



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Announcements

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Today

- **Invitations to Christmas Eve Worship: Let's share some Christmas Spirit!** Small invitation cards have been placed in the narthex. We encourage you to take one (or more) and invite a friend or even a stranger to worship with us on Christmas Eve.
- **Quiet Christmas Worship Service Today at 4:00 PM.** The Quiet Christmas Service provides a place to gather with others who want to worship the Christ Child while also allowing oneself to feel hurt, even shed a tear which arises from an emotional mix of love, loss, and lament. Along with carols, special music, candlelight, message, and prayer, the worshipper is given space to remember, give thanks, and grieve. Special music will include soloists Zoe Buchanan, Maya Buchanan and Kayla Stuckey.
- **Children's Christmas Program Today at 10am:** Join us in the Social Hall for our Christmas program! Everyone is welcome to experience this delightful event, featuring storytelling through narration, costumes, and song.

Christmas Eve

- 1:00 PM. Traditional service with Holy Communion. Music begins at 12:40
- 4:00 PM. Family/"Joy to the World"; no sermon, but skit by Pastor Rob and Deacon Emily
- 9:00 PM. Traditional service with Holy Communion. Music begins at 8:40

Bible in the New Year

- Are you interested in digging into the Bible in the New Year? We have ten groups that meet regularly on a Sunday morning in between services, two pastor's Bible studies and a podcast. In the new year, we are launching a new Common Ground Group on Sunday mornings designed for people in the "Sandwich Generation." Curious? Contact Scott Frase (sfrase@stpaulinitz.net). Pod and Pub also resumes working through the Bible one book at a time, starting with Acts. But if you want a place to start in the beginning, you can go back to January of 2025 and the episode on Genesis.
- **Sunday Morning Classes and Groups:** Do not meet on Dec 28, but resume on Jan 4.
- **Men's Bible Study** will take place on Saturday January 3, 2026 at St. Paul Penryn starting at 9AM. All men are invited to attend. Any questions please contact Jim Millhouse, e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

The office will be closed on Wednesday, December 24 - December 26, 2025, with limited staff coverage the week after Christmas.

Giving

- **2025 Year End Giving:** If you are considering a gift to St. Paul prior to year end, please keep these options and dates in mind. **ONLINE:** Electronic gifts can be processed on the St. Paul website up until 11:59pm on 12/31/2025. **MAILED CHECKS:** Will be posted to the calendar year based upon the USPS postmark date on the envelope. **IN PERSON:** Contributions must be received in the church office by noon on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 to be processed for 2025. Thank you for your generosity in 2025!
- **2026 General Fund Pledges:** Thanks to everyone who has turned in their pledge for 2026 weekly offering. If you are still interested in making a pledge, it is not too late. Feel free to complete a pledge form and place it in the offering plate in the Narthex OR try our online electronic pledge located on our website: <https://www.stpaullititz.net/give>

Music Ministry

- **Christmas Eve Choir:** St. Paul Choir invites those who would like to sing for the 9 pm Christmas Eve Worship. The last rehearsal is **Mon, Dec 22 at 7:30 pm** in the sanctuary.

Children's Ministry

- **Save the Date:** our 3rd annual kids/family event to Assemble Health Kits for the Medan Initiative. Saturday January 17th at 4pm. Look for details coming soon.

Camp

- **Winter Retreat:** for kids/youth in grades 3-9 at Camp Kirchenwald. January 2-4, 2026. Winter activities, Bible studies, Fun games, Camp counselors, New and old friends! Come for a great weekend to refresh your faith. Cost is only \$70 per camper; St. Paul will subsidize the other \$100. Just say the word if you need more financial assistance. You can share this discount with one friend too! Contact Deacon Emily or Scott Frase for a coupon code to use upon registration.
- **Winter Fun Day:** for families of all ages and sizes! January 18, 2026. Drop in between 1p-6p. Come to Camp Kirchenwald to experience camp in the winter. Enjoy tobogganing on Kirchenwald's award-winning run, ice skating on the lake, hiking, and hot chocolate by the lodge fireplace. A free will offering is accepted. Come for a fun-filled afternoon of outdoor winter activities!