

St. Paul's December 2024 Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 am - Traditional Service
9:15 am - Faith Formation for all ages
10:30 am - Contemporary Service

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St. Paul's regularly takes pictures and video to share all the wonderful things happening digitally and in print. If you or your family are concerned about something being shared in this manner, please contact [Pastor Stuart](mailto:PastorStuart@stpaulslionville.org).

A Note from Pastor Stuart

This year I'm planning for the Christmas Eve services to preach on the promise from the angels, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" Peace is certainly something we all need. It brings to mind an amazing event that took place in 1914 in the midst of the brutality of the first World War. On Christmas Eve the fighting had stopped and soldiers on both sides hunkered down in their fox holes to face another long, cold night. Instead of being together with friends and family on this most special night, they were in the service of their individual countries in muddy, dirty and sometimes bloody holes in the ground. They huddled together on that night and passed around bottles to push away the sadness and the cold.



They say it started with combined Christmas carols, each sung in their own language. And then slowly men left their foxholes from both sides, without their weapons. They exchanged small gifts such as food, tobacco, alcohol, and souvenirs. They showed each other pictures of their families. It hardly sounds possible, but they actually spent Christmas Day together, an unofficial truce being called on this most holy day, no matter from which country they came. And then sadly the day after, they returned to their foxholes to continue the war in which each believed.

That Christmas story embodies a simple truth. When we experience fear and hardships, when we're lonely during the holidays, when we deal with the frustration of families or whatever challenge you might be facing, the Christmas story has the power of hope. We have the simple hope that God came among us to pour His love upon us. Invite someone else and make time yourself to come and sing those familiar words, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight!"

PASTOR STUART

Serving on Church Council



Our nominating committee will soon be meeting and discerning about who might serve on our Church Council. This is the primary leadership body of the church and so very important as we accomplish our ministry at St. Paul's. As Church Council member Greg Dommel shares about serving on council:

I enjoy being on church council at St. Paul's. It's an opportunity to be part of a team where we all share a common goal to strive to fulfill our mission statement: Grow in Faith, Serve with Love and Invite into Fellowship.

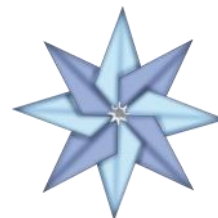
It's satisfying to help the visions of our various ministry sub-committees to be fulfilled, and it's equally rewarding when an activity that I champion—like The Blessing of the Animals—is supported by my fellow members. When a successful activity is completed, it's heartwarming to learn that members had a great time, or that guests became interested in future membership.

Ultimately, I care about St. Paul's and want the best for the church and all its members and guests. Being a part of a unified team that works toward that common goal is truly a blessing.

If you have interest in serving on Church Council, please contact the church office. The group will be looking for council members who have a variety of gifts including attending different services, men, and women, younger and older, newer to St. Paul's and here longer, etc. You can also recommend others you think have the gifts to serve in this important role!

Longest Night Community Service

Please join with Christians of our community as we gather and worship together on **Sunday, December 22, 2024** at 5 pm at Marsh Creek Community Church, 101 Crump Rd, Exton, PA, 19341 (Online at www.marshcreekchurch.org) Sometimes the Christmas season can be difficult and this service honors the lamentations we sometimes feel, but the light of Christ still persists. The service is offered by the Exton/Lionville Ministerium and will feature music, preaching and opportunities to reflect on the challenges and the support that this unique time of the year offers. We hope you can gather with your neighbors!



Church Directory Update

In preparation for printing another church directory in December, if your contact information has changed or if you have a picture of you or your family to share, [please use this simple online form!](#) Thanks for keeping the directory up to date to help get to know each other!



Director of Music

Documents related to our search for a new Director of Music are now available. If you or someone you know is interested, they can be found at StPaulsLionville.org/careers! Please keep this process in prayer as our discerning team receives information, starts to interview, and seeks God's direction.



Poinsettias for Sale

We will be getting red poinsettias in 6" pots that will decorate our altar on Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase one in honor or memory of someone, please [submit this form](#). Cost is \$10 and we will put your message in our bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran" and note on the memo line that it's for poinsettias. You can take the poinsettias home after all the Christmas Eve services. Email [Maureen](#) with questions.



Wanted: Members for the Parking Lot Improvement Committee

Do you have a knack for marketing, fundraising or just have a passion to see improvements at St. Paul's come to fruition? If so, we'd love for you to be a part of this much-needed project!

We're planning to raise approximately \$100,000 during 2025—through a variety of means—to completely repave our entire property.

We'd like to kickoff this project within weeks, so if you're interested, please sign up at StPaulsLionville.org/events so we can schedule a meeting soon. Thanks!



Chat and Chews Book Club

The Chat and Chews Sunday School Book Club will now meet on the THIRD Sunday of each month, after the late service in the Lounge next to the Hospitality Room. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, December 15**.



We will be reading "Apples Never Fall," by Liane Moriarty. 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 ggwerner@verizon.net or call the church office for more information. Happy Reading!

Adult Faith Formation

The Friday Night Fire Pit Fellowship Group has been extinguished for the year. Many thanks to all who have attended physically or spiritually. Look for us again next spring on the first Friday after Easter - **April 25, 2025**.

The Sunday morning Contemporary Issues / Christian Perspectives class meets at the Sunday School time of ~9:15 am upstairs in room 208. With a lively discussion we dig deeper into current issues through Christian perspectives using the worship service Bible readings of the day. The class is led by Frank Pechin. All are welcome.



Giving the Gift of Love to a Neighbor

In some families it has become a tradition to not only give material gifts to each other, but also to make donations on behalf of a loved one for needy people in our nation and community. If you would find this a blessing, three opportunities you might consider are:

[Appalachia Service Project](#) (We have a strong connection with them through our service projects and they have been very involved in Hurricane Helene cleanup.)
[Lutheran World Relief](#) (Always doing wonderful work!)
[ELCA Good Gifts](#)



Social Ministry News

Our next Living-Love-Lunch meal packing event date is **Tuesday, December 10** at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be preparing 50 lunches of sandwiches, a drink, fruit, chips and cookies for the homeless in Chester. If you're able to lend a hand, please join us.

Also, with winter around the corner we are collecting men's gently used athletic shoes and work boots and sleeping bags for the homeless. Look for the collection bin under the hallway tables.

We had a great turn out of children and adults and filled 53 Thanksgiving baskets together with chickens and delivered them to those in need at the Care Center Foundation in West Chester.

We also filled 300 Thrivent reusable food bags with Thanksgiving dinners for all of the Honey Brook Food Pantry members. A big thank you to Thrivent for helping out and providing our pizza lunch.

Also, for the Honey Brook Food pantry we are collecting winter coats for adults and children. There's a collection box in the narthex, so if you're able to help, please drop your donations there.

We continue to collect gently used flat sheets for our Baby Care Kits. We can use the flannel sheets to make diapers and the cotton sheets can be used for making quilts. There is a collection bin in the narthex under the tables.

Our Crafters hosted a candy-making session and made 40 boxes of chocolate turtles to sell at Thanksgiving. Proceeds help pay for materials to make baby blankets that go to Lutheran World Relief, and Christmas stockings for the children attending the daycare center at the Care Foundation in West Chester.

We had our first pop-up thrift store meeting to fundraise for local charities and renovations to the parsonage. We had 12 interested attendees and came away with great ideas and suggestions. We plan to have our grand opening on the day of the Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, February 2**. If you're interested in helping, please [email Jenn Pindle](#).

Christmas Eve Services



We will have three services for Christmas Eve on **Tuesday, December 24**: a children's service at 4:00 pm, a contemporary service at 7:30 pm, and a traditional service at 10:00 pm. Please note that there will be only one service at 9:30 am on **Sunday, December 29**.

In Touch Christmas Cards

This year the In Touch Ministry is sponsoring the mailing of the St. Paul's Christmas Greeting Card and we need help signing cards, stuffing and labeling envelopes. Join the fun in-between services on **Sunday, December 8**, 9:15 am, in the upstairs fellowship hall. All are invited to help out and a light breakfast will be served. Contact [Kirsten McCurdy](#) with any questions.



St. Paul's Christmas Gifts

Looking for a special Christmas gift for that person who is so hard to buy for? Why not check out [St. Paul's online store](#) where you can buy them a sweatshirt, blanket, water bottle or many other options in every conceivable color and size!



Toys for Tots Toy Drive

Social Ministry is collecting new, unwrapped toys for children in Chester County. Toys for Tots collects toys for children of all ages. **However, there is a shortage of toys for children above age 12.** With Christmas shopping in full swing, please consider purchasing some gifts to help make Christmas a little more special for some local children.

Toys can be placed in the collection boxes in the airlocks or in the Narthex.

We are also collecting funds to purchase larger toys. If you would like to contribute in this way, please mark "Toys for Tots" on your check or envelope and place the donation in the offering.

Donations will be collected until noon on **Tuesday, December 10.**

Thank you!



Sunday School Christmas Pageant



On **Sunday, December 22** at the 10:30 am service, our children will share a wonderful presentation to get us ready for the coming joy of Christmas. We are sure their portrayal of the story of Christmas will delight everyone! Even if you normally attend the early service, you might want to come back and enjoy the children sharing their faith and talents with the congregation!

Christmas Eve Postcards

Throughout Advent we will have Christmas Eve postcards available for you to share with friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances. It's amazing how a simple invite to church through a postcard can change someone's life. Feel free to grab a few and bless someone through our Christmas Eve services!



Thank You from Lyndsey Holmes

I am overwhelmed by the love and kindness that the congregation of St. Paul's has shown me. But I really can't be surprised; St. Paul's has always been a generous and supportive community. I have felt supported by its members over the years in so many ways. From my time growing up at St. Paul's where I first started singing in worship and in musicals with The St. Paul's Players, to my teen years in confirmation and youth group, into my college and young adult years when I was given the opportunity to sing while I was in Pennsylvania visiting, and then as Director of Music for the past eleven years. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to grow in faith, serve with love and join in fellowship as part of this community.



I am at a loss for words to express my gratitude to everyone who took part in my farewell luncheon, who gave me cards and gifts, and who have shared memories and compliments over the past two months. I am grateful and my heart is full. One big, final "thank you" to everyone who has given so generously of their time and talent as members of the various music ensembles at St. Paul's, to the members of the congregation who have participated so vigorously in the worship life of the community, to the amazing staff who give whole-heartedly to their calling as church workers and to those people who have become like family.

The postlude sung on my final Sunday was "May You Run and Not Be Weary" by Paul Murakami and Handt Hanson. I thought it fitting to end my final newsletter article with the same words:

*May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel
always lead you home.*

2026 Church Council Nominating Committee

In order to speed up the annual meeting in February, we are looking for folks to volunteer ahead of time to serve on the 2026 Church Council Nominating Committee. The committee identifies good candidates to serve on Church Council and then asks if they are willing to serve. It is a short term commitment in November and December 2025. If you are interested or would like more info on what is involved, please reach out to [Kyle Wiest](#).

Rare Birds December Lunch

We will continue our tradition of meeting for lunch at Ron's - 74 E Uwchlan Ave, Exton on **Tuesday, December 10** at 11:30 (time change to beat the crowds). This is always a lovely time of food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Karen Lammey at karen@lammey.com by **Sunday, December 8** so we have a rough headcount. Hope you can join us!



Crafters Meeting Schedule

Crafters usually meet on Wednesdays at 10 am. They now meet in the downstairs area of the church (former preschool area). All are welcome!



THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN YOUTH MINISTRY – Check out the events calendars for a complete list of upcoming activities, information, and links to sign up!



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

The most current, up-to-date schedule of youth activities can always be found online at stpaulslionville.org/youth. Friends are ALWAYS welcome, too!

OUR ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TRIP TO ELMWOOD PARK ZOO'S "WILD LIGHTS" WITH THE KIDS FROM GEMMA SERVICES will be **Sunday evening, December 8** from 4:15 to 8:00 pm. Meet at St. Matt's at 4:15 pm to travel to Elmwood Park Zoo and meet the Gemma Services students 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: : [Dec. 8th Gemma Services "Wild Lights" Event](#).

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA! CHRISTMAS PARTY will be on **Saturday, December 14** from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Pastor Stuart's house. Come have a fun, festive afternoon with plenty of food, games, and our traditional gift exchange! Be sure to bring an inexpensive (\$5 or less), WRAPPED gag gift. All 6th through 8th graders are invited, including friends, for our annual exchange. Sign up here to join the merriment: [Dec. 14th Middle School MANIA! Christmas Party](#).

OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be on **Sunday, December 15** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Pastor Stuart's house. Spend an evening with friends having fun, playing games, and of course taking part in our annual gift exchange! (Bring an inexpensive, WRAPPED gag gift for the exchange.) All 9th through 12th graders are invited, including friends. Sign up here: [Dec. 15th High School Christmas Party](#).

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT MAY BE IN STORE FOR YOU IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO GO TO COLLEGE? We are going to have a special session with current St. Paul's and St. Matthew's college students on **Sunday, January 5** from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at St. Paul's, to give you the opportunity to hear about their experiences and ask any questions you may have. This will be geared toward current 11th and 12th graders, but younger high school students are welcome to come, too, especially if you are already thinking about college. Dinner will be provided. To reserve a spot, please sign up here: [Jan. 5th College Q&A](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW FOR NEXT SUMMER'S APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT WORK WEEK! Our annual work week with ASP will be **Saturday, July 12 through Saturday, July 19, 2025**. All current 7th through 12th graders are welcome to join us for a meaningful week of memorable fun and eye-opening experiences as we travel once more to Central Appalachia to help make people's homes safer, warmer, and drier. To register, go to the online [ASP Registration Portal](#) and use group code **15902** to find our trip. If you haven't participated in ASP before, you will need to create an account first; **be sure to create the account in the participant's name, not the parent's!** If you have questions about ASP, contact Craig Miller at craigyouthmin@gmail.com, or 484-320-0785.

Brickside Brunch for Living Love Lunches

We are partnering with Brickside Grille (in Eagleview) to raise funds for Living Love Lunches.

They have a buffet brunch on Sundays from 10 am until 1:30 pm. Our designated Sunday is the first one of the month.

The spread is amazing including many breakfast, lunch and seafood items. The cost is \$33 which includes coffee, tea or soft drinks.

When you present our flyer or email, Brickside will return 15% of your purchase to St. Paul's for Living Love Lunch supplies. Please remember that you must bring a paper flyer or show it on your phone in order for a donation to be made.

The menu and a flyer are below for you to take a look.

Thanks in advance for taking one for the team by eating too much!!!



SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET

10:00 am to 1:30 pm

\$33 for adults | \$15 young adults 5-12 | under 5 FREE

<p>Carving</p> <p>Australian Leg of Lamb <i>Mustard Rosemary Sauce</i></p> <p>Norwegian Salmon - za'tar spice <i>Cucumber Yogurt Sauce (tzatziki)</i></p> <p>New York Duroc Ham <i>Dark Rum Peach Sauce</i></p>	<p>Seafood</p> <p>Oysters</p> <p>Clams</p> <p>Shrimp Cocktail</p> <p>Hudson Valley Smoked Salmon <i>Capers, Red Onion, Pumpernickel Bread, Cream Cheese</i></p> <p>NZ Greenlip Mussels <i>Vermouth Scampi</i></p>	<p>Frittatas <i>Tomatoes, Baby Spinach, Peppers, Mushrooms, Onions, Ham, Bacon, Cheddar, Feta, Mozzarella</i></p> <p>Eggs Benedict</p> <p>California Eggs Benedict</p>
<p>Meats and Cheese</p> <p>Buttermilk Blue</p> <p>Goat Cheese</p> <p>Swiss</p> <p>Aged Cheddar</p> <p>Mortadella</p> <p>Serrano or NY Pepperoni</p>	<p>Soup</p> <p>Clam Chowder</p>	<p>Hot Sides</p> <p>Brioche French Toast</p> <p>Mac N Cheese</p> <p>Chicken Tenders</p> <p>Bacon</p> <p>Sausage</p> <p>BSG Potatoes</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs</p> <p>Paella</p> <p><i>Vegetable Paella</i></p>
<p>Cold Sides</p> <p>Foie Gras Canapés</p> <p>Pear Salad/Season Salads</p> <p>Hummus</p> <p>Caesar Salad</p> <p>Breads and Bagels</p> <p>Crab Cake Slider/Potato Roll</p>	<p>Desserts</p> <p>Sticky Buns</p> <p>Mini Bundt Cake</p> <p>Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Mousse</p> <p>Fresh Fruit</p> <p>Yogurt Parfaits</p> <p>Rice Pudding</p> <p>Lavazza Coffee</p>	



SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET!



STARTING 10/6
10:00 am to 1:30 pm

\$33 for adults | \$20 young adults 5-12 | under 5 FREE

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH BEGINNING
DECEMBER 1st.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

15% of purchase is returned to St. Paul's.
(EXCLUDES ALCOHOL)

PRESENT THIS EMAIL OR COUPON UPON ARRIVAL.

Proceeds benefit:
Living Love Lunch

Living Love Lunches is a program that provides packed lunches to the homeless in Chester. St. Paul's contributes 50 packed lunches a month to the ministry.

Your support is appreciated!

Staff Christmas Gift

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

As we approach the Advent and Christmas season, we are reminded of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As in years past, Mutual Ministry will be collecting donations from the congregation for staff Christmas gifts. We invite you to prayerfully consider expressing your gratitude to our staff for their dedication and service over the past year.



We are truly blessed to have a great group of talented staff members who have been instrumental in strengthening our relationship with the Lord. Let us show our appreciation for their hard work and commitment by contributing generously to this gift.

Ann Byer, Mutual Ministry Chair, will collect your gifts and distribute them to our staff before the New Year. Please send your gift (as a check made payable to Ann Byer) to Ann at 112 Crump Road, Exton, PA 19341. We request that you send your gift via check, not cash. Please consider dropping the check at the Post Office to prevent fraud which is happening more and more with mailed checks. If you prefer to use Venmo, you can send your gift to @Ann-Byer.

Thank you for your support and generosity,
St. Paul's Mutual Ministry Committee

Share Your News

Have an event or ministry you want to let people know about? Let us help you spread the word! [Click here](#) to share your news for inclusion in an upcoming This Week at St. Paul's, newsletter, social media post, or other means.



Coffee Fellowship Help

Most coffee fellowship slots for December and January are open! Why not share some coffee and holiday treats after services? [Sign up online](#) or in the narthex.



Rejoicing Spirits

Everyone is Invited to
Rejoicing Spirits
Worship Services
Sunday, December 8
at 4:00 pm

Come and experience an amazing worship service where:

we have lots of music and joyous singing



Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

meaningful messages

many ways to participate, serve and lead



"NO" shushing policy

and fellowship!



Volunteers are asked to arrive at 3:30 pm.

Thanksgiving Food Boxes Thank You Notes

The Social Ministry group coordinated donations and food packing events that helped provide 300 meals for Honey Brook Food Bank and another 50 meals for clients of the Care Center. Recipients of the boxes have been incredibly grateful and we wanted to share their messages with everyone who helped in this tremendous effort. For more pictures, see pages 14 and 15.

Hi all. I wanted to send a very big and very heartfelt thank you for your generosity with the Thanksgiving food drive. In our 10 years of providing food, this is the first year that we were able to provide food for a Thanksgiving meal, and that is truly due to the generosity and hard work of everyone at St. Paul's and in particular, the Social Ministry Committee.

I think I can safely say that today's distribution was our largest so far. We packed food into cars continually from 10:00-12:30, but there was still a line at 12:30, so it went until about 12:45 or so. We were all hustling to get through the very long line.

The thanks that I heard from so many was very touching. One woman said, "It's like Christmas when we look at all of the food that we receive. You have no idea how thankful we are." I wanted to pass along those words (with her permission) and also wanted to let you know that clients in so many cars were truly thankful. You have made their Thanksgiving extra special this year.

*Thanking God for all of you and the work that you do,
Bridget (Honey Brook Food Bank Board Member)*



Just a little note to say thank-you so much for the generous food sack you gave. It definitely helps during the difficult times so many of us are going through. May God bless all of those who helped make it possible.

*- Client from the Chester County Food Bank
Blessings to all!*

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Seconding Bridget's sentiment and could not thank your congregation enough for the absolutely terrific donation....which in all honesty, became the catalyst of the first of two bonus distributions today. Numerous calls, texts and email notes from those we serve were effusive in their praise and gratitude. Our participation was easily 30+% above our normal morning run rate with many new families enjoying the extra help.

With the tremendous generosity of organizations like yours, we are well capitalized to carry out all of our holiday events, including these great Thanksgiving offerings.

Thanks again....and if you'd like us to post the group shot from Saturday, please pass it along and I'll script a short draft for you to review.

*Regards,
Ken (Honey Brook Food Bank Board Member)*

Local Music Performance

The Coventry Singers present their Christmas concert “December in My Hometown” 4:00 pm, **Sunday, December 8** at St. John’s. The concert features Dietrich Buxtehude’s Cantata *Das neugebor’ne Kindelein* BuxWV 13 (The newborn babe, the heavenly child) with strings and classical and traditional Christmas works by Johann Pachelbel, Dan Forrest, John Rutter, and Pinkzebra.

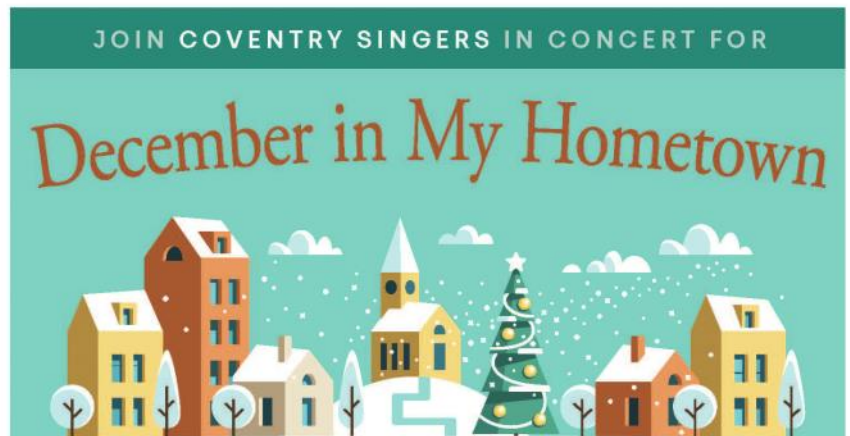
Conductor Cheryl Markofski is a graduate of Florida State University with a master of music degree who has done graduate work in voice performance at the University of Texas. She taught music at the Owen J Roberts Middle School and is a noted soloist and voice coach. Accompanist Eleanor Lundy, a member of St. John’s, began playing the piano by ear in early childhood. She has taught piano and served churches in New England and eastern Pennsylvania for many years as a choir director and organist. She is a graduate of Rosemont College.

The Coventry Singers is a community choral organization of auditioned singers who perform diverse and challenging choral music. Over its 50-year history, the group has performed major choral works, including those of Handel, Bach, Mozart, Haydn, Rutter, and Finzi. The Coventry Singers concert programs also include lighter works, both sacred and secular, with a frequent dose of humor. The number of performers ranges from 30 to 40 and includes people of all walks of life. Some have professional musical experience, some are or have been teachers of music, but many are people who just like to sing and welcome musical challenges.

The concert is free and all are welcome. A freewill offering will be accepted.

I look forward to welcoming you to the program. Please feel free to pass on the information.

Tom Snyder
Director of Music
St. John’s Lutheran Church
355 St. John’s Circle
Phoenixville, PA 19460



JOIN COVENTRY SINGERS IN CONCERT FOR
December in My Hometown
FEATURING MUSIC BY
**Johann Pachelbel, Dietrich Buxtehude,
John Rutter, Dan Forrest and Pinkzebra**

Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 3 p.m.

Cedarville United Methodist Church
1092 Laurelwood Road
Pottstown, PA


CONDUCTOR
Cheryl Markofski

PIANIST
Eleanor Lundy

Sunday, December 8, 2024 | 4 p.m.

St. John’s Lutheran Church
355 St. John’s Circle
Phoenixville, PA

FREEWILL OFFERING

 Coventry Singers–Pottstown PA



Congregational Photos

Saturday, October 26 - Fall Family Fun Night

Children and adults all gathered together to share some Halloween fun!



Congregational Photos (cont.)



Sunday, November 2 - Crafters Candy Making

The candy will be available for sale after all services. Proceeds will help fund the crafters' projects throughout the year, including buying materials for baby blankets and Christmas stockings for donations.



Sunday, November 3 - Blessing of the Quilts

Our crafters made over 100 full-size and 40 baby quilts, which were blessed at Sunday services before being donated to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world.



Congregational Photos (cont.)

Saturday, November 9 - Thanksgiving Food Box Packing

The Social Ministry group collected enough food for 350 Thanksgiving food boxes! A group gathered to pack the 300 for Honey Brook Food Pantry. The additional boxes will be going to the Care Center.



Congregational Photos (cont.)

Saturday, November 17 - Sunday School Thanksgiving Food Box Packing

The Sunday School classes helped pack up the 50 Thanksgiving food boxes for the Care Center, showing even little hands can do important work.

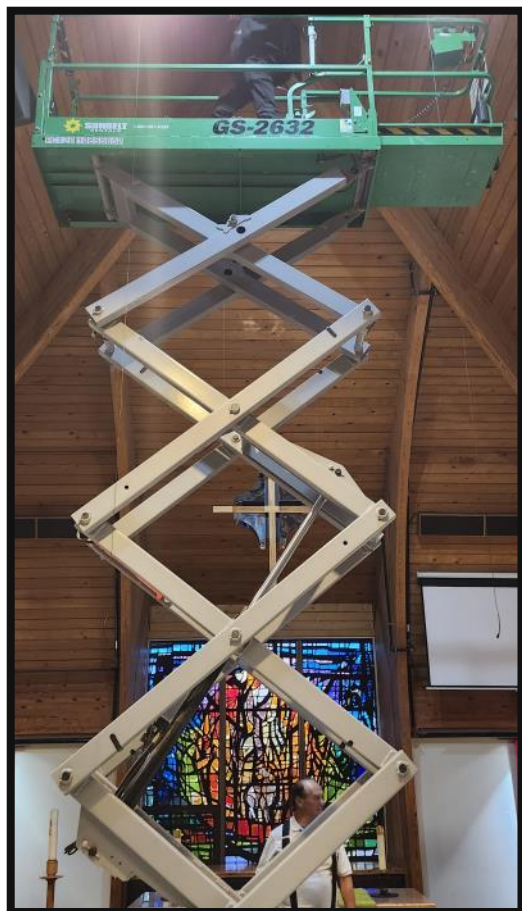


Congregational Photos (cont.)

Scenes from the Sanctuary



In November, Pastor Stuart made a living representation of his sermon series on the Parable of the Sower, planting grass seed in different types of soil.



We also had new microphones for the choir installed, which required the use of a scissor lift. John Ward also took the opportunity to dust some cobwebs and replace some light bulbs that are normally out of reach.

*Christmas Eve
Service Times*

4:00 PM CHILDREN'S SERVICE
7:30 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:00PM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Please Note There will only be one service at
9:30 am on Sunday, December 29

Please join us at any of our services
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
104 S. Village Avenue, Exton

St. Paul's Volunteer Schedule for December

	12/1/2024 8:00 AM ADVENT 1	12/8/2024 8:00 AM ADVENT 2	12/15/2024 8:00 AM ADVENT 3	12/22/2024 8:00 AM ADVENT 4	12/24/2024 4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE (FAMILY)	
<i>Altar Care</i>	Pechin, M	Missimer, M	Pechin III, F	McPeak, J	Volunteer Needed	
<i>Asst. Minister</i>	Shallow, W	Erickson, F	Lloyd, E	Sarpen, G	Pechin, M	
<i>Lector</i>	Sarpen, G	Pechin III, F	Pechin, M	Robinson, C	Pechin III, F	
<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	Munson, G	Dierksheide, D	Strawbridge, H	Wiest, A	Missimer, M	
<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	Huffman, M	Dierksheide, L	Strawbridge, J	Wiest, K	Wiest, K	
<i>Acolyte</i>	Shallow, C	Wiest, Jacob	Gledhill, R	Wiest, Jack	Mertz, C	
	12/1/2024 10:30 AM ADVENT 1	12/8/2024 10:30 AM ADVENT 2	12/15/2024 10:30 AM ADVENT 3	12/22/2024 10:30 AM ADVENT 4	12/24/2024 7:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE (CONTEMPORARY)	12/29/2024 9:30 AM CHRISTMAS 1
<i>Altar Care</i>	Borneman, E	Kerstetter, H	Cushing, C	Albright, A	Strawbridge, H & J	Stevens, L
<i>Asst. Minister</i>	Albright, A	Albright, A	Sanders, J	Johnson, K	McGovern, C	Lloyd, E
<i>Lector</i>	Sanders, J	Fernandez, R	Baker, C	Burt, B	Berger, N	Erickson, F
<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	Burt, B	Fabry, J	Teague, J	Piombino, J	Heath, S	Tilghman, P
<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	McPeak, J	Piombino, J	Teague, R	Flach, C	Fabry, J	Wollenberg, R
<i>Acolyte</i>	Teague, R	Fernandez, M	Teague, L	Young, W	Hillestad, K	Fernandez, M
					12/24/2024 10:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE (TRADITIONAL)	
<i>Altar Care</i>					Rice, P & P	
<i>Asst. Minister</i>					Brauer, B	
<i>Lector</i>					Meade, J	
<i>Usher/Greeter</i>					Wait, K	
<i>Usher/Greeter</i>					Wait, T	
<i>Acolyte</i>					Teague, R	
<i>Lock-Up</i>	Shallow, D	Huffman, M	Smith, P	Wornson, B		Foltz, D

St. Paul's Volunteer Schedule for January and February

	1/5/2025 8:00 AM CHRISTMAS 2	1/12/2025 8:00 AM BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	1/19/2025 8:00 AM EPIPHANY 2	1/26/2025 8:00 AM EPIPHANY 3
Altar Care	Missimer, M	Shallow, D & W	Pechin, M	Pechin III, F
Asst. Minister	Wiest, A	Erickson, F	Robinson, C	Wiest, A
Lector	Lammey, K	Huffman, M	Ripper, N	Wiest, K
Usher/Greeter	Pindle, K	Ward, J	Berger, K	Adams, J
Usher/Greeter	Pindle, R	Wollenberg, R	Kramer, K	Adams, C
Acolyte	Wiest, Jacob	Shallow, C	Gledhill, R	Wiest, Jack
	1/5/2025 10:30 AM CHRISTMAS 2	1/12/2025 10:30 AM BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	1/19/2025 10:30 AM EPIPHANY 2	1/26/2025 10:30 AM EPIPHANY 3
Altar Care	Wachter, J & S	Borneman, E	Kerstetter, H	Cushing, C
Asst. Minister	McGovern, C	Albright, A	Sanders, J	Johnson, K
Lector	Mcllvaine, S	Fabry, J	Tilghman, P	Grant, K
Usher/Greeter	Teague, J	Johnson, K	McPeak, J	Piombino, J
Usher/Greeter	Teague, R	Wornson, B	Flach, C	Burt, B
Acolyte	Teague, L	Young, W	Hillestad, K	Teague, R
Lock-Up	Heath, S	Flach, C	Shallow, D	Huffman, M

		2/9/2025 8:00 AM EPIPHANY 5	2/16/2025 8:00 AM EPIPHANY 6	2/23/2025 8:00 AM EPIPHANY 7
Altar Care		Strawbridge, H & J	Ward, J	Pechin III, F
Asst. Minister		Sarpen, G	Pechin, M	Colberg, A
Lector		Biber, B	Missimer, M	Thomas, N
Usher/Greeter		Wiest, A	Shallow, B	Dierksheide, D
Usher/Greeter		Wiest, K	Shallow, D	Dierksheide, L
Acolyte		Wiest, Jacob	Shallow, C	Gledhill, R
	2/2/2025 9:30 AM PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD	2/9/2025 10:30 AM EPIPHANY 5	2/16/2025 10:30 AM EPIPHANY 6	2/23/2025 10:30 AM EPIPHANY 7
Altar Care	McPeak, J	Albright, A	Rice, P & P	Stevens, L
Asst. Minister	Missimer, M	Brauer, B	McGovern, C	Sanders, J
Lector	Mertz, A	Johnson, K	Heydt, D	Graham, G
Usher/Greeter	Huffman, M	Mcllvaine, J	Heath, S	Tilghman, P
Usher/Greeter	Munson, G	Mcllvaine, S	Wornson, B	Johnson, K
Acolyte	Mertz, C	Fernandez, M	Young, W	Hillestad, K
Lock-Up	Smith, P	Wornson, B	Foltz, D	Heath, S



St. Paul's Volunteer Notes

We are grateful to our volunteers who give their time to ensure worship services run smoothly! Thank you for your service to St. Paul's.

Please make note of the following items:

- Please take a few minutes to look at the Christmas service schedule in particular. If you prefer to attend a different service or will not be at a service you are scheduled for, please reach out to find a replacement.
- **We currently need a volunteer for Altar Care at the 4:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.** Please [email Maureen](#) if you can help. All empty volunteer spots will be noted in red.
- **Please save the email that is sent out with the volunteer schedule.** It goes out to all volunteers for that role. **If you are unable to serve on a day you are scheduled, please use "reply all" on that email to find a substitute** and [email Maureen](#) any changes to the schedule that are arranged outside of "reply all."
- If you would like to start volunteering, volunteer in another capacity, or step back from volunteering, please complete a "Serve with Love" survey (a pink sheet inserted into bulletins periodically throughout the year and on a table in the narthex) or you can submit the [online survey here](#).
- Scheduling occurs quarterly (in December for March-May, in March for June-August, in June for September-November, and in September for December-February) and is emailed to volunteers at the beginning of every month.
- For the most up-to-date volunteer schedule, visit StPaulsLionville.org/volunteers. Please [email Maureen](#) if you know of any changes that are not reflected in the schedule above.

Thank you!!



**Serve with Love
At St. Paul's**



About St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Lionville

St. Paul's is a community who gather to grow in faith with Jesus and God and then let that powerful gift of love and joy overflow into the community, nation and world! If we can be helpful in any way on your faith journey, everyone (and we do mean EVERYONE) is always invited and will be welcomed!!



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The office is generally staffed Monday-Thursday from 9:00-4:30 pm and **closed Fridays**.
To meet with a staff member or if you plan to visit the church, please call ahead.
Thank you!

For an emergency or if you are in need of pastor care,
call Pastor Stuart at 610-804-1740.



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Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, Invite into Fellowship

Caring for each other is one of the most important things we do — now more than ever! If you or your loved ones have a specific need during these challenging times - spiritually, physically, or emotionally - please email our designated email: Care@StPaulsLionville.org.

This is for everything from letting us know you are especially lonely or have a particular need, to requests for special prayers or support. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the office 610-363-6264.

Our newsletter is published every month. Members are welcome to submit news items.
Articles to St. Paul's Newsletter are due by **no later than the 24th of every month**.

Email items to: Maureen@StPaulsLionville.org

Please include WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY as well as your name and contact information if you're asking people to respond. Contact Maureen via email with any questions.