



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday, May 24, 2026

TODAY! Chris Ivey Juggling Show! Children's Ministry invites you to enjoy an interactive and amazing faith-based show brought to us by local performer [Chris Ivey](#). He's returning to the St. Paul stage to help us celebrate Pentecost and the last morning of Sunday School before a summer break. Join the fun! 9:30-10:30am Social Hall.

Sacred Grounds Book Club - Summer '26: You are invited to join us throughout the summer as we gather on the edge of the Sacred Grounds to have conversations about faith, community, the natural world and what it looks like to tend the patch of ground we've been given. Thursday nights at 7pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church

- June 18 - *The Hidden Life of Trees*, by Peter Wohlleben
- July 16 - *The Understory*, by Lore Ferguson Wilbert and *Fidelity* by Wendell Berry
- August 20 - *Landmarks*, by Robert MacFarlane

St. Paul Picnic: Save the date for June 7 for the St. Paul picnic to kick off the summer! Following our first outside worship service of the season, all are invited to gather at the pavilion for a time for food and fellowship! This is a great opportunity to connect with new and familiar faces as we share a meal and conversation together. As we prepare, we kindly ask that you [RSVP](#) and invite you to consider volunteering to make this happen. Here are the details:

- When: Sunday, June 7 after the 10AM worship service
- Where: St. Paul pavilion and green space (Rain site: Social Hall)
- St. Paul will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, drinks and paper products.
- Last names A-M, please bring a side dish to share.
- Last names N-Z, please bring a dessert to share.
- RSVP & Volunteer on Time to Sign Up: timetosignup.com/stpaulworship/

If you have questions, please contact Ellen Harpel at 717-626-4709 or eharpel@stpaulilitz.net OR Scott Frase at 717-925-0366 or Sfrase@stpaulilitz.net.

Dementia Support Group: The monthly meeting of the Dementia Support Group meets on Tuesday evening, May 26, at 7 pm in the Media Room. During the time together we share our stories, receive encouragement, and learn more about the processes and affects of brain changes.

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study: The next men's Bible study will be held on Saturday June 13 starting at 9AM at Zion Manheim. There will be no studies for July or August. All men are invited to attend. Any questions please contact Jim Millhouse at e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

Guest Leaders Needed: The adult faith formation class, Faith Building, is looking for guest teachers for the 2026-2027 Sunday School year. This Bible study provides insight into Scripture through exploring the background and setting of the text, asking questions and discussing the application of the truth of Scripture to our lives. Prior to each quarter, we will work with you to schedule your lesson from the provided curriculum and you will only be asked to teach 1-3 times over the course of the year. If interested in being added to our teacher list, please contact Tom Herrmann at (717) 269-6582.

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.

Giving & Support

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest requests the following in May: boxed tea bags, applesauce, peaches, fruit cocktail and paper towels. No expired items, please. Items may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time. Thanks in part to a grant from St. Paul's, the space used by the LWCC is in the process of being updated with a new exterior door with a keypad, painted walls, new lighting and new flooring. Thank you St. Paul members for your commitment to feeding our neighbors!

Visit by Jodi Swanson on Sunday, June 14. For the last ten years, our congregation has supported Jodi and Steve Swanson as medical missionaries in Arusha, Tanzania. This past year, they left their positions as ELCA medical missionaries, but have continued their work at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and opened up the Arusha Pediatric and Maternal Care Center. On June 14, after the second service, Jodi will be at St. Paul for a presentation and a light lunch in the social hall. All are invited to hear about her experiences and the direction of their ministry.

Children's Ministry

Spring Cleaning Thanks! Our kids' sermons in the Easter Season used a spring cleaning product to help us dive into the Gospel texts each week. Thanks for having fun with this and helping Deacon Emily with spring cleaning of the Children's Ministry closet!

Sunday School Break: Sunday School classes take a summer break from May 31 through the summer. Enjoy a new pace to your Sunday mornings, but keep connected by attending our Summer Kids Ministries. More info coming soon!

Teacher Appreciation: If you'd like to express your gratitude to your volunteer Teachers this month, please see your email for a link of details. We thank God for:

Preschool/Prek: Cindy Geesey, Elizabeth Petersen, Shirley Flickinger, Casey Cole, Cindy Gillespie / Grades K-1: Marty Althouse, Jody Charles / Grades 2-3: Jim Hoffer, Beth Hoffer, Chris Runkle / Grades 4-5: Ty Turner, Kelly Groff, Kathy Ross, Sharon Kready, April McGinty / Grade 6: Joe Geesey, Sally Forry, Christy Matias, Dru Amand, Amy Kochel. And our fabulous subs: Marion Brenner, Robin Palmer, Karlene Travis, Patricia Kline, Diane Kochel.

Drum roll please....our 6th graders will drum to a worship song during our Confirmation Service on Sunday May 31 at 10:45am. Meet Ms. Becky in the sanctuary at 10am that day to rehearse.

Youth Ministry

LutheranHANDS outreach to Philly update: We are really looking forward to the service trip to Philadelphia! And, we are still able to add more participants if your child was on the fence or you missed the registration deadline. Additionally, this trip is now open to students entering 8th grade! If you are interested in joining us, please see the information below and let Scott Frase know ASAP, sfrase@stpaulilitz.net.

This summer we are heading to Philadelphia! We are joining LutheranHANDS and partnering with The Philadelphia Project which works with local churches to serve the needs of their communities. The service projects can range from construction and repairs, to community foodbanks and children's ministries. Thanks to the generosity of the community at St. Paul and an endowment grant we received, the total cost per participant is \$180. There is a required deposit of \$100 to reserve your spot and this payment can be made online here.

Diaconos at Kirchenwald: July 28 - July 31: Diaconos is a service ministry for youth groups offered at Kirchenwald. Groups go offsite each morning for unique service opportunities, and then each afternoon and evening come back to enjoy traditional camp activities. Each group receives a counselor to facilitate activities, and adult leaders provide overnight supervision.

This trip is open to all youth currently in grades 7-12. Drop off will be at 4pm on Tuesday, July 29th and pick up will be at approximately 7pm on Friday, July 31 after the traditional capture the flag, picnic dinner and closing worship. Johnna McCormick and Scott Frase will be the adult leaders for this trip. Thanks to the generosity of the community at St. Paul, we are able to subsidize this opportunity. The cost to families for this trip is \$100

per person. To register or if you have questions, please contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulnitz.net.

Camping Ministry

Registration is now open to attend Summer Camp! Visit luthercamping.org to explore all the awesome options including Day Camp, Mini-Camp, Adventure Camp, Family Camp, Adult Camp and more! St. Paul will subsidize your registration fee. See Deacon Emily for details.

Support a Camper! Your support of the Campership Fund at St. Paul makes church camp affordable for St. Paulers and friends. We offer a discount of half-off (up to \$250) for each church member and one friend for one camp adventure each summer. Please consider a donation by check (memo: campership) or online (drop-down: campership).

Thank you!
