

# Announcements

**March 17, 2024**

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**TODAY:** We celebrate with our 5th Graders taking their next Faith Step: leading the Apostles' Creed. They've memorized it and are ready to lead it in worship. Check out their creed-inspired artwork in the sanctuary today! Enjoy treats in their honor after 10:45 am worship. April's Faith Step will be our 6th graders receiving a catechism.

## LENT

**This Lenten season,** we will explore the theme of Christ's last words from the cross. Each week we will reflect on these words.

- Lent 5: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"
- Good Friday: "It is finished."

**Thursday Dinner and Evening Prayer:** We invite you to join us in the social hall at 5:45 pm for a light meal. At 6:45 pm, we will gather in the sanctuary for a brief centering time that includes guided prayer, Scripture reading, and music. If you would like to assist with dinners, please contact Tami Ruckel, 717-625-0344 or Cindy Stauffer, 717-419-1878.

**Soup Chef's Needed:** We are in need of 3 soup makers for both March 21 and March 28 Lenten meals. Please bring a crockpot full of soup (usually requires doubling most recipes,) to the Social Hall kitchen, hot and ready to serve by 5:30 pm. If necessary, crockpots are available for borrowing. Additionally, we need loaves of French or Italian bread (4 loaves per service).

If you are willing to contribute toward this request, please contact Tami Ruckel at 717-625-0344 or Cindy Stauffer, 717-419-1878.

**Weekly Blog:** If you are interested in delving further into our Lenten Theme, Words on the Cross, Pastor Wallace is offering a weekly blog which can be found on our website. This week's reflection focuses on the words "Woman, Behold your son; Behold your mother." [stpaultitz.net/blog](http://stpaultitz.net/blog).

## HOLY WEEK

### **Palm Sunday (March 24)**

- 8:15 am - Worship with outdoor procession
- 9:30 am - Holy Week Egg Hunt for kids
- 10:45 am - Worship with outdoor procession

### **Monday - Wednesday (March 25 - 27)**

- Sanctuary will be open for prayer time. Noon - 3:00 pm

### **Maundy Thursday (March 28)**

- 9:15 am - Children's Chapel
- 11:00 am - Traditional service in the sanctuary
- 5:45 pm - Soup supper in the social hall.
- 6:45 pm - Youth-led worship with Celebration of Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

### **Good Friday (March 29)**

- 12:15 pm - Community service in the park.
- 7:00 pm - Tenebrae service in the sanctuary

### **Easter Sunday (March 31) \*Bring a flower from home!**

- 8:15 am - Easter Worship service
- 9:30 am - Fellowship in the social hall
- 10:45 am - Easter Worship service

**Flower Cross:** Bring a flower from home on Easter Sunday to add to the cross that will be displayed in the narthex.

## BIBLE STUDY

**Men's Bible Study:** The next men's Bible study will take place on Saturday, April 6 at Zion Lutheran Manheim starting at 9AM. All men are invited to attend. Please contact Jim Millhouse with questions at [e44a@ptd.net](mailto:e44a@ptd.net).

**Seven adult faith formation classes** meet regularly on Sunday mornings. During Lent, however, we are offering a different option for adult faith formation in between services, a time in the social hall in which we break into table groups to meet each other and reflect on God's word.

**Weekly Bible study** with Pastor Rob takes place every Thursday at 9:30am and 10:30am in the Media Room. Zoom is also available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7164580792>.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Music Ministry:** Becky Rairigh, Music Ministry Director, and our St. Paul Choir would like to invite you to come sing with them for Holy Week and Easter Sunday services. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:25. Please contact Becky if interested at 717-824-5913 or [beckyr@stpaulstitz.net](mailto:beckyr@stpaulstitz.net).

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Faith-Filled Egg Hunt** during Sunday School (9:30am) on Sunday, March 24. Come for outdoor egg-fun that is biblically based. Ages toddler to 6th grader are welcome.

### Lent 2024 for Children: The Prayer Project!



1. **In worship** - kids sermons with prayers of Jesus' last words
2. **At home** - prayer packs given to each child full of tools for prayer
3. **For outreach** - donations of yarn collected for the prayer shawl ministry

**Kids Sermons:** During Lent, we will learn a prayer based on the last words of Jesus when he was on the cross. Each week, we will have a new prayer that can be learned easily and prayed at home. Kids will take home a card with a prayer activity too.

**Prayer Videos:** During the Easter Season, we will adapt our Video project into an event for the whole family. We'll share a meal, share prayers and make prayer-cubes we can use at home for prayer with our families. Stay tuned!

**Yarn Collection:** During Lent, kids are invited to connect with the Prayer Shawls knitted at church by donating a skein (or more) of yarn to the Knitting Ministry at St. Paul. Buy a skein in your favorite color or donate unused yarn from home. Your donation will become a prayer shawl for someone in need. Bring it to Sunday School by March 17.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Lenten Devotional Breakfasts:** This week is **MIDDLE SCHOOL breakfast!** Start your day off right with a hearty breakfast and morning devotion before school. 7am in the social hall on Wednesdays throughout Lent. Youth will be dismissed by 7:25 to walk

to school. Please sign up on BAND so we can let our host know how many to expect. Bring friends!

**Maundy Thursday Retreat:** Middle school and high school youth will be meeting at 4 to set up for and lead this year's Maundy Thursday worship service. Following the service, youth are invited to stay for an overnight retreat, including games, movies, and an outdoor service project the next day. See our BAND app for more details. Contact Johnna McCormick ([jmccormick@stpaulstitz.net](mailto:jmccormick@stpaulstitz.net)) or Pastor Robert ([rwallace@stpaulstitz.net](mailto:rwallace@stpaulstitz.net)) with any questions.

**TONIGHT!** ELCA National Youth Gathering "Getting Ready" Meeting #3. 7pm in the youth room. Attendance is required for all those attending the Gathering this summer in New Orleans.

## **CAMP MINISTRY**

**Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!** Visit [lutherancamping.org](http://lutherancamping.org) to see the options. More information is coming soon, including brochures and Camp Sunday on March 10! Keep in mind: St. Paul will pay half your registration fee (up to \$250) plus one friend's! See Deacon Emily with any questions and come to Sunday School on March 10!

**Camp Open House:** Sunday March 17. Visit camp to get a lay of the land, learn about the programs, meet staff and explore nature! New campers get \$10 off in the store!

## **GIVING**

**Give to Camperships:** Your donation to St. Paul Camperships allows kids & families to receive the blessing of Camp Ministry by helping registration fees remain affordable. St. Paul is a leader in supporting the outdoor ministry of camp - all thanks to the generosity of this church! If you can give, please use the online drop-down to select Camperships or write a check with "Camperships" in the memo. Thank you!

**Volunteers Needed for Lights & Sound:** We are currently in need of adults or teens to operate the lights & sound during both worship services. If you are interested please contact Pat Lamb, [pelamb@ptd.net](mailto:pelamb@ptd.net).

**The Lititz Warwick Community Chest** requests the following donations during the month of March: cake mix, muffin mix, ketchup, mayo, mustard. Items may be placed in the wooden chest in the narthex at any time.

**No expired items** or super sized items, please.

**Christian Service Box:** For the months of January, February and March donations to the Christian Service Box will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response. LDR shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Situation reports and other content can be found on the Lutheran Disaster Response [blog](#).

Contributions can also be mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 200 West Orange Street, Lititz, PA 17543/ Note Christian Service Box in the memo line.

**Prayer Shawls:** The St. Paul knitting group creates prayer shawls available to the congregation to give as gifts or kept for personal use. These knitted shawls can be given for prayer, comfort, or to celebrate a joyous occasion! The shawls are available in the narthex and the office.

## **ST. PAUL BUILDING & CAMPUS**

**Property Improvement Reporting:** See an item on the St. Paul campus that needs attention? If so, please report it through our Property Request Google Form. Click this [link](#) to access the form and thank you for helping to keep the property in sound condition!

**Commercial Mower Sale:** St. Paul is looking to sell our Grasshopper 729 Big Block 61" commercial mower with a PowerVac attachment. The unit was purchased new in 2021 and has only 167.1 hours of operation. The unit was fully serviced and has not been used since that time. Pictures and more details can be found at this Google Site: <https://sites.google.com/stpaullititz.net/grasshopper729bt/home> Contact Lyle Hosler, Director of Operations, [lhosler@stpaullititz.net](mailto:lhosler@stpaullititz.net), 717-204-5448 if you are interested or have any questions.

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**Seeking Spiritual Inspiration and Renewal?** Join us for a "Day of Renewal" on April 20, 2024, hosted by the women of St. Paul. Featuring Karen Knight as our morning presenter – a professional speaker, artist, actress and singer. Prepare for an engaging program focused on women from the Bible who have 'walked with Christ'. In the

afternoon, we will explore the Prayer Labyrinth and Sacred Ground with Vicar Kimberly Todd. The day will end in a meaningful church service with our Sisters in Christ. A light breakfast and lunch is included. Registration is required by April 10th and the cost to attend is \$30. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Contact Sandy Bingaman with questions, 717-665-5265.

**The Ladies Lunch Bunch** will meet on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 11:30 at Zig's, 800 E. Newport Rd. Please RSVP to Nancy Miller at [nmiller424@aol.com](mailto:nmiller424@aol.com) or call 717-405-0000. All ladies of the church are invited to join us for fellowship and sharing.

**Welcome Class:** Would you like to learn more about St. Paul? An introductory class will be held between worship services (9:30 am) on Sunday, April 21st. Contact Pastor Rob, [rev.rob@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:rev.rob@stpaulinitz.net), if you would like to attend.

**Spring Cleaning:** With spring cleaning around the corner, the CELC Committee is looking for new or gently used items that would be suitable for baskets to be a part of a basket raffle for the CELC/St. Paul ELC Fall Festival. If you have donations, please contact Brenda Penny ([bkhom@yahoo.com](mailto:bkhom@yahoo.com)) or 717-725-3844.