



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Advent

Advent Outreach Project - Gift Card Collection and Book Donations for all ages! Due Today!

Donations of gift cards to Sheetz, Giant, or Target (\$25 or \$50 increments), and/or new books for adults and children are due today. Please place under the tree in the narthex. Contact Suzanne Black, sblack@stpaulstitz.net with questions.

Today! Caroling at Luther Acres, 4 PM: Calling all carolers! We will meet at Luther Acres in the Healthcare Center at 4:00 pm to bring joy to the residents and staff through the gift of music. Contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulstitz.net with questions.

Thursday Worship: All are invited on Thursdays during Advent for worship services reflecting on our advent theme, "Love is Come." Services are on Dec. 11 & 18 at 11:45 am.

Gingerbread Nativities: December 14 at 4:00 PM. Gather your loved ones for this cherished tradition. Create a nativity scene using gingerbread and candies! We supply all the materials, but you must sign up. One nativity per family. Sign up online (<https://ttsu.me/ysmni4>) or in the narthex.

Poinsettia Order Forms: We are taking orders for Christmas poinsettia plants. Cost is \$7.50 per plant, checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. (Order forms can be found on the last page and in the Narthex) **Orders due Dec. 10th.**

ADULT MINISTRY

Sisters in Christ Bible Study will meet **today at 9:25 am in the choir room** for their monthly class. Deb Rutter will be leading the Advent study, "Fear not". According to some Bible translations the phrase "fear not" occurs 365 times-once for every day of the year! Mary was not alone in her fear. Join us and learn how Mary dealt with God's plan for her –and for us. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. An offering will be collected. Please bring a Bible.

St. Paul Companions: Companions is a ministry that helps persons who no longer can attend Sunday worship and church events to stay connected with the congregation through monthly visits. Presently, there is a need for more companions. If you want to learn more about this ministry please contact Pastor Robert. The next companion meeting is Monday evening, **December 15 at 7:00 pm** in the Media Room.

Men's Bible Study: The next men's Bible study will take place at Brickerville United Lutheran on **Saturday December 13 starting at 9AM.** All men are invited to attend. If there are any questions please contact Jim Millhouse, e44a@ptd.net.

St. Paul WELCA Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 11:30 at Isaac's, 4 Crosswinds Dr. This is the month we collect for our Ministry, North Star Initiative. We will be collecting gift cards or cash and personal care items as well as paper products. Please RSVP to Nancy Miller at 717-405-0000 or email nmiller424@aol.com.

Weekly Bible Study: Weekly Bible study with Pastor Rob takes place every Thursday at 9:30am and 10:30 AM in the Media Room. [Zoom is also available.](#)

GIVING

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest is requesting the following: canned yams, boxed mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, stuffing, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, bread mixes (such as pumpkin, gingerbread, cranberry), and hot chocolate packs. Please, NO EXPIRED items. Donations may be placed in the wooden collection box in the narthex at any time.

The Mission and Outreach Committee thanks the congregation for their generous support of the food ministry.

Wishing everyone a holiday filled with God's love.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christmas Eve Choir: St. Paul Choir would like to invite those who would like to sing for the 9 pm Christmas Eve Worship. The choir will be preparing music for the prelude that will begin at 8:40 pm. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at **7:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. The dates are **Wednesday, December 10, 17 and Monday, December 22.** Please email or text Becky if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Advent Devotionals: The 2025 family devotionals are available now. This year's theme is LOVE. Your interactive devotion has a daily heart card to connect you and your children with the source of Love: Jesus Christ, our savior! Assemble the centerpiece and read God's for you!

Program Practice: Mark your calendars to come to Sunday School especially in December to practice your Sunday School class's part of the Christmas Story to be shared on December 21.

Christmas Program: Sunday December 21 at 10am in the Social Hall. Sunday School kids should arrive at their classrooms at 9:30am. All are welcome to witness their storytelling through narration, costume and song.

4 pm Christmas Eve Kids Musicians: Kids in Grades 4 - 6 who play an instrument are invited to play for Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Rehearsals will be Thursdays in December at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please attend 2-3 rehearsals. Contact Becky to sign-up beckyr@stpaulstitz.net.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service Youth Choir and Youth Bells: Grades 7-12 youth who love to sing and play bells are invited to learn music for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service. Rehearsals will be Mondays after school from 3:30 - 4:15 on December 8, 15 and 22.

4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service Student Musicians: Students in Grades 7 - 12 who play an instrument are invited to play for Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Rehearsals will be Thursdays on December 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please make at least 2 rehearsals. Parents, please text or email Becky your student's name and instrument for music. If your student plays the piano, please text or email the song they would like to offer. beckyr@stpaulstitz.net or 717-824-5913.

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!

Poinsettia Order Form

Please complete this form and return with your payment.
You may place it in the offering plate, mail to the church or
drop it off in the church office.

Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Orders due by: December 10, 2025



Cost: \$7.50 each

Given by:

Phone:

In Memory or Honor of:

Number ordered: _____

Total Paid for Poinsettias: _____