



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Pledge Cards: Today is the final day we will collect pledge cards and Thankoffering coin envelopes. The cards can be placed in the offering plate at the Host Station. Thank you for your generous support in 2025, and we appreciate your participation in this ministry of hope for 2026!

Men's Ensemble- Join Today! Adult and youth male singers are invited to participate in the Advent Men's Ensemble. **Rehearsals** are after the 10:45 service **TODAY** for 20 minutes in the Choir Room. Additional dates are Nov. 23, Dec 7 & 14. The ensemble will sing at both worship services on December 21st. If you have questions please contact Becky Rairigh, Music Ministry Director, beckyr@stpaulstitz.net or 717-824-5913.

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.

Poinsettia Order Forms: We are taking orders for Christmas poinsettia plants. Cost is \$7.50 per plant, checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. (Order forms can be found on the last page and in the Narthex)

FREE Thrivent T-shirts Available in the Narthex: This is your final opportunity to grab them before they are gone!

EVENTS at ST. PAUL

Advent Wreath Making Join us on Sunday November 30th, at 4:00PM in the Social Hall for a warm and meaningful Advent tradition! Families and individuals of all ages are invited to come together to create one wreath per household as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. Please bring a wreath frame if you have one, along with any greens from your yard and a plate of cookies to share. We'll also enjoy hot chocolate and devotion as we begin this special season of hope and anticipation together. Sign up online @: <https://ttsu.me/adventwreaths> or on paper in the Narthex under **Connect & Serve**. If you have any questions please email Suzanne Black: sblack@stpaulstitz.net



ADULT MINISTRY

St. Paul Companions: Companions is a ministry that helps persons who no longer can attend Sunday worship and church events to stay connected with the congregation through monthly visits. Presently, there is a need for more companions. If you want to learn more about this ministry please contact Pastor Robert. The next companion meeting is Monday evening, **November 17 at 7:00 pm** in the Media Room.

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@stpaulinitz.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@stpaulinitz.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@stpaulinitz.net to register. **Registration deadline is Friday, November 28.**

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, stpaulinitz.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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christmas Eve Choir: St. Paul Choir would like to invite those who would like to sing for the 9 pm Christmas Eve Worship. The choir will be preparing music for the prelude that will begin at 8:40 pm. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room. The dates are Wednesday November 12 and 19, December 3, 10, 17 and Monday, December 22. Please try to make as many rehearsals as possible. Please email or text Becky if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Today: Mentoring Morning! During Sunday School, our 4th, 5th and 6th graders join the High School class for monthly mentoring mornings. It's a blast! The next date will be in January.

Communion Classes: for children in 2nd grade will be offered on Nov. 16 and Nov. 23 during Sunday School. We will taste, watch, read, talk and even play games to prepare for this Sacrament. Please rsvp to Deacon Emily, and kids - bring an adult with you. Baptism is a step to be taken before communion; please see a pastoral staff member if you're not yet baptised. If you are older than 2nd grade, baptised, and have not yet received communion instruction, contact Deacon Emily for a class.

November's Faith Step Stone: 2nd graders receiving Holy Communion for the first time on November 23. We'll have treats in their honor after worship. Join us in celebrating!

Advent Devotionals: the 2025 family devotional will be ready for you at church on November 23 and 30. This year's theme is LOVE. Your interactive devotion has a daily way to connect you and your children with the source of Love: Jesus Christ, our savior!

Program Practice: Mark your calendars to come to Sunday School especially in December to practice your Sunday School class's part of the Christmas Story to be shared on December 21.

The Christmas Program: Sunday December 21 at 10am in the Social Hall. Sunday School kids should arrive at their classrooms at 9:30am. All are welcome to witness their storytelling through narration, costume and song.

4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service Student Musicians: Students in Grades 4 - 6 who play an instrument are invited to play for Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Rehearsals will be Thursdays on December 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please make at least 2 rehearsals. Parents, please text or email Becky your student's name and instrument for music. If your student plays the piano, please text or email the song they would like to offer. beckyr@stpaulinitz.net or 717-824-5913.

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. To register, please contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulinitz.net. **Registration deadline is Friday, November, 28.**

4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service Youth Choir and Youth Bells: Grades 7-12 youth who love to sing and play bells are invited to learn music for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service. Rehearsals will be Mondays after school from 3:30 - 4:15 on December 8, 15 and 22.

4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service Student Musicians: Students in Grades 7 - 12 who play an instrument are invited to play for Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Rehearsals will be Thursdays on December 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please make at least 2 rehearsals. Parents, please text or email Becky your student's name and instrument for music. If your student plays the piano, please text or email the song they would like to offer. beckyr@stpaulinitz.net or 717-824-5913.

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.

Poinsettia Order Form

Please complete this form and return with your payment.
You may place it in the offering plate, mail to the church or
drop it off in the church office.

Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Orders due by: December 10, 2025



Cost: \$7.50 each

Given by:

Phone:

In Memory or Honor of:

Number ordered: _____

Total Paid for Poinsettias: _____

