



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Announcements

**Sunday August 24, 2025**

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**Blessing of the Backpacks Today:** Students with their backpacks or other school supplies will receive a special 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.

**Labyrinth Instruction Today:** Walking a Labyrinth is an ancient form of Christian meditation, contemplation, and prayer. Pastor Robert will offer guidance on how to use the Labyrinth today and on August 31st. This will take place immediately after worship.

**SPF (St. Paul Fun):** Sundays from 11:00 - 12:00. The last SPF Sunday is Aug. 31. 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!

## 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.

**Lititz Warwick Community Chest** requests the following during August: juice for children, Alfredo sauce, adult toothbrushes, tuna fish, granola bars, pudding mix. Donations may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time.

Since January 1st, 557 deliveries have been made to 196 households in Warwick Twp., serving 443 adults and 289 children!! This time of year donations are low, so please be generous.

Please consider volunteering to help with the Empty Bowls Event. The funds raised at this event are vital to the work of the LWCC. To ask how you might help, contact Suzanne Black, [sblack@stpaulilititz.net](mailto:sblack@stpaulilititz.net) or call the church office. Lititz Warwick Community Chest is a mission partner of our church located in our basement.

**Personal Care Kits Collection for Lutheran World Relief:** The Women of the ELCA are coordinating a collection of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Beginning September 14th, a list of required items for each kit will be available in the narthex. The collection period will run from September 14th to September 28th. Once assembled, the kits will be blessed and sent to Lutheran World Relief.

#### Care Kits:

- 1 lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 27" x 52"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- 1 sturdy comb. There are many different types of hair texture so no picks or fine-toothed combs; remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clipper (attached file optional); remove packaging

\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

To assemble a kit, wrap smaller items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn.

Please contact Nancy Weiss at 626-0994 or Deb Herr at 627-1829 with questions.

**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. 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, in the offering plate or mailed to St. Paul.

## 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. There will be an offering to benefit the Lancaster Chapter which includes a scholarship fund for beginning organists.

## ADULT MINISTRY

**Men's Bible Study:** The next men's Bible study will take place on Saturday September 6 starting at 9AM at St. Paul Penryn. All men are invited to attend, any questions please contact Jim Millhouse at e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

**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, Room 110.

**Dementia Support Community, Monday, August 25:** Many families face the challenge of knowing how to love and provide care for a family afflicted with dementia. On the fourth Monday 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.

## **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@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulinitz.net).

**CONFIRMATION SWIM PARTY:** All youth entering the 7th and 8th grades are invited to the Confirmation Swim Party at the home of Pastor Robert on Sunday, August 24, from 3 pm to 7 pm. Please contact Pastor Robert for details and directions [[rwallace@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:rwallace@stpaulinitz.net); 717-383-8504]

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**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.

**Rally Day: Sunday School Start:** Sunday September 7. Come for breakfast and introductions to your Sunday School classroom / teachers. We can't wait to get this year of bible exploration started together.

## **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@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulinitz.net) or (717) 925-0366. We hope you can join us!

## **CAMP MINISTRY**

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

**Capture the Flag Event** for all ages is Sunday afternoon October 5. It's a big game that all ages and abilities can join. Hope you can come to play, visit Kirchenwald, and reunite with camp buddies. [www.lutherancampingA.org/upcoming-events](http://www.lutherancampingA.org/upcoming-events)