This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Lionville April 14, 2024



"Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, Invite into Fellowship"

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am - Traditional Service 9:15 am - Faith Formation (all ages) 10:30 am - Contemporary Service

Everyone is welcome! Attend in person or worship online

Our Prayer List

We pray for John, Bodie, Erin, Cassie, Julie, Dave, Brian, Dan, Lucy, Janet, Amy C., Kerri, Bruce, Ruth, Sid, Jon, Greg, Delores, Melissa, Joanna, Bill H., Bill T., Steven, Sandy L., Kelly, Rick, Amy D., Joy, Pat, Marlene, Nancy, Garnet, Chip, Sandy F., Alice, and Jean. We lift up Daniel, Zach, Alistar, Chris, and Adam in the military.

Living-Love-Lunch Ministry Donations Needed

St. Paul's is excited to join forces with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wallingford to support their Living-Love-Lunch Ministry. Members of Holy Trinity's congregation make and deliver packed lunches, beverages, clothes, hygiene kits, and smiles to their homeless neighbors in Chester every other Wednesday and Sunday. We at St. Paul's would like to assist Holy Trinity in their mission to love and feed their Chester neighbors. One Tuesday a month (date to be announced) we will gather at St. Paul's to make 50 plus meals to be donated to the Living-Love-Lunch Program. If you would like to help make this new ministry a success, please go to the Living-Love-Lunch donation tree located in the narthex and select a heart tag with the item you would like to donate. All donations can be placed in the container under the tree. You are free to take as many tags as you would like. Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Rare Birds

Enjoy a pizza lunch and viewing of The Saint Paul's Players production of NUNSENSE! on **Tuesday, April 16**, at 12:00 pm. RSVP to <u>Karen Lammey</u> by April 12!

Leftover Easter Flowers

There are many lilies and a few tulips leftover from Easter services. Please email <u>Marisa</u> by **Wednesday, April 17**, if you would like one, otherwise we will find them a good home.

Guest Musician and Single Service

On **Sunday, April 28**, St. Paul's will have a combined worship service at 9:30 am. The music for this service will be led by guest musician Omaldo Perez, supported by St. Paul's own musicians and ensembles. Omaldo Perez is a church musician whose interests range from early baroque practices to improvisation to musical diversity in today's church. He has



helped lead music for synod gatherings and has been a guest musician for several ELCA events. In addition, he has contributed to Sundays and Seasons, publications of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and serves in advisory roles for both the Institute of Liturgical Studies and ALCM. Omaldo has extensive experience leading worship music, having served as a Music Director and church organist at Presbyterian, Catholic,

and ELCA congregations in New York, New Jersey, Arizona, Washington, Ohio, and Illinois. He is currently the Director of Music and Worship Arts at Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, WI. We hope you will attend this very special service!

Hotel Accommodations

Our guest musician leading the music for the combined worship service on Sunday, April 28, will need hotel accommodation for two nights. If you have a connection with a hotel or hotel points you would be willing to donate, please email Lyndsey Holmes. Thank you!

Penny Wars Skit on Sunday!

As announced last Sunday, St. Paul's won the Penny wars by 1,542 points! However Pastor Stuart still lost because the two churches collected \$1,832 to benefit youth ministry for the summer Appalachia Service Project and National Youth Gathering trips. This means Pastor Stuart and Pastor Christian will be at the two congregations to give a humorous Taylor Swift/Travis Kelce song. You definitely want to be in attendance to enjoy this celebration of generosity and humor!

St. Paul's Night at the Reading Phillies

St. Paul's is excited to hold our annual trip to the Reading Phillies on **Saturday, June 8**. The game starts at 6:45 pm and will end with a Mega Blast Fireworks Show. Tickets are \$11.00 per person. Payment by check made payable to Anne Wiest is due no later than **Sunday, April 21**. Payment can be put in the Council President's mailbox at St. Paul's or given to Kyle or Anne Wiest. Click here to sign up!

An Evening of Praise and Fellowship

The Exton-Lionville Ministerium invites you to an evening of fellowship and praise entitled "Come, Ye Christians - Let Us Sing Together!" on **Sunday**, **April 14**, at 7:00 pm at Saints Philip and James Church (<u>723 Lincoln Hwy E. Exton, PA</u>). The following congregations are participating along with St. Paul's: Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church, Upper Uwchlan; Saints Philip and James Roman Catholic Church, Exton; Grove United Methodist Church, West Chester; Saint Paul's United Church of Christ of Exton, Exton. Free will offering for the Ministerium Emergency Fund.



Building Usage Survey

Church Council would like to learn how teams, classes, committees and other groups use the church's facilities in order to look at ways to better meet those needs. As such, we are asking that the leaders of ALL our teams, classes, groups and committees submit a response to this survey by **Sunday, April 28**. Please solicit the input from your group so we have all your thoughts when completing the survey. (Here is a map of the church.) Please submit a response even if your group is only a

person or two but needs to use the church at some point in the year. If you have any questions and/or need help with computer/data input, please reach out to the Church Council President (Kyle Wiest) or Vice President (Bryon Wornson).

New Member Class

If you've been attending St. Paul's, we would love to welcome you as a new member this spring! Classes will be held on **Sunday**, **April 21**, **28**, **and May 5 and 19**, from 7:00-8:00 pm. These four weeks will be an opportunity to grow in faith, learn more about St. Paul's and build friendships with others who are also joining. Childcare will be provided. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please feel free to email or call (610-804-1740) Pastor Stuart.

Servants of the Year

Just as we focus on our financial generosity in the fall, in the spring we focus on our opportunity to be generous with our time and talent. As part of this emphasis on **Sunday**, **April 21**, we will recognize, "Servants of the Year." Please take the time to fill out this simple form to nominate some of the people you appreciate at St. Paul's. All those nominated will be recognized at this worship service!

Twin Valley Coffee

Do you need that morning push to get going? The St. Paul's/St. Matthew's youth can help. We have partnered with Twin Valley Coffee to raise funds for our upcoming summer trips. Our fundraiser will be completely contactless. Twin Valley Coffee has created a unique online store for St. Paul's that will be open on Monday, April 15. Twin Valley Coffee will roast and ship each order as soon as it is placed. The profit from every bag of coffee purchased and merchandise from our online store will add to our fundraising total. St. Paul's will make \$2.50 profit for every 12 oz. bag of coffee, \$10 profit for every 5 lb. bag, and \$3.50 profit for every "5 Small Cold Brews" card sold. We will also make \$5 profit for each apparel item, \$2 profit for every collectible pin and \$3 profit for each drinkware item sold.

Our fundraiser runs through Sunday, May 12. If you are interested in helping the youth and replenishing your coffee supply, please click here beginning April 15. All orders can be done online and will be delivered directly to your home.

Youth Car Wash Fundraiser Returning!

The Youth Car Wash Fundraiser is coming back! On **Sunday**, **May 5**, you can hand off your dust-and dirt-covered vehicle to our cleaning crew before you head into worship and you will be able to drive home in a clean car! Donations will be accepted to benefit our upcoming youth ministry events.

VBS Registration is Open!

Camp Firelight VBS will be held **Monday-Friday**, **July 22-26**, from 9:00-12:00 pm. For more information or to register a camper or as a volunteer, visit <u>StPaulsLionville.org/vbs</u>. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Youth Ministry News

For the most up-to-date event information and signup links, go online to the Youth Ministry web page at StPaulsLionville.org/youth.

THE NEXT HIGH SCHOOL OASIS will be Sunday, April 21, from 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Matthew's (tentative location). Come hang out for a bit and decompress from stress. Open to all 9th through 12th graders, including friends. No signup necessary; just show up.

OUR FIRST APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT PREP SESSION will be held this Sunday, April 14, from 12:00-1:30 pm at St. Paul's. Pizza will be provided. Come meet the other members of our group and begin our preparations for our June 22-29 trip to Central Appalachia!

THE NEXT ELCA YOUTH GATHERING GROUP MEETING will be on Sunday, April 21, from 12:00-2:30 pm at St. Matthew's (note change in time). Only Gathering participants need to attend; parents are not asked to come (though you are welcome to do so). Please make every effort to be there as we continue to plan for our trip to New Orleans this summer!

HIGH SCHOOL BRUNCHTIME! returns on Tuesday, April 23, at 10:00 am! Yes, it's on a Tuesday, but school is out that day. Where should we eat? Suggestions are welcome. Sign up here to save your seat: <u>April 23 High School Brunchtime!</u>

IT'S BACK - YOUTH LASER TAG AND MINI GOLF AT GRAND SLAM! On Sunday, April 28, all sixth through twelfth graders (including friends) are invited to join us for an afternoon at Grand Slam in Malvern playing mini glow golf and laser tag, along with some time in the arcade. Meet at St. Paul's at noon for pizza, then carpool to Grand Slam. Cost per family is \$20 for one youth participant, or \$35 for two or more participants from the same household. Sign up here to join in the fun: April 28 Laser Tag and Mini Golf.

CALLING <u>ALL</u> **YOUTH!** We need plenty of hands to help with our upcoming car wash fundraisers. Sixth through twelfth graders are strongly encouraged to participate and help raise money for our youth ministry events. St. Matthew's car wash will be on Sunday morning, April 21, and St. Paul's will be on Sunday morning, May 5. Sign up here to help with one or both: Youth Car Wash Fundraisers.

Community Yard Sale

Please mark your calendars and start putting aside any books, games, toys, and household items you'd like to donate to this year's community yard sale. The date is **Saturday, May 18**, at the home of Tilly and Dick Hujsak. We will let you know when you can start dropping items off.

The Gospel of Mark in Lent Survey

As we end the Lenten season, the Worship Planning Team would appreciate you <u>filling</u> <u>out this simple survey</u> to get your feedback. This will help us evaluate the effectiveness of this series and also help in planning for the future!

A New Way to Give to Youth Ministry

Be sure to check out our "Need Envelope" Youth Fundraiser posted on the bulletin board near the stairs by the church office. Each of these brown envelopes has a specific need written on it along with a dollar amount that item costs. Examples include \$10 for duct tape for ASP, \$25 for a dinner at the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, etc. You can take an envelope off of the board, fill out your information on the card inside of it, and return it with the requested donation by giving it to Craig Miller, the church office, or putting it in the offering plate on Sunday. If you are a "specific need" person, be sure to look over the envelopes and see how you can help!

The St. Paul's Store is Open!

Have you ever wanted a St. Paul's sweatshirt, T-shirt, water bottle, blanket,

Staff Departure

As you may have seen by separate email, our wonderful Communications and Office Administrator Marisa Weisskopf will be

bookbag or other branded item to celebrate our church? How about as a gift? Now it's so simple to purchase them! Just go to StPaulsLionville.org/shop or click the blue shopping cart icon in the upper right of our website. Thanks so much to Becky Shallow and the Communication team for creating this awesome place to get your St. Paul's items!

leaving our staff, with her last day in the office being Thursday, April 25. Please share your thanks with her as we will dearly miss her, but know this is a better position to meet the needs of her family. If you or someone you know would be interested, please check out StPaulsLionville.org/careers. Also, please keep Marisa and St. Paul's in your prayers during this time of transition.

Thank You So Very Much!

Thank you so very much to the many, many people who made Holy Week and Easter such a joyous celebration! Very special thanks if you served as an acolyte, on altar care, usher, greeter, lector, and assisting minister. Also thanks to the Amigos for their behind the scenes work and the new candelabras. Also thanks to those who helped with the special Maundy Thursday service and also the special Good Friday service and especially the drama. Also, many thanks to our musicians who add so much to our service! Lastly, thank you so much to the staff! Without this awesome team of people, we could not have pulled it all together in such a wonderful way!

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship is only being sponsored one Sunday in the next three months. Team up with friends, family, or your church group to provide snacks and prepare coffee on Sunday mornings and sign up in the narthex or online at StPaulsLionville.org/events.

Blood Drives

St. Paul's is holding a Blood Drive on **Thursday**, **May 30**, from 2:00-7:00 pm. To sign up, click <u>here</u> and enter "splutheran" as the sponsor code.

St. Elizabeth Parish, West Chester, is holding a Blood Drive on May 18. You can register online.

EVENTS VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE GIVE CALENDAR

NEWSLETTERS YOUTH MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week of Sunday, April 14, 2024 Date Time Event 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service Sun, Apr 14: 9:15 am Sunday School K-5th (Sanctuary/FH) 9:15 am Confirmation 6th-8th (Parsonage) 9:15 am Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspectives (208) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service 11:45 am Chat and Chews Sunday School Book Club (102) 12:00 pm Appalachia Service Project Prep Session #1 (FH) Rejoicing Spirits Service 4:00 pm **JUSTmove** 4:00 pm 7:00 pm Exton Ministerium Music Fest Mon, Apr 15: 1:00 pm Knitters (110) Boy Scout Troop 216 Meeting (FH) 7:00 pm Tue, Apr 16: 12:00 pm Rare Birds (FH) 6:00 pm Cub Scout Den 6-Arrow of Light (Parsonage) 7:00 pm Worship Planning Team Meeting (Zoom) Wed, Apr 17: 10:00 am Crafters (Parsonage) 10:00 am Staff Meeting (110) Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:15 pm 6:30 pm Parent Support Group (FH) 7:00 pm Invite and Welcome Team Meeting (Zoom) 7:30 pm Jubilant Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:00 am Thu, Apr 18: Amigos (Parsonage) 6:15 pm Voice of the Spirit Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH) 7:30 pm Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Friday Night Fire Pit 7:00 pm Fri, Apr 12: Sat, Apr 13:

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Sunday Services:

8:00 am - Traditional Service

9:15 am - Faith Formation for all ages 10:30 am - Contemporary Service

Second Sunday of Every Month:

4:00 pm - Rejoicing Spirits Service

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