



Announcements

Sunday, September 6, 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

Last SPF: today is our final **St. Paul Fun** of the summer, following the outdoor worship service. Stick around for an hour of Gaga ball, Lego building, Playground fun, Sacred Grounds exploring and Fellowship together. Thank you for a wonderful summer of SPF!

This Week

Middle School 5th Quarter: Friday, September 11: 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. Please visit the Time To Sign up link on the church website to volunteer.** Please reach out to Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulstitz.net if you have any questions.

Rally Day September 13: Join us in the social hall as we kick off the Sunday School year! We will begin at 9:00AM with a pancake breakfast fundraiser with proceeds going towards future service trips and retreat opportunities for the youth of St. Paul. You will also have the opportunity to catch up with or meet folks in our congregation and hear about faith formation, our Common Ground Groups, and the theme for the fall! Kids will also be introduced to their teachers and classrooms. We look forward to seeing you!

New!

Midweek Worship: Beginning September 17, every Thursday at 7 PM in the sanctuary. This contemplative service will become an ongoing part of our worship life each week.

Volunteering

Teachers Wanted: The Common Ground Group, *Faith Building*, is looking for teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year. This group uses the David C. Cook Bible in Life curriculum. We are looking for a few more folks who would be willing to teach a couple of times from September-May. If you are interested in participating in the life of the church in this way, please reach out to Tom Herrmann at (717) 269-6582 or Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulslititz.net.

Adult Ministry

The Chosen: Has it ever felt challenging to connect with the stories and the people we read about in Scripture? Particularly the Gospels and Jesus and his ministry? Consider joining us as we gather to watch *The Chosen*, a powerful dramatization of the life, work, and teaching of Jesus. We invite you this fall to come and see this story, share a meal and a conversation about the intersection of faith, art, the person of Jesus and our lives today. This will begin Sunday, September 20, following the 10:45 service and we will meet in the Media Room. If you are able, please bring something to share for lunch. For more information or to sign up, please contact Betsy McConnell at betsy.a.mcconnell@gmail.com.

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.

Weekly Bible Study: Thursday mornings at **9:30 AM and 10:30 AM** in the Media Room. Zoom is also available.

Giving

Warwick Community Chest The donations to the Lititz Warwick Community Chest during September can be anything of your choice. No large sizes, please. No expired items. Items can be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time.

Stay Tuned for our annual Food Drive later this month!

Bridge of Hope, a mission partner of St. Paul, is in need of donations of a used lawn mower and a reliable used car for a local program client. Please contact Caitlyn Mellinger, Neighborhood Resource Specialist, at 717-207-8932 or email [CaitlynM@bridge of hopeinc.org](mailto:CaitlynM@bridgeofhopeinc.org) if you have either of the above. Bridge of Hope works with single mothers with children who are homeless so that they can achieve self

-sufficiency and permanent housing. A group of congregational members are currently 'neighboring' a local family.

Music Ministry

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.

Children's Ministry

The By Heart Challenge Takers: Congrats to these Fantastic Five for taking the By Heart Challenge this summer: Lennon Harvey, Gabby Ward, Lydia Hoke, Makani Ortiz, Myla Ortiz. They memorized a part of the Bible by heart, where it will be with them forever. As a reward for this dedication, they were treated to a mega prize package including treats, toys and gift cards. Well done ladies!

Chapel resumes! Our weekly Chapel Worship for our CELC children is back for the new school year: Thursdays at 9:15am (sanctuary) and 10am (classroom). And once/month, we offer Chapel for our after-school program. Thank you to Marsha Campbell for being the chapel accompanist. Questions about chapel: see Deacon Emily.

Rally Day is the Sunday School Start. Sept 13! 9:00 is the start to breakfast in the social hall. Around 9:30, we start introducing our classes! Come meet your teachers, visit your classrooms and greet your faith friends. Sunday School for kids is offered for ages 3-12 (preschool to 6th grade). Kids younger than 3 are welcome to join their parents in our adult class for this stage of parenting.

Fall Faith Steppstones: save these dates to celebrate our youngest kids this Fall:
Sept 27 - Ages 3 (and new 4's) receive a Bible Book to start Sunday School
Oct 25 - Grades K&1 lead the Lord's Prayer in Worship
Nov 22 - Grade 2 celebrates their First Communion

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!

Youth Ministry

Lower Susquehanna Synod's ALIVE Retreat at Nawakwa: Friday, September 25-27. 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. The deadline for registration is September 11 and the cost will be \$50. Please contact Scott Frase, sfrase@stpaulstiz.net for more information.

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.

Camp Connections

Party with a Purpose: Saturday Sept 26, 4:00-9:00pm. Join us for Party with a Purpose on September 26, 2026 at Kirchenwald in Lebanon County, PA. Enjoy Oktoberfest-style fun with live music, auctions, BBQ, and community fellowship—all to support our camping ministry. Pay what you can.

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.