

ST. PAUL’S CHURCH OF RED LION

6th Sunday of Easter / Memorial Day Weekend

May 25, 2025 – Pastor Chris Nauta

*Please stand as able

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

Prelude: “Battle Hymn of the Republic” American melody

*Greeting
Christ the Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the people praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for you.
For you judge your people with grace.

*Opening Hymn: “Forward Through the Ages” #555
(Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time)

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

Children’s Message: “Jacob” Andrea Rider

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “What A Wonderful World” Weiss/Thiele

*The Doxology #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Acts 16:9-15
Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

*Gloria Patri #70

*Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-29

*Congregational Response: “Thanks be to God and Amen”.

*Hymn: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (sung twice) #349

Sermon: “To Love Christ is to Obey Christ”

*Closing Hymn: “America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)” #697

*Benediction

Postlude “God of the Ages” National Hymn

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 and honor of God. May we reflect on those who served this country this Memorial Day and be truly grateful for their service and sacrifice to keep us safe and free.

Those who serve this morning:
Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, Sound/Video
Andrea Rider, Children’s Message & Worship
Bob Strickler, Organ
Emily Sweitzer, Nursery

Summer Sunshine Social- As we prepare for our summer event please consider helping with the following: Your time during the event, donating a basket and or donating food. We need a couple of plastic containers, for example, a pretzel container, or a cheese ball container that is empty and cleaned out.



NEW!

St. Paul's T-shirts available - Please reach out to Megan at 717-818-0258, no later than May 25th if you would like to order a St. Paul's T-shirt. They are \$15.00 each. Your payment is due May 25th for the order forms to be submitted. They will be navy blue in color. Enclosed in today's bulletin is an example of what the two sides of the shirts will be imprinted with/look like for your reference.

Since 1990, St. Paul's Preschool has served the needs of many students and families in our community. We strive to create a positive learning experience within a Christian environment so that the child may develop both an interest and joy in learning. On behalf of the preschool committee, we would like to thank the members of St. Paul's for your support of the preschool. We thank our teachers for their dedication and commitment to our children.

If you're wondering how you can continue to support St. Paul's preschool in the community, here are a few ways:

- 1) Through our fundraisers;
 - 2) Donations to the preschool to purchase/replace equipment, games, learning tools;
 - 3) Volunteering your time to help teachers;
 - 4) Helping us to spread the word about our preschool programs.
- Information is available at www.saintpaulsredlion.com.

Appreciatively, *Ronda Vasellas*
Preschool Committee Chairperson

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PASTOR CHRISTOPHER NAUTA

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025 10:00 AM



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Volunteer Opportunities for you.....

Fundraiser 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. Requests can also be sent in via our website at www.saintpaulsredlion.com.

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 calendar - Upcoming meetings/events to make note of:

Monday, May 26 - **Memorial Day Holiday**
Tuesday, May 27 - **Prayer Group** 6 PM (adult SS)
June 9 thru 11 - **Preschool Summer Camp-Week One/Camping**
Tuesday, June 10 - **Prayer Group** 6 PM (adult SS)
Thursday, June 12 - **Set-up for Summer Yard Sale** 4-6 PM
Friday, June 13 - **Summer Sunshine Social** 7AM-5 PM (inside/parking lot)
Saturday, June 14 - **Summer Sunshine Social** 7AM-5PM (inside/parking lot)
Sunday, June 15 - **Father's Day**
June 16 thru 18 - **Preschool Summer Camp-Week 2/Ice Cream**
Sunday, June 22-26 - **Vacation Bible School** 6-8 PM (adult SS)
Monday, June 23-27 - **Vacation Bible School** 10 AM-12PM (adult SS)
Monday, June 23 - **Leadership Council** 7 PM (lounge)
June 23 thru 25 - **Preschool Summer Camp/Week Three/Ocean**
Friday, June 27 - **Seitz/Dellinger Wedding Rehearsal** (sanctuary)
Saturday, June 28 - **Seitz/Dellinger Wedding**

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.

The most current editions of both the Upper Room and Our Daily Bread devotionals are out on the desk at the rear of the sanctuary, as well as on the table inside the center tower entrance for your convenience.

Toy Drive Fundraiser through August 1st - St. Paul's Preschool is again collecting gently-used or new toys & games this year to sell during the Red Lion Street Fair on August 9th. A container to collect these has been placed inside the parking lot door entrance for your convenience. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

Class of 2025 Graduates – If you or a family member are graduating now from high school or college, please supply the church office with the specifics of what school, degree(s) achieved, along with what their/your future plans are. **We will honor these graduates in our worship service on June 1st at 10:00 am.**

There is some Pork & Sauerkraut, Ham, Green Beans & Potatoes and Pulled Pork left in the freezer off of the kitchen if you care for some. Please help yourself - it is on a first come, first served basis. Any donations you care to give towards them can be handed into the church office. The pork & sauerkraut is left from the New Year's Eve supper, the ham, green beans & potatoes are from the most recent Community Meal and the pulled pork is from the Mother's Day Luncheon this past Saturday. Each of the items are marked at their particular location within the freezer for your convenience. Thank you.

UMCOR Assistance – UMCOR is sending aid to the Great Plains and Kentucky in the wake of the recent severe tornadoes, storms and flooding there. They have issued an appeal for monetary donations towards this as they are being stretched thin by all of these events. They are also helping out the victims of flooding in Burundi and the Congo, where many were killed. This is a perfect way for all of us to help our neighbors in their time of need! UMCOR directs 100% of its funds to the cause, so your donation is going to the need in it's entirety. U.S. Disaster Response and Recovery Advance No. 901670.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who played a part in last Saturday's Mother's Day Luncheon. The food turned out great, the decorations were excellent (especially the hats) and, most importantly, everyone seemed to enjoy it (so did the guys in the kitchen!) and had a good time! Everyone who played a part in this at all should feel good that we accomplished the revival of a good thing for our ladies.

Wanda & Bob Strickler

This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Today: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship – 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 26th: **Memorial Day** – Take time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Church Office Closed.

Tuesday, May 27th: Prayer Group 6:00 PM (adult SS)

Wednesday, May 28th:

Thursday, May 29th:

Friday, May 30th:

Saturday, May 31st:

Sunday, June 1st: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM – 7th Sunday of Easter (Communion)

Large-Print Bulletins are available on the back pew in the center aisle adjacent to the sound booth for your convenience.

Making A Difference In the Lives of People With Dementia – is offering a free seminar for family caregivers on Friday, June 6th from 8AM- 4PM at Living Word Community Church. There will be local resources and practical tips on supporting your loved one living with dementia. Please see the enclosed flyer for additional information and registration specifics.

Don't forget! – We still have Gift Cards available to purchase that benefit St. Paul's. Order forms on tables at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.



Front Side of Shirt



Parking Lot Party



July 1 – 31, 2025

Bible stories, Sports, games,
arts and crafts,
music, dinner or lunch and
many more fun activities!




Ages
4 - 12



Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 - 8 PM
Wednesdays 10 AM - 12 PM

St. Paul's Church of Red Lion



For more info and registrations
contact Andrea
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