

# This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## THIS WEEK (September 17-23, 2023)

<b>Sun, 17:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 9:15 9:15 9:15 9:30 <b>10:30</b> 11:45 11:45 6:30 pm	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b> Sunday School (potty trained-5th) (Sanc.) 6th-8th Grade Confirmation Meeting (FH) 9th Grade Confirmation (111) Animate: Bible Adult Class (204) Contemp. Issues/Christian Persp. (208) <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b> Chat and Chews Book Club (102) ELCA Youth Gathering Info. Meeting (FH) <i>High School OASIS (St. Matthew's)</i>
<b>Mon, 18:</b>	7:00 pm	BSA 216 Meeting (FH)
<b>Tue, 19:</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00	Staff Meeting (110) Worship Planning Team Meeting (Zoom) <i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i>
<b>Wed, 20:</b>	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Crafters (Pars.) Parent Support Group (FH)
<b>Thu, 21:</b>	8:00 am 6:00 pm	Amigos (Pars.) Cub Pack Meeting (FH)
<b>Fri, 22:</b>	7:00 pm	Friday Night Fire Pit
<b>Sat, 23:</b>	8:15 am 10:00 11:00	<i>GoodWorks</i> <i>Middle School MANIA! (Uplink Studios)</i> <i>Youth E-Gaming Group (Uplink Studios)</i>

## 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 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 F., 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>	Dan Shallow	Linda Stevens
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Chris Robinson	Kim Johnson
<i>Lector:</i>	Chris Robinson	Nicole Ripper
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Becky Shallow	James Mcllvaine
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Will Shallow	Sue Mcllvaine
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Carly Shallow	Addie Merkel
<i>Lock-up:</i>		Mike Huffman

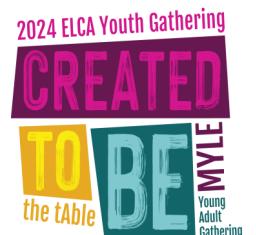
Visit [StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers](http://StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers) for volunteer schedule.

## "CREATED TO BE": THE 2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS

Registration is now open for this every-three-year event happening **Tuesday-Saturday, July 16-20, 2024**, in New Orleans. We plan to have our group registered by October 15. If you are considering joining us, or just want more information to help you decide, plan to attend one of these information sessions this week or next week:

**Sunday, September 17**, from 11:45-12:45 pm at St. Paul's (in Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, September 24**, from 10:45-11:45 am at St. Matthew's (in the CLC)



All youth currently in the 8th through 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!

**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 include October 1, November 5 and December 3.



**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 your meal there or take it home. Each meal is \$15 and includes a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, macaroni salad, chips, drink, and whoopie pie.



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS' RESUMES THIS 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 through 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 through 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 next [Saturday, September 23](#), from 11:00-1:00 pm, with lunch provided. The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up here to join us for this first session: [September 23 Youth Gaming Day](#). (Save the Date for the second session on [Sunday, October 22](#), from 4:00-6:00 pm.)

**ATTENTION ALL 6th THROUGH 8th GRADERS!** Did you miss the kickoff in August? We've got you covered! Announcing the MANIA! games event on [Saturday, September 23](#), at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend, including friends! We will meet at Uplink Studios in Glenmoore (before the E-Gaming Group time) and spend an hour in fun and games led by our high school Peer Ministry Leaders. At 11:00 am, you can either participate in the E-Games (be sure to sign up separately for this) or hang out a bit longer for card games and board games with the MANIA! group. Sign up here to be part of the MANIA! fun: [September 23 Middle School MANIA!](#)

**"Resilience" Movie** On [Sunday, October 15](#), at 11:45 am, we will watch the movie "Resilience" ([view the trailer here](#)). It will be followed by a discussion offered by Chelsea Melrath from the [Chester County Health Department](#). A light lunch will be provided.

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

**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](#) and enter the sponsor code "splutheran" to pre-register.



**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 also has something to offer. We hope you can attend this series and be blessed by "Faith Aid"! We also plan to offer workshops during this series. When the dates are confirmed they will be listed. Visit [StPaulsLionville.org/faithaid](#) for more information! The six weeks are standalone, so come for one or all!



**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](#). 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.



### **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event**

Help pack 60,000 meals on [Sunday, October 15](#), at St. Matthew's. [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](#).



**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!



### **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](#). 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 sacred, classical, disco, and pop 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).

**Church Directory** A new directory will be distributed in October and will include cell phone numbers and email addresses. If you would like to opt out from having either of those printed, please email [Cari@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:Cari@StPaulsLionville.org).

**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](http://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!



**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](#).

**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.

<b>St. Paul's Financials</b>	Total Income YTD:	\$ 299,425
	Total Expense YTD:	\$ 305,224
	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>(\$ 5,798 )</b>

**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!



**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!



**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.

**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.



**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.**



**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 survey online. 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](mailto:Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org). Visit [StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers](http://StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers) for an up-to-date volunteer schedule. Email questions to [Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org).



**"Our Daily Bread" Booklets** contain inspirational daily devotions and September-December are available in the narthex.



**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](#).**