



Announcements

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Visitors

Welcome to all of our guests and first-time visitors, we are glad to have you here today! Please take a moment to fill out a *Welcome* envelope, available in the pews. If you are attending the outdoor service, the envelopes and a sign-in sheet can be found on the "welcome" table under the pavilion.

The envelopes also serve as a giving envelope for those who would like to support the ministries of our church. Completed envelopes can be placed in the giving box or handed to a church leader.

Today

Rally Day Today! Join us in the social hall as we kick off the Sunday School year! We will begin at 9:00AM with a pancake breakfast fundraiser with proceeds going towards future service trips and retreat opportunities for the youth of St. Paul. You will also have the opportunity to catch up with or meet folks in our congregation and hear about faith formation, our Common Ground Groups, and the theme for the fall! Kids will also be introduced to their teachers and classrooms. We look forward to seeing you!

"Rooted and Growing" Sanctuary Artwork: This week we have a new altar frontal, the lectern hang and three stoles. The artist, Jenny Berk, created a design that reflected both our "Rooted and Growing" theme as well as our unique stained glass windows. The conversations with the artist over the past few months have been shepherded by our Worship and Music Committee. We thank the family that made this donation in honor of a loved one.

Adult Ministry

The Chosen: Has it ever felt challenging to connect with the stories and the people we read about in Scripture? Particularly the Gospels and Jesus and his ministry? Consider joining us as we gather to watch *The Chosen*, a powerful dramatization of the life, work, and teaching of Jesus. We invite you this fall to come and see this story, share a meal and a conversation about the intersection of faith, art, the person of Jesus and our lives today. This will begin Sunday, September 20, following the 10:45 service and we will meet in Room 7 of the Lower Level. If you are able, please bring something to share for lunch. For more information or to sign up, please contact Betsy McConnell at betsy.a.mcconnell@gmail.com.

Sacred Grounds Book Club: Join as we gather to cultivate faith and community through conversation about what it means to tend the patch of ground where we are. We meet

monthly on Monday mornings at 10:30AM in the Media Room. For more information contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulilititz.net. Here is our fall lineup:

September 28: The Unsettling of America by Wendell Berry

October 26: What Grows in Weary Lands by Tish Harrison Warren

November 23: This is Happiness by Nial Williams

December 21: The Irrational Season by Madeline L'Engle

Young Adult Fun: Starting this week (Monday, Sept 15), we will offer weekly programming for young adults. This will rotate through a handful of activities: pickleball, local trivia nights, cross net and game night. To make it possible for people to come who have other commitments, we will try an alternating Monday and Wednesday schedule. We start with pickleball tomorrow night at 7 PM. Interested? Contact **Jonah Lenahan** (856-454-3807) or Ian Harpel (717-618-9606)

Bible Study

Pastor's Weekly Bible Study: Thursday mornings at **10:00 AM** in the Media Room. Zoom is also available.

Pod and Pub: We resume this fall, starting this Wednesday, Sept 16.

Time/date: Wednesday nights, 7 PM, **every other week**

Where: Location likely New Holland, but TBD

Topic: Finishing up looking at the Bible, one book at a time. The Hebrews podcast is now online <https://www.stpaulilititz.net/podcasts>

Interested? Let Heather Weaver (717-725-1885) know and she can keep you posted on location, etc.

Adult Faith Formation; Find Your Common Ground: Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for our adult Sunday school classes, known as *Common Ground Groups*. With groups for people in all seasons of life, there's a place for everyone to connect, grow in faith, and build meaningful relationships. Pick up our Learning Together brochure in the church lobby or contact Scott Frase, sfrase@stpaulilititz.net, to find a group that's right for you!

Giving

Warwick Community Chest The donations to the Lititz Warwick Community Chest during September can be anything of your choice. No large sizes, please. No expired items. Items can be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time.

Stay Tuned for our annual Food Drive later this month!

Bridge of Hope, a mission partner of St. Paul, is in need of donations of a used lawn mower and a reliable used car for a local program client. Please contact Caitlyn Mellinger, Neighborhood Resource Specialist, at 717-207-8932 or email

<CaitlynM@bridge of hopeinc.org> if you have either of the above. Bridge of Hope works with single mothers with children who are homeless so that they can achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing. A group of congregational members are currently 'neighboring' a local family.

Music Ministry

Have questions about the Music Ministry: Are you new to St. Paul and like to sing, play an instrument, or have experience operating light and sound equipment? We want to get you plugged in. Come and chat with Becky, Music Ministry Director.

Children's Ministry

True Colors: This is our Theme for Fall in our Kids Sermons. Come watch the color wheel spin as we focus on a different color each week in worship. We'll learn why that color is meaningful at church and how it connects us to the Good News of Jesus Christ, our True Color!

Chapel is Back! Our weekly Chapel Worship for our CELC children is back for the new school year: Thursdays at 9:15am (sanctuary) and 10am (classroom). And once/month, we offer Chapel for our after-school program. Thank you to Marsha Campbell for being the chapel accompanist. Questions about chapel: see Deacon Emily.

Sunday School Starts...TODAY!

Babies, Tots and Twos: Play near your parents in their Common Ground Group

Ages 3,4 & PreK: Room 2 with Cindy, Cindy, Elizabeth and Shirley

Grades K & 1: Room 3 with Marty and Jody

Grades 2 & 3: Room 1 with Chris, Beth and Jim

Grades 4 & 6: Room 4 with Joe, Christy and Kathy

Grade 5: Room 6 with Kelly, April, Sharon and Ty

Fall Faith Stepstones: save these dates to celebrate our youngest kids this Fall:

Sept 27 - Ages 3 (and new 4's) receive a Bible Book to start Sunday School

Oct 25 - Grades K&1 lead the Lord's Prayer in Worship

Nov 22 - Grade 2 celebrates their First Communion

Youth Ministry

Lower Susquehanna Synod's ALIVE Retreat at Nawakwa: Friday, September 25-27. We will once again be heading off to Camp Nawakwa for a weekend of cultivating faith and community with other middle schoolers from the Synod. This is a great opportunity for our Confirmation students to get to know each other, have some fun, make new friends, and think about how their faith in Christ impacts their everyday life and communities.

The deadline for registration is September 11 and the cost will be \$50. Please contact Scott Frase, sfrase@stpauilititz.net for more information.

Fall Fun at the Hoslers: All youth are invited to the Hoslers' home in Lancaster on Sunday, October 18 from 4-7PM, for an evening of pumpkin carving, games, and food! Stay tuned to the BAND app for more details.

7th and 8th Grades - Explore: Confirmation class with Pr. Wallace: Sundays 9:30-10:30AM in Room 8 of the Lower Level

9th-12th Grades - Jesus is Making All Things New: A Journey Through Revelation. Sundays 9:30-10:30 in Room 5 of the Lower Level

All Youth - Wednesdays at 9PM: All youth will be invited to meet virtually for a brief reflection, prayer and opportunity to connect. This time will be a sort of Compline service, which marks the completion of the day with prayer and the opportunity to settle our minds and hearts before we rest for the night. A Google Meet link will be sent out weekly via the BAND App.

Girls Group! We are gathering just the girls for their own time of mentorship and bible study. Girls in grades 5-8 are invited to join Ms. Brenda Penny and Ms. Cindy Stauffer in the Youth Room for fun and connection. Our first one is October 18, 6:30pm!

Volunteering

Teachers Wanted: The Common Ground Group, *Faith Building*, is looking for teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year. This group uses the David C. Cook Bible in Life curriculum. We are looking for a few more folks who would be willing to teach a couple of times from September-May. If you are interested in participating in the life of the church in this way, please reach out to Tom Herrmann at (717) 269-6582 or Scott Frase at sfrase@stpauilititz.net.

Substitutes Needed: We are looking for adults willing to serve as substitute helpers in the Kids Sunday School classes (9:30-10:30am). Clearances and a brief training are required. Lots of flexibility is included with this meaningful way to serve. Contact Deacon Emily.

Camp Connections

Party with a Purpose: Saturday Sept 26, 4:00-9:00pm. Join us for Party with a Purpose on September 26, 2026 at Kirchenwald in Lebanon County, PA. Enjoy Oktoberfest-style fun with live music, auctions, BBQ, and community fellowship—all to support our camping ministry. Pay what you can.

Capture the Flag: Sunday October 4, 3:00-5:30pm. Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow. St. Paul will carpool at 2:30pm from the pavilion parking lot.