



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday July 27 - August 3, 2025

We Pray in Thanksgiving for the safe travels and work of the St. Paul Youth in Kentucky. If anyone needs a deck built, we now have a few pros! We also pray for the youth who will be doing a service through the Diakonos program of Camp Kirchenwald.

SPF (St. Paul Fun): Sundays from 11:00 - 12:00 all summer for free-play, fellowship, fun and friends. Join us after the outdoor service for kickball, legos, painting and more! The Sacred Grounds are lovely this time of year to walk the gardens or labyrinth. All ages!



July Leadership Update Pastor Rob offers a mid-summer update on the flowers, thorns and buds of what is happening this July

- Volunteers stepping forward
- Summer to-do lists getting pushed back
- Strategic Planning Process dreaming big

This video will be part of the midweek email.

CHURCH TOUR

New to St. Paul and want to learn your way around the church building? Please join us on **Sunday, August 3rd at 11:00 AM** to take a tour of the church. Suzanne Black & Ellen Harpel will meet you at the Pavillion after the 10:00 outdoor worship service to show you around the church. Any questions, please contact Suzanne Black at sblack@stpaulinitz.net or Ellen Harpel at eharpel@stpaulinitz.net or call the church office at 717-626-4709.

COMMON GROUND GROUPS

Talk the Walk: This group of parents raising elementary/middle school kids is hosting a night of summer family fun at the church pavilion on **Friday, August 15th at 7pm**. Families who share this common ground are invited! Come for s'mores and games. Bring a flashlight for nighttime tag. Check your email for more details. Questions: Jenn Maryniak jennmaryniak@gmail.com.

20's and 30's game night: If you would consider yourself a young adult, we invite you to join us on Wednesday nights at the church for game night, starting at 7 PM.

Dementia Support Community: Many families face the challenge of knowing how to love and provide care for a family afflicted with dementia. On the fourth Tuesday of each month a group gets together to share their stories, provide mutual encouragement, and learn how best to provide care for the family member and oneself.

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.](#) While Pastor Rob is away, Pastor Robert will be filling in.

SACRED GROUNDS

The Sacred Grounds Book Club: Please join us for a time of gathering in a beautiful setting as we explore the intersection of our faith, lived experience and creation. The first two this summer have been great.

- **Monday, August 25th at 7:00pm;** Pastoral Song: A Farmer's Journey by James Rebanks
To RSVP and purchase the books if interested, or if you have questions, please contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulslititz.net or (717) 925-0366. We hope you can join us!

Labyrinth Instruction: Walking a Labyrinth is an ancient form of Christian meditation, contemplation, and prayer. On **August 24 and 31** Pastor Robert will offer guidance on how persons make use of the Labyrinth as a tool to assist their communion with God. This will take place immediately after worship.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ALIVE Retreat at Camp Nawakwa: On September 26-28, 2025, our 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to attend the ALIVE Retreat at Nawakwa. The ALIVE retreat is a synod event where middle school students are able to cultivate their faith and relationships with each other, and build community through a variety of activities throughout the weekend! For more information, please visit the following link, <https://www.lss-elca.org/events/alive-2025/>. For registration and pricing information please contact Scott Frase, sfrase@stpaulslititz.net.

GIVING

Volunteers: We thank those who have stepped up this summer to take on new volunteer roles! This fall, we will have a number of community outreach events:

- 5th Quarter Parties for Middle and High School
- Fall Festival in conjunction with the CELC
- Empty Bowls

Keep your eyes open for ways to volunteer through these ministries.

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest, a food bank serving Lititz and Warwick Twp. housed in the church lower level, is in need of the following in July: rice, 1 lb. bags and instant rice mix; tea and coffee; juice boxes for children; beans-chili, navy, black; brownie, cake and cookie mixes; toilet paper. Donations are greatly appreciated. The requests are rising and donations are slowing due to vacations. Donations may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex. No expired items, please. St. Paul Mission and Outreach Committee

The Christian Service Box will be collecting funds for Power Packs during the 3rd quarter of 2025. Power Packs Project is the largest school pantry/backpack program in Central PA and the largest hunger relief program in Lancaster County. With cuts being made by the Federal Government for food programs there is more need for support from other sources. Power Packs provides recipes, healthy ingredients, and nutritional education to more than 1,000 families struggling with hunger every weekend when the school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to them. Donations may be placed in the Christian Service Box, located in the narthex, the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

Disaster Response:



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 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.**

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CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

♥ **The By Heart Challenge CONGRATS!** Congrats to these kids who took the summer 2025 “By Heart Challenge” [due before July 27]. They received an extra-special Prize Package with a Candyology Gift Certificate! 🙌 **Makani Ortiz, Myla Ortiz, Everly Cammerota, Issac McGinty, Molly Oravec, Elijah Matias, Athena Ward, Hudson Riley, Logan McCormick, Lydia Hoke and Phoebe Hoke**

☀️ **SPF continues every Sunday through August 31.** This ministry was created by Children's Ministry to encourage free-play and fellowship not just for kids, but all ages. It's been a wonderful addition to our Sunday mornings to see kids playing, families connecting, friends visiting and more! Kickball, Legos, Painting, Playground, Sacred Grounds (and more) are open.

🎒 **Blessing of the Backpacks:** Sunday August 24. Bring your backpack (or other school supply) to worship for the gift of a back-to-school blessing. We will bless you as you start a new school year which can have a mix of both nerves and excitement.

📅 **Sunday School Teacher Meeting:** Sunday August 24 for all Kids' Teachers. 11am, Media Room. We'll write postcards to all our kids with a Rally Day invitation for Sept. 7.

🍩 **Donut Ya Wanna Talk About Camp?** Sunday August 31. Kids who went to Camp this summer are invited to share stories over donuts. 9:15am in the pavilion. RSVP to Deacon Emily.

CAMP MINISTRY

Camper News: St. Paul supported 30 kids, youth and families at Kirchenwald/Nawakwa this summer. Plus, we had a Youth Retreat to Kirchenwald, and 2 St. Paul youth on staff there! We hope you'll connect to this awesome outdoor ministry throughout the year: lutherancamping.org. Ask the 30+ about it!

Support a Camper this Summer: You can donate to the St. Paul Campership Fund. These funds allow St. Paul to subsidize the cost of camp for each child/youth or family who attends over the summer. Check - write “campership” in the memo or Online - choose “campership” from the dropdown menu.

Camp news and events can be found at: www.lutherancampingA.org/upcoming-events

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday, August 31, 2025 at both services. Jane and Peter Brye will be offering their musical gifts of harp and cello on Labor Day weekend.

Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 4 pm. The Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) will be offering their annual community Hymnsing at St. Paul in the sanctuary.