

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

February 5, 2023

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THIS WEEK (Feb. 5 - Feb. 11, 2023)

Sun.: 5	9:30 am 10:30 10:30 11:30 11:30 6:30 pm	Combined Worship Service Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanc.) Sunday School (age 3 potty-trained - 5th gr.) Brunch (FH) Confirmation Class 6-8th Gr (Pars.) OASIS - HS (St. Matthew's)
Mon.: 6	7:00 pm 7:30	Boy Scouts 216 (FH) Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue.: 7	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 7:00	Staff Meeting Cub Den 8 (FH) Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom) <i>Simpson Mdws Bible Study</i>
Wed.: 8	9:30 am 6:15 pm 6:30 7:30	Crafters (Parsonage) Voice of the Spirit (Choir Rm) Parent Support Group (FH) Worship Team (Sanctuary)
Thur. 9	8:00 am 7:30 pm	Amigos (start in Parsonage) Kingdom Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri.: 10		<i>Bear Creek Camp Retreat</i>
Sat.: 11	9:00 am	<i>Bear Creek Camp Retreat</i> Cub Den 5 (FH)

Sunday School Sunday School will be held on Sunday, February 5, at 10:30 am. Our apologies for printing the wrong cancellation date last week.

Feb. 5 Annual Meeting, Brunch at 10:30 am

The Annual Report including the proposed budget that will be voted on during the Annual Meeting is available in the narthex.



To watch the annual meeting via livestream, go to <https://youtube.com/live/pHTb454ZxJI?feature=share>

Stay for a breakfast-oriented brunch at the conclusion of the meeting. Click [here](#) to sign up to contribute to the meal and help.

If you have specific questions about the financial report or budget, see our treasurer Scott McPherson.

This Week at St. Paul's Starting next week, "This Week at St. Paul's" (or TWASP) will be emailed Friday mornings. This gives volunteers and staff an extra day to submit articles and decreases the amount of time for articles to become obsolete. Please have articles submitted to Marisa by the end of the previous Wednesday. TWASP emails will be sent from Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org going forward.

WORSHIP With Us This Sunday!

Come join us! Or if you prefer-- worship **online at 9:30** with us by clicking on: [Online Worship](#) OR you can go to: <https://www.stpaulslionville.org>

Our Prayer List We pray for Julie, Stanley, Rick, Ray, Maureen, Chet, William, Cornell and family, Wrenly, Brett, Amy C., Amy D., Carmen, Jan, Sandy L., Nancy, Marlene, Josie, Don, Garnet, Ben, Chip, Sandy, Alice, Jean, and Vicky, as well as Daniel, Zach, Chris, and Alistar in the military. If you have an addition to the prayer list, contact the office.



Volunteers 9:30

Altar Care: Judy and Steven Wachter
Asst Min: Matt Missimer
Lector: Will Shallow
Ushers/Grtrs: Jim Teague
Ushers/Grtrs: Ryan Teague
Acolyte: Luke Teague
Lock-Up: Chris Flach

Donations for Quilts

The quilters need your help! We have many beautiful quilt tops assembled. We need blankets and sheets to complete the quilts. If you have new / nearly new blankets or colored sheets that we can use, please place them in the bin under the table in the hallway marked "Quilts".



Per Lutheran World Relief guidelines, we cannot use wool, fleece, or microfiber items. The water filtration systems in some of these areas cannot handle the fibers shed by these materials.

Boxes Needed

As the Social Ministry looks ahead to Easter and our food drive to fill 55 baskets for Easter dinners, we're asking that you please start to save boxes for us.



Ideally, we're looking for cardboard boxes with lids that you find in an office. Please check with your mailroom to see if they will put them aside for you. 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.

Communion Procedures Changes As we are looking forward to resuming communion procedures more consistent with pre-pandemic times, our new process will use intinction. Please gather at the altar with those on the lectern side of the church filling from the back to the front, and those on the organ side filling from the front to the back. The Pastor will come around with the bread (wafer), rotating around the altar. The Assisting Minister will follow with a chalice of wine. Please dip the wafer in the wine and partake of both elements together. You may then return to your seat by the outside aisles and others may fill in as available. If you prefer gluten free wafers, grape juice or prefer not to use intinction, the packets with these supplies will be on the tables as you approach the altar. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org or 610-804-1740.

The Chat and Chews Book Club meets once a month during the school year usually on the second Sunday of the month (unless it conflicts with holidays/events). We have a new meeting time/location: after the 10:30 service in Room 102. Bring along a packed lunch.

We work together to select books we would like to read. Some are Christian-based and others are just interesting book suggestions from the members. Either genre provides a lively and faithful conversation.

We have selected the following books for the discussion on the following dates:

February 12—*The Prayer Box*, by Lisa Wingate;
March 12—*Stanger in the Lifeboat*, by Mitch Albom;
April 16—*American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins;
May 21—*The Thank-You Project*, by Nancy Davis Kho.

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

Grow in Faith as We Explore Faith Practices

At 9:15 am on Sunday mornings in room 204 **starting Jan. 22**, we'll be watching a wonderful series of thought-provoking videos on faith practices. The class will watch one of these nine-minute videos and then share and discuss with each other! The videos are so well done that we'll spend two weeks discussing each one, so it's very easy to pop into the class. The videos topics & speakers:

- Brian McLaren: Prayer: Oriented toward God
- Sara Miles: Food: Eating, with Jesus
- Mike Slaughter: Worship: Seeking God's Presence
- Phyllis Tickle: Sacraments: A Tapestry of Traditions
- Shane Claiborne: Money: The Joy of Sharing
- Enuma Okoro: Service: The Needs Right in Front of You
- Doug Pagitt: Community: An Unexpected Family

Rare Birds Please join the Rare Birds on Tuesday, February 14, for a Valentine's Pizza Party! We will meet in the Social Room at 11:30 am. We are asking for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of the meal.

Please RSVP to Karen Lammey by February 10 at karen@lammey.com.

Worship "Homework" for Sun., February 5

On February 5 we will celebrate with one worship service at 9:30 am before the annual meeting. The theme will be using our gifts to be salt and light for the world. As we talk about spiritual gifts, we'll ask you to identify your primary gift (They are all listed below.) If you haven't ever explored your spiritual gifts, you might want to complete this short survey at StPaulsLionville.org/spiritualgifts so you are prepared!

The twenty spiritual gifts listed in scripture are: Administration, Artistry, Discernment, Evangelism, Exhortation, Faith, Giving, Hospitality, Intercession, Knowledge, Leadership, Mercy, Music-vocal, Music-instrumental, Pastoring, Service, Skilled Craft, Teaching, Wisdom and Writing.

Help Write Our Lenten Devotional

Our Lent planning survey revealed that many folks would be blessed by a Lenten devotional written by the people of St. Paul's! This is where **YOU** come in!! This [Google Spreadsheet](#) lists the days of Lent with a suggested scripture passage from the Revised Common Lectionary. We are asking if you will pick a text and write a short devotion for the people of St. Paul's. (You can just start with one and if less than 40 people sign up, we might ask you to write a second one.) If you've never written a devotion before, [this article will help you to learn how to do so!](#) If you have any questions, please feel free to email PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org or call 610-804-1740.

Thank you so much for blessing everyone's Lenten journey.

Special Lenten Following Jesus to the Cross Series!

We have a very special Lenten Journey for you this year which starts with two **Ash Wednesday** services, noon and 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 22.

On the following **Sunday, February 26** at the 8 and 10:30 am services we will start a worship series which follows Jesus journey to the cross! Every Sunday you will get a gift to fit the theme of that week, a keepsake created by our wonderful Amigos and Crafters. The first gift is a cross, and then each week (and the days in Holy Week) another keepsake will follow, each one to remind you of an event in Jesus' life as he proceeds to the cross. (Attend as often as you can to collect all nine gifts, ending on Easter Sunday.)

We will also be offering a brief **Wednesday evening service at 7:30 pm** in which we will focus on a great saint whose life emulates the theme of that week. (The Lenten Planning survey told us over 20 people would attend a Wednesday evening service.)

Finally, the survey also revealed that a number of people would be blessed by a daily Lenten devotional written by the people of St. Paul's. In the "Lenten Devotional" article above you'll learn more about how you can offer a Lenten devotion that will be emailed out to everyone each day.

We truly hope that all of these Lenten additions will bless your Lent this year!

Our next Rejoicing Spirits service is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



Everyone is Invited to Rejoicing Spirits Worship Services! Hope we see you there!

Welcome Marisa & New Staff Office Hours

Welcome to Marisa Weisskopf who started this week as our Communications and Office Administrator! Her email address is Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org. We will also be adjusting some of the office hours. We wanted to make sure everyone knows them so you can connect with our staff.

- Marisa will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-4 pm. She will be working from home the same hours on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Cari will be scaling back her hours and will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday mornings.
- Pastor Stuart will continue to take Monday off, will usually be in the office Tuesday through Thursday, except when at meetings or visiting, and plans to work from home on Fridays for worship and sermon preparation. For emergencies, he is available at 610-804-1740.

It's always wise to schedule an appointment, just to make sure the staff member you want to connect with is in the office and available. Additionally, we plan to upgrade the church phone system this year, hopefully allowing the phones to forward to wherever we are working.

Thanks so much for your understanding!

Email for St. Paul's Staff

- PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org
- Cari@StPaulsLionville.org
- Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org
- Lyndsey@StPaulsLionville.org
- Craig@StPaulsLionville.org (Craig also uses craigyouthmin@gmail.com -dual role with St. Matt's)
- David@StPaulsLionville.org
- Brian@StPaulsLionville.org

Shorti Wawa Coupons for Sale!

We have discount Wawa shorti hoagie coupons in the office. Cost is \$4 per coupon. Stop by and see Cari or Marisa.

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](#).

Simpson Meadows Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We study multi-week biblical-themed videos followed by a discussion relating the video to today's world. Sessions are independent and can be joined any time without participating in earlier sessions. We meet in the 2nd floor lounge of Simpson Meadows. Masks & front-desk check-in required. All are welcome.

Restock the Food Bank Shelves! After the holidays, food banks tend to run dry so for January thru mid-February, we'd like to keep a food collection going to restock those shelves. Add an extra item each time you go the grocery store and leave in the collection box in the Narthex. Here are items needed now (preferably low sugar, low sodium, no fructose, no glass containers):

- Brkfst Cereal/Oatmeal
- Beans (dried/canned)
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tomatoes
- Crackers (whole grain)
- Peanut butter (not high fruct)
- Dried/Canned Fruits in juice
- Canned Tuna, Salmon, Chicken
- Pasta, Brown Rice
- Hearty soups
- Cooking Oils
- Herbs and Spices
- Snacks
- Condiments/Dressings
- Whole grain granola bars

Volunteer Opportunities!

Amigos A mix of folks who participate "hands on" in maintaining, repairing, gardening, and serving the property of St. Paul's. We meet Thursday mornings at 8:30am in the parsonage for a breakfast snack, then do tasks. Just show up. Contact John Ward with questions. Year-round. No age restrictions.

Needlers (Knitting Group) Meets monthly to make prayer squares, baby blankets, and prayer shawls. Or come learn how to knit and crochet. Contact Judy Uhrich or watch for dates in THIS WEEK at ST PAUL'S.

CHILI COOK-OFF POSTPONED!

The Chili Cookoff has been postponed because of illness for a few chefs. It will be rescheduled for February or March. Keep an eye out for the new date!

The link to sign up or change your sign up will remain up: StPaulsLionville.org/Events

Thank you for your understanding!

Coffee Fellowship Help The volunteer list to sign up to provide snacks / prepare coffee on Sundays is online via Signup Genius. Sign up with a friend or with a church group! Sign up at StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship or in the narthex. Have some fun!

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



2023 Giving For Operating Expenses YTD

Giving 1/15 - 7,287

2023 Target

\$ 25,699 6%

\$ 423,000

YTD Budgeted Income: \$ 32,538 YTD Shortage: \$ 6,839

The Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!

Save **Friday evening, March 10**, on your calendar for the return of this highly-popular social event! Come and enjoy delicious food that somebody else cooks while also spending time in conversation with others in our community. The dinner will be held in the Christian Life Center (CLC) of **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2440 Conestoga Road in Chester Springs**. Two seatings will be available: 5:30-7:00 and 7:00-8:30. Tickets go on sale beginning Sunday, February 19, but hold the date on your calendar now!

\$ 10 Adults \$ 5 Children (12 & under) \$ 25 per Family

(Seriously — where else can you get a good dinner out at these prices?
Even "fast food" costs more!)



YOUTH INFORMATION

IMPORTANT NEW INFO ABOUT THE JUNE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Based on feedback from families, we have made three important changes to this trip:

1. The age range of eligible students has been adjusted to **current 5th through 7th graders**;
2. The trip has been shortened by two days, and will now be held **Sunday, June 18, through Wednesday, June 21**; and
3. The cost of the trip has been reduced to **\$240** accordingly.

Registration has been re-opened until Sunday, February 12, at which time a \$100 non-refundable deposit is also due. Sign up here to join us for what promises to be an exciting trip:

[Middle School Trip to Washington D.C.](#)

HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS' meets on Sunday, February 5, from 6:30 to 7:45 pm at St. Matthew's. Spend some time away from the busyness of life and de-stress with friends and food! No signup is necessary; just show up. This session will involve some relaxation techniques, and playing a few low-key games. We hope you can make it!

WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH returns on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25. This annual event shines a light on child hunger across the world, while also giving teens the opportunity to be challenged personally by the experience of true hunger through a 30-hour juice fast. Our group will gather from 6:00 pm Friday through 6:30 pm Saturday to engage in activities teaching about the causes and impacts of child hunger, support each other through our own fasting, and learn about ways that we can work to fight this global issue. **Youth may participate even if they cannot fast, and may also come and go from the event if they have other commitments Friday evening or Saturday.** To join us in this unforgettable and deeply meaningful experience, go to this link:

[World Vision 30 Hour Famine Signup](#) (Click on the 'Join Our Team' button and follow the directions)

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ESCAPE ROOM EVENT - On Sunday, February 26, our Middle School Youth will spend an hour at Elite Escape Room in Exton attempting to solve "Aladdin: The Mystery of the Lamp!" We will meet at St. Paul's at 12:15 pm for pizza, then carpool over to the event. We will return to St. Paul's parking lot around 2:15 pm. The cost will be \$15 per participant; friends are welcome to join us, as always! Sign up here to be part of the fun:

[Feb. 26 Middle School Escape Room.](#)

See the *Youth Ministry News* or contact Craig Miller
(craigyouthmin@gmail.com) for details about these opportunities!