



Announcements

Summer Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM - NOON

Friday: CLOSED

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Visitors

Welcome to all of our guests and first-time visitors, we are glad to have you here today! Please take a moment to fill out a *Welcome* envelope, available in the pews. If you are attending the outdoor service, the envelopes and a sign-in sheet can be found on the "welcome" table under the pavilion.

The envelopes also serve as a giving envelope for those who would like to support the ministries of our church. Completed envelopes can be placed in the giving box or handed to a church leader.

Today

Donut Ya Wanna Talk about Camp?! All kids, youth and adults who attended Church Camp this summer are invited to share stories, highs, lows and laughs over donuts this Sunday in Social Hall. 9:15-9:50am. Please RSVP to either Deacon Emily or Scott Frase.

Baptism: Lily Grace Cole will be baptized at the 10 am worship service today. Welcome to the waters of baptism, sweet Lily Grace.

Bridge of Hope, a mission partner of St. Paul, is in need of donations of a used lawn mower and a reliable used car for a local program client. Please contact Caitlyn Mellinger, Neighborhood Resource Specialist, at 717-207-8932 or email <CaitlynM@bridgeof hopeinc.org> if you have either of the above.

Bridge of Hope works with single mothers with children who are homeless so that they can achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing. A group of congregational members are currently 'neighboring' a local family.

Adult Ministry

Lutheran Disaster Response Trip: We will be returning to the Asheville, North Carolina area and help to rebuild following Hurricane Helene on Sunday, November 15th - Sat. November 21st. We will work with LDR Carolinas and their local construction partners. Our meals will be prepared by our own kitchen crew at the Lutheran Church of the Nativity in Arden and we will be staying at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Fletcher. Registration cost for the trip remains just \$150 per person. Checks can be made out to "N. Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund." Our next meeting will be held today at 2:00 p.m.

at Salem Lutheran Church, 1331 W. Main Street, Ephrata. **Today is also the deadline to sign up for the trip.** If you have questions, contact Glenn Beard, gbeardjr@ptd.net, or call at (717) 471-1067.

Come and See: Has it ever felt challenging to connect with the stories and the people we read about in Scripture? Particularly the Gospels and Jesus and his ministry? Consider joining us as we gather to watch *The Chosen*, a powerful dramatization of the life, work, and teaching of Jesus. We invite you this fall to come and see this story, share a meal and a conversation about the intersection of faith, art, the person of Jesus and our lives today. This will begin Sunday, September 20, following the 10:45 service and we will meet in the Media Room. If you are able, please bring something to share for lunch. For more information or to sign up, please contact Betsy McConnell at betsy.a.mcconnell@gmail.com.

Teachers Wanted: Do you enjoy studying Scripture, its historical and literary context, and thinking about how it informs our lives in this world? Do you enjoy sharing your discoveries and thoughts with others? The Common Ground Group, Faith Building, is looking for teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year. This group uses the David C. Cook Bible in Life curriculum. We are looking for a few more folks who would be willing to teach a couple of times from September-May. If you are interested in participating in the life of the church in this way, please reach out to Tom Herrmann at (717) 269-6582 or Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulnitiz.net.

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study: St. Paul will be hosting the next men's Bible study on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 9AM. All men are invited to attend. Contact Jim Millhouse with questions, e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

Summer Weekly Bible Study: Pastor Rob will hold bible study on Thursday mornings at **10 AM** in the Media Room. Zoom is also available.

Music Ministry

Music Ministry Dessert Gathering: Wednesday, September 2 from 6:30 - 8 pm in the Social Hall. St. Paul Music Ministry is ready to begin the season and what better way to all come together and celebrate all of you who faithfully offer your gifts and talents! Choir, Jubilate Bells, Praise Band, Cantors, Children's ChimeTime, Youth Choir/Bells, Men's Ensemble, Instrumentalists, and Light and Sound. **Please bring a dessert to share!**

St. Paul Choir: Do you like to sing? Come join the choir and meet some friends! They will begin rehearsal on Wednesday, September 9 from 7:30-8:30 in the Choir Room.

Have questions about the Music Ministry: Are you new to St. Paul and like to sing, play an instrument, or have experience operating light and sound equipment? We want to get you plugged in. Come and chat with Becky, Music Ministry Director.

Children's Ministry

Summertime Fun in the SON! Go to www.stpaullititz.net/summer-for-kids for all our summertime ministries for children and families!

We Sense the Lord! We wrapped up our summer series on the 5 senses with a special board book. If you'd like a copy of that book, God's Wonderful World, Deacon Emily will place an order by the end of August. The church will cover shipping and subsidize the cost at \$5/book.

Take the By Heart Challenge! All kids are encouraged to memorize an assigned portion of scripture or catechism "by heart" over the summer. Recite it with Deacon Emily in-person or via-video, and then you'll receive a ticket to a Pizza/Pool/Prizes Party on Thursday, September 3 at 5:30pm. Can't make the party? You can still participate for an awesome prize-package! See the Kids Ministry website for your memory work and more details. www.stpaullititz.net/summer-for-kids Kids in preschool - grade 6 can participate!

Bulletin Artwork: kids/youth are invited to submit a digital image of their own faith-based artwork for a bulletin cover this summer. Draw, paint, legos, chalk and more. Take a pic of your bible-inspired creation and send it to Ms. Becky.

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Kickoff Today: Confirmation students are invited to attend the kickoff after the 10AM worship service. We will leave around 11:15AM and head to the Jigger Shop for lunch (cost covered by St. Paul.) After lunch, we'll hike at Governor Dick before heading to Pr. Wallace's home for an afternoon of games, pool time, and a cookout. Throughout the day we'll explore what it means to cultivate faith and community as we discover our place in God's story. Pick up at 7pm at Pr. Wallace's home.

Middle School 5th Quarter: Friday, September 11: We are looking forward to hosting the 5th Quarter event again! Last year we had around 200 kids, and it was such a positive experience for all involved. If you are unfamiliar with the 5th Quarter, this is one of our larger outreach events, held after the Warwick football game. There is a DJ, bounce house, video games, yard games, fire pits, door prizes, and lots of food! With the large scale of the event, **we are in need of volunteers who can set up, be chaperones, clean**

up, and donate food. Signups will be forthcoming, but for now please save the date and consider serving the youth of our community in this way.

Lower Susquehanna Synod's ALIVE Retreat at Nawakwa: Friday, September 25-27. We will once again be heading off to Camp Nawakwa for a weekend of cultivating faith and community with other middle schoolers from the Synod. This is a great opportunity for our Confirmation students to get to know each other, have some fun, make new friends, and think about how their faith in Christ impacts their everyday life and communities. The deadline for registration is September 11 and the cost will be \$50. Please contact Scott Frase, sfrase@stpaultitz.net for more information.

Fall Fun at the Hoslers: All youth are invited to the Hoslers' home in Lancaster on Sunday, October 18 from 4-7PM, for an evening of pumpkin carving, games, and food! Stay tuned to the BAND app for more details.

Camp Connections

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the St. Paul Campership Fund. You supported over 30 kids/families this summer to attend both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa camps.

Thank you for helping plant these seeds of faith in outdoor adventures! You rock!!

Party with a Purpose: Saturday Sept 26, 4:00-9:00pm. Join us for Party with a Purpose on September 26, 2026 at Kirchenwald in Lebanon County, PA. Enjoy Oktoberfest-style fun with live music, auctions, BBQ, and community fellowship—all to support our camping ministry. Pay what you can.

Capture the Flag: Sunday October 4, 3:00-5:30pm. Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow. St. Paul will carpool at 2:30pm from the pavilion parking lot.