



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Announcements

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

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Last Sunday we celebrated Pastor Rob's 10-year anniversary at St. Paul. His note to the congregation is found below.

*Dear Congregation,*

*Thank you SO much for the acknowledgment of ten years at St. Paul. As my wife and I opened the gift cards and counted the Lititz dollars, we realized you intend for us to stay for a long time to use all of this!! We appreciate everyone's generosity and warmly cherish the accompanying notes of thankfulness. We feel very loved and supported here at St. Paul. As I indicated in the Annual Report, I sense a strong call to serve at St. Paul. Thank you again and looking forward to what God has in store for us.*

*~ Pastor Rob*

**Annual Report:** Reports are available in the Narthex and on our website, [stpaulititz.net](http://stpaulititz.net).

## Bible Study

**Sisters in Christ Bible Study** will meet for the final time before summer break this morning at 9:25 AM in the choir room. Samanta Smith will bring her personal perspective to the Gather study "God the protector: gate and shepherd"; Session two of "God's name, God's promise". This study will expand on Pastor Rob's sermon last Sunday about the "good shepherd". Please bring your Bible. An Offering will be collected. A short St. Paul Women of the ELCA board update on recent actions will be given. All women of the congregation are invited.

**Guest Leaders Needed:** The adult faith formation class, Faith Building, is looking for guest teachers for the 2026-2027 Sunday School year. This Bible study provides insight into Scripture through exploring the background and setting of the text, asking questions and discussing the application of the truth of Scripture to our lives. Prior to each quarter, we will work with you to schedule your lesson from the provided curriculum and you will only be asked to teach 1-3 times over the course of the year. If interested in being added to our teacher list, please contact Tom Herrmann at (717) 269-6582.

**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.

## Worship

**Ascension Day:** On Thursday, May 14, St. Paul will hold an Ascension Day Worship in the sanctuary at 7 pm. This service of scripture, song, prayer, and meditation will commemorate Jesus “ascending” to heaven and commissioning followers to make disciples who live in this world as ambassadors of God’s love. We reflect upon our being peacemakers in a world filled with hostility and violence while many suffer impoverishment and displacement.

## Giving & Support

**The Lititz Warwick Community Chest requests the following in May:** boxed tea bags, applesauce, peaches, fruit cocktail and paper towels. No expired items, please. Items may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time. Thanks in part to a grant from St. Paul's, the space used by the LWCC is in the process of being updated with a new exterior door with a keypad, painted walls, new lighting and new flooring. Thank you St. Paul members for your commitment to feeding our neighbors!

## Children’s Ministry

**Spring Cleaning!** Our kids' sermons in the Easter Season will use a spring cleaning product to help us dive into the Gospel texts each week. Come see what’s next! 🌊

**Singing and Ringing:** On May 10 our preschool, K and 1st grade classes will bless worship with a special song using voices and bells. The kids will play at 10:45am at the beginning of worship so that even early-service goers can easily stick around to participate. We hope this is a special mothers’ day treat to all women!

**Teacher Appreciation:** St. Paul will host a potluck picnic in appreciation for our Sunday School teachers on May 17. If you’d like to express your gratitude to your volunteer Teachers this month, please see your email for a link of details. We thank God for:  
*Preschool/Prek: Cindy Geesey, Elizabeth Petersen, Shirley Flickinger, Casey Cole, Cindy Gillespie / Grades K-1: Marty Althouse, Jody Charles / Grades 2-3: Jim Hoffer, Beth Hoffer, Chris Runkle / Grades 4-5: Ty Turner, Kelly Groff, Kathy Ross, Sharon Kready, April McGinty / Grade 6: Joe Geesey, Sally Forry, Christy Matias, Dru Amand, Amy Kochel. And our fabulous subs: Marion Brenner, Robin Palmer, Karlene Travis, Patricia Kline, Diane Kochel.*

**Don't miss Chris Ivey in a special Pentecost Show:** May 24, 2026. We'll enjoy an interactive and amazing Pentecost Program brought to us by faith performer & local

leader Chris Ivey. He's a bible-based juggler and storyteller. All kids' classes will meet in the Social Hall 9:30-10:30 for the show! This marks the last day of Sunday School.

**Drum roll please....**our 6th graders will drum to a worship song during our Confirmation Service on Sunday May 31 at 10:45am. Meet Ms. Becky in the sanctuary at 10am that day to rehearse.

## Youth Ministry

**All Youth and Their Families; Day of Service at Wittel Farm:** Saturday, May 23 9am-2pm. Youth and their families have been invited by LutheranHANDS to spend a morning at Wittel Farm, to learn and serve. At 12pm a cookout will be provided for everyone who comes out. Please consider joining us, all ages are welcome!! Wittel Farm is asking for suggested donations of \$10 per person, but it is not required. Please reach out to Scott at [sfrase@stpaulstitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulstitz.net) to sign-up or if you have any questions.

**Mini-Diaconos for Grades 8-12 at Kirchenwald, July 28-31.** Join us as we head up to Kirchenwald to participate in local service projects during the day and then return to Kirchenwald for camp activities and fun! This is a great opportunity to serve locally and enjoy all that camp has to offer! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

## Camping Ministry

**Registration is now open** to attend Summer Camp! Visit [luthercamping.org](http://luthercamping.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). Thank you!

**Camp Opener and Mike Youse Appreciation:** May 17, 3:30pm at Camp Kirchenwald. Come worship outdoors as we open the camping season into God's hands. A BBQ picnic follows with a special dedication in the Youse name for faithful service. RSVP for the BBQ. Notes and Pictures for a display can be sent to Zach Weiss by May 14.

## **Welcome Class**

**Interested in learning more about St. Paul?** A Welcome Class is being held Sunday, May 17th at 9:30AM for those who would like to learn 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@stpaulkitz.net](mailto:eharpel@stpaulkitz.net).