

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

February 12, 2023

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THIS WEEK (Feb. 12 - 18, 2023)

Sun, 12:	8:00 am	<i>Bear Creek Camp Retreat</i> Traditional Worship Service
	9:15	Sunday School (age 3 potty-trained-5th gr)
	9:15	Confirmation Class 6-8th Gr (Pars.)
	9:15	Explore Faith Practices (204)
	9:30	Current Issues/Christn Perspec (208)
	10:30	Contemporary Worship Service
	11:30	Chat and Chews Book Club (102)
	4:00 pm	Rejoicing Spirits Service
Mon, 13:	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts 216 (FH)
	7:30	Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue, 14:	11:30 am	Rare Birds Valentine's Pizza Party (101)
	6:00 pm	Cub Den 4 (FH)
	6:45	Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
	7:00	<i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i>
	7:30	Car Club Meeting (FH)
Wed, 15:	9:30 am	Crafters (Parsonage)
	6:15 pm	Voice of Spirit-Teen Choir (Choir Room)
	6:30	Parent Support Group (FH)
	7:30	Worship Team Meeting (Sanctuary)
Thu, 16:	8:00 am	Amigos (Parsonage)
	6:00 pm	Cub Pack Meeting (FH)
	7:30	Kingdom Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri, 17:		
Sat, 18:		

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. All are welcome!

Our Prayer List We pray for Sue, Julie, Stanley, Rick, Ray, Maureen, Chet, 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.



Volunteers 8:00 10:30

<i>Altar Care:</i>	Melissa Pechin	Lauren Zurowski
<i>Asst Min:</i>	Will Shallow	Bill Brauer
<i>Lector:</i>	Jim Lammey	Anne Albright
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Dan Dierksheide	Sue McIlvaine
<i>Usher/Greet:</i>	Linda Dierksheide	Jim McIlvaine
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Jacob Wiest	Azzy Gulliford
<i>Lock-up:</i>	Scott Heath	

Renew Your Wedding Vows This Sunday!

With Valentine's Day approaching next week, our worship this Sunday will include an opportunity to renew your marriage vows as part of worship. No preparation is necessary, it's just an opportunity to celebrate your marriage, whether it's only been a few years or many, many!



Communications Survey Our Communication Team would love your feedback about a number of areas of our ministry. Please take a few moments [and fill out this very brief survey!](#) Thank you!

Chester County Food Bank Boxes & Donations

The last trip to the Chester County Food Bank will be on Monday, February 13, so please bring your donations to church this weekend (you will find items needed urgently on page 2).

If you have a box to decorate please also bring that in. We are missing 7 boxes!

Thank you for your great response to this drive!



Support the Middle East after the Earthquake

You've no doubt read about the earthquakes which on February 6 devastated Turkey and Syria causing significant destruction with over 10,000 deaths. Our Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to supporting ACT Alliance and other partners by providing immediate aid. You may give to Lutheran Disaster Response [with this link](#) and all gifts will be 100% directed toward this effort. Thank you!



Rare Birds Please join the Rare Birds on Tuesday, February 14, for a Valentine's Pizza Party! We will meet in the room 101 at 11:30 am. We are asking for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of the meal. Please RSVP to Karen Lammey by February 10 at karen@lammey.com.

President's Day The church office will be closed Monday, February 20, in observance of President's Day.



Restock the Food Bank Shelves! After the holidays, food banks tend to run dry and we'd like to help restock those shelves. Donations will be delivered to the Chester County Food Bank for the last time on Monday, February 13, so please bring your donations to church this weekend. Thank you for your great response to this drive!

Here are items needed now (preferably low sugar, low sodium, no fructose, no glass containers):

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| - Breakfast Cereal/Oatmeal | - Pasta, Brown Rice | - Pasta Sauce | - Canned Tomatoes |
| - Beans (dried/canned) | - Cooking Oils | - Herbs and Spices | - Hearty soups |
| - Crackers (whole grain) | - Whole grain granola bars | - Condiments/Dressings | - Snacks |
| - Dried/Canned Fruits in juice | - Peanut butter (not high fruct) | - Canned Tuna, Salmon, Chicken | |

Thrivent Action Cards Are you a member of Thrivent? We can use your help! Thrivent will provide up to \$250 in seed money to put on a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. There are several committees at St. Paul's who actively use these funds for projects such as school bags, quilts, baby care kits, and personal care kits. Applying is very easy. We can walk you through it. Reach out to Ann Byer at 484-678-6445 or annbyer1@gmail.com. We'd be delighted to add you to our list.

Donations for Quilts The quilters need your help! We have many beautiful quilt tops assembled. We need blankets and sheets to complete the quilts. If you have new / nearly new blankets or colored sheets that we can use, please place them in the bin under the table in the hallway marked "Quilts".

Per Lutheran World Relief guidelines, we cannot use wool, fleece, or microfiber items. The water filtration systems in some of these areas cannot handle the fibers shed by these materials.

Help Write Our Lenten Devotional Our Lent planning survey revealed that many folks would be blessed by a Lenten devotional written by the people of St. Paul's! This is where **YOU** come in!! This [Google Spreadsheet](#) lists the days of Lent with a suggested scripture passage from the Revised Common Lectionary. We are asking if you will pick a text and write a short devotion for the people of St. Paul's. (You can just start with one and if less than 40 people sign up, we might ask you to write a second one.) If you've never written a devotion before, [this article will help you to learn how to do so!](#) If you have any questions, please feel free to email PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org or call 610-804-1740.

Thank you so much for blessing everyone's Lenten journey.

Boxes Needed As the Social Ministry Committee looks ahead to Easter and our food drive to fill 55 baskets for Easter dinners, we're asking that you please start to save boxes for us.

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.

Special Lenten Following Jesus to the Cross Series!

We have a very special Lenten Journey for you this year which starts with two **Ash Wednesday** services at noon and 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 22.

On the following **Sunday, February 26**, at the 8:00 and 10:30 am services we will start a worship series which follows Jesus journey to the cross! Every Sunday 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.)

Finally, the survey also revealed that a number of people would be blessed by a daily Lenten devotional written by the people of St. Paul's. In the "Lenten Devotional" article above you'll learn more about how you can offer a Lenten devotion that will be emailed out to everyone each day.

We truly hope that all of these Lenten additions will bless your Lent this year!

Communion Procedures Changes As we are looking forward to resuming communion procedures more consistent with pre-pandemic times, our new process will use intinction. Please gather at the altar with those on the lectern side of the church filling from the back to the front, and those on the organ side filling from the front to the back. The Pastor will come around with the bread (wafer), rotating around the altar. The Assisting Minister will follow with a chalice of wine. Please dip the wafer in the wine and partake of both elements together. You may then return to your seat by the outside aisles and others may fill in as available. If you prefer gluten-free wafers, grape juice or prefer not to use intinction, the packets with these supplies will be on the tables as you approach the altar. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org or 610-804-1740.



Our next Rejoicing Spirits service is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. 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.

Chat and Chews Book Club meets once a month during the school year usually on the second Sunday of the month (unless it conflicts with holidays/events). We have a new meeting time/location: after the 10:30 service in Room 102. Bring along a packed lunch.

We work together to select books we would like to read. Some are Christian-based and others are just interesting book suggestions from the members. Either genre provides a lively and faithful conversation.

We have selected the following books for the discussion on the following dates:

March 12—*Stanger in the Lifeboat*, by Mitch Albom;

April 16—*American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins;

May 21—*The Thank-You Project*, by Nancy Davis Kho.

Our motto is read the book or don't read the book, and still come to enjoy fellowship with a great group. You do not have to attend each month, only when you are available. Please contact Gwen Werner for more information. Happy reading!

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 & 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

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 & front-desk check-in required. All are welcome.

Shorti Wawa Coupons for Sale!

We have discount Wawa shorti hoagie coupons in the office. Cost is \$5 per coupon. Stop by and see Cari or Marisa.

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](#).

Contemporary Issues/Christian

Perspectives Class meets following the worship 8 am 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.

Welcome Marisa & New Staff Office Hours

Welcome to Marisa Weisskopf who started this week as our Communications and Office Administrator! Her email address is Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org. We will also be adjusting some of the office hours. We wanted to make sure everyone knows them so you can connect with our staff.

- Marisa will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-4 pm. She will be working from home the same hours on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Cari will be scaling back her hours and will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday mornings.
- Pastor Stuart will continue to take Monday off, will usually be in the office Tuesday through Thursday, except when at meetings or visiting, and plans to work from home on Fridays for worship and sermon preparation. For emergencies, he is available at 610-804-1740.

It's always wise to schedule an appointment, just to make sure the staff member you want to connect with is in the office and available. Additionally, we plan to upgrade the church phone system this year, hopefully allowing the phones to forward to wherever we are working.

Thanks so much for your understanding!

This Week at St. Paul's Starting today, "This Week at St. Paul's" (or TWASP) will be emailed Friday mornings. This gives volunteers and staff an extra day to submit articles and decreases the amount of time for articles to become obsolete. Please have articles submitted to Marisa by the end of the previous Wednesday. TWASP emails will be sent from Marisa@StPaulsLionville.org going forward.

Coffee Fellowship Help The volunteer list to sign up to provide snacks / prepare coffee on Sundays is online via Signup Genius. Sign up with a friend or with a church group! Sign up at [StPaulsLionville.org/hostfellowship](https://www.signupgenius.com/SignUp/Signup.asp?url=https://www.stpaulslionville.org/hostfellowship) or in the narthex. Have some fun!

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



2023 Giving For Operating Expenses YTD

Giving 2/5 - 7,490

2023 Target

\$ 39,826 8%

\$ 490,622

YTD Budgeted Income: \$ 56,610 YTD Shortage: \$ 16,785

The Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!

Save **Friday evening, March 10**, on your calendar for the return of this highly-popular social event! Come and enjoy delicious food that somebody else cooks while also spending time in conversation with others in our community. The dinner will be held in the Christian Life Center (CLC) of **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2440 Conestoga Road in Chester Springs**. Two seatings will be available: 5:30-7:00 and 7:00-8:30. Tickets go on sale beginning Sunday, February 19, but hold the date on your calendar now!

\$ 10 Adults \$ 5 Children (12 & under) \$ 25 per Family

(Seriously — where else can you get a good dinner out at these prices? Even "fast food" costs more!)



YOUTH INFORMATION

LAST CALL TO SIGN UP FOR THE JUNE 18-21 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.! This trip is open to all current **5th through 7th graders** and will involve spending three full days at the Steinbruck Center of Luther Place Memorial Church in our nation's capital. While there, we will learn about the issues that people face living in poverty in urban areas through activities, walking tours, and service projects. We will also spend time sightseeing and visiting some of the local tourist attractions. The cost is \$240 per person, with scholarships and other means available to reduce that amount. **The signup deadline is this Sunday, February 12**; sign up here to join our group: [Middle School Trip to Washington D.C.](#)

WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH returns on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25. This annual event shines a light on child hunger across the world, while also giving teens the opportunity to be challenged personally by the experience of true hunger through a 30-hour juice fast. Our group will gather from 6 pm Friday through 6:30 pm Saturday to engage in activities teaching about the causes and impacts of child hunger, support each other through our own fasting, and learn about ways that we can work to fight this global issue. **Youth may participate even if they cannot fast, and may also come and go from the event if they have other commitments Friday evening or Saturday.** To join us in this unforgettable and deeply meaningful experience, go to this link: [World Vision 30 Hour Famine Signup](#). Click on the 'Join Our Team' button and follow the directions from there.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ESCAPE ROOM EVENT - On Sunday, February 26, our Middle School Youth will spend an hour at Elite Escape Room in Exton attempting to solve "Aladdin: The Mystery of the Lamp!" We will meet at St. Paul's at 12:15 pm for pizza, then carpool over to the event. We will return to St. Paul's parking lot around 2:15 pm. The cost will be \$15 per participant; friends are welcome to join us, as always! Sign up here to be part of the fun: [Feb. 26 Middle School Escape Room](#).

See the *Youth Ministry News* or contact Craig Miller
(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!!