

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

February 19, 2023

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THIS WEEK (Feb. 19 - 25, 2023)

Sun, 19:	8:00 am 9:15 9:15 9:15 9:30 10:30	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School (age 3 potty-trained-5th gr) Confirmation Class 6-8th Gr (Pars.) Explore Faith Practices (204) Current Issues/Christn Perspec (208) Contemporary Worship Service
Mon, 20:		<i>Church office closed in observance of President's Day</i> 
Tue, 21:	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00	Staff Meeting (Room 110) <i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i> Worship Planning Team Meeting (Zoom)
Wed, 22:	10:00 am 12:00 pm 6:00 6:30 7:30	Crafters (Parsonage) Ash Wednesday Service Worship Team (Sanctuary) Parent Support Group (FH) Ash Wednesday Service
Thu, 23:	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Amigos (Parsonage) Cub Den 7 (FH)
Fri, 24:		
Sat, 25:	8:15 am 8:30	<i>GoodWorks</i> Scout Roundtable (Meeting rooms & FH)

WORSHIP With Us This Sunday!

Come join us! Or if you prefer - worship with us online at 8:00 am or 10:30 am by clicking on [Worship Online](#) or visiting StPaulsLionville.org. All are welcome!

Our Prayer List We pray for Sue, Julie, Stanley, Rick, Ray, Maureen, 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 am	10:30 am
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Frank Pechin	Anne Albright
<i>Asst Min:</i>	Al Colberg	Zack Heath
<i>Lector:</i>	Frank Pechin	Beau Carlson
<i>Acolyte:</i>		Aidan Mertz
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Becky Shallow	Boy Scout
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Mike Huffman	Boy Scout
<i>Lock-up:</i>	Mike Huffman	

Volunteers	12:00 pm	7:30 pm
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Joan & Harold Strawbridge (12 and 7:30)	
<i>Asst Min:</i>	Anne-Marie Walters	Karen Lammey
<i>Lector:</i>	Frank Pechin	Karen Lammey
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Ginny Graham	Scott Heath
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>		Bryon Wornson



We're happy to celebrate
Scout Sunday
and



First Communion for Carly Shallow
at the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 19!

Spaghetti Dinner Advance tickets go on sale Sunday, February 19, before and after each worship service. See page 4 for more information.

Bear Creek Summer Camp

With the warm weather we are having this winter, its a good time to start thinking about Summer camp. Bear Creek Camp is currently accepting Early Bird registrations for Summer Camp through March 31. If you register before the end of March, your campers will receive a free camp t-shirt. First and second graders can participate in the half week "Try Camp" program for first time campers and the older kids have a full week program. Siblings are eligible for a \$50 discount.



For information: <https://bearcreekcamp.org/summer-camp/>

To register: <https://bearcreekcamp.campbrainregistration.com/>

You Get to Pick Our New Church Logo!

Our Communication team is now ready to share a number of options for a new church logo for St. Paul's that more authentically communicates the personality and mission of our congregation.

Starting on Sunday, February 26 and continuing till April 2, you will find printed and displayed in the back of the church a number of logo designs. Every time you attend church during Lent, feel free to collect a ticket from the bowl also in the back of church and drop it in to "vote" for your favorite new logo. Each week we'll remove the logo with the lowest count as we narrow down our list. On Easter morning we will tally the "votes" and share with you the new St. Paul's logo!!



Personal Care Kits Seventy-eight personal care kits were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse this week. The kits were assembled by the Sunday school students last Sunday. Each kit contained a bath towel, comb, nail clipper, toothbrush, and two bars of soap. Thanks to Thrivent for the Thrivent Card and the congregation for donations of materials.


Communications Survey Our Communication Team would love your feedback about a number of areas of our ministry. Please take a few moments [and fill out this very brief survey!](#) Thank you!

Support the Middle East after the Earthquake

You've no doubt read about the earthquakes which on February 6 devastated Turkey and Syria causing significant destruction with over 10,000 deaths. Our Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to supporting ACT Alliance and other partners by providing immediate aid. You may give to Lutheran Disaster Response [with this link](#) and all gifts will be 100% directed toward this effort. Thank you!



Restock the Food Bank Shelves

This is what 444 pounds of food looks like! 

Thank you to everyone who donated food to fill the Chester County Food Bank shelves and decorated boxes!

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 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.

Thrivent Shredding Event Tuesday, May 9, from 9:00-11:00 am at Thrivent offices in Exton (300 N Pottstown Pike Suite 170, Exton, PA 19341). More details to follow.

Boxes Needed As the Social Ministry Committee 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.

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 at noon and 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 22.

On the following **Sunday, February 26**, at the 8:00 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.)

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

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.

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.

The Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!

On Friday, March 10, come to St. Matthew's and enjoy an evening out where we do the cooking for you. As in past years there will be two seatings for the dinner, one at 5:30 pm and one at 7:00 pm. The dinner will be held in the Christian Life Center (CLC) of **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2440 Conestoga Road in Chester Springs**. Advance tickets go on sale beginning this Sunday, February 19, before and after each worship service.

\$ 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 NEXT HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS' EVENT will be on Sunday, March 5, beginning at 6:30 pm at St. Matthew's. Come spend some time relaxing, eating, and talking about entertaining topics. No heavy stuff, just a chance to de-stress. Signup is NOT required, just show up. Feel free to bring along a friend or two!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ESCAPE ROOM EVENT - SIGN UP NOW TO JOIN US!

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 is \$15 per participant; friends are welcome to join us, as always!

Sign up here by this coming Sunday, February 19, to be part of the fun: [February 26 Middle School Escape Room](#).

SPAGHETTI DINNER HELP NEEDED

All youth and their families are encouraged to sign up to help with our Friday, March 10, Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser. There are lots of ways to support this event, such as selling tickets on Sunday mornings, helping with setup and cleanup, and of course helping during the event itself. Please look at this [Spaghetti Dinner Help Signup Genius](#) page and think which of these jobs you and your family can do, and don't hesitate to choose multiple roles - as long as they don't pose a time conflict!

We also need food donations. If you are absolutely unable to help on the evening of the dinner, this is a great alternative way to support the event and help it succeed. The list of needed items is here: [Food for Spaghetti Dinner](#). Again, you are more than welcome to sign up for multiple items, whether from the same category or across the board!

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

CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Benefiting





*Friday, March 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 and
Saturday, March 18 from 8:00am - 12:30pm*


***** 50% Off Sale starts at 10:30 *****

(doors are closed from 10:15 - 10:30 to prepare for 50% off sale)

*St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and School
2440 Conestoga Road, Chester Springs
(on Route 401 east of Route 100)
610-458-3381*

 Gently worn top quality spring /summer children's clothing from newborn to size 16/juniors

 Gently used games, puzzles and toys including outdoor play toys, ride-ons and bikes

 Kids Electronics, books, baby equipment, strollers

We now accept cash, checks and credit cards.

Like "St. Matthew's Consignment Sale" on Facebook!

Sellers from the Chester Springs area are consigning a large selection of gently used spring and summer children's clothes, as well as toys, books, furniture, and baby equipment.

An event not to be missed!!