

# This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Lionville February 18, 2024



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

## **First Sunday in Lent**

**8:00 am** - Traditional Service  
**9:15 am** - Faith Formation (for adults)  
**10:30 am** - Contemporary Service

Everyone is welcome!  
Attend in person or [worship online](#)

## **Our Prayer List**

We pray for 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.

## ***Annual Snow Geese Migration***

Everyone is invited to witness the wonder of the annual snow goose migration on **Saturday, February 24**, at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area near Stevens, PA. Every year from mid-February through early March, hundreds of thousands of these birds use Middle Creek as a stopover point on their flight north to Canada and their summer breeding grounds. At peak, there can be as many as 125,000 birds at one time on the lake - quite an amazing sight to see and hear, and a real testament to God's creation. This is a family event, so all children and youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you are interested in joining us, [add your name here](#) so that you can receive more information (and so we know to expect you). In case of bad weather or shifting migration patterns, Saturday, March 2, is the alternate date. Contact [Craig Miller](#) with questions.



## ***Mark Bible Studies***

We hope you can participate in one of the Gospel of Mark Bible Studies being offered between **Sunday, February 18**, and Easter:

- Sunday mornings between services
- Monday mornings at 9:30 am (women's group) at St. Paul's
- Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's
- Thursday nights at 7:00 pm via Zoom (email the [church office](#) for the link)

## ***Bring Your Bible to Church***

As we begin studying the Gospel of Mark this Sunday and through Lent, I'll be preaching in a more teaching oriented format. You might find it a blessing to have your Bible or the Mark daily reading booklet with you, just to follow along. I'm looking forward to spending time in the Gospel of Mark and I hope you are too!

-Pastor Stuart

## ***Lutheran Night at the Phillies***

The Philadelphia Phillies will host the St. Louis Cardinals at Citizens Bank Park on **Friday, May 31**, at 6:40 pm for Lutheran Night. If 500 or more tickets are sold across the synod, the bishop will be able to throw out the first ball! Purchase your tickets [here](#)!



## *Holiday Weekend*

Because of the holiday weekend, Sunday School and Confirmation classes will not be held on **Sunday, February 18**. The church office will be closed on **Monday, February 19**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

## *Concert at St. John's*

You are invited to a concert by "Doppelflöte" at St. John's Lutheran Church, 355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville, on **Sunday, February 25**, at 4:00 pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

## *Easter Food Drive Underway*



Social Ministry is again collecting donations to fill Easter food baskets for those in need in and around the Care Center Foundation in West Chester. Here's how you can help:

- Purchase food to fill a box: Sign up at [StPaulsLionville.org/events](http://StPaulsLionville.org/events) and click [here](#) for a shopping list of the items that make up a complete family dinner.
- Donate funds for the purchase of hams and chickens: Make a check out to St. Paul's with "ham/chicken donation" in the notes and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.
- Donate free ham received with grocery bonus points: Please bring it in and we'll put it in the parsonage freezer.
- Donate funds to purchase items to fill a box: Make a \$25 check out to St. Paul's with "food box donation" in the notes and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church and a volunteer will purchase the food to fill a box.
- Bring in copier paper boxes: Please bring copier paper boxes at anytime. They can be stored at the church until it's packing time.

Food baskets will be delivered on Sunday, March 24, so please bring in food by **Sunday, March 17**, ideally in a copier paper type box. Thank you for helping to support this worthwhile effort!

## *Daily Bread Booklets*

"Our Daily Bread" booklets contain inspirational daily devotions and are available in the narthex for March-May.

## *Newsletter Deadline*

Please [email Marisa](#) your articles for March's newsletter by **Saturday, February 24**.

## *Penny Wars Youth Fundraiser*

What are penny wars? We are competing with St. Matthew's to see who can score the most points as we raise money for our shared youth ministry. Two jars will be in the gathering area; one for pennies and paper money (which are counted positively toward St. Paul's total) and one for silver coins (which are counted **NEGATIVELY** toward St. Matthew's total). Points are determined by the value of the coin or bill (pennies are one point, dollar bills are 100, dimes are -10 points for the other congregation, etc.). When the money is counted after Easter Sunday, the pastor of the losing congregation will star in a special performance involving singing and wearing a costume! If a combined \$750 or more is raised between the two congregations, our Youth Director Craig Miller will **ALSO** be involved in the event!



*Spaghetti Dinner  
Donations Needed*

*Spaghetti Dinner Youth  
Fundraiser*

The Youth Ministry is in need of food and supplies for its Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Please drop donations off at St. Paul's by **Thursday, February 29**, or at St. Matthew's by noon on **Friday, March 1**. [Click here to sign up](#). Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser will be held at St. Matthew's on **Friday, March 1**. There is a 5:30 pm seating and a 7:00 pm seating. Please sign up for seats ahead of time and bring donations to the dinner. Suggested donation is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 12 and under, or \$30 per family. Sign up in the narthex or [click here to sign up online](#). If you paid for the postponed November dinner and haven't had your money refunded, you already have a spot reserved!

## 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](http://StPaulsLionville.org/youth).*

### **HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY WITH THE KIDS FROM MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL -**

On **Sunday, February 18**, we will take a group of our 9th through 12th graders to the Martin Luther School in Plymouth Meeting to spend an afternoon playing games and doing activities with the students there. Please [sign up here](#) to participate.

**OUR NEW YOUTH E-GAMING GROUP** will have its next session on **Sunday, February 25**, from 1:00-3:00 pm at Uplink Studios in Glenmoore. This group is open to 6th through 12th graders, including friends. [Sign up here](#) to reserve your gaming station. The cost is \$20 per participant. Scholarships are available if finances are an issue; talk to Craig Miller, Pastor Stuart, or Pastor Christian for more information.

**THE NEXT HIGH SCHOOL OASIS** will be **Sunday, February 25**, from 6:30-8:00 pm, location TBD. No deep examinations or in-depth Bible study; just a chance to relax with friends and share what's going on in each other's lives. Open to 9th through 12th graders, including friends. No signup necessary.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT WORK WEEK** taking place **Saturday, June 22, through Saturday, June 29**. This year, the trip is open to current 7th through 12th graders, as well as adults. The cost is \$400 per youth participant, with scholarships available to families with financial need; talk to Craig Miller, Pastor Stuart, or Pastor Christian for more information. To join our team on this amazing experience, [sign up here](#) through the ASP website. Use group **#15099** when registering. (If you have not been involved with ASP before, you may need to create a new account.)

**SPAGHETTI DINNER HELP WANTED!** All 6th through 12th grade youth and families are encouraged to sign up to help with our **Friday, March 1**, Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Support is needed with everything from setup and decoration to food prep to serving to cleanup. Please help make this important fundraiser a big success! [Sign up here!](#)

## Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging

Advent Lutheran Church (1601 Green Lane West Chester, PA 19382) is holding a Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event on **Saturday, March 9**, from 3:00-5:00 pm. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up. They will also have pizza and free ice skating at PNY afterwards at 5:30 pm.

## Bear Creek Summer Camp

Early Bird registrations are being accepted through March 31 and include a free t-shirt. First and second graders can participate in a half week "Try Camp". Older campers have full week of camp. Whitewater rafting is new this year! Discount of \$50 for siblings and "bring a friend". [Click here for information](#). [Click here to register](#).

# First Communion Retreat and Celebration



We will hold a First Communion Retreat on **Friday, March 8**, from 5:00-8:00 pm. The night will include lots of fun activities and learning about Holy Communion. First Communion students are normally fourth grade at St. Paul's, but any student is welcome who might already be taking communion and missed the retreat experience. RSVP and sign up to bring food items online at [StPaulsLionville.org/events](https://StPaulsLionville.org/events). First Communion will be celebrated at worship on **Sunday, March 17**. If you have any other questions, please contact Pastor Stuart at [PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org).

## Evening Worship Time Change

In 2024 all of the evening worship services will be at 7:00 pm. Please make note the Wednesday Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday (March 28), and Good Friday (March 29) services will all be at 7:00 pm.

## Altar Care Teams Needed

We need a few more Altar Care Teams who help prepare communion for worship, especially for the 8:00 am service. It's not difficult, but it's very necessary. The more teams we have, the less often you serve! If you might be interested, please [contact the church office](#) and we can share a list of responsibilities. Thank you so much!

## Easter Family Fun Night Saturday, March 23, from 5:00-7:00 pm



We're having another great night of free fun, food, and games for all ages. We have a number of Easter-themed activities including glow-in-dark Easter Egg Hunts and pictures with the Easter Bunny. We'll also have crafts, hot dogs, games, face painting, donuts, music, and more coming! The event is open to the public, young and old alike! To make this another great success, we need you to do three things:

- Advertise the [Facebook Event](#) to your personal page and forward it to friends, family, and neighbors! Make a personal invitation to them as a great way to introduce them to St. Paul's!
- Help out in some way or make a donation of supplies by [signing up here](#).
- Plan on attending yourself by [signing up here](#) so we know how many are coming!

## Coffee Fellowship

The volunteer sign up to provide snacks and prepare coffee on Sunday mornings is in the narthex and online at [StPaulsLionville.org/events](https://StPaulsLionville.org/events). Team up with a friend or a church group and have some fun!

## Blankets Needed

The Quilters are in need of gently used blankets, comforters, quilts, and even mattress pads to use as filler in our quilts. Place your donation in the bin in the hallway marked "Quilts".

## Website Quick Links

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## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 18

*First Sunday in Lent*

### 8:00 am Service

<b>Altar Care:</b>	Shallow, D
<b>Asst. Minister:</b>	Shallow, W
<b>Lector:</b>	Robinson, C
<b>Usher/Greeter:</b>	Pindle, B
<b>Usher/Greeter:</b>	Pindle, K
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Shallow, C

### 10:30 am Service

<b>Altar Care:</b>	Paul, J/Wachter, S
<b>Asst. Minister:</b>	Brauer, B
<b>Lector:</b>	Borneman, E
<b>Usher/Greeter:</b>	Heath, S
<b>Usher/Greeter:</b>	Heath, W
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Teague, R
<b>Lock-Up:</b>	Huffman, M



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Week of Sunday, February 18, 2024**

Date	Time	Event
Sun, Feb 18:	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>
	9:15 am	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (204)
	9:30 am	Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspective (208)
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
	12:30 pm	<i>Fun and Games with Martin Luther School Kids</i>
Mon, Feb 19:	All Day	Church Office Closed
	9:30 am	Women's Gospel of Mark Bible Study (110)
Tue, Feb 20:	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (110)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den 6-Arrow of Light (Parsonage)
	7:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (110)
	7:00 pm	Worship Planning Team Meeting (Zoom)
Wed, Feb 21:	10:00 am	Crafters (Parsonage)
	6:15 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Parent Support Group (FH)
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Midweek Lenten Service (Sanctuary)</b>
	7:00 pm	Invite and Welcome Team Meeting (Zoom)
Thu, Feb 22:	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den 3-Wolves (Parsonage)
	6:15 pm	Voice of the Spirit Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Den 7-Bears (FH)
	7:00 pm	Communications Team Meeting (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri, Feb 23:		
Sat, Feb 24:	7:00 am	<i>Annual Snow Geese Migration</i>
	8:15 am	<i>GoodWorks</i>

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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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