



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Today

February's Faith StepStone: is for the 4th graders! They'll take a step to becoming Acolytes. Training will be held during the Sunday School hour, and we will also pray for our new acolytes in worship.



Rooted & Growing Newsletter: The latest addition is available now. Scan the QR code. Hard copies are available in the narthex, and you can also find it online at stpaulstiz.net, under the *Online Office*. In the issue, you will find details about our Lenten offerings for worship, reflection and fellowship. Be sure to check it out!

Gift Card Collection for the teachers of the CELC: Please donate a local gift card of \$10 to our teachers. The CELC Committee is collecting gift cards on Feb. 22 and Mar. 1 in a lockbox in the narthex. We want to collect 28 cards so that every CELC Staff Member gets one as a sign of our appreciation during National Lutheran Schools Week (March 1-6.) Places such as gas stations, grocery stores and cafes are great gifts. Thank you!

Canceled: Interactive Pipe Organ Event at 4 PM. Today's special Organ Workshop was canceled due to a serious family need of the presenter. We hope to reschedule. Please check out the wonderful work of OrgelKidsPA on their Facebook, YouTube and website pages.

Lent

Prayer & Cranes! This Lent, we invite you to take part in a creative, hands-on prayer practice. Stop by the narthex to write a prayer on a piece of origami paper and fold it into a crane. If folding isn't your thing, you're welcome to place your prayer in the basket provided. The completed cranes will be displayed in the sanctuary as a visual expression of our shared prayers.

Care Kit Collection: This Lent, we are supporting Lutheran World Relief by collecting care kits for people facing hardship around the world. These kits provide essential items that bring comfort, dignity, and hope to individuals and families during times of crisis. The kits will be collected Sunday, March 1 and Sunday, March 8. This outreach project, previously held in the fall, has moved to the spring. Item lists and a sample kit are available in the narthex, and donations may be placed on the narthex table.

Lenten Thursday Worship and Supper: Beginning Thursday, Feb. 26 - Apr. 2. Dinner will be at 6 PM in the social hall, followed by a short worship service at 7 PM in the

sanctuary. There will also be a prayer teaching session from 7:30-8:15 PM, led by Pastor Wallace.

Volunteers Needed! We are looking for volunteers to share your favorite soup! If you can contribute soup and/or bread for one of the meals, please connect with Tami Ruckle at 717-625-0344 to choose the Thursday that works best for you. (We have a crock pot to lend, if needed). Thank you, and looking forward to seeing you during this sacred season of Lent.

Lenten Devotionals: Devotionals are available in the narthex. **Youth Devotions** are available in the narthex and youth room. **Children/Family Packets** are available in the Sunday School entrance (lower-level). The St. Paul Devotional is also available on the website, stpaulilitz.net/lent.

Bible Study

Adult Common Ground Classes: If you're interested in joining a Sunday morning class but don't know where to start, please contact Scott Frase, sfrase@stpaulilitz.net. Additionally, you can explore all classes on our website, and brochures are available in the narthex.

****NEW**** For the season of Lent, we are offering a young women's professional Bible study that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in room 110. This grows out of the Faith and Lead collective at St. Paul, which focuses on helping people integrate faith and leadership in the work world.

Men's Bible study will take place at our church on Saturday March 7 starting at 9AM in the media room. 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.

Sacred Grounds Book Club: Join us as we gather to discuss our gleanings from our readings as we think about faith, community, creation, and how these things impact our lives and the lives of those around us. Our next conversation will be on **Monday, February 23** to discuss *Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep* by Tish Harrison-Warren. We will gather at **10:30am in the Media Room**. Please reach out to Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulilitz.net or (717) 925-0366 with any questions. Below are the other books we will be reading in the upcoming months:

3/23: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

4/27: *Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton

Support

Dementia Support Community meets the fourth Monday of each month, February 23, at 7:00 pm in the Media Room. The time together is spent sharing stories, providing mutual support, and learning skills to care for our family members experiencing brain changes. The gathering welcomes all who live with this relationship challenge.

Giving

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest requests the following: pancake syrup, boxed scalloped potatoes, toilet paper, small containers of laundry soap, coffee, and hot chocolate mix. No expired items or large containers, please.

Children's Ministry

Kids Sermons in Lent: we will learn a fun and easy Prayer each week of Lent. Many of these prayers come from our local Lutheran Camps: Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. We thank the Youth who will help us learn these catchy prayers!

Prayer Dice: As we teach prayers this Lent, you can use a Prayer Dice to pick your favorite 6. On each side, write or draw a word/symbol that will remind you of each prayer. Then roll the dice to determine which prayer you'll use before a meal. Extra dice are available.

Prayer Packets: Pick up your Lenten Packet for your family at church. It includes a Prayer Dice, a scratch-off Calendar to Count UP to Easter and a weekly devotion. We hope you'll use the tools inside to bless your family's Lenten Journey. Extras available.

Upcoming Special Sundays in Kids Ministry:

March 1 - CELC Sunday + March 15 - Camp Sunday + March 22 - 5th Grade Faith StepStone + March 29 - Holy Week Egg Hunt during Sunday School

Youth Ministry

Youth Weeknight Gatherings During Lent: Come and join us in the youth room for times of fun, fellowship, and a Bible Study. High School youth will meet on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm beginning on 2/24. Middle School youth will meet on Thursday nights from 7-8:00pm. We hope you can make it! Please see the BAND App for updates and sign-ups. For more info or if you have questions, please reach out to Scott at sfrase@stpaulsititz.net or (717) 925-0366.

CELC: Christian Early Learning Center

CELC Sunday: Our CELC celebrates its 41st birthday on March 1, 2026. Within worship we will have prayers for CELC staff, a song with CELC kids and refreshments to celebrate. Please learn more about our wonderful school ministry!

National Lutheran Schools Week: March 2-6. During this week, our CELC Committee will host expressions of appreciation to the CELC staff and families. We join this celebration with all the Lutheran Schools across the country giving thanks for our schools!