

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

January 29, 2023

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THIS WEEK (Jan. 29 - Feb. 4, 2023)

Sun.: 29	8:00 am 9:15 9:15 9:30 10:30	Traditional Worship Service Confirmation Class 6-8th Gr (Pars.) Explore Faith Practices (204) Current Issues/Chrstn Perspec (208) Contemporary Worship Service
Mon.: 30	7:00 pm 7:30	Boy Scouts 216 (FH) Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue.: 31	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Staff Meeting <i>Simpson Mdws Bible Study</i>
Wed.: 1	9:30 am 6:15 pm 6:30 7:30	Crafters (Parsonage) Voice of the Spirit (Choir Rm) Parent Support Group (Zoom) Worship Team (Sanctuary)
Thur. 2	8:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30	Amigos (start in Parsonage) Cub Den 1 (FH) Kingdom Choir (Sanc)
Fri.: 3		
Sat.: 4		

WORSHIP With Us This Sunday!

Come join us! Or if you prefer-- worship **online at 8:00 or 10:30** with us by clicking on: [Online Worship](#) OR you can go to: <https://www.stpaulslionville.org/>.

Our Prayer List We pray for 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	8:00	10:30
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Harold Strawbridge	Paul & Pam Rice
<i>Asst Min:</i>	Al Colberg	Anne Albright
<i>Lector:</i>	Frank Pechin	Kim Johnson
<i>Ushers/Grtrs:</i>	Harold Strawbridge	Chris Flach
<i>Ushers/Grtrs:</i>	Joan Strawbridge	Scott Heath
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Carly Shallow	Kara Hillestad
<i>Lock-Up:</i>	Dave Foltz	

Sunday School Cancelled! Sunday School will not be held on Sunday, January 29, due to COVID.

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.

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.

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

Thank you for your understanding!



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

On Sunday, February 5, we will have one service at 9:30 am. Immediately following will be the annual meeting. (The Annual Report including the proposed budget is available in the narthex.) Then join us for a breakfast-oriented brunch at the conclusion of the meeting. [Here's the link to sign up to bring a dish and help!](#) Your attendance is needed as a quorum is needed. Hope to see you there!

If you have specific questions about the financial report or budget, our treasurer Scott McPherson will be available in Room 102 across from the rest rooms between the services this Sunday.

Email for St. Paul's Staff

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- 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


Poinsettias Please take a poinsettia from the narthex home with you!

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.

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 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!

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 information. Happy reading!

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 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10-4 pm. She will be working from home the same hours on Wednesday and Friday.
- 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.
- Karen will be in the office from 9-12 pm Monday-Friday until Tuesday, January 31, when she begins her well-deserved retirement!

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!

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.

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

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):

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

Greetings from The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company

Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the "catchup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your January envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family.

We appreciate your understanding.

- The Church – Budget Envelope and Mailing Company Management Team

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.

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.

Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspectives Class continues through the fall. We meet following the worship service in the second floor 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

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. Click here: StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship You can also sign up in the narthex. Have some fun!

Find out what events & drives are going on! Just go to: StPaulsLionville.org/Events!

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.

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. From letting us know you're especially lonely to special prayers. **If a pastoral emergency, call Pastor Stuart at 610-363-6264, x. 202.**

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](#).

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 10th** 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 19th, 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

THE SIGNUP DEADLINE FOR THE "CONNECT-DISCONNECT-RECONNECT" YOUTH RETREATS TO BEAR CREEK CAMP IS THIS SUNDAY! Our Middle School and High School Youth will be at Bear Creek for our own St. Matt's/St. Paul's retreats Friday, February 10, through Sunday, February 12. (Don't worry - we'll be back in *plenty* of time for the Super Bowl.) See the Youth Ministry News for more details. Sign up using these links:

[Middle School Retreat to Bear Creek Camp](#)
[High School Retreat to Bear Creek Camp](#)

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' next 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 from there.

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!