



Announcements

Summer Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM - NOON

Friday: CLOSED

Sunday, August 9, 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.

Liberian Student Tuition Sponsorship Program

Not every child receives the gift of free public education. In Liberia, West Africa, families must pay a tuition fee each year. While the cost may seem nominal to us, it is beyond the reach of many families living in poverty.

Each year, St. Paul invites members of our congregation to sponsor a child for the upcoming school year. The cost of sponsorship ranges from \$120 to \$150, depending on the student's grade level.

Over the next two weeks project leaders Pat Lamb and Joyce Groff will be contacting last year's sponsors about renewing their commitments and inviting new sponsors to participate.

If you would like to provide a child with the gift of education, or if you would like more information about the project, please speak with either Pat or Joyce. Printed material is available at the table in the narthex for those attending the 8:15 am service and at the welcome table under the pavilion for those attending the outdoor service.

The period for renewal or new sponsorships runs until August 12.

Contact information: Pat Lamb pelamb@ptd.net Joyce Groff je_groff@msn.com

Go to: <https://godspreciouschildren.org/> for more information

Adult Ministry

Disc Golf: Young adults of St Paul have been meeting on Thursday nights (7 PM) to play disc golf at local courses, including at Warwick High School. If you are interested in joining us, see or contact Ian Harpel, 717-618-9606.

Sacred Grounds Book Club - Summer '26: You are invited to join us as we gather on the edge of the Sacred Grounds to have conversations about faith, community, the natural world and what it looks like to tend the patch of ground we've been given. **Thursday August 20th at 7pm** we will discuss *Landmarks*, by Robert MacFarlane.

Volunteers Needed: **The Green Team** is looking for an individual(s), small groups or families to weed and maintain the prayer labyrinth on a regular basis. This involves at most 1 hour per week. The prayer labyrinth is considered by many to be the centerpiece of the Sacred Grounds. In addition, we also are looking for 1 or 2 individuals to mow the future forest area 2 times or so a month. This involves about 1.5 hours of mowing each session using our John Deere riding tractor. If interested and able please contact Al Rothermel, rothermel16@gmail.com or 717-471-2497.

Bible Study

Summer Weekly Bible Study: Pastor Rob will hold bible study on Thursday mornings at **10 AM** in the Media Room. Zoom is also available.

Giving & Support

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest requests the following items for the month of August: applesauce, peaches, pineapple, pears, scalloped potatoes, mayo and toilet paper. You can place your unexpired items in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please, NO large sized donations. No expired items. The donations may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time. Thank you for your generosity.

Children's Ministry

Summertime Fun in the SON! Go to www.stpaullititz.net/summer-for-kids for all our summertime ministries for children and families!

We Sense the Lord! Our kids' sermons in summer will use the 5 senses to help us dig into the Gospel Good News. On our big blue board, everyone can post something from the week that helped you sense the Lord. Kids will take home a reminder card each Sunday to bring their faith into summertime at home or on the road.

Bulletin Artwork: kids/youth are invited to submit a digital image of their own faith-based artwork for a bulletin cover this summer. Draw, paint, legos, chalk and more. Take a pic of your bible-inspired creation and send it to Ms. Becky.

Take the By Heart Challenge! All kids are encouraged to memorize an assigned portion of scripture or catechism "by heart" over the summer. When God's Word is in your heart, you always have it! Recite it with Deacon Emily in-person or via-video, and then you'll

receive a ticket to a Pizza/Pool/Prizes Party on **Thursday, September 3 at 5:30pm**. Can't make the party? Still participate for an awesome prize-package! See the Kids Ministry website for your memory work and more details. www.stpaullititz.net/summer-for-kids
Kids in preschool - grade 6 can participate!

Camping Ministry

Registration is STILL OPEN to attend Summer Camp! Visit 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).

Summer Behind the Scenes

Proposed Capital Campaign: The last page of the announcements contains information about the proposed capital campaign. We are currently scheduling interviews with congregation members that will be conducted by Pastor Renee Liabraaten, who is putting together a report for Council on the feasibility of the project. If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact the church office.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Capital Campaign | Summer 2026



Proposed Capital Campaign

Dear Congregation,

We want to provide you with an update on a proposed capital campaign as we head into summer 2026. This includes *the Why, the What & the How* of the campaign. The last paragraph invites you to participate this summer in shaping how this unfolds.

STEP 1: The Why

The main impetus for this proposed capital campaign is making room for relationships. During Lent, the education wing was hopping with 16 different groups meeting. This meant that on Sundays, every classroom, nook and cranny of the educational wing was teeming with energy, fellowship and learning about Jesus.

It is not surprising that we continue to have people hungry to invest in life with Jesus and life together. People in our world today are starving for authentic community. People have found at St. Paul a congregation grounded in the forgiveness and resurrection of Jesus, ready for relationships of compassion, vulnerability, and integrity. We want to have a space that can allow us to connect existing church members within and across the generations while also welcoming people new to St. Paul. Council has affirmed "Making Room" as the first pillar of our updated strategic plan and has concluded that our current facilities need improvement to meet our present and future needs.

Areas of the Building That Need Attention:

- > The copper pipes used in our heating system have begun to corrode, leading to expensive repairs. The entire system is no longer energy efficient.
- > Our CELC entrance does not allow for the security (much less the hospitality) we believe is essential.
- > The Social Hall has moved beyond looking dated to looking dumpy. Consider that for nearly 500 people each month, the social hall is their initial and primary space for interacting with St. Paul. Additionally, the technological in this space has limitations and operating the kitchen stove requires a PhD!

STEP 2: The What

The proposed capital campaign focuses on the education wing:

- > Renovating the Social Hall and kitchen, including new divider walls to create additional classrooms.
- > Installing a new HVAC system to the entire wing, bringing AC to the wing and saving the church money on energy costs.
- > Building a new CELC entrance that will increase security and attractiveness.
- > Remodeling the choir room to make it a multipurpose space (that can continue to function as a choir room). This would be a much-improved space for groups, teaching and meetings, but also a space for smaller worship gatherings, such as an intimate funeral.



The biggest piece of this campaign is the Social Hall and kitchen renovation. Lyle Hosler, our Director of Operations, has overseen a committee that has worked with a design firm to develop a renovation plan. They are finalizing a proposed design in early summer. This final draft will allow us to determine the campaign's total cost.

STEP 3: The How

We are in a strong financial position, and the CELC is also committed to helping with this project. Ultimately though, **this campaign will require our time, our treasure, and our talent.** You have a big part to play! Council and Pastor Rob have put together a Capital Campaign Planning Team.

Capital Campaign Planning Team:

♦ Sandy Bingaman	♦ Tony Chivinski
♦ Roger Moyer	♦ Karen Scheaffer
♦ Corey Troxell	♦ Melissa Wainman
♦ Mike Healy	

Under the direction of outside consultant Rev. Renée LiaBraatan, this group will line-up interviews this summer. During these interviews, Rev. LiaBraatan, who has worked with St. Paul twice before, will hear your feedback on this project and discuss with you where you can best help moving forward.

Get Involved This Summer!

If you are interested in participating in an interview with Rev. LiaBraatan, please reach out to any member of the Capital Campaign Planning Committee. In the early fall, Rev. LiaBraatan will offer a report to Council that includes her recommendations about the project and its feasibility.

At some point we will ask for donations, but for now, we ask for your input and above all, your prayers that we faithfully discern where God is calling us.

**In Christ,
Pastor Rob and the Capital Campaign Planning Team**

Sandy Bingaman, Tony Chivinski, Mike Healy, Roger Moyer,
Karen Scheaffer, Cory Troxell and Melissa Wainman