



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Announcements

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

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**Ingathering Sunday:** The beautiful blankets and care kits displayed in the sanctuary will be blessed today and sent to Lutheran World Relief. These items will be shipped to the areas of the world where they are needed most. We thank the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) for their work on this project.

**Baptism:** Today we celebrate the baptism of Nolan Elliott Ashberry at the 10:45 service.

**Food Drive Challenge!** The first day of the food drive was very successful! The first service donated 488.8 lbs., the second service donated 381.4 lbs. for a total of 870.2 lbs. Today is the last day to donate for the challenge. Which service will contribute the most poundage? Can we reach 2000 lbs. this year?

## EVENTS

**The 5th Quarter for High School Kids: 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 middle school kids last weekend, made possible by many generous volunteers and donors!

**Uno Tournament:** As part of our "Fun & Games" fall theme in Kids Ministry, we're hosting an Uno Tournament for everyone! Come for fun & UNO games led by Collin Maryniak, a St. Paul youth. Bring a favorite snack to share and register with a gamer name. Sunday Oct. 19th at 3:00 PM in the Social Hall. Sign-up: <https://www.timetosignup.com/stpaulworship>

**Empty Bowls:** Tickets are on sale now on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). You can find the link on our website, [stpaulslititz.net](https://stpaulslititz.net).

Ticket prices:

- \$40 includes a ceramic bowl to take home.
- \$25 (no bowl)
- Child 5-12 \$10 (no bowl)
- Child 4 & under Free

This event will be held at Rock Lititz Pod 2 on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

All proceeds benefit the Lititz Warwick Community Chest. Contact [Suzanne Black](#) with questions.

## ADULT MINISTRY

**The Sisters in Christ Bible Study** will meet today at 9:25 a.m. in the choir room. The first of a three part study, "Money, stewardship and generosity", will be facilitated by Nancy Weiss. The session will examine the topic "Money:What do we treasure?" Join the group to uncover Biblical treasures which influence our everyday lives. Please bring a Bible. An offering will be collected. All women are invited to attend the study. renew old friendships and make new ones.

**Sacred Grounds Book Club: Monday, October 27 at 7pm in Meeting Room 110:** This fall we will explore the idea of what it means to be present in the places and time we live in. The book for this month is *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren. Join us for this opportunity to cultivate community and faith while expanding our perspectives through reading and conversation. For more information, please contact Scott Frase: sfrase@stpaulstitz.net or (717) 925-0366.

**Men's Bible Study:** St. Paul Lititz will be hosting the next men's Bible study on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 9AM in the media room. All men are invited to attend. We will need help in providing some pastries, fresh fruit, and orange juice. If you can help please let Jim Millhouse know at 717-626-6296 or [e44a@ptd.net](mailto:e44a@ptd.net).

**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, [stpaulstitz.net/podcasts](http://stpaulstitz.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)

**Evening Prayer Services:** Join us for evening prayer services on the first Thursday of November, and December at 7 PM. These services feature a well-structured time for worship, reflection, confession and thanksgiving. Participants will be guided through scripture, hymns, prayers, and moments of silence to enhance their faith and connection with God. 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@stpaulstitz.net](mailto:rwallace@stpaulstitz.net).

**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.](#)

**Splash Class Outing:** for parents who share the common ground of raising young children, the Splash Group is getting together for some fall fun & fellowship. Saturday, October 11, 10am, at Oregon Dairy's Pumpkin Patch. All families with this common ground are welcome. Contact: Derek/Case Cole ([casey.fager@gmail.com](mailto:casey.fager@gmail.com)).

## 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@stpaulstitz.net](mailto:beckyr@stpaulstitz.net) or 717-824-5913.

**Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday Choir:** St. Paul Choir and St. Paul Praise Band would like to invite youth and adult singers to sing with the choir on Reformation Sunday, October 26 and Choir and Praise Band on All Saints Sunday, November 2. Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays, October 8, 15, and 22 from 7:30 - 8:30 and Tuesday, October 28 from 7 - 8. If you have questions please contact Becky Rairigh, Music Ministry Director, [beckyr@stpaulstitz.net](mailto:beckyr@stpaulstitz.net) or 717-824-5913.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**October's Faith Step-Stone:** our children in grades K & 1 will lead the Lord's Prayer in worship on Sunday, October 26. They are learning it in Sunday School and at home. On the 26th, we'll have treats after worship in celebration!

**Fun & Games: Fall Theme in Kids Ministry!** We are using "fun and games" to explore the all-church fall theme of What Matters? **In worship**, come see our game-themed boxes, ask questions and reveal the answers. **For service**, we're collecting new & gently used board games for Bridge of Hope in the month of October. **For fellowship**, we invite you to fun & games on three special events: **Oct 5: Capture the Flag at Kirchenwald. Oct. 19: Uno Tournament.** Sign-up for events in your email. Questions: Deacon Emily.

**Sunday School welcomes 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 News:** this week brings our monthly Cheetah Chapel in addition to weekly chapel. Cheetah Chapel is held the first Thursday of the month at 3:45pm in the Sanctuary for our CELC school-age children with Deacon Emily.

**Mentoring Mornings:** During Sunday School, our 4th, 5th and 6th graders join the High School class for monthly mentoring mornings. It's a blast! Upcoming dates are Oct. 19 & Nov. 16.

**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 great chance to get outside, burn some energy, and connect to camp. Upcoming dates: Oct. 5 & Nov. 2.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Fall Fun at the Hoslers:** Grades 7-12 are invited to the Hosler home on Sunday, October 26 from 5-7pm for an evening of karaoke, games, and pumpkin carving. Hot dogs, snacks, and drinks will be provided. Bring your own pumpkin and tools for carving. We hope you can join us! For more information and to sign up, contact Scott at [sfrase@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulinitz.net) or (717) 925-0366.

**Want to get rid of old magazines?** The Youth Ministry would love to help you with that. We are collecting magazines to use for projects and activities. Please let Scott know if you have any you would like to pass along. Thanks! [sfrase@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:sfrase@stpaulinitz.net) or (717) 925-0366

### **FALL VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

**Sunday Coffee Help:** 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@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:eharpel@stpaulinitz.net).

**Warwick High School 5th Quarter:** Volunteers needed for our 2nd 5th Quarter event for high school students on Friday, October 10th. Please contact Johnna McCormick to sign up. [jmccormick@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:jmccormick@stpaulinitz.net).

## **CAMP 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)

**Wittel Farm Harvest Day:** Celebrate the bounty of the season at The Wittel Farm! Saturday, October 18, 10a-2p. Enjoy hay rides through the farm, get creative with pumpkin decorating, and savor a delicious farm-to-table lunch featuring crops grown right at The Wittel Farm. Live music will add to the joyful atmosphere as we gather in community and give thanks for the harvest.

**Fall Foliage Day:** visit Camp Nawakwa (Oct 19) and/or Camp Kirchenwald (Oct 26) for a beautiful fall day in God's creation, 1:00p-6:00p. Enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Canoeing / Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Hayrides, Hiking, and More! An evening meal is provided; St. Paul will subsidize your registration cost.