

This Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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THIS WEEK (August 13-19, 2023)

Sun, 13:	9:30 am 10:30 4:00 pm	Combined Worship Service Cont. Issues/Christian Perspectives (Sanc.) Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service
Mon, 14:	1:00 pm	Knitters (110)
Tue, 15:	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Staff Meeting (110) <i>Simpson Meadows Bible Study</i>
Wed, 16:	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Crafters (Picnic Grove) Parent Support Group (FH)
Thu, 17:	8:00 am 12:30 pm 6:30	Amigos (Pars.) Blood Drive (FH) Meeting (110)
Fri, 18:	7:00 pm	Friday Night Fire Pit
Sat, 19:		

WORSHIP With Us This Sunday!

Come join us! Or if you prefer - worship with us online at 9:30 am by clicking on [Worship Online](#) or visiting StPaulsLionville.org. All are welcome!

Our Prayer List We pray for Patricia, Mary Ann, Stanley, Bill, Mark, Steven, Mary, Kelly, Rick, William, Wrenly, Brett, Amy, Jan, Dave, Marlene, Nancy, Josie, Garnet, Ben, Chip, Sandy, Alice, and Jean, and our friends and other residents at Simpson Meadows. We lift up Daniel, Zach, Alistar, and Chris in the military. We pray for those who grieve, including the family and friends of Bob McIlvaine. Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.



Summer Praise Choir Come join St. Paul's summer pick-up choir on **Sunday, August 20**. This choir is a great opportunity for people who want to sing with a group without the requirement of advance preparation. We'll meet at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary on August 20 to prepare an anthem to sing in worship that day. If you'd like to be added to the email list for reminders and to preview the song, please email Lyndsey@StPaulsLionville.org.



Blood Drive St. Paul's is hosting a blood drive on **Thursday, August 17**, from 2:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (last appointment time is 7:00 pm).



The Red Cross requires donors to pre-register to donate. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and enter the sponsor code "splutheran".

Volunteers	9:30 am
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Will Shallow
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Gary Sarpen
<i>Lector:</i>	Bruce Burt
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Kirk Berger
<i>Usher/Greeter:</i>	Bryon Wornson
<i>Acolyte:</i>	
<i>Lock-up:</i>	Peter Smith

LWR School Bags Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. School bag kits help keep education going during a crisis. The kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.



To donate, [click here](#) to sign up or visit StPaulsLionville.org/Events. Items will be bundled and sent globally. New items only. Please return to St. Paul's Lutheran Church by **Friday, September 1**.

**** We are in special need of notebooks (70-page count wide or college ruled) which are only .35 cents each at Walmart! ****

Rejoicing Spirits

The next Rejoicing Spirits service is scheduled for **Sunday, August 13**, 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 after for fellowship and refreshments.



RALLY DAY!

Sunday, September 10



Return to Two Services and Sunday School

As we start the fall programming on Sunday, September 10, we return to two services, Traditional at 8:00 am and Contemporary at 10:30 am, with Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 am. Also, after the second service, there will be a Visioning Process Potluck and Progress Report which you can learn about in the article below!

Potluck Lunch and Vision Progress Report

On Rally Day, the Visioning Team will present a progress report. Join us for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the second service and stay for the opportunity to hear about the six themes our team has discerned from our four sources of wisdom: God, you, outside sources (such as other churches and leaders), and the local community from 11:45-1:30 pm. We look forward to sharing the congregation's ideas with you! To sign up for the potluck, [click here](#) or visit StPaulsLionville.org/Events.



Animate Bible Adult Class

Last year we explored two great video curriculums called Animate Faith and Animate Practices. They were short video lessons by very well known teachers which were followed by great conversation among the group. This fall we'd like to use the third in the series, "Animate Bible" that I know you will also find fascinating! The group will start up again on [Sunday, September 10](#), from 9:15-10:15 am in room 204. I hope you can bring a cup of coffee and attend and grow in faith!



Chat and Chews Book Club

will resume meeting monthly (unless it conflicts with holidays/events) on [Sunday, September 17](#), after the 10:30 am service in Room 102 due to the potluck. The summer reads were:

- [A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains](#), by Isabella Bird
- [The Last Thing He Told Me](#), by Laura Dave
- [The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency](#), by Alexander McCall Smith
- [The Personal Librarian](#), by Marie Benedict

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!



Sunday School Registration

One of the most enduring and important gifts you can give a child is faith. To know that you are loved and special to God, so much so that Jesus died and rose from the dead for you, is the basic foundation of our faith. For most children, this faith grows through a Christian Education program like Sunday School!



Last year we had a fantastic Sunday School year, finally able to fully gather after the challenges of the pandemic and we're looking forward to this year being even better! We would ask everyone to register so the teachers can be well prepared and so we know about any special needs or allergies. You can [register online here](#) or there are also paper copies available in the narthex. This could be for your children, grandchildren, or any family members or friends who would like to attend!

We want this gift of faith for every child we can bless! Filling out the registration form will help us be well prepared for the fall classrooms, so please do so as soon as possible. (Ages are potty trained through fifth grade.) If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Stuart at 610-804-1740 or PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org or our Sunday School Coordinator, Ginny Graham, at vgg333@aol.com or 610-329-7437.

Bibles for Second Grade and Up

On Rally Day we'll be giving out Bibles to our second and third graders and any older kids who might not have received a Bible from St. Paul's. If you would like your child to receive a Bible, please contact the church office and we'll be glad to offer this faith growing gift!



Confirmation Coming Soon

If you have or know a student who is in sixth through eighth grade, we would love to have them participate in the Confirmation Ministry! Last year we had a number of new students jump in at the recommendation of friends and we would love to welcome anyone new to this ministry! You can learn a lot more about Confirmation [on this webpage](#) which also includes [this registration form](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Stuart at PastorStuart@StPaulsLionville.org or 610-804-1740 or Joan Strawbridge at jstrawbridge52@yahoo.com.



Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices

Children (and teachers and adults as well) are welcome to bring their backpacks on [Sunday, August 27](#), for a blessing as they head off to school in many districts the following week!



The Nursery is Open! Thanks to some wonderful donations and a little bit of labor there is now a nursery available across from the downstairs restrooms. If your child (or your spouse) is having a bad morning the nursery is available with some toys, a nursing nook, and especially a livestream TV showing the service! Feel free to use it whenever it would be helpful!

Simpson Meadows Bible Study The Simpson Meadows Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Simpson Meadows, 101 Plaza Drive in Downingtown. We study multi-week biblical-themed videos followed by a discussion of the video relating it to today's world. We are currently viewing a 6-week video study on the gospel of Luke, presented by Adam Hamilton. The series examines how Jesus looked favorably on the outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws of society. It is quite an appropriate study for our world today. All sessions are independent and can be joined at any time without viewing the earlier sessions. We meet in the second floor lounge of Simpson Meadows. Front-desk check-in is required. All St. Paul's members are welcome to join this study.

Shorti Wawa Coupons for Sale!

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



Sign Up to Receive Texts from St. Paul's

In order to meet the current communication rules, please fill out a very short form at StPaulsLionville.org/textsignup to opt in to be notified and updated about upcoming events at St. Paul's via text.



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!



Have old eyeglasses?

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



Donut Days The Social Ministry Team will host coffee and donut fellowship on [Sunday, August 27](#). You are invited to gather, enjoy donuts, and donate to the [Turkey house](#) if you like.



St. Paul's Financials Total Income YTD: \$ 251,116
Total Expense YTD: \$ 254,598
Difference: (\$ 3,483)

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH KICKOFF POOL PARTY is coming up next [Sunday, August 20](#), from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Holmes family pool in East Fallowfield. All teens going into the 9th through 12th grades are invited for a fun afternoon of swimming, games, and food! Bring a snack to share; pizza and drinks will be provided. Sign up here: [August 20 High School Pool Party](#). Be sure to sign up so we know how many people to expect, and so we can share the address with you!

ATTENTION ALL INCOMING 6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS! The Middle School Youth Kickoff will be [Saturday, August 26](#), from 3:00-4:30 pm at St. Paul's. Come have some fun with outdoor games, activities, a fire pit, and other stuff as we mark the start of another great year, and find out what other events are in store! Go to this link to sign up and to see who else will be there: [August 26 Middle School Youth Kickoff](#). Friends are welcome to come, too!

THE HIGH SCHOOL 'OASIS' GROUP RESUMES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Matthew's. Come spend some down time sharing highs and lows, munching on snacks, and de-stressing with friends. No heavy topics or deep Bible studies, just a chance to unwind. No advance sign-up is necessary, either; you can just arrive. All 9th through 12th graders are invited to join us at the OASIS, including friends!

"CREATED TO BE": THE 2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS, LA - The big, every-three-year get together of high school youth from across the United States is happening again next summer from [Tuesday-Saturday, July 16 -20, 2024](#). This event is open to all students who will be in the 8th through 12th grades this coming year, and is an exciting opportunity to experience new and different ways that faith can be seen, heard, and touched. (It's an amazing thing to worship in a domed stadium with 25,000 other people that share your beliefs!)

There will be two information sessions for youth and families to find out more about this event: [Sunday, September 17](#), at 11:45 am at St. Paul's, and [Sunday, September 24](#), at 10:45 am at St. Matthew's. (People from either congregation are welcome to attend either session.) We want to have our St. Matthew's/ St. Paul's group in place by the early registration deadline of October 15, so now is the time to start thinking about and making plans for our trip to New Orleans in July!

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](#).