

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



Clearwater, Florida
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December 2025 Newsletter & Calendar

Dear Beloved of God,

It is hard to believe December is upon us!

We have many opportunities to tell God's story and our story this month beginning with our Advent Book Study and the Advent Retreat Day.

I invite you to take a few moments to PRAYERFULLY read each announcement in this newsletter and discern who you know who would enjoy attending this activity with you. Ask yourself, who could use an encounter with God's grace at this moment in their lives?

Then take the bold move and invite them to come and hear God's story so that they can discover God working in their story!

Remember, someone invited YOU because they thought God would touch you through this congregation.

Pr. Anne



St. Paul's Spirituality Center

an outreach ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Advent Retreat

God's Story, Our Story

Saturday, December 6, 2025

9:00 - 4:00

We will explore the ways God's story intersects and informs our personal faith story.

Lunch will be served.

A free will offering will be taken.

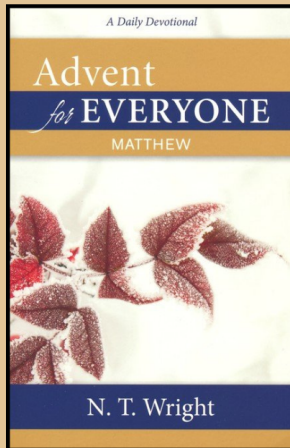
For more information and to register please visit our website or use the QR code.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church

1676 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL 33764



Advent Book Study & Faith Sharing

Tuesdays - In person or on ZOOM

In Person - 11:00 AM in the church

Led by Pr. Anne

On ZOOM - 7:00 PM

Led by Loretta & Matthew Brochmier

We will meet on the following Tuesdays:

12/2 - 12/9

12/16 - 12/23

Please register on the bulletin board. The book is \$9.33. We have copies available. If you prefer a digital version it is available for Kindle and Nook.



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Taizé Prayer Waiting

Wednesday, December 10 - 7:15 PM

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St. Paul's Quilt Ministry

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

December 2025

Thursday, December 4

Thursday, November 18

from 9:00 - Noon

Can you cut fabric, use an iron, tie yarn or even sew?

We would love to have you join us.

For more information about Lutheran World Relief Quilt Ministry: <https://lwr.org/quilts>

A collage of four photographs showing people participating in a food giveaway. The top-left photo shows a man in an orange shirt packing boxes. The top-right photo shows a long table with many boxes of food. The bottom-left photo shows a man in a red shirt holding a bag of food. The bottom-right photo shows a woman in a blue shirt packing bags of food.

St. Paul's
"Pop-Up"
Food Giveaway

"Pop-Up" Food Giveaway
at St. Paul's Property at
407 S. Saturn

Every Thursday
from 11:00 – 12:45

Please reach out to
Sandy Weaver or Mary Pheasant for
more if you would like to help.

WELCA

Women of the ELCA Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17
11:00 AM - in the conference room

The lesson will be taken from the
December Gather Magazine.

Please bring your copy.

A magazine is not required to attend or participate.

Please bring your bible and an offering.

We will join Silver Foxes for lunch after our meeting.

All women are welcome.

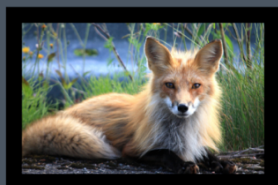


Please reach out to
Phyllis Berlage
for more information.

St. Paul's

Silver Foxes Luncheon

**Wednesday
December 17
1:00 PM**



Roosterfish Grill
776 Missouri Ave N.
Largo, FL 33770

Invite a friend. All are welcome.

Please sign up by November 16.

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Church Women United

Annual Farmworkers Ingathering

Friday, December 5th

St. John's Episcopal Fellowship Hall

Registration 9:30 AM - Program 10:00 AM

Guest Speakers from Bethel Farmworkers Ministry in Wimauma
and Farmworkers Self-Help in Dade City

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Annually we take a collection
of items needed for Christmas
and basic needs of our local
farmworkers.

Donations may be dropped off on
Thursday, 12/4 between 2:00 - 4:00 PM
at St. John's Episcopal Fellowship Hall
if you are unable to attend the
gathering.

Items needed: Children's
new clothes infants to teens;
(teens especially like jeans &
shirts); new toys for infants
to teens; NO GUNS PLEASE.

Food items: pinto beans,
white rice, flour, maseca

\$10 gift cards
from Dollar Tree or
Walmart.

Interfaith Light Labyrinth

Sunday, December 21 - 5:30 PM



Temple B'nai Israel

labyrinth walk - drum circle - refreshments

Looking Ahead to 2026

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Immediately Following Worship

Four Chaplains Day Service Interfaith Service

Tuesday, February 3 – 7:00 PM

Lent Retreat

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Dates to put on your calendar now!

Events to Invite Family and Friends!

Advent Book Study
Tuesdays, December 2,9,16, 23
11:00 AM in person, 7:00 PM on ZOOM

- Wednesday, December 3 – Book Club – 11:00 AM
- Saturday, December 6 – Advent Retreat Day
- Wednesday, December 10 – Taizé Prayer – 7:15 PM
- Saturday, December 13 – Church decorating w/ St. John's – 9:00 am
- Wednesday, December 17 – WELCA Bible Study – 11:00
- Wednesday, December 17 – Silver Foxes – Roosterfish Grill – 1:00
- Saturday, December 20 –Christmas Party – St. Paul's/St. John's -3:00 PM
- Sunday, December 21 – Light Labyrinth – B'nai Israel – 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 5:30 Dinner – 7:00 Worship

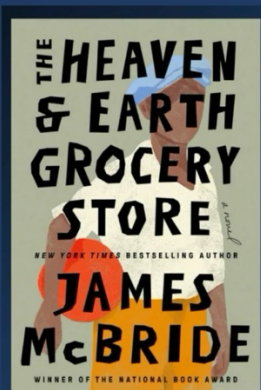
January 2026

Sunday, January 18 – Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 28 – Book Club – 11:00 AM

St. Paul's Book Club

Our next meeting is
January 28, 2026 - 11:00



In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new housing development, the last thing they expected to uncover was a human skeleton. Who the skeleton was and how it got buried there were just two of the long-held secrets that had been kept for decades by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side, sharing ambitions and sorrows.

**Location: Our Place Clearwater,
1101 S Missouri Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756**

CHRISTMAS EVE

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Wednesday, December 24

5:30 PM - Dinner in the Hall

6:45 PM - Walk Through the Luminaries

7:00 PM - Candlelight Worship



To RSVP for dinner,
please sign up
on the bulletin board
outside of the church
or send an email to:

office@stpaulsclearwater.org

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**Please invite family, neighbors and friends to join us
for Christmas dinner and worship.**