

June

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

2025

Sunday Services

June

- 1 **7th of Easter**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 8 **Pentecost & Confirmation**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 15 **The Holy Trinity**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 22 **Pentecost 3**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 29 **Pentecost 4**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

July

- 6 **Pentecost 5**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 13 **Pentecost 6**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 20 **Pentecost 7**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 27 **Pentecost 8**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

See you in September for Sunday School!!!

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www.stpaulstorrington.com

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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

What is an Augustinian?

When the new Pope, Leo XIV, was elected, it was mentioned that he is in the Augustinian Order in the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, he had been elected to be the head of the whole Order of St. Augustine in 2001, a position he held for 12 years. This community, present in 50 countries, emphasises poverty, service, and evangelism.

For most people that might lead to a question like "So what?"

But for Lutherans that news might elicit a raised eyebrow. When Martin Luther decided to leave the study of law and enter religious life, he joined an Augustinian monastery. So that means the spiritual worldview of both the founder of Lutheranism and the new Pope have roots in the writings of St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo in 5th Century North Africa. This common theological heritage might have some interesting effects on both our church traditions.

Augustine did not personally start the Augustinian Order, but he was a very influential early Church Father whose writings have had profound impacts on most of Western Christianity. And he did have a small community of men for whom he wrote a Rule for their common life in the year 400. When the Order was officially founded in 1244 by Pope Innocent IV, it was this Rule and Augustine's other theological emphases that were adopted to govern the lives and ministries of this community. When Martin Luther became an Augustinian monk in July of 1505, he, too, had much of his own theological thought shaped by the earlier teachings of Augustine.

St. Augustine's writings continue to challenge and inspire readers today. The City of God, written as Rome was being conquered by the Visigoths in 410, compares earthly social and political life with the life of faith embraced by Christians, refuting skeptics who partially blamed Christians for Rome's demise. Perhaps his most powerful work is Confessions, written between 397 and 400. It is deeply personal and reflective, sounding in some ways like a very modern autobiography. Its themes of sin, grace, God's love, and our spiritual yearning remain relevant in our age of technology, conflict, doubt, and fear.

Here are a few quotes that give a taste of his insight into our common human condition:

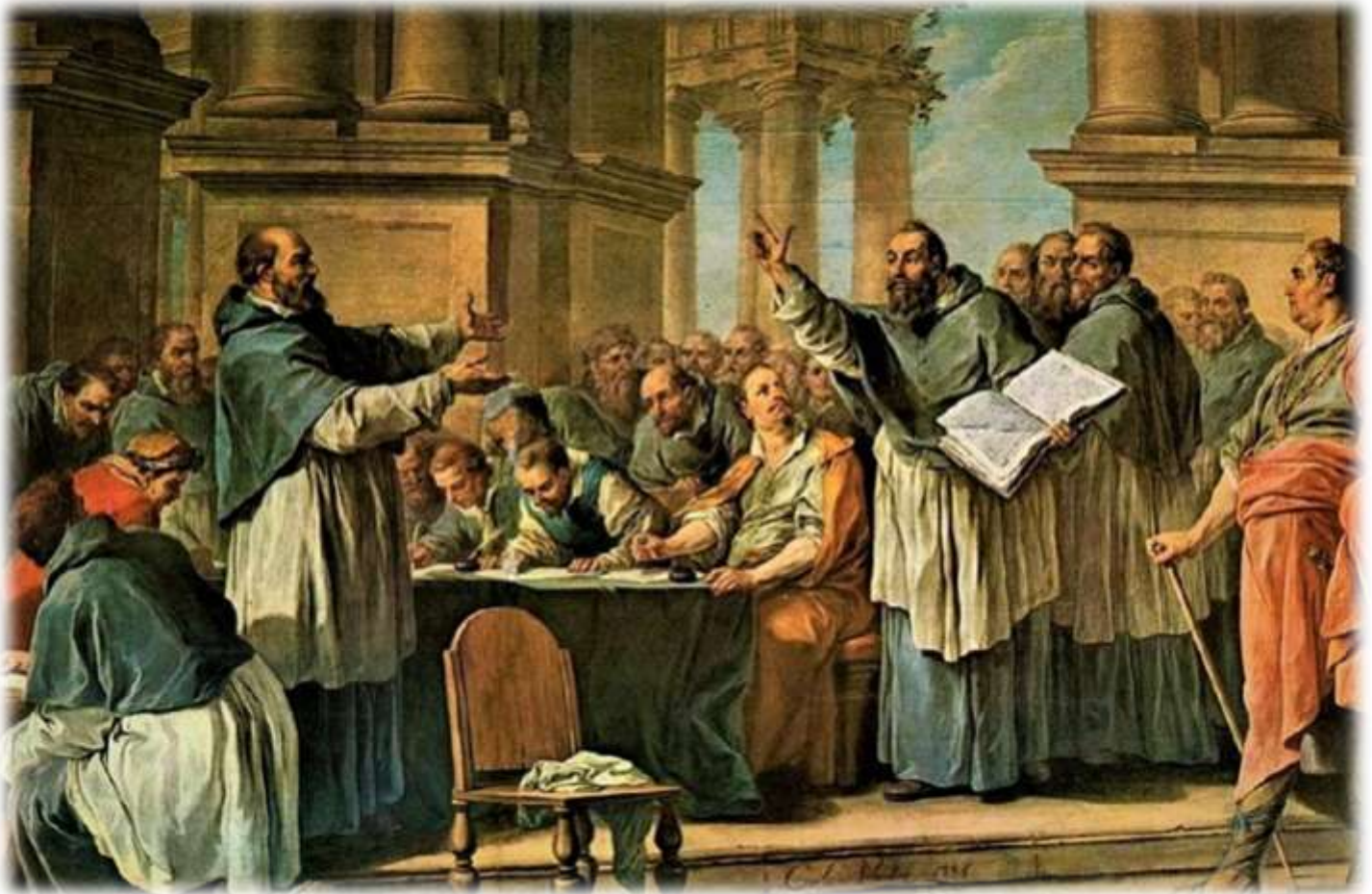
- "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee." (Book I)
- "But what am I to myself without Thee, but a guide to mine own downfall?" (Book IV)

- “Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.” (Book X)

Imagine how different our world would be if, like Augustine and his later disciple, Luther, we sought to know God’s love in such way that we learned to better love each other, offered ourselves as agents of harmony and peace within our communities, both received and passed on a trust in God’s overwhelming grace, and traded our restless desires for a soul at peace ready to serve any in need. A spiritual legacy like this may be just the cure for the disorder and destruction that daily causes heartbreak and harm in every age and land.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady



Tag Sale!

Saturday, July 19th, 2025

8 am to 2 pm

**St. Paul's
Lutheran Church**

**837 Charles St.
Torrington**

860-482-3555

Rain or Shine!

Household items,
jewelry, books,
craft items, vintage,
small furniture, and
so much more!**

DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

****no clothes or shoes please!****

Items can be dropped at the office, pricing not necessary,
Monday-Friday 9-3 or contact Lisa at 860-491-6342
or email bodnar983@gmail.com

HILLTOP ELC

Hilltop closes for the summer on June 9th and then we head into our summer schedule! The teachers will work extra time to clean up from the year, after the children finish, but then they get to rest up for the summer and boy do they deserve a rest!

I'm finishing my fourth full year at Hilltop. It's been extremely rewarding to come back to a small Christian program. It's where I began my Early Childhood journey over 30 years ago! I can't say enough about the HILLTOP community and its kindness!



Mother nature wasn't so nice to us early this Spring, we are finally using the outdoor classroom and the playground on a daily basis. Some mornings have been a bit chilly for this time of year. Fresh air is always good for our mind and bodies.

The Hilltop Advisory Committee is a real blessing. These committee members dedicate their time not only to the monthly meetings, but also to other projects they take on! There are many challenges in supervising Hilltop, but they are always thinking only of the best for everyone! The Property Board is always quick to respond when Hilltop has a property need. Thank you, Greg and other committee members.

Our 13th Annual Art Show/Auction was a success, bringing in \$900.00 to our tuition assistance fund. Thank you to all who donated items and participated in the event.

We also had a successful Mother's Day Hanging basket fundraiser bringing in \$1500.00. The flowers are beautiful and will last most of the summer into fall.

As we look ahead to the fall, we are hopeful for more students. The MWF 3's classroom is full. Registration is ongoing through the summer. If classes fill up, we keep waiting lists. Please continue to spread the word about Hilltop and refer your friends and families to our program.

In all things we trust that God will carry us through!

I pray you have a safe and restful summer!

In His Service,
Barbara Mazzei

VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 “SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS”

Pastor Cady and the Christian Education Committee are penning their own Vacation Bible School for this summer. VBS will be held during the week of August 4-8th from 9am – 12pm and will be real-life lessons on serving our neighbors. We hope to have as our guests, firefighters, police officers, EMTs, a lifeguard, and someone who helps to feed others. On some days we hope to be able to do a “Touch A Truck” theme. We will have story time, music, games, snacks, and crafts each day to help reinforce the lessons. All children, age 4 by September 1st through grade 5 are invited to attend. A registration form is available [here](#). A registration fee of \$25 per child is requested to help cover costs, however if that is a hardship, we can work something out. Please come and invite a friend to join you. As always, we welcome help from older children and adults. Questions can be directed to any member of the Christian Education Committee. (Casaundra Abeling, Pastor Cady, May Friday, Pamela Little, Paula Rosenbeck, Michelle Skibesky, Cathy or Hannah Winzler) PLEASE, ... SAVE THE DATE!

One of the things we hope to do is prepare a “survival kit” for each of our community members who come. To that end, we will be requesting items that would go into a kit – a fireman’s/police officer/EMT’s, etc. prayer, a wrapped mint (you are worth a mint to those you help), a toothpick (to pick out the good in everyone), an elastic (to hold it all together), an instant coffee stick (to perk you up), etc. A complete list will be in the Narthex. If you can help assemble the kits, we will be doing it on Thursday, July 24th between 3pm-6pm. (Please note, the children will assemble a few kits during VBS but they can’t possibly do all of them!)

The registration forms are in the Narthex.



THANK YOU FROM JEREMY & KYLE!

Your generosity with the Senior Confirmation Project was overwhelming to our two confirmands! Thank you! The collection of soups, mac & cheese, and redeemable cans and bottles was beyond our wildest dream. The shelves of the food pantry were filled, if only for a short time, by the items collected. You made hungry neighbors very thankful.



**Men's Breakfast
Wednesday
June 18
A/C Eatery
South Main St.
Torrington**

**Women's Breakfast
Wednesd6y
June 18
George's Restaurant
East Main St.
Torrington**



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**

**Tai Chi
Wednesday
Mornings 11:00**

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



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.**

CRAFTS AFTERNOONS CONTINUE

In preparation for our annual Fall Fair (November 1, 2025), all are invited to come on Wednesday afternoon, beginning at about 1pm. We will work on 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, so please give us a try! We are blessed with one new member attending each week!



crafting cheerfully

diy crafts to brighten your day



Women of the ELCA Annual Banquet

Each June St. Paul's Women gather for their annual banquet. Since the pandemic in 2020 we have had our banquet catered here at church but this year we have decided that we will be going out to enjoy food and fellowship.

On Monday evening, June 23rd at 6pm, we will meet in the private dining room at Pizza Palace on the corner of East Main Street and Griswold Street. Women can order from the menu and we will enjoy conversation and the sisterhood we share in Jesus' Name.

For those who had a fun time with Secret Sister this year, we will be revealing ourselves to our present sister (bring your final gift to the banquet) and then selecting a new one for the coming year. A form is included in this newsletter for anyone interested in participating. If you wish to participate and cannot attend the banquet, please be sure to give your completed form to Leah, Jeanette, or Paula before June 23rd.

At our May meeting we selected our summer reading book; *The Mountain Between Us* by Charles Martin. Martin is an author enjoyed by many of us so I am confident you won't be disappointed! Thanks to Mary Grening for offering the suggestion. We will gather on Monday, September 22nd at 6pm for Pizza, Salad, and a book review. Please save the date and plan to come to kick off our new program year. All women are invited to attend.



Secret Sisters 2025– 2026

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phones: (H)_____ (Cell)_____

Family Members:

Birthday:

Anniversary:

Favorite Color:

Favorite Flower:

Hobbies:

Collections:

What do you like to do in your free time?

Favorite Treat:

Anything else you can share?



♥ **All women are encouraged to participate as a Secret Sister.**

♥ This is meant to be a fun activity! You are encouraged to be creative in what you give to your Secret Sister. Hopefully the information she has shared will be helpful in choosing just the right gift for her. (If you need other ideas see an officer who might be able to help you.) Gifts need not be expensive, just thoughtful.

♥ Be sure to keep your identity a secret. Sometimes this might mean disguising your handwriting or having someone else write your card. Feel free to use the church address (837 Charles St., Torrington, CT 06790) as the return address.

♥ Please try to remember special occasions such as birthday, anniversary, and holidays. Perhaps you'd like to send her a card each month.

♥ Cards can be mailed or brought to the table in the Narthex. Please be sure to clearly mark packages and gifts on the outside so your Secret Sister finds her special surprise!

♥ If, for whatever reason, you are unable to continue to serve as a Secret Sister during the year, please be sure you let an officer so know so we can re-assign your Secret Sister to someone else. We don't want anyone to be left out.

♥ You will reveal your identity to your Secret Sister next June. At the same time, new Secret Sisters will be selected. Have fun!

If you wish to participate as a Secret Sister, please complete this form and return it to Leah, Jeanette, or Paula by June 22nd, or you may bring it to the end-of-the year banquet* on June 23rd.

Call or e-mail Leah (860-307-7881 or leahseleman@charter.net) if you have questions.

See information on the end-of-the year banquet in the newsletter.

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: Matthew Ministries is 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."

A BOX FOR YOUR DONATIONS IS ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.



June 2nd
Kim Rakyta

June 4th
Mary Grening

June 5th
Karen Trippodi
Shaelynn Holmgren

June 9th
June Meyers

June 10th
Ralph Boscarino

June 11th
Lynn Shuhi
Caroline Quintal

June 12th
Bob Magyar

June 13th
Sabra Rosenbeck

June 14th
Gabrielle Vega
Jaiden O'Meara

June 15th
June Seiser
Paul Winzler

June 16th
Brandon & Dale
Osterman

June 17th
Bonnie Schaff

June 18th
Leslie Langenheim

June 19th
Harry Stone

June 23rd
Walter "Cookie"
Joray

June 25th
Kathy-Ann Campbell

June 26th
Linda Gryniuk
Kent Madia

June 30th
Mark Langenheim

Victor & Charlotte Madia
Alexander & Iris Barko
Kenneth & Judith Ludwig
Sal & Marie Barbieri
Paul & Catherine Winzler
Alan & Fran Seitz
Thomas & Linda Richard
William & Cynthia Muhl

June 02, 1990
June 05, 1982
June 10, 1972
June 13, 1998
June 18, 1994
June 20, 1964
June 20, 1981
June 23, 1990

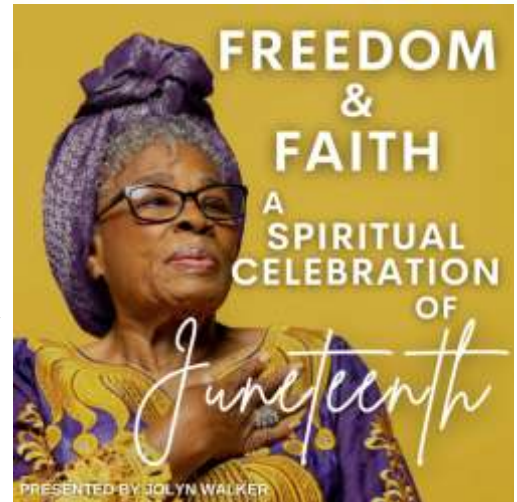


Cheryl Corey
Jane Hornfischer
Christine Esker
Haley Foran

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Freedom & Faith: A Spiritual Celebration of Juneteenth
Thursday, June 19, 2025 1:00 PM 2:30 P
Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center
229 East Litchfield Road Litchfield, CT, 06759

 **Wisdom House**
Retreat and Conference Center
Journeying with Wisdom **75** Years



Join us for a powerful and uplifting Spiritual Juneteenth Program as we honor the legacy of our ancestors, celebrate liberation, and embrace the spirit of resilience and faith. This special gathering will feature inspiring prayers and historical reflections, highlighting the "Grandmother of Juneteenth". This is a message of hope rooted in the journey toward freedom. Through gentle movement, spoken word, and community fellowship, we will reflect on the enduring strength of the African American spirit and the divine presence that has guided generations toward justice and equality. This event fosters community by creating a community circle inviting participants to engage in a *drum circle and cultural dance. *Drums will be provided for up to 12 participants. If there are more or others who choose not to drum, they can use other instruments that will be available. Together, we will rejoice in the triumphs of the past, find encouragement for the present, and seek divine wisdom for the future. Come prepared to worship, celebrate, and uplift one another in the spirit of unity and liberation. All are welcome to this sacred and joyous occasion! COST | \$25 register by visiting their website or call 860-567-3163



Save the date!
Rock the Kitchen!
A Fundraiser for



The Community Kitchen of Torrington
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

Event will take place at the Torrington Fish & Game and start at noon! More information will be forthcoming!

Blood Drives @ St. Paul's— June 10 & 20



**American
Red Cross**

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

KID'S COLORING PAGE



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