

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

4th Sunday In Lent

March 30, 2025 – Pastor Chris Nauta

*Please stand as able

Welcome & Life at St. Paul's (Announcements)

Prelude: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Martin/Gabriel

***Greeting**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Many are the torments of the wicked,

But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, O righteous.

And shout for joy, you upright in heart!

***Opening Hymn:** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400
(Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time)

Prayers of the People of God / The Lord's Prayer (using debts & debtors)

Children's Message: "God Made Us With A Purpose" Andrea Rider

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings -

Offertory: "Love Lifted Me" Rowe/Smith

***The Doxology** #95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

***Gloria Patri** #70

***Gospel Lesson:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

***Congregational Response – "Thanks be to God and Amen"**

***Hymn:** "Seek Ye First" #405

Sermon: "Come Running Like a Prodigal"

***Closing Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Tomlin/Giglio

Children's Worship/Activities this morning. *Children may go with Andrea Rider following the Children's Message.*

**Please note that on holidays, such as Easter, there is no Children's Worship so children can enjoy the special service with their families.*

Today's altar flowers

are to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Galen Stump, presented by Susan Stump Ferguson and Brent Stump.

Those who serve this morning:

Jim Loyer, *Scripture Reader*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video Techs*

Heath Pawlak, *Music Director*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message & Worship*

Bob Strickler, *Organ*

St. Paul's Church – I would like to create a team of congregation members to work with me to plan and implement programs for the children and youth of St. Paul's Church. All are welcome to be a part of the team. Please call me at 717-449-9942 or email me at andreastpaulschurch@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to join the team. Please know that you are never too old to impact a child's life and faith journey. Thank you! *Andrea Rider*

Adult Sunday School- Join us Sunday mornings for our Adult Sunday School class. From 9:00 to 9:40 AM, we meet in the Lounge. We are reading and

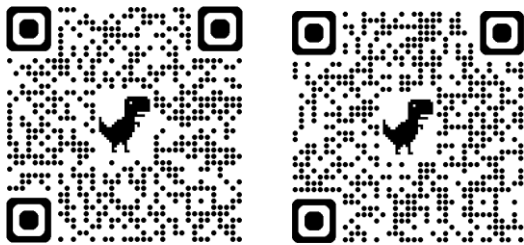
discussing the book of Luke. Please let Pastor Chris know if you are interested or have questions.

Positions available at St. Paul's – we currently have vacancies on our Leadership Team for an **IT/Webmaster and Trustee**. These are both crucial roles within the functions of the church. If you would be interested in either of these positions, or have further questions about either one, please see Pastor Chris or contact the church office. Thank you.

It's time to think about Easter Lilies – a 6" pot will be available for \$9.50 each. There are order envelopes on each of the pedestals at the rear of the sanctuary for you to order these for Easter Sunday. Please be sure to indicate on the order envelope how you want the dedication to read for the bulletin. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul's Church. **The last day to place an order for these to the church office is Sunday, April 6th.**

2025 Budget – copies of the 2025 St. Paul's Church budget, as approved by the Leadership Team, are on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience as noted in your Giving Statement mailing.

Summer Sunshine Social- We have created sign-up sheets for volunteer hours and for raffle baskets. QR codes below for sign-ups or there is a paper copy in the back of the church for completion. These sign-ups will be open through May!



A Thank You – Arlene Neff wishes to thank everyone who signed her lovely "Thinking of You" card. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. God Bless. *Arlene*

Good Friday Prayer Vigil – the sanctuary will be open from 9AM to 4PM. There is a sign up sheet on the table at the rear of the sanctuary on which you can sign up for 15 min. (or longer) time slots. Come, pray and meditate on God's sacrifice.

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4th Sunday In Lent
March 30, 2025 10:00 AM



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Volunteer Opportunities for you.....

Easter Fundraiser – Don't forget to pick up your Peanut Butter Egg orders following the service today in Fellowship Hall !!

Email – I have created an email specifically for fundraising. This email will be used going forward, my personal email is overrun with too much! Thank you for your understanding: Fundraise.stpaulschurch@gmail.com.

Card Ministry – our visitation team continues to place some cards in a box on the table at the rear of the sanctuary which you are encouraged to add a brief note in and sign for our shut-ins. St. Paul's will then put postage on these and mail them to brighten up their day between visits by our Pastor and the Visitation Team. While there may not always be cards there each week, please check the box regularly and write in them when there are some available. Won't you help to brighten up someone's day a little? Nothing to buy, but much to give someone for so little effort! If you have a relative or friend that is a shut-in and would like to have them receive weekly bulletins to keep them connected to St. Paul's, or to receive visits from our Visitation Team, please let the church office know. We will gladly send these to them so they continue to be a part of our church family.

An added feature to our website – under the Online Giving category, a "miscellaneous" option has been added. This feature can now be used if you wish to pay online for flowers, sandwich sales, special events – anything that is apart from the standard items listed there now. Thank you.

Prayer Requests Reminder—If you have a prayer request you would like to share with Pastor Chris and/or the congregation, please fill out one of the cards located in the pews and hand it to one of the ushers during the opening hymn. The card also has a side where you can indicate if the request is to be spoken or kept private.

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing? You can put those skills to work to help others. Memorial White Rose Hospice is asking for donations of handmade scarves and blankets. They are especially in need of items for men. Veterans in particular love to receive anything in red, white and blue.

Another project is making soaker pads for the residents of Homewood Homes in Hanover. All you need to make them is a sewing machine, some flannel fabric and

the ability to sew a straight (or almost straight) seam. Instructions and samples can be found on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

If you don't have the time or the ability to make any of these items, but would like to donate yarn or flannel for others to use, that would be most welcome also.

There is a box at the rear of the sanctuary for you to put your donations of supplies or completed items. If you have any questions, see Emily Shellenberger or Wanda Strickler. Thank you very much.

Please Note- Wi-Fi access in the church is now available via the St. Paul's Guest network. There is no password required.

Mission Central is appealing for donations towards flood bucket materials so they can make up these for not only the recent flooding in North Carolina, but the devastation in California from the wild fires. Other organizations to consider are **UMCOR** and **Catholic Charities**.

For your calendar - upcoming meetings/events to make note of:

Sunday, Mar. 30 – Pick-up Peanut Butter Eggs after worship (FH)

Sunday, Mar. 30 - Community Lenten Service @ St. Paul's 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 5 – Timothy Nauta Eagle Court of Honor 3PM (sanctuary)

Sunday, April 6 – Communion Sunday

Monday, April 14 - Community Meal 5:00 PM (FH & Drive Thru)

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday Prayer Vigil 9AM-4 PM (sanctuary)

Saturday, April 19 –Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt 9:00 AM (FH)

Sunday, April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY – He Is Risen!

Tuesday, April 22 – Scouts Clean-Up of Parking Lot 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 26 – Painting Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Community Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt – In the past weeks, you have been hearing about other opportunities to volunteer and help with this community event. As of right now, we need your help with candy donations. We are in need of a LOT of individually wrapped candy items to fill the small, plastic eggs for the egg hunt. The type of candy should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit into a small plastic egg. Candy donations will need to be here by Sunday, April 13th so we can fill the eggs after the morning's worship service. A list of specific items needed for the breakfast has been shared, as well as a volunteer sign-up list. Any questions, reach out to Andrea at andreastpaulschurch@gmail.com. See today's bulletin for a flyer outlining the opportunities available for everyone to help make this a success, plus a sign-up form! Thank you.

LifePath Christian Ministries has offered a way for us to dispose of items that we are no longer using and help the clients who come to Community Reach at the same time. When you donate clothing, books, toys, household items, furniture, etc. at the LifePath Thrift Store at the Cape Horn shopping center, tell them you are donating for St. Paul's Church of Red Lion. They will keep track of what is donated and will in turn give us gift cards for Community Reach clients to use in their store. If you have a large amount of donations or pieces of furniture that you are unable to bring yourself, call the store at (717) 229-7300 and they will arrange to come to your house to pick up your items. This is a great way to help the needy families while de-cluttering our homes! Thank you.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17th! That is when we will be bringing back our annual Mother's Day luncheon. We invite the ladies of the church to bring their mothers, daughters, granddaughters, friends, etc. for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. We have asked the men of the church to prepare and serve the meal for us. If you would like to help plan the details of this event or help in the kitchen, please see Bob or Wanda Strickler. **One of the activities** that we will be doing at the luncheon will be decorating a hat to wear that day and keep as a souvenir to wear all summer long. We will provide plain straw sun hats for everyone who attends, both adults and children. We are asking you to bring with you that day any artificial flowers, ribbons, buttons, etc. that you would like to use on your hat. We will have some decorations available, but if you have any extras at home that you would like to share with others, they would be most appreciated. We will also need to borrow some glue guns for that day. Please bring any decorations to share or glue guns to the church office by Sunday, May 11, so we can have them available for early arrivals the day of the luncheon. Thank you so much for helping to make this a fun day for all. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

- Today:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM 4th Sunday In Lent (sanctuary)
Pick-Up Peanut Butter Egg Orders following worship (FH)
Community Lenten Service 6:00 PM (St. Paul's Red Lion)
- Monday, Mar. 31st:** Preschool 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, April 1st:** Preschool 9:00 AM
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
Troop Meeting 6:30 PM (lounge)
- Wednesday, April 2nd:** Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy-El Kids 1:30-3:00 PM (adult SS)
Troop Meeting 6:30 PM (adult SS & F.H.)
- Thursday, April 3rd:** Preschool 9:00 AM
R.L./Felton Band Practice 6:30 PM (FH)
- Friday, April 4th:** Preschool 9:00 AM
- Saturday, April 5th:** Timothy Nauta Eagle Court of Honor 3 PM (sanctuary & F.H.)
- Sunday, April 6th:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM 5th Sunday In Lent (Communion)
Community Lenten Service 6 PM (Bethlehem Stonepile)

Upcoming Lenten Services Schedule for 2025:

- March 30th:** St. Paul's Red Lion, Jeremy Phipps preaching
April 6th: Bethlehem Stonepile, Ian McKinnell preaching
All services begin at 6:00 PM.