



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Announcements

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Today is All Saints Sunday: We honor the memory of those who have passed away this year while also celebrating the individuals who have been baptized. A white rose is a gift given to those we are honoring and recognizing today.

Endowment Grant Applications: Applications for the 2026 year distribution are now available. All applications **must be submitted [online](#)** and can be found on the website "online office." Anyone needing assistance with completing their request can call the church office. Once submitted, you will receive a receipt of submission.

The St. Paul Endowment Fund, established in 2001, manages bequests and donations to support the church's mission for God's glory. Income from these contributions aids community outreach, synod initiatives, wider church programs, and capital improvements.

Applications are due by December 1, 2025

Empty Bowls Tonight: Tickets are still available on [Eventbrite](#). You can find the link on our website, stpaulilititz.net. This event will be held at Rock Lititz Pod 2 from 5-7 PM. All proceeds benefit the Lititz Warwick Community Chest.

Welcome Class: Interested in learning more about St. Paul? A Welcome Class is being held next Sunday, November 9 at 9:30AM in the Choir Room for those who are interested in learning more about the church. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Ellen Harpel in the church office at 717-626-4709 or email her at eharpel@stpaulilititz.net.

ADULT MINISTRY

The Sisters in Christ Bible Study will meet today in the choir room at 9:25 am. Jan D'Imperio will be leading the second session of "Money, stewardship and generosity focusing on Stewardship: How do we tend our treasure". Please bring your Bible.

An offering will be taken. At this study we warmly welcome ALL women of the congregation.

Evening Prayer Services: Join us for evening prayer services on Thursday, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4th at 7 PM. These services will feature a structured time for worship, reflection, confession and thanksgiving. During the half-hour service, worshippers are welcome to light a candle, receive an anointing, and pray at the altar. After the service, individuals may remain for a short teaching on prayer and prayer practices. Contact Pastor Wallace with questions; rwallace@stpaulilititz.net.

Sacred Grounds Book Club: Our next gathering will be on Monday, December 1 at 7:00pm. The book we will be discussing is the novel *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry. This is a moving story that

is comprised of all the stuff of life with a compelling focus on what truly matters. We will discuss community, place, grief, joy, change, faith, and stewardship of the land, as we navigate Berry's compelling writing. Contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaullititz.net or (717) 925-0366 if you would like to join us or purchase the book. All are welcome!

College Students: You are invited to the Lower Susquehanna Synod's Winterfest retreat in Lancaster on January, 2-4, 2026. This will be a great weekend of cultivating faith and community with peers and high school students. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaullititz.net. Cost and registration information will be coming soon.

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, stpaullititz.net/podcasts as well as on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

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.](#)

GIVING

Christian Service Box Donations: Mission & Outreach will no longer collect funds through the Christian Service Box. The box may be used for special/emergency collections in the future. We ask that you **do not** submit checks to the Christian Service box. Thank you.

Warwick Community Chest: For the remainder of October the Lititz Warwick Community Chest needs the following: tissues, toilet tissue, and paper towels. Large packages will be divided by the staff. Please place your donations in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Men's Ensemble: Lee Zelewicz is inviting youth and adult male singers to sing in our Men's Ensemble. Rehearsals will be after the 10:45 service for 20 minutes in the Choir Room on November 2, 16, 23, December 7 and 14. The ensemble will sing in worship on December 21 at both services. If you have questions please contact Becky Rairigh, Music Ministry Director, beckyr@stpaullititz.net or 717-824-5913.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Last Sunday, our K/1 kids celebrated the October Faith Step Stone by leading the Lord's Prayer in Worship. They were given a mini-quilt with the Lord's Prayer printed on it, handmade by a

church quilter. **Congrats to these kids: Caleb Schellenberger, Harper Zelewicz, Gryffin Palmer, Declan Frase, Crew Galbreath, Hayden Billow, Kennedy Van Winkle, Emmy Hummer, Molly Oravec, Makani Ortiz.** Also to Olivia Ramer and Phoebe Hoke who attended Pumpkins and Prayers as their step in faith.

TODAY is our final Sunday of the Fall theme: Fun & Games! We have been using “fun and games” to explore the all-church fall theme of What Matters? **In worship**, come see our game-themed boxes, ask “what matters?” questions and reveal the answers. **For service**, we’re collecting new & gently used board games for Bridge of Hope - today is the last day! **With fellowship**, we highlighted 3 special games this fall: Fall Fest, Capture the Flag and Uno Tournament. Thank you to everyone who made that fun and those games possible!

Also TODAY: Camp Games: Once/month our 2nd-6th graders end their Sunday School hour with a Camp Game led by camp-counselor-alumni: Amy & Matt Loser. This is a great chance to get outside, burn some energy, and connect to camp. Next date: Nov. 2.

Mentoring Mornings: During Sunday School, our 4th, 5th and 6th graders join the High School class for monthly mentoring mornings. It’s a blast! The upcoming date is Nov. 16.

Communion Classes: for children in 2nd grade will be offered on Nov. 16 and Nov. 23 during Sunday School. Please rsvp to Deacon Emily. Children should attend with an adult. Baptism is a step to be taken before communion; please see a pastoral staff member if you’re not yet baptised. For preparation, we will do some bread-baking at home, banner-making at home, tasting at church, learning at church, and St. Paul will celebrate their first communion on Sunday, November 23 in worship. If you are older than 2nd grade, baptised, and have not yet received communion instruction, you’re invited too!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Winterfest High School Retreat: Grades 9-12 are invited to join us on January 2-4, 2026 at the Wyndham Resort in Lancaster for the Lower Susquehanna Synod’s Winterfest retreat. This will be an exciting weekend to connect with youth from other churches, and participate in the various sessions offered to further cultivate faith and community. Cost, registration information and instructions will be shared soon. Please contact Scott Frase at sfrase@stpaulinitz.net with any questions.

CAMP

Advent Day Apart: December 6 from 9a-2p at the Wittle Farm in E-town. Lunch included. Enjoy a day with reflection, silence and stillness. Indoor and outdoor. Cost is \$15; St. Paul will subsidize your registration.

Winter Retreat at Kirchenwald: Save the dates of January 2-4 for grades 3-9 to attend this winter's retreat at Kirchenwald. Camp staff lead the kids in seasonal activities and bible exploration with lots of fun. Cost is \$170. St. Paul will pay \$100; you pay \$70! If you need more financial support, just ask.