

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Lionville March 3, 2024



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

Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 am - Traditional Service
9:15 am - Faith Formation (for all ages)
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.

Easter Breakfast

Please join us at the annual Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, March 31**, between 9:00-10:15 am. Breakfast will include pancakes, Brian Lloyd's famous quiche, sweets, and more. Come early for the best selection and variety of items. A free will offering will be collected to help the food insecure in our area (families of the Care Center in West Chester and homeless in Chester). What a great way for your family to come together for a meal and pay it forward to another family. To help us estimate how many pancakes our Council President, Kyle Weist, needs to flip, please [click here](#) or visit StPaulsLionville.org/events to RSVP. We certainly know plans are fluid and this will just give us a general sense. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Social Ministry and Council would love additional hands to help with set up, serving, and clean up. Please [click here](#) or visit StPaulsLionville.org/events to let us know if you can help in these areas.

Early Praise Choir

On **Sunday, March 3**, a group of early birds will meet at 7:30 am to prepare an anthem to be sung at the 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service that day. This ensemble does not require an ongoing commitment or advance preparation. Please email [Lyndsey Holmes](mailto:Lyndsey.Holmes) if you would like to receive reminders and preview the music. Future Early Praise Choir dates are April 7 and May 5.

Spaghetti Dinner

Don't want to cook dinner tonight? [Click here](#) or visit StPaulsLionville.org/events to make your reservation for the Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at St. Matthew's ([2440 Conestoga Rd, Chester Springs](#)) at 5:30 pm or 7:00 pm! Suggested donation is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 12 and under, or \$30 per family.

First Communion Retreat and Celebration

We will hold a First Communion Retreat on **Friday, March 8**, from 5:00-8:00 pm that will include 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. First Communion will be celebrated at worship on **Sunday, March 17**. If you have any other



Teacher Appreciation Sunday

On **Sunday, April 7**, at both services, the emphasis for worship will be recognizing and celebrating the teachers in our congregation and community! As this date comes closer, there will be invitations available for adults and students to share with some of the teachers they appreciate in our community. Please be thinking about who you might invite to thank them.

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!

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: [Click here](#) or visit StPaulsLionville.org/events to sign up to donate food 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 put it in the upstairs 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!

Help Wanted

Please join the Crafters on **Saturday, March 16**, from 10:00-12.30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to make candy eggs for Easter. The chocolate covered coconut and peanut butter eggs are sold to provide the Crafters with funds to purchase the fabric used in the baby quilts we send to Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are used to bundle together the baby items needed to cloth and care for infants. No experience is necessary, instruction will be provided. Join us for a pizza lunch following the candy making!

Dramatic Presentation of the Gospel of Mark

As we're getting deep in the Gospel of Mark, we have an additional treat! Our own Nathan Thomas has offered to share a dramatic presentation of the Gospel of Mark. This will occur on **Sunday, March 17**, at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's. If you've never heard a Gospel read aloud by a great communicator, as it was done in the ancient world, you will absolutely be blessed! We hope you can attend!

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](#) or visit StPaulsLionville.org/events to sign up!

Community Yard Sale

Please start putting aside any books, toys, games, and household items you'd like to donate to this year's community yard sale. The date is a Saturday in May (TBD) at the home of Tilly & Dick Hujsak.

Rare Birds

Hear about some of Pastor Stuart's Holy Land travels on **Tuesday, March 12**, at noon. We will serve a light lunch of Mediterranean-inspired appetizers. Please RSVP by **Tuesday, March 5**, to Karen Lammey (610-715-4251).

Penny Wars Youth Fundraiser

As of Tuesday, February 26, St. Paul's has 13,346 points and St. Matthew's has 11,196 points! Pastor Stuart is safe -- for now! Total dollars raised so far are \$427.22. Remember, 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, and it WILL be memorable! AND, if we raise a combined \$750 or more between the two congregations, our Youth Director Craig Miller will ALSO be involved in the event! What are penny wars? For more detailed info about this friendly youth fundraiser competition with St. Matthew's Chester Springs, see the display in the Gathering Area.



Thank you!

Thank you so much for the many cards and notes which Nancy has received from you all. Your cards line the windows and furniture of Nancy's room. Often when I visit there are new cards which Nancy is anxious to open and share. If not, Nancy will ask to look at some of the cards again to review the messages. Your prayers and support make a difference and are greatly appreciated by both of us.

- Dave Heydt

Candy Donations

Both of our congregations are holding egg hunts this year -- St. Paul's on **Saturday evening, March 23**, and St. Matthew's on **Saturday morning, March 30** -- and we need stuff to fill the eggs! Donation boxes are in front and rear airlocks of the church. Please bring candy donations in by **Sunday, March 17**.

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 is next Sunday, March 10, from 6:30-8:30 pm (note time change) at St. Matthew's. Come hang out for a bit and decompress from stress. At our next get-together we will be stuffing plastic eggs with candy to get ready for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunts. Open to all 9th through 12th graders, including friends. No signup necessary.

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR OUR APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT WORK WEEK taking place Saturday, June 22, through Saturday, June 29. This year, the trip is open to all 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 info. To join our team on this amazing experience, sign up through ASP at this site: [ASP Workweek Signup](#). Use group #15099 when registering. (If you have not been involved with ASP before, you will need to create a new account.) If registration is full when you sign up, please let Craig Miller know of your interest so that we can try and open more spots!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO SERVE:

- **Saturday, March 23 - St. Paul's Easter Family Fun Night.** Come help hide eggs at 3:30 pm and/or assist with activities during the event (5:00-7:00pm). Sign up here: [St. Paul's Easter Fun Night Help](#).
- **Sunday, March 24 - Load, Deliver, and Distribute Easter Food Baskets at the Care Center Foundation in West Chester.** Meet at St. Paul's at 11:45 am to load, then travel to the Care Center to help unload and distribute from 1:00-2:00 pm Help with one or both parts. Sign up here: [March 24 Easter Food Basket Help](#). Families welcome!
- **Saturday, March 30 - St. Matthew's Easter Egg Hunt.** Help hide eggs starting at 8:30 am, and/or assist with the hunt and other activities from 10:00-11:00 am. Sign up here: [St. Matthew's Egg Hunt Help](#).

Easter Family Fun Night

We're having another great night of free fun, food, and games for all ages on **Saturday, March 23**, from 5:00-7:00 pm. 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!



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](#).

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



Coffee Fellowship

There is only one Sunday in the next four months that an individual or group has signed up for coffee fellowship. 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.

Welcome Brochures

New St. Paul's welcome brochures are now available in the airlocks and on the literature table toward the Sunday School classrooms. Please feel free to share them with anyone you are encouraging to attend St. Paul's!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Week of Sunday, March 3, 2024		
Date	Time	Event
Sun, Mar 3:	7:30 am	Early Praise Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Sunday School for K-5th (Sanctuary/FH)
	9:15 am	6th-8th Confirmation (Parsonage)
	9:15 am	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (204)
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	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Team Meeting (Zoom)
Mon, Mar 4:	9:30 am	Women's Gospel of Mark Bible Study (101)
	1:00 pm	Knitters (110)
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 216 Meeting (FH)
Tue, Mar 5:	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (110)
Wed, Mar 6:	10:00 am	Crafters (Parsonage)
	6:15 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Parent Support Group (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
Thu, Mar 7:	7:30 pm	Jubilant Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den 1-Tigers (FH)
	6:15 pm	Voice of the Spirit Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Team Meeting (Zoom)
Fri, Mar 8:	7:30 pm	Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	First Communion Retreat and Celebration (FH)
Sat, Mar 9:	8:30 am	Merit Badge Round Table (101, 2nd floor, Pars.)

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Sunday Services:

8:00 am - Traditional Service

9:15 am - Faith Formation for all ages

10:30 am - Contemporary Service

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