

# This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## THIS WEEK (May 21-27, 2023)

<b>Sun, 21:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>
	9:15	Sunday School (age 3 potty-trained-5th gr)
	9:15	Confirmation Class 6-8th grade (Pars.)
	9:15	"The Church" Bible Study (204)
	9:30	Current Issues/Christian Perspective (208)
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
	11:30	<i>Chat and Chews Book Club Meeting</i>
	12:00 pm	Vision Team Meeting (FH)
<b>Mon, 22:</b>	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts 216 (FH)
	7:00	Social Ministry Meeting (101)
<b>Tue, 23:</b>	6:00 pm	Cub Den 6 (Pars.)
	6:00	Cub Den 3 (FH)
	7:00	Mutual Ministry Meeting (Zoom)
	7:00	<i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i>
<b>Wed, 24:</b>	10:00 am	Crafters (Pars.)
	6:30 pm	Parent Support Group (FH)
	7:00	Visioning Process Interviews (110)
<b>Thu, 25:</b>	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)
	9:00	St. Paul's Preschool Graduation (Sanc.)
	6:30 pm	Cub Den 7 (FH)
<b>Fri, 26:</b>	7:00 pm	Friday Night Fire Pit Fellowship
<b>Sat, 27:</b>	8:15 am	<i>GoodWorks</i>

## 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](http://StPaulsLionville.org). All are welcome!

**Our Prayer List** We pray for Deb, Mary, Kelly, Maggie, Dick, Joan, Alan, Julie, Rick, Ray, William, Wrenly, Brett, Amy, Jan, Bob, Dave, Marlene, Nancy, Josie, Garnet, Ben, Chip, Sandy, Alice, and Jean, as well as Daniel, Zach, Alistar, and Chris in the military. Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.



<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Will Shallow	Elisa Mata
<i>Asst Min:</i>	Melissa Pechin	Anne Albright
<i>Lector:</i>	Mike Huffman	Bruce Burt
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Harold Strawbridge	Robert Wollenberg
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Joan Strawbridge	Joel Fabry
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Carly Shallow	Kara Hillestad
<i>Lock-up:</i>	Dave Foltz	

**Baptism** We will celebrate the joy and love of Holy Baptism for Brooks Robert Conroy, son of Patrick Conroy and Samantha McIlvaine, on **Sunday, May 21**.



**Visioning Process Interviews** Our Visioning Team wants to offer an opportunity for deeper conversation with the members, staff, Church Council and key leaders. This will be a time to answer specific questions that have arisen from other information collected and to hear your perspective for the future. Please go to [StPaulsLionville.org/visioninterviews](http://StPaulsLionville.org/visioninterviews) and sign up for just one of the three time slots offered. (More time slots will be added if these fill up or a significant number of people can't attend these opportunities.) Thank you so much for your contribution to the Visioning Process!

**Summer Services** Our summer service schedule of one Sunday service at 9:30 am begins **Sunday, May 28**. This will continue until Sunday, September 3.



**Memorial Day** Our church building will be closed on **Monday, May 29**, in observance of Memorial Day. Please call and leave a voicemail to contact staff.

**Chat and Chews Book Club** meets once a month during the school year on the second Sunday of the month (unless it conflicts with holidays/events). Our new meeting time/location is after the 10:30 service in Room 102.

In May, we will meet on **Sunday, May 21**, due to Mother's Day at Gwen Werner's home after the late service with brunch provided. Her address is 309 Wm. Salesbury Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335. We will select our summer read and discuss "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. This is our last meeting for the school year and we will meet again in September. Please contact Gwen Werner for more information. Happy reading!

**Visioning Team Feedback** The Visioning Team continues to hear and seek your feedback! Thank you to all who responded to our survey. Check out the bulletin board in the Narthex for the wisdom you've provided us from the Pentecost Flames! Information can also be found at [StPaulsLionville.org/visioningprocess](http://StPaulsLionville.org/visioningprocess).

**Yard Sale Success** Thanks to good weather and heavy foot traffic we had a most successful yard sale this year. We made \$900 which will help to purchase a container house for victims of the earthquake in Turkey. Items that did not sell were donated to Vietnam Veterans of America, Goodwill, Green Drop, and our local Habitat for Humanity Restore Store. Thanks to everyone who helped out and those who gave a donation towards the sale.

**High School Grads** Email your high school graduate's name, picture, high school, and future plans to [Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org) by **Sunday, May 21**, for a spotlight feature in the June newsletter!



**Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspectives Class** meets on Sundays at 9:30 am on the second floor in 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 the day.

**"The Church" Bible Study** is a six-week Bible study on "The Church" and began on **Sunday, April 16**. We all have experience with church, but it can be very helpful to learn about and study some of the Biblical foundations of what church is really all about. This class will be especially helpful as St. Paul's looks to the future in our Visioning Process. The Bible passages we study will help us stay faithful to what Jesus and the early church taught and learned about being church. The class will meet from 9:15-10:15 am in room 204 on the second floor. We hope you can attend to grow in faith and share with others!

**Shorti Wawa Coupons for Sale!** We have discount Wawa Shorti hoagie coupons in the office. Cost is \$5 per coupon. Stop by and see Marisa or Cari.

**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!



## **June 4 Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic**



On **Sunday, June 4**, we'll celebrate a wonderful outdoor service (weather permitting) at 9:30 am followed by a great afternoon of food and fellowship. The church will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers and you can sign up to bring a side or dessert [at this link](#). (The link is also available at [StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events).) If your family likes to play outdoor games, bring your favorite one along. This is always such a delightful event that it would be a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to worship that day!

Please note that for those who regularly watch our livestream, due to the complications of offering the livestream outdoors, only the pre-recorded sermon will be offered that morning.

**Peanut Butter & Jelly Food Drive** Each year around this time we support the Chester County Food bank as they prepare summer student food boxes. These boxes help school-age children and their families receive nutritious, easy to prepare, non-perishable food during the summer vacation months. The boxes are designed to be kid friendly, containing items that children should be able to prepare with little to no adult supervision like PB&J. They are also put in the Senior Food boxes. Please add PB&J (plastic jars only) to your grocery run and bring them to church now through **Thursday, June 15**. Thank you for your donations.



## **Vacation Bible School**

July 24-28 from 9:00-Noon

Registration forms for students and volunteers are in the narthex or:

[Click here to sign up your child\(ren\) online](#)

[Click here to sign up to volunteer online](#)



**Coffee Fellowship Help** The volunteer list to sign up to provide snacks and prepare coffee on Sundays is online via Signup Genius. Sign up with a friend or with a church group! Sign up in the narthex or online at [StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship](http://StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship). 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 5/14 - \$ 10,965	2023 Target
\$ 168,022	34%		\$ 490,622

YTD Budgeted Income: \$ 188,701 YTD Shortage: \$ 20,679

***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](#).***



# ***Please Welcome the Newest Members to St. Paul's!***



## **Nicole & Craig McGovern**

### **Jack, Zoe & Ian**

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We live in the Downingtown area and were looking for a church community that has a vibrant youth community for our three children, Jack and Zoe (twin 11th graders) and Ian (6th grade). We also wanted a church that emphasizes volunteering. As a family we enjoy music, traveling and being in nature. Craig works for the Hartford and Nicole works for Penn Medicine Hospice.

## **Mary Ann Miller**

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I am returning to St. Paul's after being away for 21 years. My husband, Ed, daughters, Sally and Amy and I moved to Exton in 1972 and immediately became members here. We were all active and our daughters were confirmed and married during our stay. We were here during the building of the present church. St. Paul's still feels like home and some of my friends are still members. I was widowed in 2007, and my husband is buried in the church cemetery. I am a retired legal secretary and office assistant. I enjoy reading, playing bridge, doing crossword puzzles and visiting with friends and family.



## **Deborah Deets**

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I am a retired hospice nurse. My personal experiences with emotions run very deep. I love the sounds of water, children laughing and bird song. I love animals, sunsets, and travel. I love the smell of summer fields and spaghetti, and I love to paint. From my first visit to St. Paul's, I felt peace and a spiritual welcoming.



### **Kathy & Marty Andrejko**

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We have lived in the area for quite a while but just recently found St. Paul's church. Marty works as an underwriter for Convex US, and Kathy is a retired dental hygienist. Our son, Paul, lives in Brooklyn. We both enjoy traveling, hiking, photography, and watching Philly sports teams and Penn State football. Marty plays guitar at the 10:30 worship service, and we are very happy to be part of the congregation!

### **Mary McCormick**

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Prior to joining St. Paul's, my family and I were members at Westminster Presbyterian Church. My sons participated in the Boy Scout troop here, and I've grown comfortable here over the past many years and decided I wanted to become a member. Retired now from a long career in public health, I enjoy knitting and crocheting as well as volunteering with the Boy Scout troop sewing on badges/patches and serving as a merit badge counselor. I am also a project volunteer with Domestic Violence Center of Chester County.



### **Steven Wachter**

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My wife, Judy Paul, has attended St. Paul's for 35 years. We were married here 11 years ago. I have worked as a mason specializing in historic stone restoration and am recently retired. I am using some time helping with the Amigos and also altar care. We have a small dog named Micky. Judy has worked with Bridge of Hope helping young women through a St. Paul's program.

