

This Week at St Paul's

F = Fellowship Hall, Z = Zoom

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sun. 12/8 Advent 2	9:00 AM	Holy Communion in person and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live
	10:00 AM	Kringle Shoppe @ Haycock Community Center
	10:15 AM	Sunday School [F]
	10:30 AM	Food and Fellowship, "Heavenly Homemade Sale" [F]
Mon. 12/9	10:00 AM	Bible Study via Zoom/FCC *
	11:00 AM	Social Ministry Team [F]
Wed. 12/11	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class at Trinity, Quakertown Yerger Bldg.
	7:00 PM	Cub Pack 007 [F]
	7:30 PM	Finance Team [Z]
Thur. 12/12	7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 007 [F]
Fri. 12/13	1:00 PM	Al-Anon [F]
	5:30 PM	Christmas Tree Lighting @ Haycock Community Center
	7:00 PM	AA [F]
Sat. 12/14	11:00 AM	Christmas Carnival @ Emmanuel Episcopal, Quakertown
	3:00 PM	Valley Choral Society @ St Mark's Lutheran, Pennsburg
Sun. 12/15 Advent 3	9:00 AM	Holy Communion in person and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live
	10:30 AM	Food and Fellowship
	2:00 PM	Caleb's Cocoa Café @ 207 N. Ambler St., Quakertown
	3:00 PM	Valley Choral Society @ Trinity Lutheran, Perkasio

* 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 Biden and his cabinet, Crossroads Pregnancy Care, David & Mary Johnson Sr., Morgan, Ally, & Dontay Hassler, Andrew Edmonds, Don & Karen Ludovici, Derek & Anna Ludovici, Barbara Graser, Charyl Westervelt, Connie Slotter, Norm Diehl Sr., Amy Miller, Chrissy Cousins, Robert & Cheryl Ball, Gary Hertzog, Katie, Cassidy Owens, Kelly & Jim, John Apple, Dr Jenn Phelps, Karen K, Keith, Joe, Annabelle Weller, Kelly, Kareem, Brenda Oelschlager, Brody, former Pres. Jimmy Carter, Roy Weidner, Bill Schumacher Jr., 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, Christine, Rita Feikel, Pr Mary Owens, Cassie Singh-Hueter, Ted, Heidi Beason, Kelsey Shaak, Bob Werner, Aaron Hamlin, Bill Baringer, Kenny Fly. The war-torn people of Ukraine, Yemen, Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Libya, Ethiopia, the DRC, Sudan, Haiti, Colombia, and violence-ravaged homes and communities in our own land. Families and friends of Bob Shimalla, Germaine Brown, Pr Rich Knight, Hilda Carmer, Jim Blough (Sue Young's brother), Dennis Silvius.

Serving in Worship Today:

	Today 12/08/2024	Next Sunday 12/15/2024
Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Acolyte/Cru	Linda Hertzog	Linda Hertzog
Counters	Bill Shaeffer	Sara George
Altar Guild	Marie Shaw Volunteers Needed	Marie Shaw Volunteers Needed
Communion	Stefanie Bauman	Bruce Kroglund
Reader	Marie Shaw	Bruce Kroglund

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Kelly Shaak in honor of Bruce Kroglund's birthday on December 10th.

Thank you to our AA volunteer for December 13th: Sue Young

Stewardship Note: Our congregation's expenses for 2024 have exceeded our income by over \$15,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can support our ministry together. If you'd like to give electronically and would like some information on how to do that, please contact the church office. And please complete your ***2025 stewardship commitment form*** and return it to the office or the offering plate today. Extra forms are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Our ***Monthly Special Recipient*** for December is ***Heifer International***, a global nonprofit that distributes animals, along with agricultural and value-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. We'll receive the ***"Noisy Offering"*** for this ministry on Dec. 22. Please give as you're able!

Come join us on Monday mornings from ***10:00 AM-12:00 NN*** via Zoom or Free Conference Call for our ***Monday Morning Bible Study***. To participate via Zoom, go to zoom.us, click "Join a Meeting", use meeting ID 370 014 7169, and if it asks for a password, use 119805 and you should be in. You can also use ***Free Conference Call [FCC]***: Dial 857.232.0157, enter conference code 144261, and you're in. We're digging into the Scriptures for the upcoming week to discover the treasures that await us come Sunday— so come join us and invite your friends as well!

Our Social Ministry Team is sponsoring a ***"Heavenly Homemade Sale" today*** in the fellowship hall following worship. You're invited to contribute (and buy) cookies, cakes, breads, soups, jewelry, knitted items, and other items for sale. Proceeds benefit our outreach to our community.

"Angels Table", a new free-or-donation "community café" in Quakertown, is now open for lunch ***Tuesdays through Thursdays from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM*** at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Quakertown.

Volunteers for this ministry will be much appreciated! For more information, contact Dottie Dunn at 609.306.1458 or dorothydunn506@gmail.com.

Our annual **Christmas Card Box** will be placed out in the narthex to receive your cards for folks in our congregation. Save your stamps! We'll collect the cards through Dec. 22 and have them available for pickup Dec. 24. The Christmas Card Box is sponsored by our Social Ministry Team.

Poinsettia's – Money is due by December 15, so we have the sponsors information for Aly to print in the bulletin Christmas Eve.

From St. Paul's Social Ministry - The St. Paul's Social Ministry would like to thank everyone who played a part in our Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child efforts for 2024. Our final total was 100 gift boxes packed, which were delivered on Sunday, November 24th to the East Swamp collection/drop-off center!

Whether you packed a shoebox/boxes, sponsored a shoebox, aided in quality control to make sure boxes were banded to remain shut during transport, helped on short notice to make light work of packing the transport vehicle, prayed during our ongoing effort, or helped in any way to allow us to reach and surpass our initial goal of 85 sponsored shoeboxes, we want to say thank you, and may God bless your personal effort to send those 100 gift boxes to children around the world! These children will not only be blessed by receiving a memorable gift, but will also, and most importantly, be presented with the Good News of the Gospel and the opportunity to receive Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord. It's another way for us as Lay individuals to be "Good Samaritans" as well as be a part of the evangelistic edict given by Jesus and noted in "Matthew 28: 19 & 20, where disciples were commissioned to "Go Ye Therefore and Teach All Nations...". Please continue to pray that these gift boxes reach their intended destinations, and that God's perfect will be done in the lives of the recipients!

May God continue to bless your participation and your press!

Cecelia Casey, On behalf of St. Paul's Social Ministry



Aly Brown will be in the office December 10th, 11th & 13th from 8am-12pm.

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DRINK COCOA & DO GOOD

100% of ALL Proceeds go to AHUB our Quakertown Code Blue Homeless Shelter!



Hi! My name is Caleb; I'm 14 years old and an 8th grader. When I was 7 years old, my family took a trip to Baltimore, MD. It was there I had my first interaction with an individual who was homeless; I was blown away that there were people in this world without homes. On the ride home, my parents told me that there were people in my hometown who were homeless and a shelter

where they could stay. I knew I needed to do something to help those without homes. After some brainstorming, I came up with an idea to sell hot cocoa in the winter and my family said they would help me. We started the stand in December of 2018 and thanks to God, the community, my family, and friends – we have raised approximately \$19,000 in total for the shelter! I hope that you will be able to stop over and have some hot cocoa, eat a sweet snack, chat with friends, and enjoy the live music. ALL proceeds will go to the homeless shelter.



Caleb age 7

Live Music! Hot Cocoa! Baked Items from Local Bakeries and Private Donors!
(Including C&C Confections, Nefarious Eats, The Farm Bakery and Events)

**When: Sunday, December 15th
From 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Where: 207 N. Ambler Street, Quakertown
Everything \$1.00!!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hilltown
Invites You to Visit Our

Christmas Putz



The Putz (rhyming with *foots*), rooted in the Moravian tradition, is a depiction of the story of Jesus' birth. It is more than a nativity scene. It is the Gospel in miniature form from Mary's annunciation to the visits of the Shepherds and Wise Men to the flight into Egypt to save baby Jesus from King Herod's murderous soldiers. It tells the story of the Nativity through music and small illuminated scenes nestled among moss, rocks, sand, and driftwood.



The Putz will be open for visiting **from Nov. 30 thru Dec. 29, Saturdays 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Sundays 10:00-11:30 a.m.** Free, light refreshments will be served. We will also have a craft for children to make.

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(near Hilltown Pike and Diamond St.)

Web page: <https://splchurch.net/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterschilltown>

Come, Let Us Adore Him,



Christ Jesus the Living Word!

Come join us at St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Applebachsville as we rejoice in the miracle of God's incarnate love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!

- + December 22, 9:00 AM
**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Pageant**
in person and livestreamed
(www.facebook.com/StPaulsOtown)
- + December 24, 7:00 PM
**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Eucharist**
in person and livestreamed
(www.facebook.com/StPaulsOtown)
Special music begins 6:30 PM
- + December 25, 11:00 AM
"ChristMass" Eucharist
Simple service accompanied by guitar
- + December 29, 9:00 AM
**Christmas Lessons, Carols,
and Holy Communion**
in person and livestreamed
(www.facebook.com/StPaulsOtown)

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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 81 MAIN STREET, PENNSBURG, PA 18073

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 - 3PM
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