

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

September 10, 2023

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THIS WEEK (September 10-16, 2023)

Sun, 10:	8:00 am 9:15 9:15 9:30 10:30 11:45 4:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School (potty trained-5th) (Sanc.) Animate: Bible Adult Class (204) Contemp. Issues/Christian Persp. (208) Contemporary Worship Service Potluck Lunch/Vision Progress Report (FH) Rejoicing Spirits Service
Mon, 11:	1:00 pm 7:00	Knitters (110) BSA 216 Meeting (FH)
Tue, 12:	11:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 7:30	Rare Birds (FH) Council Meeting (Zoom) <i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i> Car Club Meeting (FH)
Wed, 13:	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Crafters (Pars.) Parent Support Group (FH)
Thu, 14:	8:00 am 7:30 pm	Amigos (Pars.) Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Fri, 15:	7:00 pm	Friday Night Fire Pit
Sat, 16:		

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

Our Prayer List We pray for Judy, Terri, Bill, Chet, Tom, Patricia, Mary Ann, Stanley, Bill, Mark, Steven, Sandy L., 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 Daniel, Zach, Alistar, and Chris in the military. Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.



Volunteers	8:00 am	10:30 am
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Frank Pechin III	Paul & Pam Rice
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Al Colberg	Bruce Burt
<i>Lector:</i>	Nicole Ripper	Fran Kane
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Chad Adams	Scott Heath
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Julie Adams	Will Heath
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Jacob Wiest	Luke Teague
<i>Lock-up:</i>	Scott Heath	

Visit StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers for volunteer schedule.

Sunday, September 10, is Rally Day!



Return to Two Services St. Paul's returns to two services: traditional at 8:00 am and contemporary at 10:30 am. Both services are livestreamed online on [St. Paul's YouTube Channel](#).

Sunday School A new year of Sunday School for children potty trained through 5th grade begins at 9:15 am and starts in the Sanctuary! Learn more and register your child(ren) here: StPaulsLionville.org/sundayschool.

Animate: Bible Adult Class We will be exploring the Animate: Bible video curriculum at 9:15 am in room 204. We hope you can bring a cup of coffee and attend and grow in faith!

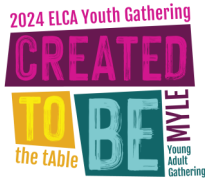
Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspectives Class We meet in room 208 at 9:30 am to discuss the current issues on your mind while looking at Christian perspectives using the worship service Bible readings of the day. All are welcome!

Potluck and Vision Progress Report Join the Visioning Team for a potluck lunch and Vision Progress Report in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 am service. Sign up for the potluck here: StPaulsLionville.org/events.

Confirmation The Confirmation Ministry is for children in 6th-8th grades. There will be a confirmation retreat on September 9 from 9:00-3:00 pm at Tel Hai and an Orientation and Worship Blessing for students and parents on September 17. The first class will be held on September 24 at 9:15 am in the Parsonage. Learn more and register your child(ren) here: StPaulsLionville.org/confirmation.

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS, LA: "CREATED TO BE"

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](#). 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. Matt'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!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CHANGE OF DATE: THE HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS' GROUP RESUMES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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-12th graders are invited to join us at the OASIS, including friends!

ANNOUNCING A NEW YOUTH "E-GAMING" GROUP!

Are you a video game enthusiast? A controller jockey? A button-tapping, thumbstick-flicking, trackball-rolling devotee? Is your favorite school subject Minecraft, Fortnite, or Rocket League? Then this is the group for you! All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to be part of this crew that will meet on a regular basis at Uplink Studios in Glenmoore. Our first gathering will be on [Saturday, September 23](#), from 11:00-1:00pm, with lunch provided. The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up here to join us for this first session: [September 23 Youth Gaming Day](#). (As a "Save the Date" note, the second session will be [Sunday, October 22](#), from 4:00-6:00pm.)

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. 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" to pre-register.



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.

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!



Pick up a postcard in the narthex and share the event with others!

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!

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.



Serve With Love A "Serve with Love" survey will be inserted into bulletins for the next few weeks or you can [click here](#) to submit the online survey. This survey allows you to notify the office if you would like to start volunteering, volunteer in another capacity, or step back from volunteering.

If you serve Sunday mornings and will be away in December, January, or February, avoid being scheduled by emailing those dates to Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org. Visit StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers for an up-to-date volunteer schedule. Email questions to Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org.



Chicken BBQ Fundraiser The Social Ministry Committee is having a Chicken BBQ Fundraiser to benefit the Turkey container house. Pre-order your meals and pay (cash or check) by [Sunday, September 24](#), following the early or late service. Pick up your meals on [Sunday, October 8](#), after the 10:30 am service in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to eat them there or take them home. Each meal is \$15 and includes a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, macaronic salad, chips, drink, and whoopie pie.



Church Directory The new directory will include cell phone numbers and emails unless you opt out.

Text Messages from St. Paul's To receive text messages from St. Paul's, please fill out a very short form at StPaulsLionville.org/textsignup. St. Paul's will never ask for money, gift cards, etc.



St. Paul's Mugs 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!



The Nursery is Open! Thanks to some wonderful donations and a little bit of labor there is now a nursery available across from the downstairs restrooms. If your child (or your spouse) is having a bad morning the nursery is available with some toys, a nursing nook, and especially a livestream TV showing the service! Feel free to use it whenever it would be helpful!

Save the Date! A lot of fun activities are in store that we want to make sure you're aware of so you can get them on your calendar now! More information will be provided closer to the time of the event.



Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event: [Sunday, October 15](#), 11:00-5:00 pm at St. Matthew's

Fall Family Fun Night: [Saturday, October 21](#), from 5:00-7:00 pm

Downingtown Good Neighbor Christmas Parade: [Saturday, December 9](#), at 3:00 pm

Have old eyeglasses? We have a box in the narthex to collect your unbroken and used eyeglasses for the Lions Club.



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.

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!



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](#).

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



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. We'd be delighted to add you to our list.

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.



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](#).