



Announcements

Sunday, October 11, 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.

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.

Interested in learning more about St. Paul? A Welcome Class is being held Sunday, October 18th at 9:30AM in Room 100 for those who would like to learn more about the church. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Ellen Harpel in the church office at 717-626-4709 or email her at eharpel@stpaulstitz.net.

Today

Kids Sing Today! Our kids in preschool, K and 1 grades will share the song “Jesus the Loves the Little Children of the World” at the beginning of 10:45am worship today. This song fits right into our Kids Color Theme this Fall. Red, brown, yellow, black and white - they are precious in His sight! Thank you to Kate Martin, director. She leads these kids in music at the beginning of their Sunday School hour every week.

Fall Stewardship, Food Drive & Prayer

1) **Items for the Community Chest Food Drive.** The food bank is currently in great need. **See below for the list of items needed.* **The food drive challenge between the 1st and second services begins today and runs through next Sunday, Oct. 18th.**

2) **A financial pledge.** You can make the pledge in one of three ways:

- Complete a pledge card
- Email your pledge to finance@stpaulstitz.net
- Renew or update your online giving for 2027

3) **Prayers for God** to use all of our resources for amazing ministry. You can pick up a pledge card and letter in the narthex today.

***Community Chest Needs:** Many of the shelves and bins at the food bank are running very low, and they are in need of a variety of items.

Rice, flavored rice or pasta mixes, Hamburger Helper, chili, canned chicken, spaghetti, tomato sauce, canned vegetables (please no corn or green beans, they have plenty),

canned fruit (no pineapple), gravy, stuffing mix, broth, cake mix, Pop-Tarts, condiments, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and feminine hygiene products.

Thank you for helping keep the Community Chest stocked and supporting our neighbors in need!

Adult Ministry

Sacred Grounds Book Club: Join as we gather to cultivate faith and community through conversation about what it means to tend the patch of ground where we are. We meet monthly on Monday mornings at 10:30AM in the Media Room. For more information contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulinitz.net. Here is our fall lineup:

October 26: What Grows in Weary Lands by Tish Harrison Warren

November 23: This is Happiness by Nial Williams

December 21: The Irrational Season by Madeline L'Engle

Young Adult Fun: We are offering weekly programming for young adults. This will rotate through a handful of activities: pickleball, local trivia nights, cross net and game night. To make it possible for people to come who have other commitments, we will try an alternating Monday and Wednesday schedule. Interested? Contact Jonah Lenahan (856-454-3807) or Ian Harpel (717-618-9606).

St. Paul WELCA Lunch Bunch will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 12:00 Noon at The Round in Muhlenberg at Luther Acres. All ladies of St. Paul are welcome to attend and share fellowship with our members who reside at Luther Acres. Please RSVP to Nancy Miller at nmiller424@aol.com or 717-405-0000.

Activities of the Women of the ELCA are open to ALL women of the St. Paul congregation. The organization provides many opportunities for women to connect, study and serve our congregation, our community and the world. Contact Phyllis Frankhouser, 717-626-4200, for more information. Please return all Fall Letter donations by October 30th to Sue Long.

Contemplative Worship: St. Paul is excited to offer a new weekly worship service, beginning the first Thursday in Advent, each Thursday evening in the sanctuary from 7:00 to about 7:35 p.m. This contemplative service will become an ongoing part of our worship life. Originally planned to start October 22, the service has been moved to Advent — a time when many of us are already used to gathering for midweek worship. We think this new start date will make it easier for you to join us. We hope you'll come and experience it for yourself, starting December 3.

Bible Study

The next men's Bible study will take place at Brickersville Lutheran on Saturday Nov. 7 starting at 9AM. All men are invited. Any questions please contact Jim Millhouse. 717-626-6296 or e44a@ptd.net.

Adult Faith Formation; Find Your Common Ground: Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for our adult Sunday school classes, known as Common Ground Groups. With groups for people in all seasons of life, there's a place for everyone to connect, grow in faith, and build meaningful relationships. Pick up our Learning Together brochure in the church lobby or contact Scott Frase, sfrase@stpaulinitz.net, to find a group that's right for you!

Pastor's Weekly Bible Study: Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Media Room. Zoom is also available.

Pod and Pub: Join us on Wednesday nights, 7 PM, every other week to discuss an episode of Pastor Rob's Podcast, *Ponder Anew*. **The next gathering will be on Oct. 14th** at Appalachian Brewing Co., in Lititz. Interested? Let Heather Weaver (717-725-1885) know and she can keep you posted on location, etc. You can find the podcast on our website: <https://www.stpaulinitz.net/podcasts>

Children's Ministry

True Colors: This is our Fall Kids Sermon Series. Come watch the color wheel spin as we focus on a different color each week in worship. We'll learn why that color is meaningful at church and the truth of the Gospel it holds.

Color Collection: Throughout the Fall, we will collect used crayons and markers to be recycled. Look for the bin in the Sunday School entrance. Last day to donate: Nov. 1. Questions: see Marty Althouse.

Girls in grades 5 & 6: you're invited to our new Girls Group just for girls in grades 5, 6, 7, 8. Your first session is Sunday October 18, 6:30pm in the Youth Room. Ms. Cindy and Ms. Brenda will lead faith-filled connection through games, snacks and conversation. Please RSVP to Deacon Emily or Scott Frase.

October's Faith Step Stone: Our Kindergarten and 1st Grade Sunday School class will learn and lead the Lord's Prayer in Worship on Reformation Sunday, Oct 25. On October 18, they will prepare with their parents through our Pumpkins & Prayers morning.

Reformation Celebration: the printing press from Heritage Press in Lancaster is coming to St. Paul for its 4th visit in 10 years. We love when Mr. Ken comes to Sunday School to

show kids the press and help them use it. We learn how the invention of printing words impacted the reach of the Reformation of Martin Luther's time.

Flashlight Tour of the Church for grades 4, 5, 6. On Friday, October 30 our oldest kids are invited to take an unlit tour of the church using flashlights to discover saints, past/present/future. We'll enjoy sweets along the way. Bring a flashlight. 6:30-8pm from the Narthex. Sign-ups are required. Email Deacon Emily.

Youth Ministry

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.

Warwick High School 5th Quarter: Friday October 23, 9:30-11:00PM after the varsity football game. High schoolers are invited for an evening of music, games, food, and fun! Like the Middle School 5th Quarter, this popular community event sponsored by Thrivent, creates the opportunity and space for youth in our community to gather in a safe and positive environment. To make this happen, we need you! Please consider participating by:

- Helping set up
- Being a chaperone
- Contributing drinks and desserts
- Helping purchase pizza

To sign up to volunteer and for more details, please visit [this link](#). If you have questions, please contact Scott at sfrase@stpaulsitiz.net.

7th and 8th Grades - Explore: Confirmation class with Pr. Wallace: Sundays 9:30-10:30AM in Room 8 of the Lower Level.

9th-12th Grades - Jesus is Making All Things New: A Journey Through Revelation. Sundays 9:30-10:30 in Room 5 of the Lower Level

All Youth - Wednesdays at 9PM: All youth will be invited to meet virtually for a brief reflection, prayer and opportunity to connect. This time will be a sort of Compline service, which marks the completion of the day with prayer and the opportunity to settle our minds and hearts before we rest for the night. A Google Meet link will be sent out weekly via the BAND App.

Girls Group! We are gathering just the girls for their own time of mentorship and bible study. Girls in grades 5-8 are invited to join Ms. Brenda Penny and Ms. Cindy Stauffer in the Youth Room for fun and connection. **Our first one is tonight at 6:30pm!**

Volunteering

Help Make Empty Bowls Happen: Whether you have an hour to give or a whole season, there is a place for you with Empty Bowls. Teamed with Warwick Community Chest our efforts help provide a pantry for those in need. On **Sunday, October 18th** we will explain what we do, why it matters, and where you might fit. You do not need any special experience. You only need a willingness to help. After the 8:15 worship we will meet in the Narthex and after the 10:45 worship we will meet in the Media Room.

Music Ministry

Special Choir Anthem Sundays: Sunday, October 25 is Reformation Sunday and Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday. St. Paul Choir wants to invite Youth and Adult singers to come sing with them. The choir will be preparing special anthems and would love to have your voice. Rehearsals for the music will be October 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.