



Announcements

Sunday, September 27, 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.

Interested in learning more about St. Paul? A Welcome Class is being held Sunday, October 18th at 9:30AM in Room 100 for those who would like to learn more about the church. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Ellen Harpel in the church office at 717-626-4709 or email her at eharpel@stpaulinitz.net.

Today

Capital Campaign Vote Today: We will have a congregational meeting, after both services, for the purpose of voting on whether to proceed with a capital campaign aimed at improving the Educational Wing of the building. The areas of improvement are

- Social Hall and Kitchen
- HVAC throughout wing
- Christian Early Learning Center Entrance
- Room 100 (Choir Room)

Faith StepStone for our 3 year olds (and new 4's)! In worship today, our young children new to Sunday School will be recognized in prayer and celebration for taking this step in their faith. They will receive a Bible Book at the baptism font. All our Faith StepStones support parents and church in keeping the promises made at Baptism. Treats follow!

Faith and Lead This Sunday, we will have our next installment of our Faith and Lead collaborative. These luncheons provide young adults space to reflect on their career and their faith. We welcome folks from all generations though! This month's topic: how to receive and give critique. No rsvp necessary.

Splash of Color Event for young families: Today at 4:30pm in the pavilion. Families with a child in the age range of birth - 6 years old are invited to a colorful evening outside. We will make art with the colors in nature and eat a colorful meal together. Older siblings,

Grandparents welcome too! 4:30p event starts. 5:15p pizza potluck. Sign-up Link was emailed, or contact Deacon Emily.

Last name A-G: bring a side or dessert that is Red, Yellow or Orange

Last name H-O: bring a side or dessert that is Blue, Green or Purple

Last name P-Z: bring a side or dessert that is Brown, Black or White

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is fast approaching! **Saturday, October 3rd from 10 AM - 2PM.** Fun for the whole family! There will be pumpkin decorating, raffles, relay races, a cake walk and more! If you are a musician interested in offering your talents at the festival should contact Ministry Fellow Jonah Lenahan, jlenahan@stpaulsititz.net. Volunteers needed for this event. Please sign up on Time to Sign Up: <https://ttsu.me/fallfestival> We look forward to kicking off a new season with the CELC!

Empty Bowls

Many Hands, Many Gifts

Empty Bowls 2027 needs you! Planning is underway for our March 7 community event benefiting the Warwick Community Chest. We're looking for people with many different interests and gifts to help with food, fundraising, promotion, hospitality, volunteers, event production and more. No previous Empty Bowls experience is needed. Interested? Contact Larry or Melanie Carlson at larry.carlson52@gmail.com.

Find Your Place

Where might you fit in Empty Bowls 2027? Maybe you know local businesses, enjoy working with people, have an artistic side, love organizing details—or simply like making things happen. Our Work Groups offer many ways to participate, both in planning and on event day. Want to learn more? Contact Larry or Melanie Carlson at larry.carlson52@gmail.com.

Adult Ministry

Young Adult Pickleball: Young adults are invited to play pickleball (7 pm, social hall). Also, no rsvp (or paddle) necessary, but you can contact Ian Harpel (717-618-9606) with questions.

Lutheran World Relief: October 4th at both services we will observe Lutheran World Relief Blanket Sunday. This is an opportunity for the congregation to see the many quilts the Women of the ELCA blanket making group has assembled during the last year before they are sent to many points around the world.

Activities of the Women of the ELCA are open to ALL women of the St. Paul congregation. The organization provides many opportunities for women to connect, study and serve our congregation, our community and the world. Contact Phyllis Frankhouser, 717-626-4200, for more information. Please return all Fall Letter donations by October 30th to Sue Long.

Soul Flow for Moms: Soul Flow is gentle exercise combining yoga-inspired movements, dance, breath and music. Moms are invited to three Soul Flow Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm to experience it. Jenn Maryniak, St. Paul mom and Fitness instructor, will lead us. Oct 1 (social hall), Oct 8 (pavilion/yard). Sign-Up with Jenn: jennmaryniak@gmail.com. Bring a mat and water bottle.

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@stpaulititz.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: We are offering 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. Interested? Contact [Jonah Lenahan](#) (856-454-3807) or Ian Harpel (717-618-9606)

Support for Caregivers: Unless someone has lived the reality of loving and supporting a person undergoing brain changes (dementia), the stories you share and the feelings you harbor are not fully grasped. On the fourth Monday of the month, St. Paul hosts "Support for Dementia Caregivers." We share our stories with persons who understand, provide mutual encouragement, and learn skills to help the one we love and ourselves. The next meeting is Monday, Sept. 28th at 7 pm in the Media Room. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Robert.

Bible Study

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@stpaulkitz.net, to find a group that's right for you!

The Sisters in Christ Bible Study resumes on Sunday, October 4th at 9:25 am in the choir room. We begin our fall session with the summer Gather magazine series, "I am worthy". This month's session is "I am created in God's image (No matter what anyone else says). The study leader is Nancy Weiss. An offering will be collected. Please bring your Bible.

The Chosen: Join us this fall to watch The Chosen, a dramatization of the life and ministry of Jesus, followed by lunch and conversation of faith, art and life. Begins today after the 10:45 service in Room 7 (Lower Level). Bring something to share for lunch. Contact Betsy McConnell to sign up or for more information, contact Betsy McConnell at betsy.a.mcconnell@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study: The next men's Bible study will take place at Luther Acres in the Muhlenberg building at the restaurant called the Round. We will meet at 9AM on October 3. Information/questions please contact Jim Millhouse, e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

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

Pod and Pub: Join us on Wednesday nights, 7 PM, every other week to discuss an episode of Pastor Rob's Podcast, *Ponder Anew*. **The next gathering will be on Sept. 30th** at Appalachian Brewing Co., in Lititz. Interested? Let Heather Weaver (717-725-1885) know and she can keep you posted on location, etc. You can find the podcast on our website: <https://www.stpaulkitz.net/podcasts>

Giving

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest is in need of the following: catsup, mustard, mayo, toilet paper, dishwashing liquid and coffee. Donations may be put in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time. During August volunteers delivered food to 83 families, the highest number this year. Typically the amount of food in the pantry is at its lowest point in the year in September. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Children's Ministry

 **True Colors:** This is our Fall Kids Sermon Series. 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 the truth of the Gospel it holds.

 **Color Collection:** Throughout the Fall, we will collect used crayons and markers to be recycled. Look for the bin in the Sunday School entrance. Last day to donate: Nov. 1. Questions: see Marty Althouse.

 **Splash of Color Event for young families:** Sunday Sept 27 4:30pm, Pavilion. Families with a child in the age range of birth - 6 years old are invited to a colorful evening outside. Find more details on Page 1 of the announcements under "Today".

 You are apple-solutely welcome in Sunday School!

- 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

 **Music Making!** We encourage all children to share musical gifts through church. Ages preschool (3), K & Grade 1 start the Sunday School hour with song. Ms. Kate Martin leads them and they share music in worship seasonally. Grades 2-6 are invited to Chime Time with Ms. Becky Rairigh. Rehearsals are Monday afternoons. No experience is needed. Contact Ms. Becky to join the next song. Chimes ring seasonally in worship.

 **NEW - info needed!** Register your child's "Personal Information" into the St. Paul Online Directory. This helps staff and approved-adults care for your child as safely as possible. Click [HERE](#) for a how-to and for the website. On this same site, you can manage your online giving and much more! We ask all our St. Paul families to get familiar with this platform.

Youth Ministry

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

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.

Office Volunteers Needed: We are looking for someone who can work in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm. Office tasks include answering the door and phones, making photocopies and other light office work. Computer skills preferred. If you are interested, please contact Ellen Harpel at 717-626-4709 or email her at eharpel@stpaulinitz.net.

New Member Sunday-October 4th

If you have been to a Welcome Class and are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul or have questions about becoming a member, please contact Ellen Harpel at 717-626-4709 or email her at eharpel@stpaulinitz.net

Music Ministry

Special Choir Anthem Sundays: Sunday, October 25 is Reformation Sunday and Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday. St. Paul Choir wants to invite Youth and Adult singers to come sing with them. The choir will be preparing special anthems and would love to have your voice. Rehearsals for the music will be October 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

Camp Connections

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.