



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Announcements

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

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**Welcome Class:** A Welcome Class will take place on Sunday, September 28th from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Choir Room. This class is for those interested in learning more about St. Paul. Please contact Ellen Harpel at 717-626-4709 or eharpel@stpaulkitz.net if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

**Thank You!** (from Matt Good, St. Paul Facilities Mgr.)

To my St. Paul Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers and cards I received while recuperating from my fall. I greatly appreciated each and every one! It's great to be back! Blessings to you and your families. ~ Matt Good.

**Card Shower:** Evelyn Schrieber's 100th Birthday is on September 30th. In honor of this milestone, her family would love for the congregation to shower her with cards! Evelyn's address is: 300 St. Mark Ave. Apartment 2223 Lititz, PA 17543.

## EVENTS AT ST. PAUL

**Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Hymn Sing:**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 4 pm**

The Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) will be offering their annual community Hymnsing at St. Paul in the sanctuary. There will be an offering to benefit the Lancaster Chapter which includes a scholarship fund for beginning organists.

🍁 **CELC Fall Festival - Saturday, October 4th, 10AM-2PM** 🍁

Join us for a day of autumn fun at our annual CELC Fall Festival! We'll begin the morning with a special Blessing of the Animals from 10:00-10:30AM - bring your furry, feathered, or scaled friends to receive a blessing. Starting at 10:30AM, enjoy all the festival activities: food, games, raffle baskets, pumpkin decorating, face painting, scavenger hunt, LIVE music, cake walk and MORE! Mark your calendar and bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a day of community and celebration!

**The 5th Quarter Events:**

**Friday, September 19, 2025 at 9 PM**

**Friday, October 10, 2025 at 9:30 PM**

The 5th Quarter is a special initiative where we welcome the youth of the Warwick School District after a varsity football game, providing a safe and supervised place to enjoy food, games

and connection with their peers - all at no charge. We served nearly 200 youth last year, made possible by many generous volunteers and donors!

## FALL VOLUNTEER NEEDS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Warwick 5th Quarter Events:** We are seeking volunteers to chaperone our two 5th Quarter Youth Events\* taking place on **September 19th** for Middle School and **October 10th** for High School. We are also seeking donations of baked goods, drinks and snacks. Please use the links below to sign up. Thank you!

[Middle School 5th Quarter- Sep. 19th](#)

[High School 5th Quarter- Oct. 10th](#)

### **VOLUNTEERS and DONATIONS NEEDED for the Annual CELC Fall Festival:**

The CELC Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 4 (10AM-2PM)** is right around the corner, and we **need your help** to make it a success! Volunteers are needed to staff festival stations - scavenger hunt, pumpkin decorating, photo booth, raffle tickets, and more. We're also collecting food donations to sell and cake/ desserts for the cake walk.

👉 Sign up today to serve at a station or bring food items at 9:30AM! 🍷 🧀 Your time and generosity will make this a warm, welcoming day for our community! <https://ttsu.me/fallfestival>

### **Sunday Morning Coffee Ministry:**

We are looking for volunteers to make coffee on Sunday morning in the narthex and clean up afterward.

- Arrival Time: 8:30 AM
- Coffee Service: 9:15 - 10:45 AM

Once the coffee is brewed, you are free to leave the coffee station. Feel free to attend Sunday School and return to clean up before the late service begins at 10:45.

Instructions are provided at the coffee station or training can be provided upon request. To sign up for a Sunday, please click on the following link:

<https://www.timetosignup.com/stpaulworship/sheet/1312382/sunday-worship-volunteers>

Any questions, please contact Ellen Harpel in the church office at 717-626-4709 or email her at [eharpel@stpaulnititz.net](mailto:eharpel@stpaulnititz.net).

## GIVING

Our annual **Lititz Warwick Community Chest Food Drive Challenge** between the 8:15 and 10:45 services will be held in late September. Which service will contribute the most poundage? Can we reach 2000 lbs. this year? Donations can be any shelf stable food item, paper product,

laundry detergent (no pods), toothbrush and toothpaste. No expired items. ***Please bring your donations on Sunday September 28th and October 5th.***

**Personal Care Kits Collection for Lutheran World Relief:** The Women of the ELCA are coordinating a collection of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Beginning September 14th, a list of required items for each kit will be available in the narthex. The collection period will run from **September 14th to September 28th**. Once assembled, the kits will be blessed and sent to Lutheran World Relief.

Care Kits:

- 1 lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 27" x 52"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb. There are many different types of hair texture so no picks or fine-toothed combs; remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clipper (attached file optional); remove packaging.

Please contact Nancy Weiss at 626-0994 or Deb Herr at 627-1829 with questions.

**Books for Kids at the Christian Early Learning Center:** St. Paul CELC has a tradition of buying each student in the entire school a book to be given as a Christmas gift. It has been so fun watching their excitement and seeing their love of reading grow! The children love it when they receive a wrapped book to call their own. It's very special to them. As the years have progressed, students look forward to the new and exciting books they receive. We couldn't make this happen without your help! You can sponsor a child by donating at least \$5.00. You can also assist us in reaching our goal of \$200.00 by sharing our campaign on your social media accounts.

This year we have a total of 120 students. Each student will be gifted a wrapped book in the month of December. This will allow students to start building a home library and encourage special times with their families. If you are willing to donate it would be greatly appreciated!

Please click the link below to donate!

<https://shop.scholastic.com/viewCampaign?campaignId=bec0067a-a4eb-40c0-9993-58f47a7f18a8>

**The Christian Service Box** will be collecting funds for Power Packs during the 3rd quarter of 2025. Power Packs Project is the largest school pantry/backpack program in Central PA and the largest hunger relief program in Lancaster County. Power Packs provides recipes, healthy ingredients, and nutritional education to more than 1,000 families struggling with hunger every weekend when the school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to them. Donations may be placed in the Christian Service Box located in the narthex, in the offering plate or mailed to St. Paul.

## ADULT MINISTRY

**Pod & Pub: Thursdays at 7PM, Bullshead Public House:** Thirsty for the word in a casual setting? Join us on Thursday evenings at the Bullshead Pub for engaging discussion and fellowship. Tune into the latest episode of Pastor Rob's podcast, *Ponder Anew*, and be part of the discussion. You can find the podcast on our website, [stpaulinitz.net/podcasts](http://stpaulinitz.net/podcasts) as well as on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

### Seminary Nook Invites You

The lively discussion group Seminary Nook invites you on Sundays at 9:30 am in Rev. Wallace's office to an in-depth discussion of influential Christian thought leaders, including Archbishop Rowan Williams, Episcopal priest Fleming Rutledge, and Dominican Friar Bartolomé de las Casas (1484-1566). In the Autumn Series starting September 14, we'll consider *Being Human: Bodies, Minds, Persons* as Rowan Williams addresses relevant questions about personhood, individual autonomy, and human flourishing and his short book *Being Disciples* on how rhythms of the Christian faith enable us to live so that Jesus Christ comes through our lives. No reading is required, though the books we discuss are available for \$5. Questions? See Jonathan Matías at (703) 475-4390 // [graceandtruth@gmail.com](mailto:graceandtruth@gmail.com)

### Sacred Grounds Book Club

An opportunity for cultivating community and faith and expanding our perspectives through reading and conversation. This fall we will explore the idea of what it means to be present in the places and time we live in. Our first book is *The Serviceberry; Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer and our discussion will be on September 29 at 7:00pm. For more information or to purchase the book, please contact Scott Frase: [sfrase@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulinitz.net) or (717) 925-0366.

**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.](#)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**ALIVE Retreat at Camp Nawakwa:** On September 26-28, 2025, our 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to attend the ALIVE Retreat at Nawakwa. The ALIVE retreat is a synod event where middle school students are able to cultivate their faith and relationships with each other, and build community through a variety of activities throughout the weekend! For more information, please visit the following link, <https://www.lss-elca.org/events/alive-2025/>. For registration and pricing information please contact Scott Frase, [sfrase@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulinitz.net).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**September's Faith Step-Stone:** God bless our new Sunday School kids who are 3 years old and new-to-St. Paul 4 year olds too. They received a Bible in worship as a sign of their step into Sunday School: Juliet, Eva, Camden, Hudson, Harrison, Ava, Jace & Everly!

**Sunday School has begun! Come to the class for you:**

Ages 0-2: Splash Class with your parent/guardian (room 104)

Ages 3-preK: Classroom 2 with Casey, Cindy, Shirely & Elizabeth

Grades K & 1: Classroom 3 with Marty and Jody

Grades 2 & 3: Classroom 1 with Chris, Beth & Jim

Grades 4 & 5: Classroom 6 with April, Sharon, Kathy, Sam and Kelly

Grade 6: Classroom 4 with Joe, Dru, Amy and Christy

**CELC Chapel & Bibles!** St. Paul Church provides worship (called Chapel) for the St. Paul School (CELC) every Thursday at 9:15am in the Sanctuary. To help connect worship to home, St. Paul is subsidizing the cost of a Spark Story Bible for every CELC family who wants to order one this month. The same Bible is in every CELC classroom thanks to donations last spring!

**Meals for new baby families:** St. Paul provides a Meal Train for a variety of needs in the church including when a family welcomes a new baby. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact Tami Ruckel (or the church office) to join the list.

**New Newsletters:** Our babies/toddlers will receive a new newsletter at home. This is a mail-ministry that supports parents in raising their littles ones in faith developmentally in the first 3 years of life. Our new newsletter is called "Frolic" and is published by Augsburg.

## CAMP MINISTRY

**Party with a Purpose:** Fundraiser Event at Kirchenwald on September 27. 4:00-9:00p. Cost = a donation of your choosing. Enjoy Oktoberfest-style fun with live music, auctions, BBQ, and community fellowship—all to support our camping ministry.

**Capture the Flag Event** for all ages is Sunday afternoon October 5. It's a big game that all ages and abilities can join. Hope you can come to play, visit Kirchenwald, and reunite with camp buddies. [www.lutherancampingA.org/upcoming-events](http://www.lutherancampingA.org/upcoming-events)

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**Fall Coed Volleyball League at Spooky Nook:** Are you interested in playing volleyball this fall? Join us for some exciting games every Tuesday evening, from 6:30 - 10:30 pm, running through November 4th. All skill levels are welcome! To register and for more information, please text Ty Turner at 570-412-9837.