



# The Beacon

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Issue 12 December 2024

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Council Highlights  
Worship & Music Info



**Your Pastoral Care** needs may be communicated to the church office at (717) 432-3202 during office hours, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. In case of an emergency, please contact our Parish Administrator, Annetta Zea directly at on her cell (717) 818-4724, or Pastor Roy Stetler, (717) 350-5057. Pastor Roy's office hours are Wednesday 9:30-12 noon., or by appointment.

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### Advent Vespers & Music

Pastor Roy Stetler in the Chapel  
6:30 p.m.

December 4: *Reflection on Hope*  
December 11: *Reflection on Peace*  
December 18: *Reflection on Joy*

### Special Advent Musicale Sunday

December 15, 10:30 a.m. – *Choir, Handbells and Flute*

### Christmas Eve Worship, December 24, 8:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m. *Musical Prelude*  
Choir, Handbells, Trumpet, Flute, and Percussion  
8:00 p.m. *Candlelight Service with Communion*



### Christmas Events at Quickel Lutheran Church

Blue Christmas Soup Supper and Worship service  
December 2, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m.  
Quickel Lutheran will be having a Blue Christmas Worship service on Monday, December 2, please join us for a soup supper before worship at 6:00pm. Followed by Worship at 6:45pm.



### Annual Congregational Meeting



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Service. There will be only one worship service that weekend and we encourage everyone to come out to hear a report on the state of the church, approve a 2025 Budget, elect persons to positions on the Congregation Council. Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, December 1st in the Sanctuary.

*Thank you for getting your Annual Reports in on time.  
Your hard work is appreciated..*

Each year Advent begins with the end. Advent grounds us in hope. That hope is not that things will turn out the way we want, but that regardless of circumstances, our strength and courage comes directly from the mercy and love of Christ.



This year, Luke 21 reminds us, ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

In apocalyptic visions, the sea is a symbol of evil. Luke’s vision is of great trouble, evil, which tempts humanity to despair. Luke calls us to be alert, praying for strength to trust despite such terrible trouble and to be faithful to the Son of Man (who we believe is Jesus). What does it mean to be faithful to Jesus? Perhaps to trust in God and love our neighbor?

Our hope is in the One who comes on the clouds with true power and glory. Yes, we will participate in life-giving ministry. However, we do not manufacture hope by what we think or do. We pray in the presence of God who gives us life and peace, regardless of circumstances. We pray in the presence of the One who comes on the clouds, who gives us courage to stand up and raise our heads and watch our redemption unfold in the mercy of Jesus Christ’s love.

Welcome to Advent!!

Pastor Roy



### Cancellations of Worship Services

Just as a reminder: when we have a cancellation due to weather, it will be announced in several ways: (a) Facebook, (b) the church website ([www.stpaulsdillsburg.com](http://www.stpaulsdillsburg.com)) (c) a mass e-mail, (d) ABC 27 & (e) CBS 21.

The Church offices are also closed when the Northern School District has cancelled school due to inclement weather.

***Worship at St. Paul's Serving You Today***

***Altar Flowers and Bulletins: Notice:*** Altar Flowers \$55.00 and Bulletins \$10.00 will need to be paid at least 7 days prior to the listing in the bulletin, so that the flowers can be ordered on time. Thank you.

**Assisting Ministers**

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
01 Sharon Colvin	05 Ted Shumaker
08 Lois Young	12 Stephanie Miller
15 Stephanie Miller	19 Lois Young
22 Ted Shumaker	26 Sharon Colvin
24 Stephanie Miller	
29 Lois Young	

**Lectors**

**December**

- 01 Stephanie Miller
- 08 Dave Gerstenlauer
- 15 Pam Shook
- 22 Karen Peiffer
- 24 Dave Gerstenlauer
- 29 Mary Lutz

**Live Streaming Technician**

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
01 Suzanne Sheaffer	05 Sharon Colvin
08 Sharon Colvin	12 Dave Gerstenlauer
15 Dave Gerstenlauer	19 Lisa Torio
22 Lisa Torio	26 Suzanne Sheaffer
24 Dave Gerstenlauer	
29 Suzanne Sheaffer	

**Greeters**

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
<u>Available</u>	Rick & Betsy Swivel

**Ushers**

- Randy Stough (Head Usher)
- Dwight Lehman (Assistant)

**Crucifer**

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
01 Sharon Colvin	05 Gerry Schwillie
08 Gerry Schwillie	12 Stephanie Miller
15 Stephanie Miller	19 Jeff Griffin
22 Jeff Griffin	26 Sharon Colvin
24 Gerry Schwillie	
29 Jeff Griffin	

**Altar Guild**

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
Viki Wonders	Liana Griffie

**Altar Flowers Sponsors**                      **Bulletin Sponsors**

**December**

<b><i>No flowers for Advent</i></b>	01
12/29	08
	15
	22
	24
	29

**Altar Flowers Sponsors**                      **Bulletin Sponsors**

**January**

05 <i>Available</i>	05 <i>Available</i>
12 Lisa Torio	12 <i>Available</i>
19 <i>Available</i>	19 <i>Available</i>
26 <i>Available</i>	26 <i>Available</i>

**Save this Date for a Special Event**

December 7th at 7:00 p.m.  
 Advent/Christmas Concert  
 St. Paul's Bells & Choir joining with other  
 Choirs and Dillsburg Brass  
 presented at  
 Monaghan Presbyterian Church  
***FREE and All are invited!***



**Worship in-person or online**

Don't forget, if you are unable to make it to Worship you can still see Worship online on our Facebook page. So stayed tuned in at church or online each week.



**Please submit  
 articles for the  
 January 2025 Newsletter  
 no later than  
 December 15, 2024**

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB</b>  <p>First Sunday = Advent</p>	<b>2</b>  AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>3</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. \ Vespers 7:00 p.m. Bells AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>5</b> 9– 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>6</b> 3:00 p.m. Church Council AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>7</b> 7 p.m. Christmas Concert at Monaghan
<b>8</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB / Annual Meeting</b>  <p>Second Sunday = Advent</p>	<b>9</b>  AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>10</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>11</b> 10:30 a.m. Dillsburg Ministerium 6:30 p.m. \ Vespers 7:00 p.m. Bells AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>12</b> 9– 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>13</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Worship Service (C)</b>
<b>15</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB, with Special Music</b>  <p>Third Sunday = Advent</p>	<b>16</b>  AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>17</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>18</b> 6:30 p.m. \ Vespers 7:00 p.m. Bells AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b> 9– 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH)  6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>20</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB.</b>  <p>Fourth Sunday = Advent</p>	<b>23</b>  AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Worship 8:00 p.m.</b>  <p>Christmas Eve</p>	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)  <p>Christmas Day</p>	<b>26</b> 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH) <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Worship Service (C)</b>
<b>29</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB / Lesson and Carols</b>	<b>30</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)  <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <b>Office Closed</b> </div>	<b>31</b>	<p><b>The Church office is Closed from</b>  <b>December 24—January 1.</b>  <b>It will reopen on January 2, 2025</b></p>			

# JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 New Years Day</b> 12-2 p.m. Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>2</b> 9- 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>3</b> AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	<b>6</b>  AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>8</b> 10:30 a.m. (P) Dillsburg Ministerium 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>9</b> 9- 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>10</b> AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
<b>12</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	<b>13</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>14</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>15</b> 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> 9- 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>17</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (P)	<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m. (FH) Outreach /SAMS Breakfast
<b>19</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	<b>20 Office Closed</b>  AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>21</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>22</b> 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>23</b> 9- 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>24</b> AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C) 6:45 p.m. Outreach Movie "Esther"
<b>26</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	<b>27</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>28</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>29</b> 9a.m.-6 p.m. Blood Drive (FH) 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>30</b> 9- 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>31</b> AA 7:00 p.m.	

## *The Power of Luther and Handel's Music*

Martin Luther composed and supported sacred music as a gift from God, a form of theology capable of fighting evil and promoting good. Lutheran hymnody is well known for its doctrinal, didactic, and musical richness. During Advent & Christmas we sing several of his hymns.

Similarly, George Frederic Handel composed the music for "The Messiah" oratorio after the Librettist, Charles Jenner, had written the lyrics for this life of Christ's story.

Deeply moved and inspired by Jenner's words, Handel agreed to compose the music and did it in a record of 24 days, during the summer of 1741! His assistant found Handel in tears one day as he sat composing, and Handel said "I did think that I saw heaven open, and saw the very face of God."

A writer of Handel's era concluded that "The Messiah" oratorio has probably done more to convince thousands of mankind that there is a God about us, than all of the theological greats that ever walked this earth!

On Christmas Eve this year, please enjoy the Postlude of "The Hallelujah Chorus" by Jenners & Handel.



### *Opportunity for Sponsorship*

We are working hard to announce to our community that we are a healthy and serving congregation. We have been placing an Ad in the *Dillsburg Banner* 2 times a month. Would you consider sponsoring an Ad for a week? The cost is \$200/week. You can fill out the form below and give your gift to the church office. You can sponsor a week or contribute to a week sponsorship with others. Make your checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Thank you for considering this important outreach opportunity.

#### **Newspaper Ad Sponsorship**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost \$200.00 weekly**



Donation Given \_\_\_\_\_

Giving Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

### *Those who are homebound*

**Sandy Banks, 1271 Gettysburg Pike, Apt.#314,  
Dillsburg, PA 17019**

**Bob & Eleanor Burkhardt, 141 Hickory Rd,  
Dillsburg, PA 17019**

**Paul & Kathy Eurich, 501 Oak Avenue,  
Apt.318, Waynesboro, VA 22980**

**Evelyn Hildebrand, 301 Clemens Drive,  
Dillsburg, PA 17019**

**Peg Reitz, 2944 Meridian Lane,  
Apt. 78, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**



## **OUTREACH/SAM POTLUCK BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY, JAN 18, 2025**

**9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Keith and Judy Routson**

**PROGRAM: “42 Days....25 States.....9,000 miles”**

**Keith and Judy Routson reminisce about their amazing “Honeymoon on a Dime”**

**Join us for some delightful stories and photos.**

**Mark you calendars! A sign up sheet will be posted in late December.**



**S. A. M.**



## **FREE NEW YEAR'S PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER**

**JANUARY 1, 2025**

**FROM 12:00-2:00 p.m.**

**IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**SPONSORED BY THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the overflow area for donations and helpers for this pork and sauerkraut dinner.

**HELP NEEDED: please email the outreach committee**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31 –pre set up at 2:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Jan 1 – setup, cooking, serving –  
church will be open at 8:00 a.m.**

There is a signup sheet posted for attendance on the bulletin board in the overflow area. If you are unable to come into the church, you are able to use our new email address:

**[Outreach@stpaulsdillsburg.com](mailto:Outreach@stpaulsdillsburg.com)**



Please include your name and the number attending.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 22nd.**

## November Council Update

- ◆ Gabby Miller, who is providing new sustainable landscaping for the Prayer Garden for her Community Project for her Girl Scout Gold Award, presented her final proposal for the updated design. Some existing plants will be removed and offered to congregation members, and new plantings should be completed in early spring.
- ◆ Pastor Stetler reported that the joint Mutual Ministry Committee with Quickel held their first meeting. Ted Shumaker and James Plank represent St. Paul's on the committee.
- ◆ Council unanimously approved a request to hold Vacation Bible School for Dillsburg area children in the summer of 2025 if there are enough members willing to volunteer. Money will be allocated in the 2025 budget for expenses.
- ◆ The proposed 2025 budget was unanimously approved and will be presented for final approval at the December Congregational Meeting.



### Financial Update as of October 31, 2024

	Jan 2024	Oct 2024	2024 YTD	Budget YTD
General Giving Income	\$10,259	\$7,630	\$89,505	\$101,188
Designated Income	\$8,554	-\$2,619	\$77,170	\$97,955
Total Income	18,813	5,011	166,674	199,143
From Investments	0	6,000	37,685	28,097
Expenses	<u>20,758</u>	<u>17,971</u>	<u>175,575</u>	<u>199,142</u>
Balance	<b>-1,945</b>	<b>-6,960</b>	<b>-8,900</b>	0

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The next *Blood Drive* at St. Paul's will be on January 29, 2024, 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. You can donate anytime by calling the number below to get scheduled . **A form of ID is required.**

#### **SIGN UP—TO DONATE**

1-800-771-0059 or sign in online at [717giveblood.org](https://www.717giveblood.org)

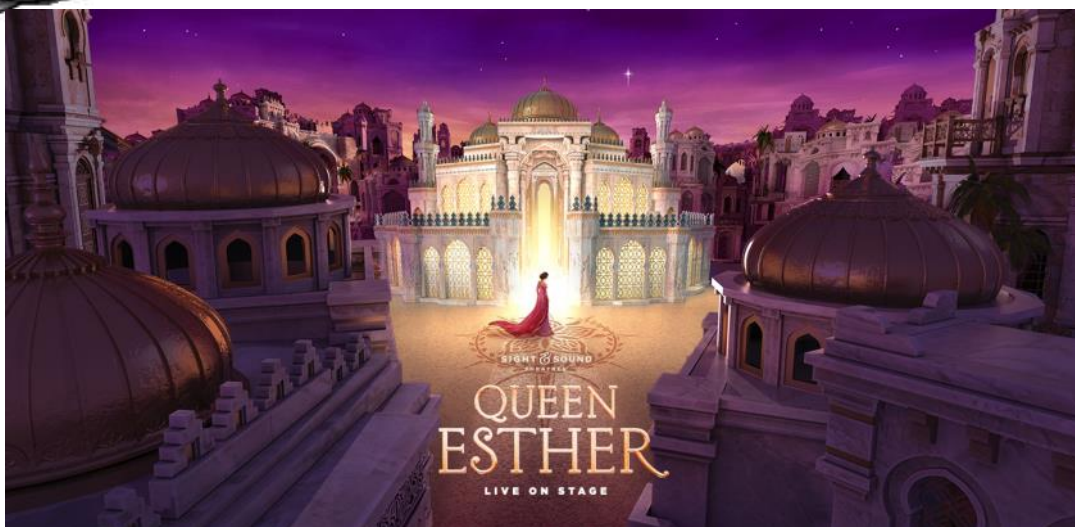


### **Blood Drive Results**

On November 27 we hosted a blood drive with the Penn Central Blood Bank. We did well.



**JOIN US FOR MOVIE NIGHT  
FEATURING**



**Saturday, JANUARY 25, 2025**

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a movie night in Fellowship Hall on a large screen.

The movie will start at 7:15 p.m. **(Doors open at 6:45 p.m.)**

This 2 hour movie is the version by Sight and Sound that was filmed at their Lancaster location in front of a live audience.

**Great for all ages!**

Folding chairs will be available (or feel free to bring your own chair).

We will be providing bottle water.

**Bring a snack to SHARE AND bring a few FRIENDS!!!!**

**SEE YOU THERE!!**



# Allenberry Playhouse Theater



Get ready to rock and roll all night long with MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET! When an extraordinary twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. Featuring all the classic hits from the era, as well as some surprises along the way, this show will have you dancing in your seat and singing along to every tune.

**Running Time:** 2 hours including a 15 minute intermission

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

2:00PM AFTERNOON SHOW

Please complete the form and return with payment payable to “St. Paul’s Lutheran Church”. [Forms and payment due by Jan. 19, 2025.](#)

The first 25 reservations will be guaranteed a seat. Others will be placed on a waiting list until availability is checked.

NAME	Phone	
ADULTS- \$33.00ea # tickets	Due \$	
SENIORS (60+) -\$28.00ea # tickets	Due \$	
STUDENT-\$13.00ea # tickets	Due \$	
Envelope #	Total Paid \$	Check #

No refunds will be given after Jan. 19, 2025. If you have any questions please email Outreach@stpaulsdillsburg.com or contact Pam Shook at 717-576-6214

# DECEMBER



**Birthdays**  
***December***

- 2 Sharon Waltz
- 7 Kathryn Fotheringham
- 11 Brad Bock
- 12 Pat Stough
- 13 Vivian Knaub
- 16 Jillian Zook
- 17 Joseph Levendusky
- 20 Doug Sebestyen
- 21 Christina Martin-Anderson
- 23 Peter Dohner
- 25 Marlene Walter
- 27 Robert Burkhardt  
Howard Walter
- 28 Georgia Kagle
- 29 Stephanie Miller
- 30 Jaxon Zook



# JANUARY



**Birthdays**  
***January***

- 3 Jane Knott
- 7 Cameron Rembold
- 10 Drew Simpson
- 12 Samuel Smith
- 17 Richard Jones
- 21 Wenda Deardorff
- 24 Joshua Gerstenlauer
- 27 Joann Dietz
- 29 James Dormer  
Gerry Schwillie



**Anniversaries January**

- 16 Richard & Elizabeth Swivel
- 29 Dwight & Joanne Lehman

If we have missed a birthday or anniversary we apologize. Please contact Annetta at the church office to update or add to our records. (717)432-3202 or [parishadmin@stpaulsdillsburg.com](mailto:parishadmin@stpaulsdillsburg.com)



# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

From the Staff  
and Volunteers of  
St. Paul's

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