

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Lionville February 25, 2024



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

Second 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.

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 attending, [add your name here](#) so that you can receive more information (and so we know to expect you). Contact [Craig Miller](#) with questions.



Spaghetti Dinner Donations Needed

Youth Ministry is looking for people to donate food and supplies for their Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Donations should be dropped off at St. Paul's by **Thursday, February 29**, or at St. Matthew's by noon **Friday, March 1**. Sign up here to contribute: [Spaghetti Dinner Food Donations](#).

Make Your Reservation for the Spaghetti Dinner!

The Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is coming up next **Friday, March 1**, at St. Matthew's. As before, there will be a 5:30 pm seating and a 7:00 pm seating. This will not be a ticketed event; people are instead encouraged to 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 by going to this Signup Genius: [March 1 Spaghetti Dinner](#).

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. Visit StPaulsLionville.org/events to sign up!



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@stpauls.org) if you would like to receive reminders and preview the music. Future Early Praise Choir dates are April 7 and May 5.

Bring Your Bible to Church

As we study the Gospel of Mark during 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 to follow along. I'm looking forward to spending time in the Gospel of Mark and I hope you are too!

-Pastor Stuart

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 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!

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 St. Paul's and St. Matthew's 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 in the eggs! Donation boxes are in the back of the church and on the office porch. Please bring all candy by **Sunday, March 17**. Thank you!!!

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 are 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, 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! **Current tally is 1,853 points for St. Paul's and 6,301 points for St. Matthew's.**

Mark Bible Studies

We hope you can participate in one of the Gospel of Mark Bible Studies being offered through 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

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!

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.

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: [Spaghetti Dinner HELP](#).

OUR NEW YOUTH E-GAMING GROUP meets this **Sunday, February 25**, from 1:00-3:00 pm at Uplink Studios in Glenmoore. This group is open to all 6th through 12th graders, including friends. Sign up here to reserve your gaming station: [February 25 Youth E-Gaming](#). The family cost is \$20 for one participant, and \$35 for two or more participants (any youth above two are free). Scholarships are available through both congregations if finances are an issue; talk to Craig Miller or one of the pastors for more information.

THE NEXT HIGH SCHOOL OASIS is this **Sunday, February 25**, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Heath family home, 354 Devon Drive in Exton. Come hang out for a bit, relax with friends, and share what's going on in each other's lives. Open to all 9th through 12th graders, including friends. No signup necessary.

JUST A HANDFUL OF SPOTS ARE STILL OPEN 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!

Concert at St. John's

You are invited to a concert by "Doppelflöte" at St.

Newsletter Deadline

Please [email Marisa](#) your articles for

John's Lutheran Church, 355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville, on **Sunday, February 25**, at 4:00 pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

March's newsletter by **Saturday, February 24**.

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. 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.

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).

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!

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 first ball! Purchase your tickets [here!](#)



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. Team up with a friend or a church group and have some fun!

Prayer Team

If you would like to be part of the prayer team that is contacted when immediate prayer is needed or if you have an immediate need for prayer, please email [Pastor Stuart](mailto:PastorStuart).

Website Quick Links

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St. Paul's takes pictures and video to share digitally and in print. If you have concerns about something being shared, please contact [Pastor Stuart](mailto:PastorStuart).

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 am Service

Altar Care:	Pechin III, F
Asst. Minister:	Pechin, M
Lector:	Strawbridge, H
Usher/Greeter:	Dierksheide, D
Usher/Greeter:	Dierksheide, L
Acolyte:	Can you help?

10:30 am Service

Altar Care:	Kerstetter, H
Asst. Minister:	Albright, A
Lector:	Borneman, E
Usher/Greeter:	Fabry, J
Usher/Greeter:	Young, A
Acolyte:	Young, W
Lock-Up:	Smith, P

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Week of Sunday, February 25, 2024

Date	Time	Event
Sun, Feb 25:	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)
	9:30 am	Contemporary Issues/Christian Perspective (208)
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	1:00 pm	<i>Youth E-Gaming Outing (Uplink Studios)</i>
	6:30 pm	OASIS
Mon, Feb 26:	9:30 am	Women's Gospel of Mark Bible Study (110)
	1:00 pm	Knitters (110)
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 216 Meeting (FH)
	7:00 pm	Social Ministry Meeting (101)
Tue, Feb 27:	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den 2-Bears (FH)
	7:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (110)
	7:00 pm	Mutual Ministry Meeting (Zoom)
Wed, Feb 28:	10:00 am	Crafters (Parsonage)
	6:15 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Parent Support Group (FH)
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	<i>Youth Support Meeting (St. Matthew's)</i>
Thu, Feb 29:	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)
	6:15 pm	Voice of the Spirit Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri, Mar 1:	5:30 pm	<i>Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser (St. Matthew's)</i>
Sat, Mar 2:	9:30 am	Cub Scout Den 5-Webelos (FH)
	3:30 pm	Cub Scout Den 8-Lions (FH)

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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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