



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Today

CELC Sunday! Our Christian Early Learning Center celebrates its 41st birthday today! During worship we will have prayers for CELC staff, a song with CELC kids and refreshments to celebrate.

National Lutheran Schools Week: March 2-6. During this week, our CELC Committee will host expressions of appreciation to the CELC staff and families. We join this celebration with all the Lutheran Schools across the country giving thanks for our schools!

Gift Card Collection for the teachers of the CELC: We are collecting \$10 gift cards for the CELC teachers as a sign of appreciation during National Lutheran Schools Week. There is a designated lockbox in the narthex for the cards. We give thanks to our teachers!



Rooted & Growing Newsletter: The latest addition is available now. Scan the QR code. Hard copies are available in the narthex, and you can also find it online at stpaulstiz.net, under the *Online Office*. In the issue, you will find details about our Lenten offerings for worship, reflection and fellowship. Be sure to check it out!

Lent

Care Kit Collection: This Lent, we are supporting Lutheran World Relief by collecting care kits for people facing hardship around the world. These kits provide essential items that bring comfort, dignity, and hope to individuals and families during times of crisis. The kits will be collected Sunday, March 1 and Sunday, March 8. This outreach project, previously held in the fall, has moved to the spring. Item lists and a sample kit are available in the narthex, and donations may be placed on the narthex table.

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. There will also be a prayer teaching session from 7:30-8:15 PM, led by Pastor Wallace.

Volunteers Needed! We are looking for volunteers to share your favorite soup! If you can contribute soup and/or bread for one of the meals, please connect with Tami Ruckle at 717-625-0344 to choose the Thursday that works best for you. (We have a crock pot

to lend, if needed). Thank you, and looking forward to seeing you during this sacred season of Lent.

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.

Bible Study

Sisters in Christ Bible Study will meet at 9:25 am in the choir room this Sunday, March 1st. Mary Ann Seitz will be leading our second session on prayer, "Praying with the body of the Earth". We will explore ways we can pray not only *for* the earth, but *with* the earth. Please bring your Bible. An offering will be collected. All women of the church are invited to attend.

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@stpaulinitz.net. Additionally, you can explore all classes on our website, and brochures are available in the narthex.

****NEW**** For the season of Lent, we are offering a young women's professional Bible study that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in room 110. This grows out of the Faith and Lead collective at St. Paul, which focuses on helping people integrate faith and leadership in the work world.

Men's Bible study will take place at our church on Saturday March 7 starting at 9AM in the media room. All men are invited to attend, any questions please contact Jim Millhouse at e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

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@stpaulinitz.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.

Children's Ministry

Kids Sermons in Lent: 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 who will help us learn these catchy prayers!

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 Packets: Pick up your Lenten Packet for your family at church. It includes a Prayer Dice, a scratch-off Calendar to Count UP to Easter and a weekly devotion. We hope you'll use the tools inside to bless your family's Lenten Journey. Extras available.

Upcoming Special Sundays in Kids Ministry:

March 15 - Camp Sunday

March 22 - 5th Grade Faith StepStone

March 29 - Holy Week Egg Hunt during Sunday School

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. The dates for rehearsals are March 11, 18, 25 and April 1. Please come to as many rehearsals that you are able to. Please text or email Becky Rairigh, Music Ministry Director, at 717-824-5913 or beckyr@stpaulsititz.net if you are able 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. High School youth will meet on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm beginning on 2/24. Middle School youth will meet on Thursday nights from 7-8:00pm. 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@stpaulsititz.net or (717) 925-0366.

Lititz Day of Prayer:

The annual day of Lititz Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 6th at 6:30 pm at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 26 Owl Hill Road. Special prelude music will be provided by the Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir and St James Catholic Church Folk Ensemble. The guest speaker will be John Courchesne, Director of Development at Kenbrook Bible Camp. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Warwick Released Time Program, warwickreleasedtime.org.

Camping Ministry

Camp Sunday is March 15 at St. Paul We will welcome Zach Weis, director of Kirchenwald and the Associate Executive Director of the Lutheran Camping Corporation. He'll join us for Worship, Sunday School and a Youth Lunch. Please greet Zach in the narthex and learn more about camp at the display!

Registration is open for Summer Camp! St. Paul encourages all attend to find a program that suits you. Full weeks, Family Camp, Day Camp and more! All experiences at camp are designed to combine faith, creation and community. St. Paul will pay for each St. Paul Member to attend one program per summer at half the cost (up to \$250).

Can you help financially support St. Paul campers? St. Paul wants to make camp affordable for everyone. Your generous donations make that possible. St. Paul typically supports around 30 campers each summer. They all take this dive into faith, friends and adventure because of your incredible gift. You can give via check or online - specify camperships. Thank you!