

# This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

March 19, 2023

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## THIS WEEK (March 19-25, 2023)

<b>Sun, 19:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 9:15 9:15 9:30 <b>10:30</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b> Sunday School (age 3 potty-trained-5th gr) Confirmation Class 6-8th grade (Pars.) Explore Faith Practices (204) Current Issues/Christian Perspective (208) <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
<b>Mon, 20:</b>	7:00 pm 7:30	Boy Scouts 216 (FH) Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>Tue, 21:</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00	Staff Meeting <i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i> Worship Planning Team (Zoom)
<b>Wed, 22:</b>	10:00 am 6:15 pm 6:30 <b>7:30</b> 8:00	Crafters (Parsonage) Voice of Spirit (Choir Room) Parent Support Group (FH) <b>Midweek Lenten Service</b> Worship Team (Sanctuary)
<b>Thu, 23:</b>	8:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30	Amigos (Parsonage) Cub Den 7 Meeting (FH) Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>Fri, 24:</b>		SEPA Synod Tuscarora Trip Youth
<b>Sat, 25:</b>	8:15 am	GoodWorks SEPA Synod Tuscarora Trip Youth

## 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 Alan, Sue, Julie, Stanley, Rick, Ray, Maureen, William, Cornell and family, Wrenly, Brett, Amy C., Amy D., Carmen, Jan, Sandy L., Nancy, Marlene, Josie, Don, Garnet, Ben, Chip, Sandy, Alice, Jean, and Vicky, as well as Daniel, Zach, Chris and Alistar in the military. If you have an addition to the prayer list, contact the office.



<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Dan Shallow	Linda Stevens
<i>Asst Min:</i>	Gary Sarpen	Bill Brauer
<i>Lector:</i>	Gary Sarpen	Fran Kane
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Linda Dierksheide	Jim McIlvaine
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Dan Dierksheide	Sue McIlvaine
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Carly Shallow	Addie Merkel
<i>Lock-up:</i>	Bryon Wornson	

## Crafters Easter Egg Candy

The Crafters are once again selling their chocolate Easter eggs! Peanut Butter and Coconut are available. Each container is \$10 and you can purchase them on Sunday in the narthex!



**Electric Stove Needed** A new or used electric stove is needed in the upstairs kitchen before Easter to replace one that no longer works. Please contact John Ward at 610-384-7112 or [wardbigpapa@verizon.net](mailto:wardbigpapa@verizon.net) if you can help.



**Kids Clothing Drive** Start your spring cleaning with your dressers and closets by donating your new and/or gently used clothing to benefit Cradles to Crayons! They are accepting shirts, jeans, pants, shorts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, pajamas, dresses, skirts, coats, hats, gloves, winter boots, \*new\* socks, and gently used shoes. Please do not donate clothing with school names. Drop off donations in the airlock at St. Paul's no later than **Sunday, May 7**. Thank you!



**Lutheran Night at the Phillies** The Phils should be exciting this year, fresh off their World Series appearance in 2022. Catch the action and help fund SEPA Synod Youth Programs by buying tickets to Lutheran Night at the Phillies, Saturday, May 20, at 4:05 pm against the Chicago Cubs.

Ordering your tickets is simple! Visit [www.phillies.com/lutheran](http://www.phillies.com/lutheran). Use the password: LUTHERAN. Then select from available tickets.

Please contact Shannon Profy in the Phillies Sales Office at 215-218-5465 with any questions.

**If anyone is interested in ordering tickets to sit as a group, please contact the church office.**

**New Members Classes** If you or someone you know would like to join St. Paul's, we will be holding classes on Sundays between April 16 and May 7 at 4:00 pm. These gatherings are a great time to learn more about St. Paul's and get to know others who are also new to St. Paul's. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact [PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org](mailto:PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org) or at 610-804-1740.



## Easter Food Drive Underway

Once again are collecting food to fill 55+ Easter food baskets for those in need in and around the Care Center Foundation in West Chester. These are families of the children who attend the preschool as well as other families in that neighborhood. If you're able to help, please sign up: [Easter Food Drive Signup](#).



Here's what goes into a complete family dinner (a shopping list can be picked up in the narthex):

2 cans of corn	1 jar peanut butter (plastic jar)
2 jars chicken gravy	1 jar applesauce (50 oz.)
1 jar jelly (plastic jar)	1 brownie mix (makes 9 x12 pan)
1 bottle of syrup (24 oz)	2 boxes macaroni and cheese
2 cans of green beans	1 package complete pancake mix
2 packages of 4 fruit cups	

Collections for the Care Center will be delivered on Palm Sunday, so we're asking that you please **bring in items no later than Sunday, March 26**. Ideally, food should arrive packed in a copier paper type box as this allows us to better fill, stack and deliver.

We are also accepting cash donations for hams and chickens. You can make a check out to St. Paul's with "ham/chicken donation" in the notes and put in the offering plate or mail to the church. If you have a free ham with your grocery bonus points that you'd like to donate, please bring it in and we'll put it in the parsonage freezer.

Also, if you want to help with filling a food basket but don't want to do the shopping, there are shoppers available to do that for you. \$25 will cover the cost for a full dinner box. Please put it in the envelope marked "Food Box Donation" and put in the offering plate or mail to the church. No need to sign up for check donations.

Thank you for helping to support this worthwhile effort!

**Boxes Needed** The Social Ministry Committee is in need of boxes for the Easter Food Drive.

Ideally, we're looking for cardboard boxes with lids that you find in an office. Please check with your mailroom to see if they will put them aside for you. Having boxes that are all the same size makes it a lot easier for us to fill, stack, and deliver. As you get them, please bring them to the church and we will store them until needed.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** St. Paul's families are invited to attend St. Matthew's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

When: **Saturday, April 8**, at 10:00 am  
Where: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
2440 Conestoga Rd, Chester Springs  
Who: Toddlers through fifth graders

[Click here to sign up!](#)

**Candy donations welcome...**  
please drop off at St. Paul's through Sunday, April 2.

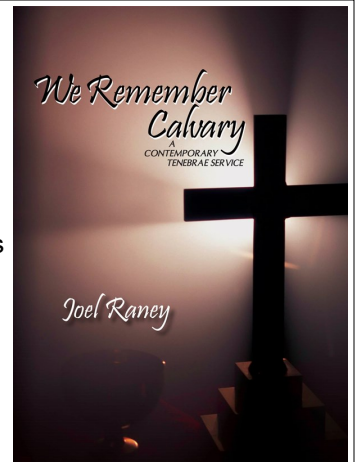


## WE REMEMBER CALVARY

A Good Friday Cantata and Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 7, at 7:30pm

We Remember Calvary is a choral work that uses both traditional and contemporary hymns, worship songs, congregational singing, scripture reading and narration to paint a vivid and moving picture of Christ's last days and his journey to the cross. Come join us at St. Paul's as we near the end of our Lenten worship series, Following Jesus to the Cross, and reflect on his sacrifice.



**New Church Logo** Voting for a new church logo that more authentically communicates the personality and mission of our St. Paul's congregation continues! You will find the three remaining logo designs printed and displayed in the back of the church. Every time you attend church during Lent, feel free to collect a ticket from the bowl also in the back of church and drop it in to "vote" for your favorite new logo. Voting will continue through Sunday, April 2. We will tally the votes and share the new St. Paul's logo with you on Easter morning!



**"Following Jesus to the Cross"** is a special Lenten series we started on Sunday, February 26. During this series we will follow Jesus' journey to the cross! Every Sunday at either service, you will get a gift to fit the theme of that week, a keepsake created by our wonderful Amigos and Crafters. The first gift is a cross, and then each week (and the days in Holy Week) another keepsake will follow, each one to remind you of an event in Jesus' life as he proceeds to the cross. (Attend as often as you can to collect all nine gifts, ending on Easter Sunday.)

We will also be offering a brief **Wednesday evening service at 7:30 pm** in which we will focus on a great saint whose life emulates the theme of that week. (The Lenten Planning survey told us over 20 people would attend a Wednesday evening service.)

## Rejoicing Spirits

Our next Rejoicing Spirits service is scheduled for **Sunday, April 2**, at 4:00 pm. Come and experience an amazing worship service where we have lots of music, meaningful messages, and a "no shushing" policy. All are welcome! We hope to see you there!

*Volunteers are requested to arrive at 3:30pm.*

2023 Giving For Operating Expenses YTD	Giving 3/5 - \$ 10,023	2023 Target
\$ 64,261 13%		\$ 490,622

YTD Budgeted Income: \$ 94,350 YTD Shortage: \$ 30,089

### **Grow in Faith as We Explore Faith Practices**

At 9:15 am on Sunday mornings in room 204, we will be watching a wonderful series of thought-provoking videos on faith practices. The class will watch one of these nine-minute videos and then share and discuss with each other! The videos are so well done that we'll spend two weeks discussing each one, so it's very easy to pop into the class. The videos topics and speakers:

- Brian McLaren: Prayer: Oriented toward God
- Sara Miles: Food: Eating, with Jesus
- Mike Slaughter: Worship: Seeking God's Presence
- Phyllis Tickle: Sacraments: A Tapestry of Traditions
- Shane Claiborne: Money: The Joy of Sharing
- Enuma Okoro: Service: The Needs Right in Front of You
- Doug Pagitt: Community: An Unexpected Family

***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](#).*

**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.



### **Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspectives Class**

meets following the 8 am worship service 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.

### **Simpson Meadows Bible Study**

meets Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. We study multi-week biblical-themed videos followed by a discussion relating the video to today's world. Sessions are independent and can be joined any time without participating in earlier sessions. We meet in the second floor lounge of Simpson Meadows. Masks and front-desk check-in required. All are welcome.

### **Bear Creek Summer Camp**

With the warm weather we are having this winter, it's a good time to start thinking about Summer camp. Bear Creek Camp is currently accepting Early Bird registrations for Summer Camp through March 31. If you register before the end of March, your campers will receive a free camp t-shirt. First and second graders can participate in the half week "Try Camp" program for first time campers and the older kids have a full week program. Siblings are eligible for a \$50 discount.



[Click here for information.](#)

[Click here to register.](#)

## **YOUTH INFORMATION**

**THE NEXT HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS'** will be this coming **Saturday, March 18**, beginning at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's. Come spend some time relaxing, eating, and talking about entertaining topics. No heavy stuff, just a chance to de-stress. Signup is NOT required, just show up. Feel free to bring along a friend or two!

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT REGISTRATION PAYMENTS ARE DUE** by this coming **Sunday, March 19**; information can be found in the e-mail sent earlier this week. Checks may be made payable to either congregation and given to Craig Miller or dropped off at either church office. A few openings for youth are still available; contact Craig Miller for more information.

**EASTER IS COMING, AND SO IS ST. MATTHEW'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!** All children from toddlers through 5th grade are invited to participate in this free community event on **Saturday, April 8**, beginning at 10:00 am, and hosted by our partner congregation St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2440 Conestoga Road in Chester Springs. Sign-ups aren't required, but they really help with planning, so sign up here if you know your kids will be there on the 8: [April 8 St. Matt's Easter Egg Hunt](#).

**YOUTH HELP NEEDED FOR ST. MATT'S EASTER EGG HUNT** - We are looking for several youth (6th through 12th graders) to help with this event on **Saturday, April 8**. Assistance is needed hiding eggs from 8:30 to 9:30 am, as well as running the event itself from 9:30 to 11:00 am. You can sign up for one or both time slots by clicking here: [April 8 Egg Hunt Helpers](#).

**DON'T MISS OUR YOUTH LASER TAG AND MINI GOLF SESSION** on **Sunday, April 23**, at Grand Slam in Malvern for all 6th through 12th graders. Meet at St. Paul's at noon for pizza, then we will carpool to Grand Slam for an afternoon of fun. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign up here by April 16 to participate: [April 23 Youth Laser Tag](#).

See the *Youth Ministry News* or contact Craig Miller ([craigyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:craigyouthmin@gmail.com)) for details about these opportunities!

# CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Benefiting




*Friday, March 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 and  
Saturday, March 18 from 8:00am - 12:30pm*


**\* \* \* 50% Off Sale starts at 10:30 \* \* \***

*(doors are closed from 10:15 – 10:30 to prepare for 50% off sale)*

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and School**  
2440 Conestoga Road, Chester Springs  
(on Route 401 east of Route 100)  
610-458-3381

 Gently worn top quality spring / summer children's clothing from newborn to size 16/juniors

 Gently used games, puzzles and toys including outdoor play toys, ride-ons and bikes

 Kids Electronics, books, baby equipment, strollers

**We now accept cash, checks and credit cards.**

**Like "St. Matthew's Consignment Sale" on Facebook!**

*Sellers from the Chester Springs area are consigning a large selection of gently used spring and summer children's clothes, as well as toys, books, furniture, and baby equipment.*

***An event not to be missed!!***