



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Baptism: Today we celebrate the baptism of Hollis Emerson Oberholtzer at the 10:45am worship service.

Pledge Cards & Thankoffering: We encourage you to submit your 2026 pledge cards, which can be placed in the offering plate at the Host Station. Extra cards are available in the pews and can be filled out today!

Additionally, this Sunday and next, we are collecting Thankoffering envelopes. The coin envelopes can be placed on the table located in the narthex.

Thank you for your generous support in 2025, and we appreciate your participation in this ministry of hope for 2026!

Empty Bowls Success! Last Sunday, community members gathered at Rock Lititz for the Lititz Empty Bowls Dinner. **Total raised was \$16,929.43** for the Lititz Warwick Community Chest! We extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the artists, businesses, volunteers & our rock star Youth Group who made this event possible! The event was a wonderful demonstration of our community uniting to support those in need.

Endowment Grant Applications: Applications for the 2026 year distribution are now available. All applications **must be submitted [online](#)** and can be found on the website "online office." Anyone needing assistance with completing their request can call the church office. Once submitted, you will receive a receipt of submission.

The St. Paul Endowment Fund, established in 2001, manages bequests and donations to support the church's mission for God's glory. Income from these contributions aids community outreach, synod initiatives, wider church programs, and capital improvements.

Applications are due by December 1, 2025.

Welcome Class Today: at 9:30 am in the Choir room for those interested in learning more about St. Paul.

ADULT MINISTRY

Men's Bible Study: The next men's Bible study will take place at Brickerville United Lutheran on Saturday December 13 starting at 9AM. All men are invited to attend. If there are any questions please contact Jim Millhouse, e44a@ptd.net.

Evening Prayer Services: Join us for an evening prayer service on Thursday, Dec. 4th at 7 PM. During the half-hour service, worshippers are welcome to light a candle, receive an anointing, and pray at the altar. After the service, individuals may remain for a short teaching on prayer and prayer practices. Contact Pastor Wallace with questions; rwallace@stpaulilititz.net.

Sacred Grounds Book Club: Our next gathering will be on Monday, December 1 at 7:00pm. The book we will be discussing is the novel *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry. This is a moving story that is comprised of all the stuff of life with a compelling focus on what truly matters. We will discuss community, place, grief, joy, change, faith, and stewardship of the land, as we navigate Berry's compelling writing. Contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulkitz.net or (717) 925-0366 if you would like to join us or purchase the book. All are welcome!

College Students: You are invited to the Lower Susquehanna Synod's Winterfest retreat in Lancaster on January, 2-4, 2026. This will be a great weekend of cultivating faith and community with peers and high school students. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulkitz.net. Cost and registration information will be coming soon.

Pod & Pub: Thursdays at 7PM, Bullshead Public House: Join us on Thursday evenings at the Bullshead Pub for engaging discussion and fellowship. Tune into the latest episode of Pastor Rob's podcast, *Ponder Anew*, and be part of the discussion. You can find the podcast on our website, stpaulkitz.net/podcasts as well as on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

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.](#)

The St. Paul WELCA Lunch Bunch will gather on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 11:30 at Fiorentino's, 500 Airport Rd. Please feel free to join us for a wonderful lunch and warm fellowship! RSVP by Saturday, November 15 to Nancy Miller at 717-405-0000 or email at nmiller424@aol.com.

GIVING

Leftover Halloween Candy: Do you have extra candy tempting you at home? Donate it to church! We can use all sorts of candy for our annual Gingerbread Nativity Event on December 14. Please label it for this purpose and put it in the office or Deacon Emily's office. Thank you!

Warwick Community Chest: The Lititz Warwick Community Chest needs the following: tissues, toilet tissue, and paper towels. Large packages will be divided by the staff. Please place your donations in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time.

Christian Service Box Donations: Mission & Outreach will no longer collect funds through the Christian Service Box. The box may be used for special/emergency collections in the future. We ask that you **do not** submit checks to the Christian Service box. Thank you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Men's Ensemble: Lee Zelewicz is inviting youth and adult male singers to sing in our Men's Ensemble. Rehearsals will be after the 10:45 service for 20 minutes in the Choir Room on November 16, 23, December 7 and 14. The ensemble will sing in worship on December 21 at both services. If you have questions please contact Becky Rairigh, Music Ministry Director, beckyr@stpaulstitz.net or 717-824-5913.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Today: our preschool-preK class along with our K&1 class is sharing their Sunday School music in worship at the beginning of the 10:45 service. They sing at this time so that folks who worship at 8:15 can easily stick around to join. Our youngest classes start every Sunday School week with music led by Ms. Kate Martin. Seasonally, they share that music within worship. What a joy!

Thank you for the donations of Board Games during our Fall 'Fun & Games' theme. We have 37 Board Games to give to families in need of housing support through Bridge of Hope. May these games fill their safe spaces with fun and laughter!

Communion Classes: for children in 2nd grade will be offered on Nov. 16 and Nov. 23 during Sunday School. Please RSVP to Deacon Emily. Children should attend with an adult. Baptism is a step to be taken before communion; please see a pastoral staff member if you're not yet baptised. For preparation, we will do some bread-baking at home, banner-making at home, tasting at church, learning at church, and St. Paul will celebrate their first communion on Sunday, November 23 in worship. If you are older than 2nd grade, baptised, and have not yet received communion instruction, you're invited too!

Mentoring Mornings: During Sunday School, our 4th, 5th and 6th graders join the High School class for monthly mentoring mornings. It's a blast! The upcoming date is Nov. 16.

Christmas Program: Mark your calendars to come to Sunday School especially in December to practice for your class's part of the Christmas Story to be shared on December 21. Grades preschool - 6 will depict the story through narration, costume and song.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Winterfest High School Retreat: Grades 9-12 are invited to join us on January 2-4, 2026 at the Wyndham Resort in Lancaster for the Lower Susquehanna Synod's Winterfest retreat. This will be an exciting weekend to connect with youth from other churches, and participate in the various sessions offered to further cultivate faith and community. Cost, registration information

and instructions will be shared soon. Please contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulлитitz.net with any questions.

CAMP

Advent Day Apart: December 6 from 9a-2p at the Wittle Farm in E-town. Lunch included. Enjoy a day with reflection, silence and stillness. Indoor and outdoor. Cost is \$15; St. Paul will subsidize your registration.

The flyer is for a 'Holiday Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast' at Luther Acres. It features a light cream background decorated with various snowflakes in blue, pink, and yellow. A string of colorful Christmas lights (orange, yellow, blue, green) is draped across the top right. On the right side, there is a stylized blue Christmas tree with white dots for lights, and at its base are three wrapped gifts in red, green, and orange. The Luther Acres logo, which includes a heart with a cross and the text 'Luther Acres A Luthercare Community', is in the top left. The main title 'Holiday Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast' is in large, bold, red font. Below it, the date 'Saturday, November 22' is in bold black, followed by the location 'Luther Acres Towne Center 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, PA'. The event details are listed in two sections: 'Holiday Bazaar | 8 AM - 2 PM' with items like handmade crafts, Christmas gifts, and a silent auction; and 'Pancake Breakfast | 8-10 AM' with details about food and cost. A footer section states that proceeds benefit the Luthercare Caring Fund and provides contact information.

 **Luther Acres**
A Luthercare Community

Please join us for our
**Holiday Bazaar
& Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday, November 22
*Luther Acres Towne Center
250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, PA*

Holiday Bazaar | 8 AM - 2 PM
Handmade Crafts / Jewelry
Christmas Gifts & Decorations
Unique Items by 20+ Artisan Vendors
Knitted & Crocheted Items / Baked Goods
Silent Auction of Artwork & Collectibles

Pancake Breakfast | 8-10 AM
Fuel up before you shop!
2 Pancakes, 2 Sausage Links, Juice, Coffee, Tea
\$9.00 (cash only)

All proceeds benefit the Luthercare Caring Fund.
Event sponsored by the Luther Acres Residents' Council.
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