

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

November 12, 2023

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THIS WEEK (November 12-18, 2023)

Sun, 12:	8:00 am 9:15 9:15 9:30 10:30 11:45 3:00 pm 4:00 7:00	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School (Sanc./FH) Animate: Bible Adult Class (204) Contemp. Issues/Christian Persp. (208) Contemporary Worship Service Chat and Chews Book Club (102) <i>Middle School Youth Friendsgiving</i> Rejoicing Spirits Service New Members Class (110)
Mon, 13:	1:00 pm 7:00	Knitters (110) BSA 216 Meeting (FH)
Tue, 14:	6:00 pm 6:30 7:30	Cub Den 4-AOL (FH) Council Meeting (Zoom) Car Club Meeting (FH)
Wed, 15:	11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 7:30	Crafters (Pars.) Parent Support Group (FH) Invite and Welcome Team Meeting (Zoom) Jubilant Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Thu, 16:	8:00 am 6:15 pm 6:30 7:30 7:30	Amigos (Pars.) Voice of the Spirit Rehearsal (Choir Room) Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH) Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) <i>Presentation by CEO of ASP</i>
Fri, 17:	7:00 pm	Friday Night Fire Pit
Sat, 18:		

WORSHIP At St. Paul's This Sunday!

Everyone is welcome! If you prefer, worship online at 8:00 am (traditional) or 10:30 am (contemporary): click on [Worship Online](#) or visit StPaulsLionville.org

Our Prayer List We pray for Carl, Delores, Melissa, Jim, Maureen, Joanna, Judy, Terri, Bill H., Tom, Stanley, Bill T., Mark, Steven, Sandy L., Mary, Kelly, Rick, William, Brett, Amy, Jan, Pat, Marlene, Nancy, Garnet, Chip, Sandy F., Alice, and Jean. We lift up Daniel, Zach, Alistar, and Chris in the military. Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.



Volunteers	8:00 am	10:30 am
<i>Altar Care:</i>	John Ward	J. Paul/S. Wachter
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Will Shallow	Bill Brauer
<i>Lector:</i>	Nancy Berger	Julie Sanders
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Harold Strawbridge	Joel Fabry
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Gordon Munson	Bruce Burt
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Rupert Gledhill	Addie Merkel
<i>Lock-up:</i>		Dan Shallow

Visit StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers for volunteer schedule.

Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:
POSTPONED! Due to illness and other conflicting events, the Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser scheduled for Friday, November 10, has been postponed. A new date will be decided upon shortly. We will make arrangements for refunds to those who have already paid. Thank you for your understanding and we apologize for the inconvenience.



Friday Night Fire Pit Join us **Friday, November 10 and 17**, at 7:00 pm for the last two Friday Night Fire Pits of 2023!



Chat and Chews Book Club will meet on **Sunday, November 12**, after the late service in Room 102. We will be discussing "Murder on the Orient Express" by Agatha Christie. You do not have to finish the book or even read it to join us in a lively and faithful discussion. Please contact Gwen Werner at 610-823-0244 or at ggwerner@verizon.net for more information. Happy Reading!

Pie Sale Fundraiser Social Ministry is selling Thanksgiving pies to raise money for the kitchen renovation and Fellowship Hall upgrades. Pumpkin and apple pies are available for \$20 each. Orders must be placed and paid for by **Sunday, November 12**. Please give your payment (checks made payable to St. Paul's are preferred) to Anne or Kyle Wiest or place in the council president's mailbox. Pies will be available for pick up before and after church on **Sunday, November 19**. [Click here to place your order online](#). Don't miss out on this delicious and easy way to support our church!



Pecan Turtles The Crafters will be selling their pecan turtles after Sunday morning services until they are sold out! \$10 per container. Get them while you can!

Thanksgiving Food Drive The Social Ministry Committee is collecting Thanksgiving food baskets for those in need in and around the Care Center Foundation in West Chester. Our goal is to fill 100 baskets. If you are able to help, [click here](#) or visit StPaulsLionville.org/events to sign up.



Here's what goes into a complete family dinner box:

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| 2 cans green beans | 2 cans corn | 2 boxes mac and cheese |
| 1 box mashed potatoes (13.5 oz.) | 2 jars turkey gravy | 2 boxes stuffing |
| 1 jar applesauce (large) | 2 cans cranberry sauce | 1 cake mix and can cake frosting |

Your box can be dropped off at the church in the air-lock area through [Sunday, November 12](#), Monday-Friday after 1:00 pm or anytime on the weekend. Ideally, food should arrive packed in a copier paper type box, but any size will do.

We are also accepting cash donations for turkeys. You can make a check out to St. Paul's with "Turkey Donation" in the notes and mail to the church.

If you want to help with filling a food basket but don't want to shop, \$25 will cover the cost for a full dinner box. Please put your check in an envelope marked "Food Box Donation" and mail to the church or drop in the offering plate.

Thank you for helping to support this worthwhile effort.

Celebration Theme and Luncheon

Our annual stewardship emphasis began Sunday, November 5. St. Paul's has so much to be thankful for! After some rough years, especially with the pandemic, things are going well! People are gathering back at worship, new folks are joining, and we have a new Vision for the future! God has indeed been good to St. Paul's in the past and we trust God will continue to bless us in the future! As the series comes to end, we have a Celebration Luncheon on [Sunday, November 19](#), after the one 9:30 am combined worship service and brief congregational meeting. St. Paul's will provide fried chicken, but we would request you bring a tasty side dish or dessert to share. You can RSVP and sign up for food [at this link](#) or by visiting StPaulsLionville.org/events.



Leftover Halloween Candy?

If you have leftover Halloween candy you would like to donate, you can include it in your Thanksgiving box or bring to church on Sunday.



Rare Birds

The game day and turkey lunch scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, has been cancelled. We hope you can join us for the Christmas Lunch at Ron's on [Tuesday, December 12](#).

Children's Activity Bags

On the way into church you'll see a refreshed "tree" of children's activity bags for our young worshippers to enjoy. Simply grab a bag on the way in and kids will find fun faith building activities during worship.



St. Paul's 2nd Annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for children in Chester and Southern Montgomery Counties. Toys for Tots collects toys for children of all ages. However, there is a severe shortage of toys for children under age 2 and above age 8. Toys can be placed in the collection boxes in the airlocks or in the Narthex. Financial donations can be provided at www.toysfortots.org. Donations will be collected until Noon on [Sunday, December 3](#). Please note that the Toys for Tots drive is replacing Social Ministry's prior toy/gift collection for The Lord's Pantry. Thank you!



Rejoicing Spirits

The next Rejoicing Spirits service is on [Sunday, November 12](#), at 4:00 pm. Experience an amazing worship service where we have meaningful messages, lots of music, and a "no shushing" policy. All are welcome! Stay for fellowship and refreshments after.

Free Embroidery Floss

If you use floss with your crafts, call Judy Uhrich at 610-314-8095.

"Our Daily Bread" Booklets

contain inspirational daily devotions and are available in the narthex for December-February.



Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace

This year the service, hosted by the Interfaith Action Community, will be on [Sunday, November 19](#), at 7:00 pm at Beth Israel Synagogue, 385 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs. The service will include a few short meditations on peace from different faith traditions. Please bring a canned or boxed food to contribute to a local food pantry as our "offering" for the evening. We hope you can attend and celebrate!

Flannel Sheets Needed

Social Ministry is in need of used or new flannel sheets to make diapers for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. Each kit contains four diapers and the quality of purchased diapers has declined while the price has soared. LWR has suggested cutting diapers from flannel sheets. Place your sheets in the bin in the hallway marked Quilts/Sheets.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

NEW ST. PAUL'S/ST. MATTHEW'S YOUTH E-ACCESS TO INFO! We now have TWO new ways to stay up-to-date electronically with what's going on in the youth ministry of our two congregations. First, find a comprehensive list of upcoming events, details, and signup links for both MANIA! and High School events on our Youth Ministry webpage at StPaulsLionville.org/youth. This page is updated in real time as changes occur, so it will always be the best source for the most current info. Second, follow our new Instagram site, [Instagram.com/St.Pauls_Matts_Youth/](https://www.instagram.com/St.Pauls_Matts_Youth/), to get updates on what our groups are up to and see all the great stuff that our youth are doing. SNEAK PEEK: We are working on a project to incorporate the Remind platform into the youth ministry, to provide yet another avenue to communicate with youth and parents. Stay tuned!

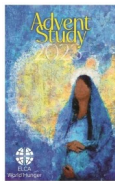
URBAN AIR AFTERNOON FOR ALL 6th-8th GRADERS IS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12! Come join our MANIA! group from 1:00-3:00 pm at Urban Air in Downingtown for an afternoon of jumping fun. Bring a friend or two! Cost is \$20 per person and covers pizza, drinks, facility use, and one pair of authentic Urban Air Jumping Socks. Sign up here: [November 12 Urban Air Event](#).

YOUTH HELP NEEDED! NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 we are again helping with St. Paul's Thanksgiving Food Basket distribution at the Care Center Foundation in West Chester. Meet at St. Paul's at 11:45 am to load the food into the trailer, then travel to the Care Center to help unload, set up, and distribute the boxes from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Sixth through twelfth graders are encouraged to participate, along with parents! Sign up here to help with loading/unloading, distribution, or both: [November 19 Thanksgiving Food Baskets](#).

THE NEXT HIGH SCHOOL OASIS IS OUR FRIENDSGIVING EVENT, next [Sunday, November 19](#), from 5:30-8:00 pm at the Sanders' home! Come with a friend to relax and enjoy a meal together. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, too. Unlike other OASIS events, this one DOES require signup! Sign up here to save your seat(s) at the table, and let us know what you can bring: [November 19 OASIS Friendsgiving](#).

OUR ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TRIP TO ELMWOOD PARK ZOO'S "WILD LIGHTS" with the kids from Martin Luther School will be on [Sunday, December 3](#), from 4:15-8:00 pm. Meet at St. Matthew's at 4:15 pm to travel to Elmwood Park Zoo and meet the Martin Luther School kids at 5:00 pm. Walk with them through the zoo's light show and animal exhibits, and share some Christmas love with kids who could use some extra happiness in their lives. The cost will be \$10 per person. If you wish to chip in additional money to help cover admission for our guests, you are welcome to do that as well. Sign up here to make someone's Christmas a bit brighter: [December 3 Elmwood Zoo Trip with Martin Luther School](#).

Advent Materials The first Sunday of Advent at St. Paul's will be [Sunday, November 26](#). Advent calendars, study guides, and Good Gifts catalogs from ELCA World Hunger are available in the hallway off the narthex. You can download these materials from the [ELCA website](#) as well.



Coffee Fellowship Help The volunteer list to sign up to provide snacks and prepare coffee on Sundays is in the narthex and online via Signup Genius at StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship. Sign up with a friend or with a church group and have some fun!



Sharing St. Paul's Pictures Many have noted and enjoyed the St. Paul's pictures showing in the narthex. If you take any pictures of a St. Paul's event and would like to share them, you can upload them to StPaulsLionville.org/sharepictures. Thanks so much!



Downingtown Good Neighbor Christmas Parade

St. Paul's will participate in Downingtown's Good Neighbor Christmas Parade on [Saturday, December 9](#), at 3:00 pm. If you would like to help with the pre-parade decorations and handouts, please email Jenn Pindle Lloyd at jennifer.pindle@verizon.net. Look for a sign-up closer to the event to participate in walking in the parade!



Shorti Wawa Coupons for Sale! We have discount Wawa Shorti hoagie coupons in the office that support St. Paul's Preschool. Cost is \$5 per coupon. Stop by and see Marisa or Cari.



Vacation Bible School Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be held Monday-Friday, July 22-26, 2024!

Have old eyeglasses? We have a box in the narthex to collect your unbroken and used eyeglasses for the Lions Club.



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](#).