

This Week at St Paul's

F = Fellowship Hall, Z = Zoom

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sun. 12/21 Advent 4	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Holy Communion in person and online, w/ Sunday School Christmas Presentation and "Noisy Offering" www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live "Heavenly Homemade" Sale; Food and Fellowship [F] "Longest Night/Blue Christmas" Service @ QT United Methodist
Mon. 12/22	10:00 AM	Bible Study [F+Z]
Wed. 12/24 Christmas Eve	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist (prelude begins 6:30 PM) , in person and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live
Thurs. 12/25 Christmas Day: Nativity of Our Lord		MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Fri. 12/26	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Al-Anon [F] AA [P]
Sun. 12/28 Christmas +1: The Holy Innocents	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christmas Lessons, Carols, and Communion in person and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live Food and Fellowship [F]

- * If you'd like to participate in these **activities taking place over Pr Dave's Zoom platform**, go to zoom.us, click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID 3700147169, and if it asks for a password, use 119805 and you should be in. If you're using your phone, these dial-in numbers will work: 929.205.6099 or 312.626.6799. After you dial, you'll be asked for the host's code, and you'll type in 3700147169#, then 119805# and you're in. You can also use **Free Conference Call [FCC]**: Dial 857.232.0157, enter conference code 144261, and you're in.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

- The Armed Forces, President Trump and his cabinet, Crossroads Pregnancy Care, David Johnson Sr., Morgan, Ally, & Dontay Hassler, Andrew Edmonds, Don & Karen Ludovici, Derek & Anna Ludovici, Connie Slotter, Norm Diehl Sr., Amy Miller, Chrissy Cousins, Robert & Cheryl Ball, Gary Hertzog, Keith, Joe, Annabelle Weller, Brenda Oelschlager, Roy Weidner, Michael Ludovici, Pr Robert Lescalette, Sable Wilcox, Laura Ulrich, Dave & Karen Hammerschmidt, Barry & Judy, Bob Knapp, Dr. Ken & Family, Bella & Friora, Sheila Simpson, Norman Hottensen, Rita Feikel, Pr Mary Owens, Ted, Heidi Beason, Aaron Hamlin, Kristin Umstead, Sue Weidner, Doris Diehl, Colin Aherne, Joanne Locke, Maurice Aubry, Pat Stever, Melissa Manhart, Pr Rachel Scheible, Karen, Mike, Ted, John Hunsberger, Violet Bradley, Sherry Salinas, Brett Shaw, Sharon Bachman Kresge.
- The war-torn people of Ukraine, Yemen, Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Libya, Ethiopia, the DRC, Sudan, Haiti, Colombia, Myanmar, Mozambique, and violence-ravaged homes and communities in our own land.
- Families and friends of Kelsey Shaak, Kenny Fly, Mary Johnson, Joan Bilger, Kevin Scholl, Pr Andrew Carlsson, Benita Ukstins, Bob Shaak, Pr Chuck Maxfield, Dale Weiss, James Qualls.

Serving in Worship Today:

	Today 12/21/2025	Christmas Eve 12/24/2025
Ushers	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Acolyte/Cru	Stefanie Bauman	Linda Hertzog
Counters	Karen Roehner	Karen Roehner & Patty Schumacher
Altar Guild	Marie Shaw Volunteers Needed	Marie Shaw Volunteers Needed
Communion	Linda Hertzog	Linda Hertzog
Reader	Tina Young	Pastor Dave

Today's bulletins are sponsored by the Schnabel family in honor of our church family and God's love for us.

Thank you to our AA volunteer for December 26th: Sue Young



Aly Brown will be in the office December 22nd & December 23rd from 7:30am – 11:30am.

Stewardship Note: Our congregation's expenses for 2025 have exceeded our income by over \$40,000 so far. Please prayerfully consider how you can support our ministry together. And *if you'd like to give electronically*, feel free to use the QR code printed here: ➔



Today our kids and their adult helpers will be presenting their **Sunday School Christmas Program**, featuring an original play, their chime choir, and beloved Christmas carols. Many thanks to Stefanie Bauman, Todd Silvius, and our other adult helpers for their support of our kids!

Our **Monday Morning Bible Study is back in action** from **10:00 AM-12:00 NN**— and now we're meeting in the fellowship hall (with Zoom connectivity for those who can't join us in person). We're digging into the Scripture readings for the upcoming week to discover the treasures that await us come Sunday. You don't have to be a biblical "expert" to get a lot out of this study— so get on board and invite your friends to join you!

Our "Monthly Special" recipient for December is **Heifer Project International**, a global nonprofit which distributes animals, along with agricultural and value-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Recipients agree to "pass on the gift" by sharing their skills, knowledge of animal husbandry, and animal offspring with other impoverished families in the community. We'll receive the **"Noisy Offering"** for this ministry on Dec. 21. Please give as you're able!

Thanks to our Social Ministry Team, our annual **Christmas Card Box** is available in the narthex through today. Save yourself a stamp and bring in your cards by Dec. 21 for those who worship at St Paul's, placing your cards in this box for distribution.

Our **Quakertown Ministerium** will be conducting a **"Longest Night" Christmas Service** this afternoon, **Dec. 21 @ 2:00 PM** at Quakertown United Methodist Church (on Freier Rd. outside of Trumbauersville). This service will feature a number of contemplative, prayerful activities, as well as music by Pr Dave.

Our Social Ministry Team's annual **"Homemade Heaven" Bake Sale** will be held **today after worship**. There'll be plenty of cookies, cakes, candies, muffins, breads, and soups made by "little Lutheran ladies (and gentlemen)." Proceeds will support community outreach in and around our congregation. Everyone is welcome to contribute (and purchase) scrumptious yummys.

Our annual **Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist** will be held on **Dec. 24 @ 7:00 PM**, with special prelude music beginning at 6:30 PM. And we'll livestream this service as well— so if you have loved ones who can't make it in person, invite them to join us from wherever they are!

On **Dec. 28**, the **Sunday after Christmas**, we'll enjoy **Christmas Lessons, Carols, and Communion**. Our readings and hymns will carry us through the entire Christmas story from Zechariah and Elizabeth through Simeon and Anna, with carols serving as commentary on the story.

Pr Dave has posted a worship video of **"Advent at Taize"** on our church's Facebook page. (See the website address above.) You and your family can share in this time of worship and reflection at any time during Advent. One of the perks of music from Taize is that it's generally pretty easy to remember after a few times through— and because it's contemplative, it's meant to be sung a few times through...

To help combat hunger and homelessness, we're starting the **Food Basket** again. Please bring canned or dry food each Sunday to put in the large wicker basket in the narthex. Thank you!

The **Upper Bucks Code Blue** sheltering ministry of Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks (AHUB) provides emergency shelter for homeless people when nighttime temperatures and/or wind chills reach dangerous levels— in our case, 26 degrees or below— from Nov. 15 through Apr. 15. But this ministry requires volunteers' time, organizational skills, relational skills, and of course, food and supplies to make this shelter available for folks in need. If you're interested in helping with the ministry of AHUB, please see Pr Dave. Volunteer applications and further information are available in our fellowship hall.

And **many thanks** to Caleb Byelich and his family for hosting last Sunday's **"Caleb's Cocoa Café"** in their front yard in Quakertown. Despite the frigid cold and snow, they've raised over \$4400 so far in support of AHUB's Upper Bucks Code Blue Shelter— and if you weren't able to get there last Sunday, we understand there are still goodies available!

Giving Notes: For our 2026 Giving Campaign, pledge cards and "Simply Giving" applications have been placed in each pew. If you use "Simply Giving" for your contributions to St Paul's, please be sure to complete a 2026 pledge card as well as a new "Simply Giving" form so that Wendy has your current giving information and amount changes for 2026. If you use giving envelopes but haven't made a pledge for 2026, please do so using a pledge card. You can put your pledge information in a sealed envelope addressed to "Wendy Gullett, Financial Secretary" or contact Wendy via email at wkg1071@verizon.net. Blessed Holidays!

-- Your St Paul's Finance Team



For more information on our ministries, please contact:

St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

849 Old Bethlehem Road, Quakertown, PA 18951

215.536.5789

www.stpaulsqtown.org

stpaulsqtown@gmail.com

Rev. David A. Heckler, Pastor

570.470.0716

prdaveheckler@gmail.com