



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Announcements

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Today

Confirmation Sunday: Today Ryder Troxell, Jadon Matias, and Julianna Pacelli publicly affirm their faith and receive the Rite of Confirmation. The confirmation process at St. Paul is a two-year journey in which one year the students learn the Bible and how to discern God's Word and make application to everyday life. The other year the students study the catechism – the Apostles Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacraments, and Worship -- and once again discover the implications and applications to everyday life. Confirmation also includes retreats, service projects, sermon notes, worship participation, and a faith project. If you are baptized but have not been confirmed and would like to learn more about this, please see the pastoral staff.

Drum roll please....our 6th graders will drum to a worship song during the 10:45 service today.

Summer Schedule

Summer Office Hours: Starting Tomorrow

- Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM - NOON
- Friday: CLOSED

Outdoor Worship will begin next Sunday, June 7th, at 10:00 AM.

St. Paul Picnic: will follow outdoor worship next Sunday, June 7. All are invited for a time for food and fellowship!

- Last names A-M, please bring a side dish to share.
- Last names N-Z, please bring a dessert to share.
- Volunteer on Time to Sign Up: timetosignup.com/stpaulworship/

Please [RSVP](#) by Thursday, June 4.

Thank you to Thrivent for helping make this event possible!

Questions? Contact Ellen Harpel at 717-626-4709 or eharpel@stpaulnitiz.net OR Scott Frase at 717-925-0366 or Sfrase@stpaulnitiz.net.

SPF: St. Paul Fun! Don't forget your SPF this summer on Sundays at 11am. Following outdoor worship, we enjoy St. Paul Fellowship & Fun with Friends & Family. Games, playground, legos, crafts - stick around to join the fun!

Special music on June 7 will be provided by Jane and Peter Brye on harp and cello. They will be offering their beautiful music at both services. We look forward to hearing them.

Visit by Jodi Swanson on Sunday, June 14. For the last ten years, our congregation has supported Jodi and Steve Swanson as medical missionaries in Arusha, Tanzania. This past year, they left their positions as ELCA medical missionaries, but have continued their work at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and opened up the Arusha Pediatric and Maternal Care Center. On June 14, after the second service, Jodi will be at St. Paul for a presentation and a light lunch in the social hall. All are invited to hear about her experiences and the direction of their ministry.

Sacred Grounds Book Club - Summer '26: You are invited to join us throughout the summer as we gather on the edge of the Sacred Grounds to have conversations about faith, community, the natural world and what it looks like to tend the patch of ground we've been given. Thursday nights at 7pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church

- June 18 - *The Hidden Life of Trees*, by Peter Wohlleben
- July 16 - *The Understory*, by Lore Ferguson Wilbert and *Fidelity* by Wendell Berry
- August 20 - *Landmarks*, by Robert MacFarlane

Giving & Support

Lower Susquehanna Disaster Response Team: Join us on June 7th at 7PM in the Community Room at Luther Acres for a presentation on our recent trip to North Carolina. Discover what these trips are all about, where your donations go, and how you can help.

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest requests the following in May: boxed tea bags, applesauce, peaches, fruit cocktail and paper towels. No expired items, please. Items may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time. Thanks in part to a grant from St. Paul's, the space used by the LWCC is in the process of being updated with a new exterior door with a keypad, painted walls, new lighting and new flooring. Thank you St. Paul members for your commitment to feeding our neighbors!

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study: The next men's Bible study will be held on Saturday June 13 starting at 9AM at Zion Manheim. There will be no studies for July or August. All men are invited to attend. Any questions please contact Jim Millhouse at e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

Guest Leaders Needed: The adult faith formation class, Faith Building, is looking for guest teachers for the 2026-2027 Sunday School year. This Bible study provides insight into Scripture through exploring the background and setting of the text, asking questions and discussing the application of the truth of Scripture to our lives. Prior to each quarter, we will work with you to schedule your lesson from the provided curriculum and you will only be asked to teach 1-3 times over the course of the year. If interested in being added to our teacher list, please contact Tom Herrmann at (717) 269-6582.

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.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School Break: Sunday School classes take a summer break from May 31 through September 6. We'll resume a new year on Rally Day September 13. Enjoy a new pace to your Sunday mornings this summer, but keep connected by attending our Summer Kids Ministries. www.stpaullititz.net/summer-for-kids

Creek Walking: Wednesday June 10, 9-11am. Kids who've completed grades 2-6 are invited to explore God's creation with St. Paul member and Science Teacher Mr. Jim Hovan. We'll meet at the Conestoga Creek. Kids in grades 2&3, please keep an adult with you. Kids in grades 4, 5, 6 can be dropped-off (or parent can stay). **Sign-ups required by June 7.** Check your email for the link or email Deacon Emily.

Summer Chapels: Our CELC Chapel worship takes on a summer-vibe for Thursdays in June. If you've got kids at home ages 2-5, you can join our Chapel Worship at 9:15a with your kids. RSVP with Deacon Emily.

Kids Ministry Volunteer Needs:

1. A Sunday School Teacher for a small class of older kids Fall 2027
 2. VBS station leaders Tuesdays in July
 3. Lego Leader: to help kids build bible fun Sundays 11am
- See Deacon Emily deaconemily@stpaullititz.net

Camping Ministry

Registration is now open to attend Summer Camp! Visit 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!