



Announcements

Summer Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM - NOON

Friday: CLOSED

Sunday, August 16, 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.

Memorial Service

On Sunday, August 9, Julia Christensen, a staff member of the Christian Early Learning Center (CELC), died suddenly at home. St. Paul will hold a Memorial Service for Julia on Tuesday evening, August 18, at 6 pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend – CELC staff, CELC families, St. Paul Congregation, family, and friends.

Adult Ministry

Help Care for our Prayer Labyrinth: The Green Team is looking for an individual, family, or small group to care for our prayer labyrinth by weeding and maintaining it on a regular basis. This commitment takes, at most, one hour per week. The labyrinth is the centerpiece of the Sacred Grounds and a place of prayer and reflection for many in our community. Help us keep this sacred space beautiful and welcoming! If interested please contact: Al Rothermel, rothermel16@gmail.com or 717-471-2497.

Companion Meeting: The next St. Paul Companions meeting takes place on Monday evening, August 17, in the Media Room. Persons interested in becoming a companion who visits a member of our congregation who would benefit from regular visits is encouraged to attend.

Mission & Outreach: The next Mission & Outreach Meeting takes place on Tuesday evening, August 25, in the Media Room at **7:15 pm**.

Disc Golf: Young adults of St Paul have been meeting on Thursday nights (7 PM) to play disc golf at local courses, including at Warwick High School. If you are interested in joining us, see or contact Ian Harpel, 717-618-9606.

Sacred Grounds Book Club - Summer '26: You are invited to join us as we gather on the edge of the Sacred Grounds to have conversations about faith, community, the natural world and what it looks like to tend the patch of ground we've been given. Thursday August 20th at 7pm we will discuss *Landmarks*, by Robert MacFarlane.

Ladies Lunch Bunch: will be held on Tuesday, August 18 at 11:30 AM. We will meet at the Lititz Springs Inn located at 14 E. Main St, Lititz.

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study: St. Paul will be hosting the next men's Bible study on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 9AM. All men are invited to attend. Contact Jim Millhouse with questions, e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

Summer Weekly Bible Study: Pastor Rob will hold bible study on Thursday mornings at **10 AM** in the Media Room. Zoom is also available.

Giving & Support

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest requests the following items for the month of August: applesauce, peaches, pineapple, pears, scalloped potatoes, mayo and toilet paper. You can place your unexpired items in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please, NO large sized donations. No expired items. The donations may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time. Thank you for your generosity.

Children's Ministry

Summertime Fun in the SON! Go to www.stpaullititz.net/summer-for-kids for all our summertime ministries for children and families!

Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, Aug 23 at both worship services. Bring your backpacks (or other school supply) to worship with you as a way to connect our faith to the new school year! Students, teachers, staff and all back-to-schoolers will be uplifted in prayer!

We Sense the Lord! Our kids' sermons in summer will use the 5 senses to help us dig into the Gospel Good News. On our big blue board, everyone can post something from the week that helped you sense the Lord. Kids will take home a reminder card each Sunday to bring their faith into summertime at home or on the road.

Bulletin Artwork: kids/youth are invited to submit a digital image of their own faith-based artwork for a bulletin cover this summer. Draw, paint, legos, chalk and more. Take a pic of your bible-inspired creation and send it to Ms. Becky.

Take the By Heart Challenge! All kids are encouraged to memorize an assigned portion of scripture or catechism “by heart” over the summer. Recite it with Deacon Emily in-person or via-video, and then you’ll receive a ticket to a Pizza/Pool/Prizes Party on Thursday, September 3 at 5:30pm. Can’t make the party? You can still participate for an awesome prize-package! See the Kids Ministry website for your memory work and more details. www.stpaullititz.net/summer-for-kids Kids in preschool - grade 6 can participate!

Youth Ministry

Sunday, August 23: Confirmation ‘26-’27; An Introduction and Overview for Parents.

Please join us in the social hall following the 10AM worship service during the SPF hour. We will be gathering to share about the upcoming year and to hear from you about how we can serve you and your kids throughout the Confirmation process.

Sunday, August 30: Confirmation Kickoff. Confirmation students are invited to attend the kickoff after the 10AM worship service. We will leave around 11:15AM and head to the Jigger Shop for lunch (cost covered by St. Paul.) After lunch, we’ll hike at Governor Dick before heading to Pr. Wallace’s home for an afternoon of games, pool time, and a cookout. Throughout the day we’ll explore what it means to cultivate faith and community as we discover our place in God’s story. Pick up at 7pm at Pr. Wallace’s home.

Friday, September 11: Middle School 5th Quarter. We are looking forward to hosting the 5th Quarter event again! Last year we had around 200 kids, and it was such a positive experience for all involved. If you are unfamiliar with the 5th Quarter, this is one of our larger outreach events, held after the Warwick football game. There is a DJ, bounce house, video games, yard games, fire pits, door prizes, and lots of food! With the large scale of the event, **we are in need of volunteers who can set up, be chaperones, clean up, and donate food.** Signups will be forthcoming, but for now please save the date and consider serving the youth of our community in this way.

Friday, September 25-27: Lower Susquehanna Synod’s ALIVE Retreat at Nawakwa. 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. Registration details will be forthcoming. The deadline for registration is September 11 and the cost will be \$50.

Music Ministry

Music Ministry Dessert Gathering: Wednesday, September 2 from 6:30 - 8 pm in the Social Hall. St. Paul Music Ministry is ready to begin the season and what better way to all come together and celebrate all of you who faithfully offer your gifts and talents! Choir, Jubilate Bells, Praise Band, Cantors, Children's Chimetime, Youth Choir/Bells, Men's Ensemble, Instrumentalists, and Light and Sound. **Please bring a dessert to share!**

St. Paul Choir: Do you like to sing? Come join the choir and meet some friends! They will begin rehearsal on Wednesday, September 9 from 7:30-8:30 in the Choir Room.

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.