

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 – Pastor Chris Nauta

\*Please stand as able

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

**Prelude:** "God So Loved the World" Stainer

**\*Greeting**

Christ the Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

All the world belongs to the Lord,

**Who rules over the nations.**

Let us praise the Lord to all,

**And proclaim God's deliverance to the ages.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384  
*(Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time)*

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

**Children's Message:** "Coin in the Fish's Mouth" Andrea Rider

**The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings -**

**Offertory:** "I Love You, Lord" Klein/Leatherman

**\*The Doxology** #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Lessons:** **First Lesson:** Acts 8:26-40  
**Epistle:** 1 John 4:7-21

**\*Gloria Patri** #70

**\*Gospel Lesson:** John 15:1-8

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

**Hymn:** "This Is the Day" (sung twice) #657

**Sermon:** "We Love Because He First Loved Us"

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" #399

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Pass It On" Kaiser

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

**Today's altar flowers**

are to the glory of God! May their beauty and calming presence inspire us to feel His love for us and pass it onto others.

**Those who serve this morning:**

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*  
Andrea Rider, *Children's Message & Worship*  
Bob Strickler, *Organ*

**Just a reminder that you can submit prayer requests online through our website ([www.saintpaulsredlion.com](http://www.saintpaulsredlion.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 a descriptive Flyer, 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.

**Office Closure** – the church office will be closed Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Wanda and Bob will be out-of-town then. Any items for the Sunday, 5/12 bulletin need to be in to the office no later than Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Summer Planning:** mark your calendars for a summer program planning meeting on Sunday, May 19, 2024 following the morning worship service. During this meeting, volunteer sign-up sheets for Vacation Bible School and food truck nights will be available.

However, the primary purpose for the meeting will be to focus on crafts, games and other activities for the Parking Lot Fun during the Red Lion Street Fair on August 10, 2024. Come with your ideas! Please consider volunteering to help with these programs. Thank you!  
*Andrea Rider*

**Please Note** – St. Paul's is having a Sub and Pretzel Sandwich Sale Fundraiser! Orders, along with payment must be submitted by today, Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be picked-up on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM in the adult Sunday School room. An Order Form is included in today's bulletin for your convenience. Thank you!

**Live-streaming of St. Paul's services is operational!** Everything is in place and last Sunday, April 21 was the initial run. Please see the enclosed insert that details how you can access this feature through YouTube on your computer, phone, tablet or smart TV!

**Faith Beyond the Pews is happening the week of June 3-7<sup>th</sup>. St. Paul's has offered to provide breakfast for the workers on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.** If you are willing to help with preparing the breakfast or making something for it, please let Andrea Rider or Wanda Strickler know at your earliest convenience. If you would like to help with some of the projects they will be doing that week, please contact Servants at: 717-378-0336, or go online at <https://www.servants.org> to complete a volunteer application. Deadline to submit an application is May 11, 2024.

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PASTOR CHRISTOPHER NAUTA

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024 10:00 AM

We love  
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He first  
LOVED US

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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.

**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.

**Our Congregational meeting is TODAY, in the adult Sunday School room** following this morning's worship service at 11:30 AM. Snacks will be available for those who want to munch!

**Good News Consulting, Inc./Making a Difference in the Lives of People with Dementia** – is sponsoring a free seminar for family caregivers on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The seminar is free, but you must call or go online to register to be able to attend. Local resources will be on hand with tips on supporting your loved one living with dementia, as well as answer questions. Detailed flyers are on the table at the rear of the sanctuary – please feel free to take one.

**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.

**Our next Community Meal will be served on Monday, May 13th 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.

**Food Trucks will be here on Sunday, June 2, 2024** on our parking lot. Joining us will be the Red Lion/Felton Band from 6-7 PM. Please come join us for an evening of good food and spirited music entertainment, won't you?

## **This Week's Activities at St. Paul's**

**Today:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)  
Worship 10:00 AM 5th Sunday of Easter (sanctuary)  
Congregational Meeting 11:30 AM (Adult SS room)

**Monday, April 29th:** Preschool 9:00 AM

**Tuesday, April 30th:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, May 1st :** Preschool 9:00 AM  
Webelos Meeting 6:30-8:00 PM (adult SS)  
Boy Scouts (Camp Craley unless weather's bad)

**Thursday, May 2nd:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
R.L./Felton Band Practice 6:30 PM (FH)  
National Day of Prayer

**Friday, May 3rd:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
God's Kids 6:30-8:00 PM (lounge)

**Saturday, May 4th:**

**Sunday, May 5th:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)  
Worship 10:00 AM - Communion (sanctuary)  
Webelos Meeting 6:30-8:00 PM (adult SS)

**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!

