



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday August 31, 2025

Thank you to Jane and Peter Brye for sharing their musical gifts of harp and cello at both worship services today.

Today: final SPF (St. Paul Fun) from 11:00 - 12:00. Join us after the outdoor service for kickball, legos, chalk and more. The Sacred Grounds are lovely this time of year to walk the gardens or labyrinth. All ages can enjoy!

Labyrinth Instruction Today: Walking a Labyrinth is an ancient form of Christian meditation, contemplation, and prayer. Pastor Robert will offer guidance on how to use the Labyrinth after the outdoor service.

Rally Day next Sunday, September 7th: Worship returns to 8:15 & 10:45 AM in the sanctuary. Join us in the social hall at 9:00 AM for a pancake breakfast, followed by a brief presentation from our youth. (*Donations accepted for the breakfast to support youth ministry.*) The Children's Ministry Sunday school teachers will be introduced to the kids, along with their classmates. Youth and Adult Sunday School will begin on September 14th at 9:30am.

Fall Coed Volleyball League at Spooky Nook: Are you interested in playing volleyball this fall? Join us for some exciting games every Tuesday evening, starting September 9th from 6:30 - 10:30 pm, running through November 4th. All skill levels are welcome! To register and for more information, please text Ty Turner at 570-412-9837.

GIVING

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.

Our annual **Lititz Warwick Community Chest Food Drive Challenge** between the 8:15 and 10:45 services will be held in late September. Which service will contribute the most poundage? Can we reach 2000 lbs. this year? Donations can be any shelf stable food item, paper product, laundry detergent (no pods), toothbrush and toothpaste. No expired items.

Please bring your donations on Sunday September 28th and October 5th.

Personal Care Kits Collection for Lutheran World Relief: The Women of the ELCA are coordinating a collection of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Beginning September 14th, a list of required items for each kit will be available in the narthex. The collection period

will run from September 14th to September 28th. Once assembled, the kits will be blessed and sent to Lutheran World Relief.

Care Kits:

- 1 lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 27" x 52"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb. There are many different types of hair texture so no picks or fine-toothed combs; remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clipper (attached file optional); remove packaging.

Please contact Nancy Weiss at 626-0994 or Deb Herr at 627-1829 with questions.

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. 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, in the offering plate or mailed to St. Paul.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Sunday Morning Coffee Ministry: We are looking for volunteers to make coffee on Sunday morning in the narthex and clean up afterward.

- **Arrival Time: 8:30 AM**
- **Coffee Service: 9:15 - 10:45 AM**

Once the coffee is brewed, you are free to leave the coffee station. Feel free to attend Sunday School and return to clean up before the late service begins at 10:45.

Instructions are provided at the coffee station or training can be provided upon request. To sign up for a Sunday, please click on the following link:

<https://www.timetosignup.com/stpaulworship/sheet/1312382/sunday-worship-volunteers>

Any questions, please contact Ellen Harpel in the church office at 717-626-4709 or email her at eharpel@stpaulsititz.net.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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. There will be an offering to benefit the Lancaster Chapter which includes a scholarship fund for beginning organists.

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.

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.

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@stpaulinitz.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Warwick 5th Quarter Events: We are seeking volunteers to chaperone our two 5th Quarter Youth Events* taking place on September 19th for Middle School and October 17th for High School. We are also seeking donations of baked goods, drinks and snacks. Please use the links below to sign up. Thank you!

[Middle School 5th Quarter- Sep. 19th](#)

[High School 5th Quarter- Oct. 17](#)

**The 5th Quarter is when we open our doors to the youth of the Warwick School District after a Varsity football game to offer a safe and supervised place to enjoy food, games and connection with their peers all at no cost. We served nearly 200 youth last year, made possible by many generous volunteers and donors!*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Rally Day: Sunday School Start: Sunday September 7. Come for breakfast and introductions to your Sunday School classroom / teachers. We can't wait to get this year of bible exploration started together.

CELC Chapel resumes its weekly schedule on September 4. St. Paul Church provides worship for the St. Paul School (CELC) every Thursday at 9:15am in the Sanctuary.

New Baby Meals: St. Paul provides a Meal Train for a variety of needs in the church including when a family welcomes a new baby. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact Tami Ruckel (or the church office) to join the list.

CAMP MINISTRY

Party with a Purpose: Fundraiser Event at Kirchenwald on September 27. 4:00-9:00p. Cost = a donation of your choosing. Enjoy Oktoberfest-style fun with live music, auctions, BBQ, and community fellowship—all to support our camping ministry.

Capture the Flag Event for all ages is Sunday afternoon October 5. It's a big game that all ages and abilities can join. Hope you can come to play, visit Kirchenwald, and reunite with camp buddies. www.lutherancampingA.org/upcoming-events