

April

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church The Good News!

2025

## Sunday Services

### April

- 6 **Lent 5**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 13 **Palm Sunday**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 17 **Maundy Thursday**  
Worship & Communion  
7:00 pm
- 18 **Good Friday**  
7:00 pm
- 20 **Easter**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am NO SUNDAY  
SCHOOL Easter Egg Hunt  
after Service
- 27 **Easter 2**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am

### May

- 4 **3rd of Easter- Rachel's Day**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 11 **4th of Easter**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 18 **5th of Easter**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 25 **6th of Easter**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am

*Sunday School is after service  
September - May*

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

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860-482-3555



# A Word from Pastor Cady



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

In about 3 weeks we'll gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! This is the most holy and festive observance in the Christian year. Its focus is the event that informs all Christian theology and worship. When our daughters were young children, one of our non-Christian neighbor kids accompanied them to a Sunday School class. Later, when her parents asked her about her experience she said: "It was nice. The people were friendly and I liked it. Funny thing, though, they think Jesus is still alive."

Yes, we do. For Christians, Jesus is not only an important historical figure. He is not only a wise teacher, or a deeply spiritual example. He is not only a healer or a courageous, prophetic voice in the face of unjust power. He is our risen, living Lord. He embodied the fullness of divine love in his earthly life, and now lives on as our resurrected Savior. He taught, and he teaches. He loved and he loves. He healed and he heals. He showed us God's grace, and he shows us God's grace. All the most important features of Jesus' past life remain realities in his present risen state.

We cannot overstate the vital place this proclamation has for us, and, indeed, for the world. The resurrection of Jesus certainly has bearing on a major question often raised in both religious and secular voices, which is: What happens after we die? But I think that for daily living, the more important issue is that the resurrection is a kind of authentication of Jesus' earthly ministry, both in words and deeds. In other words, it is because Jesus embodied the fullness of God's will for humanity that he was raised to be, as Paul writes, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." His new life is a testimony to the legitimacy of his earthly life. We can confidently look to Jesus as the fullest and most trustworthy revelation of God's intention for the world.

Just as his life on earth was lived for us all, so his ongoing resurrected life continues to be the ultimate source of truth and hope for us all. In Him, we are not just curious students of an ancient wisdom, but we are participants in a "new creation" that has its beginning in the resurrection of Christ. Easter is not just a fun, candy-laden entrance into spring, nor a symbolic affirmation that "life goes on." It is a celebration of a dramatic act of a loving God who has defeated "sin, death, hell, and the devil," as Luther said. It is a shining culmination to a promise from our compassionate God that all that has separated us from our Lord has been cast aside. It has been replaced with this eternal relationship with the One who, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, is remaking all of us into the very image of holiness and wholeness that was always God's desire for the human race.

May this Easter be more than a festive day for us. May it be instead a declaration from God that in Christ, we now share a new life shaped by humility, justice, peace, hope, love, and joy. We are set free to embrace and embody the new community of grace that has been entrusted to us by our resurrected and living Lord, Jesus Christ!

Yours in Him,  
Pastor Scott Cady

# FINANCE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month I want to focus on the variety of ways we can make our financial support to our church. I have listed five (5) options below:

**Sunday Envelopes** – this is the most common way we receive the financial support from our members.

An issue with this method is when church is canceled due to poor weather or the member falls ill, and misses a week or two, their financial support isn't received. Some members make this up the following week but many do not. This makes it difficult to project what funds will be available to meet expenses and much needed repairs. If you do utilize this method, please use your preprinted envelopes or write your name on an envelope available in the pew. This is especially important if using cash so that you will receive credit for your contribution.

**Vanco** – this method automatically withdraws the amount you establish, from your designated account or credit card, and deposits it automatically into the church account weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. The frequency and amount is totally up to you. If you are interested in this method, the forms are available in the church office. This method is favorable to the finance committee because it reduces the cost of monthly envelopes as well as lets the church know exactly what to expect each month from you, the member.

**Direct Deposit** – this method is very similar to Vanco. The difference is you set this method up directly with your bank.

**Charitable Giving Strategies** – this method has many options available. They include the following:

Gift of Cash

Gift of Appreciated Securities held longer than a year

Qualified Charitable distributions (QCD)

Charitable Bequest at Death – IRAs, Annuities, Life Insurance, and Retirement Plans

This method does require you to discuss which option is the best for you and your financial needs, with your financial advisor.

**Giving of your time by utilizing a talent the Lord has given you** – As you know, we are a big church with many members, with many skills. We also have a large building and grounds to maintain. Do you have a talent that can be used to repair something or maintain something? By volunteering to do this work, it saves the church money. The money saved can be used towards another expense or repair we can't do in-house.

If you would like more information on any of the above methods, please feel free to see me.

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***

## **New to the church? Do you need envelopes?**

Drop an email to [secretary@stpaulstorrington.com](mailto:secretary@stpaulstorrington.com) or give the office a call, 860-482-3555. Envelopes come from a 3rd party company, and will be delivered to your address in the mail once a quarter. This will be your weekly giving envelopes along with a handful of special envelopes, including building and restoration, World Hunger, Pastor's Discretionary and more! If you decide to give electronically, the special envelopes do not come in the mail, only full sets can be mailed. In this case, the special envelopes are found in the Narthex for all to use. Wait, you mean you didn't know you can give electronically? The form and instructions, to set that up are also in the Narthex in the same area as the envelopes! Look for the Thrivent Logo!

Any further questions can be answered by Rachel in the office!



**THRIVENT**  
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# HILLTOP ELC

The weather is ever changing! We hope the SNOW is over for this year! We have been teased by some nice Spring weather which we took advantage of to use the outdoor classroom and playground.



March is one of our longest months for school days. We enjoyed a week of silliness when we celebrated “Read Across America” with our favorite Dr. Seuss books. Children and staff dressed for this special occasion. We wore green for St. Patrick’s Day, because everyone is Irish on that day and had “lucky charms” for snack. The Llama came to visit us on March 26.

We will include the story of the Resurrection in our devotion time in the preschool classes. April break will be the 21<sup>st</sup> -25th. Our school readiness classroom will try again to hatch some baby chicks!

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 11, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to attend our annual “Art Show”/Auction and Raffle. We will display the children’s artwork, as well as a silent auction and raffle items. The art show is based on the works of famous artists and authors.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is in process. Please keep referring your friends and families to Hilltop. Once classes are filled, we maintain waiting lists for all classes, so continue to send folks our way. Our program choices include:

**2-year-olds** meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am

**3 & 4-year-olds** meet 3 days a week. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30am-12:00pm.

**Full Day 4-year-olds** – Monday through Friday, 9:15am-2:45pm.

**School Readiness (Newly named Early Start CT)** is our publicly funded class for preschool children who live in Torrington and meet the financial guidelines for a LOW-COST preschool experience. This class meets Monday through Friday 9:00am-3:00pm.

Thank you all for your love, support, and prayers!

In His Service,  
Barbara J. Mazzei

# 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



**Information about 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**

### HOSTS NEEDED!

Do you enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea on a Sunday morning after church? If so, you are encouraged to share the load and sign up to host a Coffee Hour on a Sunday morning. Within a few weeks Sunday School will be starting and some of the hosts from the summer will be busy teaching. It isn't hard! Put coffee on – regular and decaf coffee is stored in the fridge in the kitchen. Set up the buffet with the coffee carafes, milk (before Sunday morning check the fridge to see if you need to bring whole milk), sugar, artificial sweeteners, tea bags, cups, dessert plates, plastic cutlery, and napkins, etc. Oftentimes there are frozen treats in the freezer that can be used, otherwise bring a few snacks to share. If everyone takes a turn, the same folks won't have to do it over and over! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you!



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

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

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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Cross:</b>	Milk Chocolate Crunch	#___ Lollipop	#___ without stick
	White Crunch	#___ Lollipop	#___ without stick
<b>Lamb:</b>	Milk Chocolate Crunch	#___ Lollipop	#___ without stick
	White Crunch	#___ Lollipop	#___ without stick

**Peeps Pops:**

Milk Chocolate	#___	White Chocolate	#___
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Total Number of Items \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Proceeds to benefit the Angel Project**

# AROUND THE CHURCH!



## CPR/AED Certification Class

### Good News!

If you have been considering signing up for the CPR/AED class but have not yet done so, it's not too late!

**The deadline is Monday, April 14th.**

The class will be conducted in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 26th. All training and materials will be provided. Doors will open at 9:30 with instruction beginning at 10:00 A.M. sharp. The class takes approximately 2 hours and there is no limit on class size so don't worry that there won't be a seat available. **You must be signed up and pay the \$65 fee per person (non-refundable) by April 14th to**

**attend.**

Make sure that your name and contact info. are on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Payment can be dropped in the offering plate, left in either office lock boxes (brown box by inside office door, black box outside of the church), mail it in, or visit the office during business hours. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with CPR/AED in the memo line, cash in an envelop complete with your name!

## CONFIRMATION PROJECT 2025

Two young men are in our Senior Confirmation Class this year. Brothers, Jeremy and Kyle Thurlough have come to a point in time when they are preparing to be confirmed in June. The boys and I will be introducing you to their class project on Palm Sunday, but here is a preview! Jeremy's favorite food is soup; preferably his Grandma Decker's homemade soup, but regardless, he has never met a soup he didn't like! Kyle's favorite food is Macaroni and Cheese, again preferably Grandma Decker's homemade mac & cheese, but nonetheless, boxed will do! To that end, on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are inviting the congregation to donate cans and soup of any kind and boxes mac & cheese of any kind! Jeremy and Kyle will be waiting for you to bring your donations so they can make a trip to Friendly Hands Food Bank to give these things to Miss Karen (Thomas).



Since last summer, the boys have been saving their empty redeemable soda, water, juice bottles and taking them to Miss Karen where they are recycled and money is raised for food for those families in need. **ON SUNDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> ONLY, THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO BRING CLEAN AND REDEEMABLE BOTTLES FOR FRIENDLY HANDS. THE BOTTLES SHOULD BE IN BAGS AND READY TO TRANSPORT TO FRIENDLY HANDS.** The challenge to you, the congregation, how much soup, mac & cheese, and empty redeemable bottles & cans can you bring on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>? The challenge is on! Thank you in advance for your support.

## Easter Egg Hunt

As has become tradition at St. Paul's, an Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately after church on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Weather permitting, the hunt will take place outside; if not dry, we will do it indoors. The egg hunt is open to all children through age 12. Please bring your own basket to collect eggs. Parents are encouraged to go outside with their children. Casaundra Abeling and Gabrielle Dzedzic are overseeing this event on behalf of the Christian Education Committee.







## She said she wouldn't but changed her mind!

Lisa Bodnar will be hosting another tag sale at St. Paul's! If you would like to be on the planning committee, reach out to Lisa. If you are doing your spring cleaning and have stuff to donate, bring it in! Office hours 9 am– 3pm or contact Lisa to set up a drop off time! Household items, jewelry, books, craft items, vintage, small furniture, and so much more!\*\*

\*\*no clothes or shoes please!\*\* Pricing not necessary, contact Lisa at 860-491-6342 or email bodnar983@gmail.com

**DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED!**

**Men's Breakfast  
Wednesday  
April 16  
A/C Eatery  
South Main St.  
Torrington**



**Women's Breakfast  
Wednesday  
April 16  
George's Restaurant  
East Main St.  
Torrington**



### BLESSING OF THE BIKES & BIKE SHOW



WHEN: May 10, 2025 (rain date 5/17)  
Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
837 Charles Street, Torrington CT  
Time: 10:00 – 2:00

Lunch! Trophies  
Music! 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place &  
Fun! People's Choice  
Show Entry Fee: \$10



Come enjoy a lunch, good music and show while receiving the blessing for a safe riding season.



# ANNUAL MEETING



**Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
Part II  
Potluck Breakfast, Committee Fair &  
Vote on the Constitution  
Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 to 9:30 am**

The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall with a **potluck breakfast** at 8:00 am followed by the meeting. We urge all to attend to hear what are various ministries and committees have done in the past year and to vote on the updates to the constitution.

## 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.



## Rachel's Day

Since 1997 St. Paul's Women have been celebrating Rachel's Day during worship on the first Sunday in May. This year on May 5<sup>th</sup> the women of the church will lead the service which is geared toward all of God's children but particularly those living in crisis, including violence, homelessness, illness, hunger, and more. Please join other ELCA congregations as we uplift children of all ages.



## April Meeting W/ELCA



We will be working on Rachel's Day at the next meeting on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All women are invited to attend! The planning committee for Rachel's Day includes Liz Falls, Pamela Little, Leah Seleman, and Paula Rosenbeck. We will need lots of help for the day on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from readers, to ushers, to communion assistants, etc.

After the planning is complete, we'll play some games and have some fun! Please bring cards or any other game you'd like to play. I hear there is a group who is pretty good Rummikub, Skip Bo, and Five Crowns! We'll see!

Pamela Little will offer devotions and Pamela Little, Cindee Muhl, and Karen Ness will be our hostesses!



## Wednesdays

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

**We meet most Wednesdays**

**Tai Chi  
Wednesday  
Mornings 11:00**

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

## CRAFTS AFTERNOONS WILL BEGIN

In preparation for our annual Fall Fair (November 1, 2025), all are invited to come on Wednesday afternoons beginning on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at about 1pm. We will begin with several of the angels we have made over the years and then work on other projects. If you have your own craft or hobby you want you wish to work on, please bring it! The quilters will be sewing simultaneously so, the more that come, the merrier it will be! We are always looking for new ideas so please share it, if you think of something we can work on. We have women of all abilities!



## AN IDEA FROM ROBIN THURLOUGH

Robin Thurlough was recently scanning Pinterest and came upon the article printed below from Ginger Ail and on Pinterest. I submitted this request to our congregation council. Most families have at least one prescription that they get in on of these small (or not so small!) orange plastic bottles. I am also confident that many of them end up in the recycling bin, which ordinarily, is a good thing! Below is another take on recycling them! A collection box will be in the Narthex so anyone who wished to join in this effort. \*\*Please note, all bottles must be clean and dry with all labels removed. Covers much be on each bottle.\*\* IF everyone can follow these steps, we will send them on to Ohio, where they are distributed from. Please don't waste our time by putting in dirty or unusable bottles. If we can make a difference, let's do it together!

### **From Pinterest – Author, Ginger Ail**

“Pill bottles: those translucent orange soldiers that pile up all around us... in our drawers, cabinets, shelves... sometimes I wonder, if I had saved every empty pill bottle since I got sick could I build a small house by now?

One thing I have always hated the most about being sick, is how you often need more help than you can give back. I'd see those specials on TV and think: I want to build a Habitat for Humanity house or dig wells in Africa with Oprah! (this might be an insomnia induced thought, but the general sentiment still stands).

Okay, so I can't dig a hole in the blazing African sun. There are still a lot of ways to help others. Like this, this is a project with an idea so simple, it's brilliant. I've tried this myself so I can vouch for how easy it is to do and how good it feels to pass on something that is trash to you, but will be a treasure to others...

Imagine you've walked miles to a remote village hospital to receive any form of medical care you can find. You are given the medication you desperately needed and now you have to start the journey back home (often many miles). You don't shake the pill bottle maraca as you walk because there is no pill bottle, (there was barely medicine). The pills bought in impoverished areas are often bought in huge quantities, in large jars, and doled out (if you're lucky) wrapped in a tiny scrap of newspaper.

It doesn't sound like a big deal at first. But the more I thought about it the more I realized: beyond the thought of just getting the medication home, what keeps the meds from swelling up from moisture by day 5? What keeps kids from getting into them? Or their getting lost? Those orange bottles that seem to accumulate so easily for us, can actually do more than you think for others...

### **How to Help:**

#### **Step 1:**

When you finish your meds, save the bottle! This includes bottles you might receive over the counter like for Advil, Motrin, vitamin bottles, supplements – as long as the bottles aren't too (Large bottles cost too much to ship).

#### **Step 2:**

\*\*Follow the instructions for preparing the bottles\*\*

#### **Step 3:**

Throw the bottles in a box or manila envelope, when you have enough of them, mail it off!

The bottles are not wasted in anyway. Once the meds are finished, the families often use the bottles in 100 other ways (just think of how helpful it could be to have a container with a lid that seals). And if the bottle you send isn't able to be used, it will be recycled.

The New Organization is called:

Matthew 25: Ministries

11060 Kenwood Road

Cincinnati, OH 45242



Note: I have nothing to do with this organization. They state they are an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally regardless of race, creed or political persuasion across the US and worldwide. They were cited on many sites throughout my research.”

NAUGATUCK VALLEY CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
SPRING GATHERING 2025  
"BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED"



PLACE: PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
119 Junction Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

TIME: 8:30AM - 1:30PM

(We will begin with registration [8:30-9:00am] and morning coffee, refreshments, & fellowship)

COST: \$15.00 per person (includes luncheon)

**Please Bring:**

**ANOTHER SISTER IN CHRIST**

Invite someone to join you! Mother, daughter, sister, friend! We always have a fun day together!

**IN KIND/LOVE OFFERINGS\*\***

Women are invited to bring In Kind Gifts/Love Offerings of new socks, tee shirts, and underwear for distribution by the Salvation Army of Danbury to local Family, Men's, and Women's shelters.

**MONETARY OFFERING**

The monetary offerings will be equally divided between New England Women of the ELCA and the Women's Center of Greater Danbury. "Since our founding in 1976, the Women's Center has been a safe haven as the sole provider of services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in the Northern Fairfield and Southern Litchfield County areas."

**PLEASE NOTE:** A volunteer is needed to serve as the Financial Secretary.

**DIRECTIONS TO PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (address above):**

From I84 W: West on I84 to Exit 9, heading Right to CT-25 toward Brookfield. Keep Right heading to Brookfield/Hawleyville. Keep straight to CT-25/Hawleyville Rd. Turn Left onto Sunset Hill Rd. Turn Right onto Stony Hill Rd. Turn Left onto CT-133/Junction Rd.

Contact phone # for the day of event is Marci Sharp at (203) 947-4413.

Please use a separate form for each person. Make your check payable to **NEW ENGLAND WOMEN OF THE ELCA**. Invite a friend to join you! Mail your completed form and check to:

**Paula Rosenbeck, Registrar, 356 Toringford West St. #313, Torrington, CT 06790**

**(860) 485-5321 or teetee108@yahoo.com**

**Detach Form Below & Return by May 1, 2025.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY/STATE/ZIP

CONGREGATION: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

## **A WORD ABOUT OUR DAY TOGETHER**

Women will gather informally at 8:30am for registration and morning coffee and fellowship. This is always a fun time to greet old friends and meet new ones! In-kind/love offerings\*\* may be placed on the table in the gathering area. **ALL WOMEN FROM ANYWHERE IN THE NEW ENGLAND SYNOD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!** Please come! We will begin the day with devotions led by the women of St. Paul's, Torrington. A welcome from Rev. Michael Anderson of Prince of Peace, housekeeping, and brief business, which will include a Roll Call of attendees, a word from the Synodical Board President, Jeanne Minasian, election of Financial Recorder and a word from our churches on special events.

We will have three sessions in which woman will gather to create items to share and/or to keep, centered around our theme of "Bloom Where You Are Planted." One of the things we will be making is a fresh flower arrangement, led by Susan Lehmann. Please bring a small vase (not a bud vase) for your arrangement. All other supplies will be provided.

\*\*In-Kind/Love Offerings will benefit neighbors in need of support at local shelters. We are collecting new socks, tee shirts, and underwear for men, women, and children. These are the most sought-after items in shelters. When possible, place your gifts in a recyclable bag; these bags can be used for personal effects by residents. The Salvation Army of Danbury will handle the distribution. ope AdcA

Women from the Naugatuck Valley are invited to display their personal & church project (quilts, afghans, prayer shawls, artwork of any sort, prose, poetry, photography, or anything else you make). It will be interesting to hear how these projects are used in your missions and ministries.

The luncheon will be provided by Prince of Peace, Brookfield. St. James, Southbury, will provide tasty desserts.

After lunch we will have brief closing devotions, along with Installation/Reaffirmation of NVC officers, led by Jeanne Minasian, SWO President.

Please invite women from your church, your family, and your friends to join you! This is an opportunity to gather as sisters in Christ and to engage in activities celebrating women and rejoicing in our ability to come together





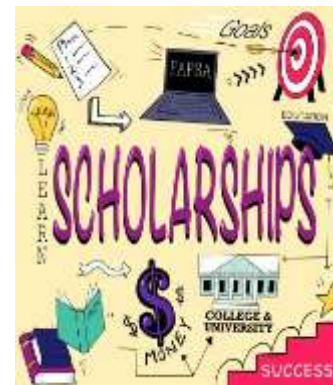
1 May Friday	22 William Skibesky
2 Brooklyn Newkirk	24 Michelle Richards
4 Denise Gammon Tom O'Brien	26 Alan Seitz Karen Marciano
10 Gerri Seitz Mark Rose	27 James Wolfinger Otto Schibi
12 Gloria Thibault Dane Deleppo	29 Fred Rakyta Jeremy Thurlough
13 John Thurlough	
14 Gerda Hoehne Marie Barbieri Tamra Perry	
15 Sigrid Smitley Donald Bruno Tricia Wolfinger Sarah Clavette	
18 Fredrick George	
20 Jonas Layton	

Derrick and Pamela Ewing	4/17/1982
Fred and Kim Rakyta	4/22/1989
Dane and Carol Deleppo	4/25/1969
Pastor Scott and Amy Cady	4/28/1984



**Gloria Bentley**

**Sam Mazzarelli**



St. Paul's Applications are available in the Narthex. The Schlott Scholarship is only for students entering their freshman year in the fall of 2025. Applications are due April 26, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted. Please remember to leave time for Pastor to fill out his section. Thanks and good luck!

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Nurturing Your Inner Artist- 2

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:30 AM 1:30 PM

Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center  
229 East Litchfield Road Litchfield, CT, 06759



Presented by Jenna Bashore Haley  
Zentangle (R) drawing is a process-focused method of creating pen & ink drawings. If you can write your name, then you can create Zentangle art. There are no mistakes in Zentangle, just opportunities. Class is for new and experienced tanglers. Supplies are provided by the instructor. COST | \$75, lunch is included. Call 860-567-3163 or visit their website to register.

Jenna Haley is a 500 hour Certified Kripalu Yoga teacher and has been teaching yoga and meditation since 2002. Having a variety of tools to support self care and mental health are so important today.

Starting a Zentangle practice has personally helped me over the past year. So much so, that I became a Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT) in Sept 2022.



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

## Quilling Workshop with Sister Mary Cam

Quilling is an art form that uses strips of paper, which are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. It's surprisingly easy to learn, and once you grasp the basics, you'll be well on your way to enjoying the world of quilling. Join Sister Mary Cam for a fun and creative morning at OLC,

and leave with the skills to pursue one of the easiest and most affordable crafts for beginners.

This program will take place upstairs in the Blue Room and is limited to 15 participants. No experience is required, and all materials will be provided. Lunch is included.

Sister Mary Cam, CP, is a member of the OLC Retreat Team and comes to us from Vietnam.

Register using the form on their website or call (860) 677-8519



Blood Drives @ St. Paul's—April 8 & 22 12:30 to 6:00 pm

Make an appointment today on their website to give the gift of life.



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**Monthly Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
at 7:00 pm**

**If interested, email for details.**

**EMPTY**



**BOWLS**

A NATIONWIDE EVENT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

**THURSDAY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2025, 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**5:00 - 7:30 PM**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - 837 Charles St Torrington, CT

SAMPLE A VARIETY OF SOUPS PREPARED BY LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND  
CATERERS, DINNER ALSO INCLUDES BREADS, COFFEE / TEA AND DESSERTS

❧ **TICKETS** ❧

\$20 - INCLUDES YOUR MEAL PLUS YOUR CHOICE OF ONE BEAUTIFUL CERAMIC BOWL  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

**FAMILY PRICE:** \$20 FOR FIRST MEAL (INCLUDES 1 BOWL OF YOUR CHOICE).

\$10 PER PERSON AFTER THAT, WITH A CAP OF \$50.

**MEAL ONLY PRICE:** \$10 TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE A HANDMADE BOWL.

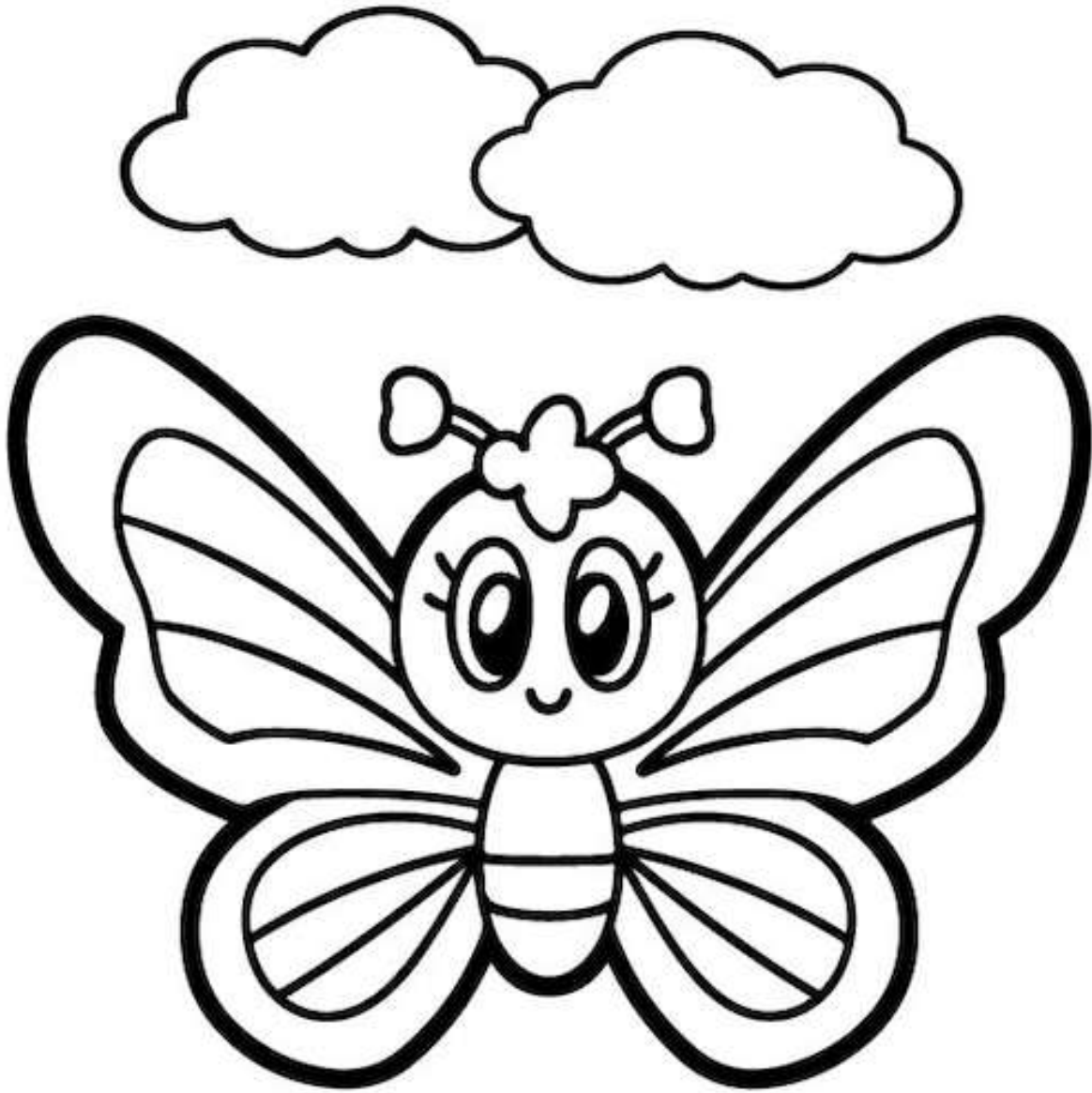
**CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE.**

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Contact **MARILYN FOR MORE DETAILS OR PURCHASE TICKETS**  
**(860) 482-0356**

Event to benefit and hosted by  
**THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN OF TORRINGTON**  
100% of profit will benefit the soup kitchen.



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The Lord your God  
will go with you  
Deuteronomy 31:6



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