



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday August 17, 2025

SPF (St. Paul Fun): Sundays from 11:00 - 12:00 all summer for free-play, fellowship, fun and friends. Join us after the outdoor service for kickball, legos, painting and more! The Sacred Grounds are lovely this time of year to walk the gardens or labyrinth. All ages!

GIVING

Volunteers: We thank those who have stepped up this summer to take on new volunteer roles! This fall, we will have a number of community outreach events:

- 5th Quarter Parties for Middle and High School
- Fall Festival in conjunction with the CELC
- Empty Bowls

Keep your eyes open for ways to volunteer through these ministries.

Lititz Warwick Community Chest requests the following during August: juice for children, Alfredo sauce, adult toothbrushes, tuna fish, granola bars, pudding mix. Donations may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time.

Since January 1st, 557 deliveries have been made to 196 households in Warwick Twp., serving 443 adults and 289 children!! This time of year donations are low, so please be generous. Please consider volunteering to help with the Empty Bowls Event. The funds raised at this event are vital to the work of the LWCC. To ask how you might help, contact Suzanne Black, sblack@stpaulilititz.net or call the church office. Lititz Warwick Community Chest is a mission partner of our church located in our basement.

The Christian Service Box will be collecting funds for Power Packs during the 3rd quarter of 2025. Power Packs Project is the largest school pantry/backpack program in Central PA and the largest hunger relief program in Lancaster County. With cuts being made by the Federal Government for food programs there is more need for support from other sources. Power Packs provides recipes, healthy ingredients, and nutritional education to more than 1,000 families struggling with hunger every weekend when the school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to them. Donations may be placed in the Christian Service Box, located in the narthex, the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday, August 31, 2025 at both services: Jane and Peter Brye will be offering their musical gifts of harp and cello on Labor Day weekend.

Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 4 pm: The Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) will be offering their annual community Hymnsing at St. Paul in the sanctuary.

ADULT MINISTRY

Men's Bible Study: The next men's Bible study will take place on Saturday September 6 starting at 9AM at St. Paul Penryn. All men are invited to attend, any questions please contact Jim Millhouse at e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

20's and 30's Game Night: If you would consider yourself a young adult, we invite you to join us on Wednesday nights at the church for game night, starting at 7 PM, Room 110.

Dementia Support Community, Monday, August 25: Many families face the challenge of knowing how to love and provide care for a family afflicted with dementia. On the fourth Monday of each month a group gets together to share their stories, provide mutual encouragement, and learn how best to provide care for the family member and oneself.

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.](#) While Pastor Rob is away, Pastor Robert will be filling in.

WELCA Lunch Bunch will be gathering on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 11:30 at Lititz Springs Inn. Please RSVP to Nancy Miller at 717-405-0000 or by email to nmiller424@aol.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ALIVE Retreat at Camp Nawakwa: On September 26-28, 2025, our 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to attend the ALIVE Retreat at Nawakwa. The ALIVE retreat is a synod event where middle school students are able to cultivate their faith and relationships with each other, and build community through a variety of activities throughout the weekend! For more information, please visit the following link, <https://www.lss-elca.org/events/alive-2025/>. For registration and pricing information please contact Scott Frase, sfrase@stpaulilititz.net.

CONFIRMATION SWIM PARTY: All youth entering the 7th and 8th grades are invited to the Confirmation Swim Party at the home of Pastor Robert on Sunday, August 24, from 3 pm to 7 pm. Please contact Pastor Robert for details and directions [rwallace@stpaulilititz.net; 717-383-8504]

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday August 24. Bring your backpack (or other school supply) to worship for the gift of a back-to-school blessing. We will bless you as you start a new school year which can have a mix of both nerves and excitement.

Sunday School Teacher Meeting: Sunday August 24 for all Kids' Teachers. 11am, Media Room. We'll write postcards to all our kids with a Rally Day invitation for Sept. 7.

Donut Ya Wanna Talk About Camp? Sunday August 31. Kids who went to Camp this summer are invited to share stories over donuts. 9:15am in the pavilion. RSVP to Deacon Emily.

SACRED GROUNDS

The Sacred Grounds Book Club: Please join us for a time of gathering in a beautiful setting as we explore the intersection of our faith, lived experience and creation. The first two this summer have been great.

- **Monday, August 25th at 7:00pm;** Pastoral Song: A Farmer's Journey by James Rebanks
To RSVP and purchase the books if interested, or if you have questions, please contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulinitz.net or (717) 925-0366. We hope you can join us!

Labyrinth Instruction: Walking a Labyrinth is an ancient form of Christian meditation, contemplation, and prayer. On **August 24 and 31** Pastor Robert will offer guidance on how persons make use of the Labyrinth as a tool to assist their communion with God. This will take place immediately after worship.

CAMP MINISTRY

Camper News: St. Paul supported over 30 kids, youth and families at Kirchenwald/Nawakwa this summer. Plus, we had a Youth Retreat to Kirchenwald, and two (2) St. Paul youth on staff there! We hope you'll connect to this awesome outdoor ministry throughout the year: lutherancamping.org. Ask the 30+ about it!

Camp news and events can be found at: www.lutherancampingA.org/upcoming-events