

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 – Pastor Chris Nauta

*Please stand as able

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

Prelude "The Easter Hallelujah" Cohen
Becky Nauta, piano, Bob Strickler, organ

***Greeting**

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

The Lord is our strength and our power;

The Lord has become our salvation.

Christ is risen!

Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (all verses) #302
(Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time)

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

Children's Message: Andrea Rider

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "The Easter Song" vocal, Amy Glock

***The Doxology** **#94**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Acts 10:34-43

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

***Gloria Patri** #70

***Gospel Lesson:** John 20:1-18

***Congregational Response:** "Thanks be to God and Amen".

***Hymn:** "Up from the Grave He Arose" #322

Sermon: "The Tomb Is Empty!"

***Closing Hymn:** "He Lives" #310

***Benediction**

Postlude "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Wesley/Williams

There will not be any Children's Worship/Activities this morning. Children may stay with their family during the worship service.

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God and in memory of my Mother, Mrs. Ella I. Grim, presented by Susan Beittel.

The organ arrangement

is in loving memory of Bertha Collins and is presented by her daughter, Delores Chronister, granddaughters Kim & Kris and great grandchildren Josh Inners & Kaci Hoover.

Those who serve this morning:

Dave Ehrhart, *Head Usher*

Amy Glock, *Soloist*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Becky Nauta, *Guest Pianist*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message*

Bob Strickler, *Organ*

Just a reminder that you can submit prayer requests online through our website (www.saintpauls-um.com). On the home page you will find a link to submit an online prayer request. When you fill out and submit it, the office and pastor will be notified about it. This is open to all, even those who are not a part of our church family.

Children & Youth Programs for 2024 – In addition to the descriptive flyer in your bulletin, there are Sign-up Forms for these different programs on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

Please keep in mind - St. Paul's is still recycling any empty ink or printer cartridges that you may have and wish to get rid of. We turn them into the local office supply stores for credit, which is then used to offset the cost of purchasing our office and cleaning supplies used here at the church. There are boxes on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary, as well as under the table inside the center tower entrance where these can be placed. Thank you for your help in keeping our costs for these items down.

A sincere thank you has been received by St. Paul's for all of the items that were donated to the Homeless Vets through the Memorial White Rose Hospice recently. They appreciated everything that St. Paul's donated to this worthwhile cause!

Teresa Baldwin, Volunteer Mgr., We Honor Vets, Memorial White Rose Hospice

Found – a pair of clip-on sunglasses were found in the sanctuary this past week. If you happen to be missing yours, they can be picked-up in the church office. Thank you.

Hungry?? There are extra containers of frozen Shepard's Pie left in the freezer off of the kitchen from this month's Community Meal. Please help yourself. Donations accepted, but not necessary. See Wanda Strickler with any questions.

Easter Lilies – We thank everyone who placed these in the sanctuary for Easter. Please remember to take your lily (or lilies) along with you at the end of today's service. Thank you.

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EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31, 2024 10:00 AM

The Tomb Is Empty! Christ Has Risen!



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Volunteer Opportunities for you.....

Flower and Bulletin Sponsors for 2024—The 2024 sign-up register is now in the church office on the desk if you want to reserve a date for the coming year. A 2-set of altar vases is still just \$40.00 and bulletin sponsorship is \$25.00. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday to honor or memorialize someone special in your life.

Ushers & Head Ushers, Greeters and Scripture Readers are needed for our worship service each week. Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome to participate and new faces are always welcome. There are sign-up sheets on the table at the rear of the sanctuary where you can sign up for any of these. Please consider helping out with these portions of our service so that our program is complete. Thank you.

Card Ministry – our visitation team has placed 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!

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. Please note that you will need to call or email the church office to let us know what the payment is for, as there isn't a way to indicate this information online. Thank you.

There are various sign-up sheets on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary for you to peruse with many opportunities for you to participate here at St. Paul's. Please check them out and consider helping with one or more of these won't you? We need your help and involvement to keep St. Paul's going! 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 you want the request spoken in the service, or

kept for private prayer time, please be sure to mark that as well.

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.

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.

For your information – our new trash hauler, Republic Services, will be coming in to empty our dumpster every other Monday morning. Please keep this in mind when parking in the lot and avoid parking in the spaces directly out from the dumpster on a Monday so they can access it with the truck. Otherwise, it will not get emptied for another two weeks. Thank you.

Be sure to mark your calendar. . . our next Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28th, in the adult Sunday School room following the morning worship service at 11:30 AM. Snacks will be available for those who want to munch!

When mailing something into the church, here is an example of how our address should appear on the envelope or package coming to us:

**St Paul's Church of Red Lion
45 First Ave
P O Box 250
Red Lion, PA 17356-0250**

If the P. O. Box # is not in the address, your mail will be returned to you by the Post Office, causing delays and added re-mailing costs. Thank you for keeping this in mind as you send correspondence into St. Paul's.

The church office is requesting your help- if you know of a member of St. Paul's, or have a family member that is confined at home or to a health care facility, please make the office aware of this and where they are located. We have been trying to keep this list up-to-date, but do not want to overlook anyone or have incorrect information at hand. This list will be used for Pastor/member visitation, bulletin mailings (if asked for) and correspondence from St. Paul's - all to keep these folks connected to what's going on here. If these folks would like to receive a copy of the weekly bulletin, or The Upper Room devotional, let us know that as well and we will see that these are mailed to them. Also, if you would like to be a part of the visitation team here at St. Paul's, please see Pastor Chris or let the church office know, along with any information pertaining to shut-ins/home-bound members. To date, Joni Horne and Mary Loyer and have volunteered for this team. ***Also, please let the church office know if you have a family member that would like a visit from St. Paul's Pastor or the Visitation Team and we will see that info is passed along.*** Thank you.

2024 Offering Envelopes- there are still some offering envelopes out on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for pick up. In an effort to reduce waste and costs, we have re-assigned envelope numbers to some. Not all of you will see a change in your envelope number. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Our next Community Meal will be served on Monday, April 8th at 5:00 & 5:15 PM (eat in and drive-thru/take out respectively). Helpers are always needed and welcomed to assist with the prep of the food, serving and clean-up of the kitchen afterwards. Please consider lending some of your time to this worthwhile outreach program of St. Paul's. Any questions, please see Wanda Strickler. Thank you.

This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Today: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM **Easter Sunday** (sanctuary)

Monday, April 1st: No Preschool

Tuesday, April 2nd: Preschool 9:00 AM
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Wednesday, April 3rd : Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy-El Kids 1:30-3:00 PM (adult SS)
Boy Scouts @ Camp Craley (unless weather is bad)

Thursday, April 4th: Preschool 9:00 AM
R.L./Felton Band Practice

Friday, April 5th: Preschool 9:00 AM
God's Kids 6:30-8:00 PM (lounge)

Saturday, April 6th: Preschool Open House 10:00 AM-12 Noon

Sunday, April 7th: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM (sanctuary)

Large print versions of today's bulletin are located on the back of the last pew at the rear of the sanctuary to the right side of the center aisle for your convenience. Please feel free to take one.

For those who give electronically, but would like to have something to put into the offering plate, there are cards on the table and the pedestal stand at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

Just a reminder that St. Paul's still offers various Gift Cards for sale. Order Forms for these are on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. A portion of each sale comes back to St. Paul's. See Wanda Strickler with any questions. Thank you!

Children and Youth Programs for 2024

God's Kids— 4 years old to 2nd grade

- Meets the first Friday night of the month beginning March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, 2024 6:30—8:00 PM.

Kids for Christ— 3rd grade to 6th grade

- Meets the second Friday evening of the month beginning March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, 2024 6:30—8:00 PM.

Angels in Training— 4 years old to 6th grade

- This is a program where the children help to be greeters, ushers, acolytes and Scripture readers for a church service. They have a training session to prepare for their duties on a Saturday morning.
- The kids get shirts that say Angels in Training on them. The church will provide the shirts for the kids.
- Angels in Training will participate in the worship service on the third Sunday of each month. I will be available that morning to help and I will take the kids for Children's Worship after the offering.
- Saturday, 3/16/24 at 10:15 AM training.
- Sunday dates 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18/2024.

Vacation Bible School—VBS 6/23—6/27 6:30-8:00 PM

Parking Lot Party— 7/1 to 8/1/2024

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8:00 PM

Wednesdays 10-12:00 PM



Children, Youth and Church Family Programs 2024

Kid's Night Out 6-8:00 PM Friday 3/22/24, 6/21/24

- Ages 4 years old—6th grade.
- Program that allows parents to drop kids off for dinner, games, crafts and more.
- The kids get a night away from their parents.

Youth Fun Nights— Friday, 4/26, 5/24, 6/28 and 7/26/24 from 7-10:00 PM

- Provide snacks, music, games and more.
- Gives the kids a safe place to hang out for the night.
- Held in the adult Sunday School room.

Church Family Activities— these dates and times will be set at a later time. They will be special times not held at a regular set monthly time.

- Ideas:

- **Board Game Time**— bring and play board games, provide snacks or pizza depending on time.
- **Minute to Win It Games**— similar to board game time just minute to win it games which members really enjoyed and can be silly.
- **Movie Time**— Is Heaven Real? Movie that is about the little boy who saw Jesus when he died for a few minutes.

Food Trucks— tentative dates 6/2/24, 8/7/24 6-8:00 PM

Watch for more information and sign-ups in the coming weeks!

