

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## The Good News!

### Sunday Services

#### March

- 2 **Transfiguration**  
Worship  
10:00 am
- 5 **Ash Wednesday**  
Ashes 8am & Noon  
Service 7:00 pm
- 9 **Lent 1**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 16 **Lent 2**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 25 **Lent 3**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 30 **Lent 4**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am

#### April

- 6 **Lent 5**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 13 **Palm Sunday**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 17 **Maundy Thursday**
- 18 **Good Friday**
- 20 **Easter**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 27 **Easter 2**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am

***Midweek Lent Potluck & Service  
begin Thursday March 13 at  
6pm and run every Thursday  
until April 10.***

**sunday School is after service**

**September - May**

**Find us on** 

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# A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's.,

This year we begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Those who would like individual ashes may come at 8am or at noon. Either I or Paula will be here for about an hour at those times. You are welcome to come sit quietly for a time in prayer, contemplation, and meditation, come forward to the rail, receive the ashes with the reminder that "you are dust, and to dust you shall return." You may linger as you need, and leave when you must. That evening at 7pm we'll gather for a full communion service with ashes also.

On the Thursdays of Lent, beginning with March 13, we'll gather at 6pm for a light meal. That will be followed by singing a few of our favorite Lenten hymns and discussion of what moves us about those songs. Please call the office or email me with some of your most beloved Lenten/Holy Week music to include in those weeks.

Lent is the most somber season in our liturgical year. During its 40 days we reflect on our own sin and need for grace. We follow Jesus on his journey to the cross. We may practice some form of self-discipline such as fasting or more focused prayer or service. As we hear the scriptures on Sundays, we are drawn into the great drama of salvation that God is working for the world's sake. The Christian faith sees in these events, especially the Passion of Jesus from his Last Supper, through his arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial, the turning point in the story of redemption by God.

These stories are not parables, poetry, or fantasy. They depict the real-life confrontation between God's eternal plan to save sinful humanity and the stubborn resistance from those who cannot yet recognize our need for salvation, nor appreciate how the self-sacrifice of Jesus could bring it about. Those of us who find our ultimate hope in Christ's unyielding love cannot help but be moved and strengthened by what we encounter here.

As hard as these stories are, they portray a divine mercy and promise from which we can find solace, courage, and peace. May this Lent, Holy Week, and, of course, Easter, fill each of you with a renewed sense of how precious you are to God. No matter how far we may have been from God, our holy Lord Jesus restores us and all the broken creation to blessed healing and new life.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady



# LENT

# FINANCE

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that we will be entering the third month of the new year! As we go into the last month of the first quarter, we are facing a shortfall. As of 2/19, that shortfall is \$5,389. That said, I think it is important to note that we have missed two Sundays which has reduced the income from Sunday envelopes for February.

Finance would like to take this opportunity to remind members of the congregation that utilizing auto pay or Vanco assures your giving is received consistently. This enables us to pay all bills on time as well as being able to plan going forward.

On a positive note, expenses are down over \$12,700 from what was budgeted for the first two months of the year. Finance realizes there is still nine days left in the month, however we are trending in the right direction.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Pamela Little  
Treasurer/Finance Committee

***“Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you”. Deuteronomy 16:17***

**Tai Chi Wednesday  
Mornings 11:00**

**Drop in whenever the mood  
strikes. Free to all!**



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**March 6 & March 25  
1 pm – 6 pm**

**837 Charles St  
Torrington, CT 06790**

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



## A Retirement Party for Jean Schlapfer

Sunday, March 9, 2025 at Noon  
St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Details: After 20 years of devoted service, Jean is retiring from the bookkeeper position at St. Paul's! Come celebrate Jean with us on March 9th. Please bring a brunch dish to share, we will be having cake so dessert items are not needed. If you would like to spoil Jean with gifts and cards, go for it! She deserves it!

## Scandinavian Almond Cake

Sponsored by St. Paul's Women of the ELCA



Available for your Easter enjoyment!

Each cake serves about 8-10 people

\$13.00 each

Pick-up on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, before or after worship in the Narthex.

Ingredients include: flour, sugar, baking powder, milk, egg, butter, almond extract, & sliced almonds.

RESERVE YOURS TODAY! Sign up by 4-6-2025.



Proceeds to benefit the Angel Project

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles St., Torrington 06790

The Fellowship Committee presents



Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,  
Salad, Bread, Dessert

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Fellowship – 5:15pm      Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$15.00 – Adults    \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays after church  
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555



**Men's Breakfast  
Wednesday  
March 19  
A/C Eatery  
South Main St.  
Torrington**



**Women's Breakfast  
Wednesday  
March 19  
George's Restaurant  
East Main St.  
Torrington**

## Save the Date!

**Thursday April 3  
Empty Bowl  
Fundraiser for the  
Community Soup  
Kitchen here at  
St. Paul's!  
Scan QR code for  
Facebook event  
page!**



# Palm Sunday Candy Sale

To benefit St. Paul's Angel Project  
Pre-Orders are Encouraged, please!



All items are \$1.00 each

White & Milk Chocolate Crunch

Crosses or Lambs

With or Without Sticks (lollipops)

Peeps® Pops

(Limited candy will also be on sale on Palm Sunday)

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Detach & Return Form and payment to the Offering Plate, Lock Box, or Church Office by April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Pick up in Narthex on Palm Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cross:** Milk Chocolate Crunch #\_\_\_ Lollipop #\_\_\_ without stick  
White Crunch #\_\_\_ Lollipop #\_\_\_ without stick  
**Lamb:** Milk Chocolate Crunch #\_\_\_ Lollipop #\_\_\_ without stick  
White Crunch #\_\_\_ Lollipop #\_\_\_ without stick

**Peeps Pops:**

Milk Chocolate #\_\_\_ White Chocolate #\_\_\_

Total Number of Items \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2025 Easter/Pentecost Memorials

Anyone wishing to memorialize a loved one with Easter and/or Pentecost flowers can do so by filling out the form provided below and placing it in the offering plate or returning it to the church office. Cost is by donation.

Please choose:

Easter Flowers

Pentecost Flowers

Both

IN MEMORY OF:

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IN HONOR OF:

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Please make checks  
payable to:  
**St. Paul's**

**Memo:**  
**Easter Memorial**  
Forms must be in the  
church office no later  
April 14

GIVEN BY:

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# HILLTOP ELC

Hilltop registration is now underway for the 2025-2026 school year. We have limited space in all classes for children ages 2-5. Two-year-olds meet 2 days a week for 2 hours while our three-, four, and five-year-olds have options for 2, 3 or 5 mornings a week for 2.5 or a school day 5 or 6 hours. New this fall, we are offering a school day 5 hr. for the three's class open to all area residents that is not supported by a grant. We feel that offering a slightly longer day will help those parents who work and need care longer. We also offer a day school class for Torrington residents which is supported by the state funded School Readiness Grant and family fees. Tuition for this class is on a sliding scale based on family size and income. If you have a young child, we hope that you will check us out! If you don't have a young child, we ask that you refer others to Hilltop!



Hilltop is experiencing many cases of the flu. Staff and students alike. Please send your prayers that Spring will come and take it away!

We are excited to announce that we have the security camera project complete. We now have live feed 24/7, which can be seen by the Torrington Police Department if an emergency arises.

Hilltop has a BINGO fundraiser scheduled for March 7, at 7:00 pm. Please see the flyer for ticket information. Thank you in advance for your support with this event.

We are looking forward to a visit from the Country Quilt Llama Farm at the end of March. The children are always amazed that the llama can come into the school.

We are looking ahead at extra opportunities for fundraising, we will hold a hanging basket sale near Mother's Day. Our annual Art Show scheduled for Friday, April 11 is now a silent auction and literacy family event. We plan to have "Mother Goose" come and tell her nursery rhymes with the children during the Art Show/Auction.

We have some other fun events planned in the coming weeks! We will have a fun filled silliness week to celebrate "Read Across America" and our favorite author "Dr. Seuss." We plan to dress in green for St. Patrick's day and have a special snack!

I would like to take the time to recognize our staff, who have persevered and adapted so well. We have a dedicated substitute, Cynthia McPhee who is available on a moment's notice. We have the BEST teachers!

Thank you for supporting the Hilltop ministry in a variety of ways!

In His Service,  
Barbara J. Mazzei

**\*\*FRIDAY - MARCH 7TH\*\***  
ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
837 CHARLES ST - TORRINGTON

**BINGO NIGHT**

FUNDRAISER

6 GAMES - 12 PRIZES  
\*2 Prizes per Game\*

Designer Handbags and \$100 Gift Cards

7PM  
(DOORS OPEN AT 6PM)

**\$35**

1 Bingo Card / Game  
1 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Draw Ticket

RAFFLE

Door Prizes!

BRING YOUR OWN  
SNACKS &  
BEVERAGES  
Non-Alcoholic only

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EARLY LEARNING CENTER

HOW TO ORDER

On-Line: Scan Code →

Call/Text: 860.482.3727



## ALTAR GUILD



The Altar Guild, who sets up communion for you every week, needs new members. We currently only have 7 volunteers and we need more. All that is required is coming in on a Saturday for about an hour to water the plants, fill the oil candles and set the altar for communion. Then on Sunday after the service it takes less than 15 minutes to clean up. Right now we are on a rotation of every 4 weeks, however, with more people it would be less. Any new volunteers will train with us until they are comfortable to be on their own. Please consider being on this much needed ministry.

Current members are Bonnie Schaff, Lisa Bodnar, Dana O'Brien, Angela DiStefano, Liz Falls, Vinni Carey and Jeanette Richard, Chair.

Please feel free to speak with any of our members to find out more about Altar Guild and contact me if interested in joining us.

**Thanks and God Bless,**  
Jeanette (860-489-7140)



## GARDEN OF MEMORIES



**February 25th, the garden is still tucked in winter's snow. Hopefully March will bring the melting!**

**If you would like more information on the Garden of Memories, whether it about interment or to volunteer to help with maintenance,**

**please contact**

**Lisa Bodnar**

**860-491-6342 or [bodnar983@gmail.com](mailto:bodnar983@gmail.com)**





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Michael Myers

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Bill Skibesky  
Jacquelyn Wassik  
Liz Cady

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Emily-Catherine Madia  
Roman Radzins

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Anne Grening  
Olivia Heinbaugh

**6**

Helen Winzler

**7**

Laurie Chepiga

**8**

Kyle Rosenbeck

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Michele Binelli

**12**

Susan Racloz  
Charlotte Madia

**13**

John Grunder

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Deborah Canino

**15**

Jonathan Olson  
Meredith Pleil

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Regina Pagano

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Betty Hilton

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Barbara Nalette  
Steve DiStefano

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Cheryl Corey

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Beth Brower

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Hannah Winzler  
Lucas Rosenbeck

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Carol Leichner

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Aiden Vega

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Jeanette Richard

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Wallace Gangell

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Joey Weber

Armando & Michelle Binelli

3/7/2009



**Marlene Parker**

**Brian Miller**

**Traci Gonska**

**Kara Putnick**

**Curtis Trippodi**

**Brian Donovan**



**Wednesdays**

Experience is not necessary; we have some master quilters who are very willing to lend a hand!

**We meet most Wednesdays  
from 1pm – 4pm.**

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## Wise Speech

- Saturday, March 22, 2025 9:30 AM to 3:30PM
- Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center  
229 East Litchfield Road Litchfield, CT, 06759



Presented by Celia Landman

Do you long to express yourself honestly and authentically, but worry about hurting others? The Buddha spent his life teaching a system of understanding and actions to end suffering. One aspect of this path is right speech. Please join me as we learn the basics of speaking with empathy and honesty using the trainings of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) to bring timely, truthful speech to our lives with compassion and understanding. \$75 includes lunch. Reserve your spot online: <https://www.wisdomhouse.org/program-calendar/right-speech>

Celia Landman, MA (Mindfulness Studies) loves writing, meditating, and finding ways to be more compassionate in the world. In 2013 she was ordained by Thich Nhat Hahn as a member of the Plum Village Community of Engaged Buddhism. She works with teens and folks impacted by trauma, addiction, and anxiety creating customized practices to reconnect wholeness. Celia also offers Nonviolent Communication training as a way to promote peace in the world. Her greatest aspiration is to help others recognize that they are lovable just as they are-yes, you are!



**March 15 @ 9:00 am**

Trees, birch trees to be specific, are such a friendly extension of nature reaching up into the heaven's of sky while simultaneously digging roots deep into the depths of the earth. Such a striking occurrence. Let's capture this elegance with acrylic paints on canvas. To recreate nature's simple beauty while playing with fun! Any level of familiarity is welcome and no experience is necessary.

Presenter: Shoreline artist Emer Gearhart.

This program will take place upstairs in the Blue Room. Limited to 15 participants. Includes lunch and materials. Register for this program using the form at <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/event/painting-sunflowers-art-class-with-emer-gearhart/> or call Cathy in our office at (860) 677-8519 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

**Our Lady of Calvary 31 Colton St. Farmington CT 06032**



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**Email: [ocisbeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:ocisbeautiful@gmail.com)**

**Monthly Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
at 7:00 pm  
If interested, email for details.**

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