friday, September 1](#).

New Worship Series A new six-week worship series will begin [Sunday, September 17](#). Our country and our community have seen a dramatic rise in mental health challenges including depression, anxiety, suicide, relationship issues, and addiction. Numerous professions are working to help the healing in our community including governments, schools, mental health professionals, and social services. The faith community has something to offer as well. We very much hope you can attend this series and be blessed by "Faith Aid"! We are also planning to offer workshops during this series and when the dates are confirmed they will be listed. Visit StPaulsLionville.org/faithaid for more information!



Office Closed The office will be closed on [Monday, September 4](#), in observance of Labor Day.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

THE HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS' GROUP RESUMES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Matthew's. 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 through 12th graders are invited to join us at the OASIS, including friends!

"CREATED TO BE": THE 2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS, LA - The big, every -three-year get together of high school youth from across the United States is happening again next summer from Tuesday-Saturday, July 16-20, 2024. This event is open to all students who will be in the 8th through 12th grades this coming year, and is an exciting opportunity to experience new and different ways that faith can be seen, heard, and touched. (It's an amazing thing to worship in a domed stadium with 25,000 other people that share your beliefs!)

There will be two information sessions for youth and families to find out more about this event: Sunday, September 17, at 11:45 am at St. Paul's, and Sunday, September 24, at 10:45 am at St. Matthew's. (People from either congregation are welcome to attend either session.) We want to have our St. Matthew's/St. Paul's group in place by the early registration deadline of October 15, so now is the time to start thinking about and making plans for our trip to New Orleans in July!



St. Paul's Mugs You can purchase an official mug with our new church logo 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!



LWR - Maui Wildfires The wildfires on the Hawaiian island of Maui claimed over one hundred lives and destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication which will cost billions to rebuild. You can support Lutheran World Relief's effort online at <https://community.elca.org/uswildfires>. Please do not send donations to St. Paul's. Thank you!

Rare Birds The next meeting of the Rare Birds is Birds is Tuesday, September 12, at 11:30 am. The topic is "History of Lionville Part 2" and we will have pizza. Please RSVP to Karen Lammey at karen@lammey.com by September 10.

The Rare Birds is the senior social group at St. Paul's. If you have had your 50th birthday, and want to have fun with friends, we are the group for you. If you don't receive emails from us and would like to be added to our list please email Karen Lammey at karen@lammey.com.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event

Save the date! On Sunday, October 15, from 11:00-5:00 pm, volunteers will package 60,000 meals in 2-hour shifts that cost \$0.38 each. More details on how to volunteer and donate coming soon!



Fall Family Fun Night! Please save the date for our next Family Fun Night, this one with a fall theme, on Saturday, October 21, from 5:00-7:00 pm. A volunteer sign-up and more information will be coming soon!



Blood Drive St. Paul's is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, October 12, from 2:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (last appointment at 7:00 pm).

The Red Cross requires donors to pre-register to donate. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org/give.html/find-drive](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive) and enter the sponsor code "splutheran".



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!



Simpson Meadows Bible Study The Simpson Meadows Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Simpson Meadows, 101 Plaza Drive in Downingtown. We study multi-week biblical-themed videos followed by a discussion of the video relating it to today's world. We are currently viewing a 6-week video study on the gospel of Luke, presented by Adam Hamilton. The series examines how Jesus looked favorably on the outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws of society. It is quite an appropriate study for our world today. All sessions are independent and can be joined at any time without viewing the earlier sessions. We meet in the second floor lounge of Simpson Meadows. Front-desk check-in is required. All St. Paul's members are welcome to join this study.

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](#).



RALLY DAY!

Sunday, September 10



Return to Two Services and Sunday School

As we start the fall programming on Sunday, September 10, we return to two services, Traditional at 8:00 am and Contemporary at 10:30 am, with Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 am. Also, after the second service, there will be a Visioning Process Potluck and Progress Report which you can learn about in the article below!

Potluck Lunch and Vision Progress Report

On Rally Day, the Visioning Team will present a progress report. Join us for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the second service and stay for the opportunity to hear about the six themes our team has discerned from our four sources of wisdom: God, you, outside sources (such as other churches and leaders), and the local community from 11:45-1:30 pm. We look forward to sharing the congregation's ideas with you! To sign up for the potluck, [click here](#) or visit StPaulsLionville.org/Events.



Animate Bible Adult Class

Last year we explored two great video curriculums called Animate Faith and Animate Practices. They were short video lessons by very well known teachers which were followed by great conversation among the group. This fall we'd like to use the third in the series, "Animate Bible" that I know you will also find fascinating! The group will start up again on Sunday, September 10, from 9:15-10:15 am in room 204. We hope you can bring a cup of coffee and attend and grow in faith!



Chat and Chews Book Club

will resume meeting the second Sunday of the month (unless it conflicts with holidays/events) after the 10:30 am service in Room 102 on [Sunday, September 17](#), due to the potluck. The summer reads were:

- [A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains](#), by Isabella Bird
- [The Last Thing He Told Me](#), by Laura Dave
- [The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency](#), by Alexander McCall Smith
- [The Personal Librarian](#), by Marie Benedict

Our motto is read the book or don't read the book, and still come to enjoy fellowship with a great group. You do not have to attend each month, only when you are available. Please contact Gwen Werner for more information. Happy reading!



Sunday School Registration

One of the most enduring and important gifts you can give a child is faith. To know that you are loved and special to God, so much so that Jesus died and rose from the dead for you, is the basic foundation of our faith. For most children, this faith grows through a Christian Education program like Sunday School!



Last year we had a fantastic Sunday School year, finally able to fully gather after the challenges of the pandemic and we're looking forward to this year being even better! We would ask everyone to register so the teachers can be well prepared and so we know about any special needs or allergies. You can [register online here](#) or there are also paper copies available in the narthex. This could be for your children, grandchildren, or any family members or friends who would like to attend!

We want this gift of faith for every child we can bless! Filling out the registration form will help us be well prepared for the fall classrooms, so please do so as soon as possible. (Ages are potty trained through fifth grade.) If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Stuart at 610-804-1740 or PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org or our Sunday School Coordinator, Ginny Graham, at vqq333@aol.com or 610-329-7437.

Bibles for Second Grade and Up

On Rally Day we'll be giving out Bibles to our second and third graders and any older kids who might not have received a Bible from St. Paul's. If you would like your child to receive a Bible, please contact the church office and we'll be glad to offer this faith growing gift!



Confirmation Coming Soon

If you have or know a student who is in sixth through eighth grade, we would love to have them participate in the Confirmation Ministry! Last year we had a number of new students jump in at the recommendation of friends and we would love to welcome anyone new to this ministry! You can learn a lot more about Confirmation [on this webpage](#) which also includes [this registration form](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Stuart at PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org or 610-804-1740 or Joan Strawbridge at jstrawbridge52@yahoo.com.

Important dates in September:

- 9/9: Confirmation Retreat at Tel Hai (9:00-3:00 pm)
- 9/17: Orientation and Worship Blessing for Students and Parents
- 9/24: First class in Parsonage (9:15-10:15 am)