



Announcements

Summer Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM - NOON

Friday: CLOSED

Sunday, July 26, 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

Interested in learning more about St. Paul? A Welcome Class is being held today, at 11:00AM in the Media room for those who would like to learn more about the church. If you are interested in attending, please meet Pastor Rob and Ellen Harpel after the 10:00AM outdoor worship service in the Pavilion area and we will show you the way to the class.

Bucks for Buckets: See Pastor Rob get bucketed with water after outdoor worship today! Our Family VBS met a challenge: we raised \$300 in 3 weeks. Because we donated that many bucks, we get to dump buckets of water on Pastor Rob this Sunday, July 26! The money we raised will be given to [Lutheran World Relief](#) to purchase [buckets](#) for people who rely on good buckets to transport their daily water. Our gift provides 60 buckets!

Sacred Grounds Stories, tonight at 7pm. We invite you to join us at the edge of our nature preserve, The Sacred Grounds, for an evening of listening to real stories shared by real people from our community. Additionally, we will be hosting Augustana University's *God Pod* mobile recording studio. This is part of the *Sacred Stories* initiative which is embarking on a tour across the US, collecting stories of God at work in and through people's lives. This ministry exists to serve young adults on their journey of faith and equip them to share through a variety of mediums and expressions, what it means to be known and loved by God. Stay tuned for more details!

Adult Ministry

St. Paul Women's Potluck Picnic: The third annual woman's potluck picnic will be held on **Thursday, July 30th at 6 PM** in the church social hall. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Place settings and beverages will be provided. Please bring a shelf stable food item or paper product to be donated to the United Lutheran Seminary Food Bank. No expired items, please. The social event is an opportunity for ALL women of the congregation to gather together, renew friendships and make new friends.
Information: Phyllis Frankhouser 717-626-4200

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.

If you are interested in lectoring or currently serve as a lector: Please email [Meghan Shober, megan.shober@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.shober@gmail.com) with your name, email and your preferred worship time. We are updating our list of lectors and would love to hear from you. Lectors share God's Word by reading the Scripture lessons during Sunday worship services. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our congregation.

Bible Study

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

Men's Bible Study will be taking a break in July and August. The group will resume in September. Any questions please contact Jim Millhouse at e44a@ptd.net or 717-626-6296.

Giving & Support

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest requests the following items for the month of July: pancake syrup, mayo, jelly, boxed scalloped potatoes, salad dressing, canned fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple). 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!

👁️👂👄👅👉 **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.

💧 **VBS is Underway!** Splash VBS has one more Tuesday in July, 6:30-7:30pm with freeplay at the end. Our VBS is Family-Style. Parents/adults accompany their children through stations of Bible fun. This gives adults and kids a chance to connect. Our stations are geared toward younger kids (up to completed 3rd grade). Older kids who've completed grades 4, 5, 6 can be helpers. If you'd like to attend on July 28 - email Deacon Emily asap. We'd love to welcome you!

❤️ **Take the By Heart Challenge!** All kids are encouraged to memorize an assigned portion of scripture or catechism "by heart" over the summer. When God's Word is in your heart, you always have it! 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? 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!

Camping Ministry

Registration is STILL OPEN to attend Summer Camp! Visit lutherccamping.org to explore all the awesome options including Day Camp, Mini-Camp, Adventure Camp, Family Camp, Adult Camp and more! St. Paul will subsidize your registration fee. See Deacon Emily for details.

Support a Camper! Your support of the Campership Fund at St. Paul makes church camp affordable for St. Paulers and friends. We offer a discount of half-off (up to \$250) for each church member and one friend for one camp adventure each summer. Please consider a donation by check (memo: campership) or online (drop-down: campership).

We Pray for Camp: Please keep St. Paul Campers and St. Paul Camp Staff in your prayers. We have kids, youth and families attending camp. And we even have youth working there for the summer!

Summer Behind the Scenes



We welcome Jonah Lenahan to our staff team as a Ministry Fellow!

About Jonah: A Lititz native, lifelong Lutheran, and longtime counselor at Camp Kirchenwald, Jonah Lenahan is very excited to be serving as St. Paul's Ministry Fellow for the year! Raised and confirmed at Zion Lutheran in Akron, Jonah attended Warwick High School right across the street from St. Paul's. He spent the next four years at Dickinson College in Carlisle, graduating in 2026 with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and Religion, with honors in religion. In his summer months, Jonah worked as a staffer and counselor at Kirchenwald, the same "Church in the Woods" that he grew up attending and loving. During a year of discernment, Jonah will be using his gifts to work in outreach, young adult ministry, and the sacred grounds project at St. Paul's in Lititz!

What is a Ministry Fellowship? The Saint Paul Ministry Fellowship offers a recent college graduate a "gap-year" experience in ministry. The Fellowship aims to help the young person discern their particular call to ministry by participating in the leadership of the congregation. The Fellow will be assigned a particular focus of ministry that will allow them to see the program year through a particular lens. For 2026-2027, this focus area will be outreach ministry, including the sacred grounds.

Proposed Capital Campaign: The last page of the announcements contains information about the proposed capital campaign. We are currently scheduling interviews with congregation members that will be conducted by Pastor Renee Liabraaten, who is putting together a report for Council on the feasibility of the project. If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact the church office.

Liberian Student Tuition Sponsorship Program

Not every child receives the gift of free public education. In Liberia, West Africa, families must pay a tuition fee each year. While the cost may seem nominal to us, it is beyond the reach of many families living in poverty.

Each year, St. Paul invites members of our congregation to sponsor a child for the upcoming school year. The cost of sponsorship ranges from \$120 to \$150, depending on the student's grade level.

Over the next two weeks project leaders Pat Lamb and Joyce Groff will be contacting last year's sponsors about renewing their commitments and inviting new sponsors to participate.

If you would like to provide a child with the gift of education, or if you would like more information about the project, please speak with either Pat or Joyce. Printed material is available at the table in the narthex for those attending the 8:15 am service and at the welcome table under the pavilion for those attending the outdoor service.

The period for renewal or new sponsorships runs from July 29 through August 12.

Contact information: Pat Lamb pelamb@ptd.net Joyce Groff je_groff@msn.com

Go to: <https://godspreciouschildren.org/> for more information

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Capital Campaign | Summer 2026



Proposed Capital Campaign

Dear Congregation,

We want to provide you with an update on a proposed capital campaign as we head into summer 2026. This includes *the Why, the What & the How* of the campaign. The last paragraph invites you to participate this summer in shaping how this unfolds.

STEP 1: The Why

The main impetus for this proposed capital campaign is making room for relationships. During Lent, the education wing was hopping with 16 different groups meeting. This meant that on Sundays, every classroom, nook and cranny of the educational wing was teeming with energy, fellowship and learning about Jesus.

It is not surprising that we continue to have people hungry to invest in life with Jesus and life together. People in our world today are starving for authentic community. People have found at St. Paul a congregation grounded in the forgiveness and resurrection of Jesus, ready for relationships of compassion, vulnerability, and integrity. We want to have a space that can allow us to connect existing church members within and across the generations while also welcoming people new to St. Paul. Council has affirmed "Making Room" as the first pillar of our updated strategic plan and has concluded that our current facilities need improvement to meet our present and future needs.

Areas of the Building That Need Attention:

- > The copper pipes used in our heating system have begun to corrode, leading to expensive repairs. The entire system is no longer energy efficient.
- > Our CELC entrance does not allow for the security (much less the hospitality) we believe is essential.
- > The Social Hall has moved beyond looking dated to looking dumpy. Consider that for nearly 500 people each month, the social hall is their initial and primary space for interacting with St. Paul. Additionally, the technological in this space has limitations and operating the kitchen stove requires a PhD!

STEP 2: The What

The proposed capital campaign focuses on the education wing:

- > Renovating the Social Hall and kitchen, including new divider walls to create additional classrooms.
- > Installing a new HVAC system to the entire wing, bringing AC to the wing and saving the church money on energy costs.
- > Building a new CELC entrance that will increase security and attractiveness.
- > Remodeling the choir room to make it a multipurpose space (that can continue to function as a choir room). This would be a much-improved space for groups, teaching and meetings, but also a space for smaller worship gatherings, such as an intimate funeral.



The biggest piece of this campaign is the Social Hall and kitchen renovation. Lyle Hosler, our Director of Operations, has overseen a committee that has worked with a design firm to develop a renovation plan. They are finalizing a proposed design in early summer. This final draft will allow us to determine the campaign's total cost.

STEP 3: The How

We are in a strong financial position, and the CELC is also committed to helping with this project. Ultimately though, **this campaign will require our time, our treasure, and our talent.** You have a big part to play! Council and Pastor Rob have put together a Capital Campaign Planning Team.

Capital Campaign Planning Team:

♦ Sandy Bingaman	♦ Tony Chivinski
♦ Roger Moyer	♦ Karen Scheaffer
♦ Corey Troxell	♦ Melissa Wainman
♦ Mike Healy	

Under the direction of outside consultant Rev. Renée LiaBraatan, this group will line-up interviews this summer. During these interviews, Rev. LiaBraatan, who has worked with St. Paul twice before, will hear your feedback on this project and discuss with you where you can best help moving forward.

Get Involved This Summer!

If you are interested in participating in an interview with Rev. LiaBraatan, please reach out to any member of the Capital Campaign Planning Committee. In the early fall, Rev. LiaBraatan will offer a report to Council that includes her recommendations about the project and its feasibility.

At some point we will ask for donations, but for now, we ask for your input and above all, your prayers that we faithfully discern where God is calling us.

**In Christ,
Pastor Rob and the Capital Campaign Planning Team**

Sandy Bingaman, Tony Chivinski, Mike Healy, Roger Moyer,
Karen Scheaffer, Cory Troxell and Melissa Wainman