



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Announcements

Sunday, March 22, 2026

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## Today

**Faith StepStone:** Today we uplift our 5th graders as they lead us in the Apostles' Creed. They have been memorizing it at home and in Sunday School. They used it to inspire their artwork on display near the altar - check it out! During Sunday School, they have a special deep dive into the Creed with their parent(s), led by Pastor Randy Chrissis. After worship, please enjoy treats and fellowship in celebration of this Baptismal Promise!

**Welcome Class:** Interested in learning more about St. Paul? A Welcome Class is being held TODAY at 9:30AM in the Choir Room for those who would like to learn more about the church. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Harpel at 717-626-4709 or [eharpel@stpaulnitz.net](mailto:eharpel@stpaulnitz.net).

**We're Hiring!** We are looking for a part-time Financial & Operations Coordinator to support the administrative, financial and operational functions of the church. For more information & to apply go to the online office on our website: [stpaulnitz.net/online-office](http://stpaulnitz.net/online-office).

## Lent

**Easter Flowers:** Order forms are available in the narthex and on the last page of this document. **Orders due by March 27, 2026.**

**Prayer & Cranes!** This Lent, we invite you to take part in a creative, hands-on prayer practice. Stop by the narthex to write a prayer on a piece of origami paper and fold it into a crane. If folding isn't your thing, you're welcome to place your prayer in the basket provided. The completed cranes will be displayed in the sanctuary as a visual expression of our shared prayers.

**Lenten Thursday Worship and Supper:** Dinner will be at 6 PM in the social hall, followed by a short worship service at 7 PM in the sanctuary. Childcare is available with Deacon Emily from 7-7:30 in the Social Hall. There will also be a prayer teaching session from 7:30-8:15 PM, led by Pastor Wallace.

**Holy Week Egg Hunt:** On Palm Sunday, our Sunday School hour (9:30am) will be bursting with egg-hunt fun at the pavilion and surrounding grounds. All kids are invited to our bible-based Egg Hunt where kids collect 5 eggs, in various games, to receive prizes based on 5 parts of Holy Week. Questions: Deacon Emily.

**Holy Saturday:** A Service of Quiet Reflection: April 4th | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church Sacred Grounds (begin at the pavilion). Join us on Holy Saturday for a quiet, reflective journey through the stillness between the cross and the resurrection.

Stations will run throughout the evening, with sessions beginning at 4:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 5:00 PM, and 5:30 PM. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Easter Sunday Fellowship Hour Volunteers Needed:** We will be offering a fellowship hour on Easter Sunday between our worship services, and we need your help to make it a success! There are several ways you can volunteer:

- Hosting (start time 8:15 am)
- Provide Food
- Clean up crew (start time 10:20 am)

Contact Ellen Harpel, eharpel@stpaulsitiz.net with questions. Sign up online, Time to Sign up: <https://ttsu.me/zbaa2m> Thank you for helping make this a welcoming and joyful time of fellowship!



**HOLY WEEK**

<b>29 MAR</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Services: 8:15AM & 10:45 AM Egg Hunt: 9:30 AM
<b>2 APR</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Services: 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM Soup Supper: 6:00 PM
<b>3 APR</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Community Service: 12:15 Lititz Springs Park Service at St. Paul 7:00 PM
<b>4 APR</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Sacred Grounds Prayer Walk: 4:00 PM
<b>5 APR</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Services: 8:15AM & 10:45 AM Fellowship Hour: 9:15 AM

## Bible Study

**Adult Common Ground Classes:** If you're interested in joining a Sunday morning class but don't know where to start, please contact Scott Frase, [sfrase@stpaulilitiz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulilitiz.net). Additionally, you can explore all classes on our website, and brochures are available in the narthex.

**Men's Bible Study** will take place at Brickerville United Lutheran on Saturday April 11 starting at 9AM, all men are invited to attend. Any questions please contact Jim Millhouse 717-626-6296 or [e44a@ptd.net](mailto:e44a@ptd.net).

**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.

**Sacred Grounds Book Club:** Join us as we gather to discuss our gleanings from our readings as we think about faith, community, creation, and how these things impact our lives and the lives of those around us. Our next conversation will be on March 23 at 10:30 am in the Media Room. Please reach out to Scott Frase at [sfrase@stpaulilitiz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulilitiz.net) or (717) 925-0366 with any questions. Below are the books we will be reading in the upcoming months: 3/23: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi; 4/27: *Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton.

## Giving

**The Lititz Warwick Community Chest** requests the following: ketchup, mayo, jelly, boxed mashed potatoes, brownie mix, cake mix and frosting. No expired items, please. Donations may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time.

**Thrivent Choice** was a huge success for St. Paul in 2025 with more than \$3,200 received from many individuals. If you are a Thrivent member, you have Choice dollars to allocate to not-for-profit organizations by March 31, 2026 for any 2025 awarded dollars. Check your account at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to see if you still have Choice dollars to direct and remember St. Paul is an eligible recipient.

## Children's Ministry

**Prayer Kids Sermons:** we will learn a fun and easy Prayer each week of Lent. Many of these prayers come from our local Lutheran Camps: Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. We thank the Youth helping us learn these catchy prayers! Relearn them on our YouTube page anytime under the Children's Sermon Playlist.

**Prayer Dice:** As we teach prayers this Lent, you can use a Prayer Dice to pick your favorite 6. On each side, write or draw a word/symbol that will remind you of each

prayer. Then roll the dice to determine which prayer you'll use before a meal. Extra dice are available.

**Prayer & Care:** Our Sunday School classes are stuffing the ark with stuff this Lent! Each of our five classes is collecting one item for Care Kits through Lutheran World Relief. Today is the last day to donate.

**Upcoming Special Sundays in Kids Ministry:**

April 26 - 6th Grade Faith StepStone

May 24 - Chris Ivey Show (faith-based performer and juggler) at our Pentecost Party!

## Music Ministry

**St. Paul Choir:** The Choir would like to invite you to come sing with them for our Good Friday Service and Easter Sunday Worship Services. The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. Rehearsals: March 18, 25 and April 1. Please come to as many rehearsals that you are able to. Text or email Becky Rairigh, Music Ministry Director, at 717-824-5913 or [beckyr@stpaulkitz.net](mailto:beckyr@stpaulkitz.net) if you are available to sing.

## Youth Ministry

**Youth Weeknight Gatherings During Lent:** Come and join us in the youth room for times of fun, fellowship, and a Bible Study. Next week, High School Youth will meet on Wednesday, 3/25 from 7:00-8:30pm and Middle School Youth on Thursday, 3/26 from 7:00-8:00pm. We hope you can make it! Please see the BAND App for updates and sign-ups. For more info or if you have questions, please reach out to Scott at [sfrase@stpaulkitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulkitz.net) or (717) 925-0366.

**Youth Group for All Youth, Thursday, April 2:** Following the Maundy Thursday Worship Service, all youth are invited to the youth room to hang out from 8:00-9:30pm. Pizza, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Please sign-up on the BAND App or with Scott at [sfrase@stpaulkitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulkitz.net).

**All Youth and Their Families; Day of Service at Wittel Farm:** Saturday, May 23 9am-2pm. Youth and their families have been invited by LutheranHANDS to spend a morning at Wittel Farm, to learn and serve. At 12pm a cookout will be provided for everyone who comes out. Please consider joining us, all ages are welcome!! Wittel Farm is asking for suggested donations of \$10 per person, but it is not required. Please reach out to Scott at [sfrase@stpaulkitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulkitz.net) to sign-up or if you have any questions.

**Mission Trip to Philadelphia with LutheranHANDS for High School Youth, July 5-11.** This summer we are heading to Philadelphia! We are joining LutheranHANDS and

partnering with The Philadelphia Project, <https://thephillyproject.org/>, 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. The registration deadline is April 12. For more information and registration details, please reach out to Scott at [sfrase@stpaulsitiz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulsitiz.net).

**Mini-Diaconos for Grades 8-12 at Kirchenwald, July 28-31.** Join us as we head up to Kirchenwald to participate in local service projects during the day and then return to Kirchenwald for camp activities and fun! This is a great opportunity to serve locally and enjoy all that camp has to offer! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

## Women's Ministry

**Women's Spring Gathering:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Brickerville United Lutheran Church welcome all women to attend a "Woman's Spring Gathering" on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall at St. Paul Church. The guest speaker will be Pastor Kate Warn from Zion Lutheran Church in Manheim. Pastor Kate will present her knowledge and experience in Tanzania, Africa. A light lunch will follow her presentation. Bring a donation of canned or non-perishable food for the Lititz Warwick Community Chest. Also, a free will offering for the Konde Diocese will be given to Pastor Kate. A signup sheet can be found in the narthex. For any questions, please contact Sandra Bingaman at 717-665-5265.

## Camping Ministry

**Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa!** April 12 2p-4:30p. Take a tour of camp with members of summer staff, meet the directors, and discover what camp is all about. As a bonus, every brand-new camper will receive a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store!

**Registration is now open** to attend Summer Camp! Visit [luthercamping.org](http://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!

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**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM**

**ORDERS DUE MARCH 27, 2026**

Please complete this form and return it to the church with your payment. Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church with "Easter flowers" in the memo.

Given by: (please print name)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of flowers ordered:

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil- \$6.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily - \$8.75 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips - \$6.50 each

In Memory or Honor of:

Total \$:

