

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

Sunday Services

March

April

- 1 **2 Lent**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

- 8 **3 Lent**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

- 15 **4 Lent**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

- 22 **5 Lent**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

- 29 **Palm Sunday**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

- 2 **Maundy Thursday**
Worship and Communion
7:00 pm

- 3 **Good Friday**
Worship
7:00 pm

- 5 **Easter Day**
Worship and Communion
No Sunday School
Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 am

- 12 **2 Easter**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

- 19 **3 Easter**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

- 26 **4 Easter**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

Thursdays March 5, 12, 19, 26
Midweek Lenten
Potluck & Devotions 6pm

Sunday School 11:00 am most Sundays!

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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Public worship and Scripture study, augmented by private devotions, form the basis for a strong Christian faith. We need the connections to God and to our fellow Christians if we are to build and maintain a strong trust in God's grace and love. The human heart is quick to forget how much we need God's mercy. We are quick to either try to conquer our sins with our own strength, or to falsely imagine that we are virtuous enough to stand proudly before our Lord. We are quick to notice the failings of our neighbors, while remaining blind to our own.

We need redemption. We need cleansing. We need saving. We need a holy purpose for our lives. We need assurance that in Christ, God offers us all these things. In the Word made flesh, and in the presence of Christ in the sacraments, we are truly given new and abundant life. The church is not a club, and faith is not a hobby. The church is an extension of Christ himself. As he said: I am the vine, and you are the branches. Or as Paul taught, Christ is the head of the Body, and we are the members of that Holy Body. And faith is not merely a clinging to a written creed, but is life-giving trust in the promise of forgiveness that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

As we once again receive God's Spirit in the observances of Lent, may we be humbled in our sin and also exalted in the love and grace God has poured out upon us. We belong to Christ. That is our identity as conferred by him. Because of that blessing, we are free to live as ambassadors of the Kingdom of God during our lives.

May we rejoice in this calling, and focus always on allowing Christ's words and deeds shape the way we rise to each new day.

God's peace be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady



LENT

HILLTOP ELC

We have made it over 100 days! The second half of our school year will fly by!

Hilltop registration is now underway for the 2026-2027 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 hours a day or a school day 5 or 6 hours. 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 Early Start CT grant. 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!

This season of COLD has been keeping us inside which unfortunately brings along with it, GERMS! We take advantage of every day that is above 28 degrees to get the students outdoors.

Hilltop has a BINGO fundraiser scheduled for March 6, 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 our field trip to KidsPlay Museum. They have some new exhibits for us to try.

Hilltop recently ordered new large area carpets for three of our classrooms. They were long overdue, thank you to the Advisory Committee for supporting this purchase.

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 24 is now a silent auction and literacy family event. We are looking for a musician to come and entertain the children and families at the Art Show, if you know of someone, please send them our way.

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, Kate Mamrosh, who is available at 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
Director/Head Teacher



****FRIDAY ~ MARCH 6TH****

ST PAULS 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 2nd Chance Draw Ticket

Door Prizes!

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*Call/Text: 860.482.3727

**Bingo starts at 7pm
Doors open at 6pm**

Women ^{of the} ELCA

PAINTING WITH JUNE

Re-scheduled to March 23, 2026 @ 6:30pm

St. Paul's Women is pleased to announce that our Painting With June evening has been rescheduled to Monday, March 23rd beginning at 6:30pm. If February wasn't good for you, perhaps March will be better. Feel free to sign up in the Narthex by March 22nd so we are sure we have enough supplies. Likewise, if the new date is not good for you and you signed up previously, please remove your name from the list, with our regrets, of course. This winter has presented so many scheduling challenges. June always does a great job of helping us all "look good," sometimes with only a quick stroke of her brush! We appreciate June's willingness to take on this challenge each year!

Any adult is welcome to attend. We are asking for a donation of \$15 to cover canvasses and supplies, however, if that is a problem, you are still welcome.



AROUND THE CHURCH

Gift Cards with Purpose at St. Paul's!

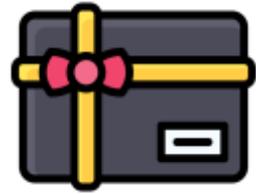
Looking for a simple way to support St. Paul's Church?

We will be selling gift cards every Sunday, to your favorite retailers – and a percentage of every sale goes straight to St. Paul's, and helps the general fund and mission and ministries of our church!

Whether you're buying groceries, filling up your gas tank, shopping for birthdays and holidays, or shopping online, using these gift cards turns your everyday spending into meaningful support for the work God is doing through St. Paul's.

Choose from top brands. Some of the most popular are:

Grocery Stores - Stop & Shop, Shop Rite
Gas Stations – Gulf, Mobile, Shell
Restaurants – Applebee's, Panera, 99's
Retail shops - Walmart, Target, Lowes, Home Depot



And many more! Over 500 retailers to choose from.

Cards will be available after the worship service in the Narthex.

Pay with cash, check, or card.

No extra cost to you

Cards for everyday use or gift-giving

A great way to give back while you shop!

Favorite cards are in stock, for purchase on Sunday. Additional cards can be ordered.

Buy gift cards. Support our Church. Be a blessing.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles St., Torrington 06790

The Fellowship Committee presents
Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Fellowship – 5:15pm Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$16.00 – Adults \$10.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays before & after service
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555



Save the Date for VBS 2026!

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce plans for Vacation Bible School 2026! The dates are August 3-7, 2026 from 9:00am - 12:00pm for children ages 4 – Grade 6. Our theme will center around “God’s Creation.” We are also seeking adult and teenage helpers for both the week of VBS as well as for planning and preparation for the fun week of Christian growth for our Little Saints.



Prayer List– How it works

The Prayer List in the bulletin has recently been updated.

Names that have been included for six months or longer have been removed at this time. If you would like someone to be added back to the Prayer List, please email the church office or write their name on a Prayer of Concerns form located on the stand up desk in the Narthex near the exit doors. It is best to use these two ways to communicate the need, asking others to tell the office is not ideal as people tend to forget and that can be frustrating. Thank you for helping us keep our Prayer List current and meaningful.



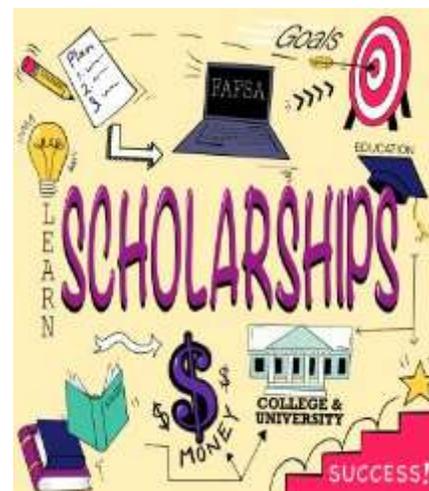
SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

While there will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for all children following 10am worship on Easter, April 5th. Please bring your own collection basket or bag and come and have a ball!



St. Paul’s Scholarship Application are available in the Narthex.

Applications are due April 30, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted. Please remember to leave time for Pastor to fill out his section. Thanks and good luck!



GARDEN OF MEMORIES

March loosens winter's silver thread,
And breathes on beds of earthen brown;
Soft rumors stir where frost has fled,
Green whispers rising through the ground.

A crocus lifts its lantern bright,
Pale gold against the thinning chill;
The sun, still shy, gives longer light
That spills in silence down the hill.

Bare branches hum with hidden bloom,
Tight buds like secrets, sweet and small;
The garden, shaking off its gloom,
Turns hope into its first green call.



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



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

**Women's Breakfast
Wednesday
March 18
George's Restaurant
East Main St.
Torrington**



2026 New England Synod Assembly

And the Word became flesh - living the story of Jesus

The New England Synod Assembly will take place on June 4-6, 2026 at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. under the theme of 'And the Word became flesh - living the story of Jesus'. To encourage congregations to plan to send their pastor, deacon or LLM and voting members, we are providing the dates of assembly for your planning calendars and the registration rates to be included in your 2026 budget calculations.

\$275 - Early Registration \$200 - Early Registration for People of Color & Youth/
Young Adult
\$375 - Regular Registration *meals may be purchased for an additional fee

More information related to next year's theme, workshops and other activities will be shared in the new year. You may expect registration information during the month of February.



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Michael Myers

18

Betty Hilton

Armando & Michelle Binelli

3/7/2009

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Bill Skibesky
Jacquelyn Wassik
Liz Cady

19

Barbara Nalette
Steve Distefano
Kevin Begey

Julie & Kevin Brewster

3/18/1995

4

Emily-Catherine Madia
Roman Radzins

21

Beth Brower
Sawyer Distefano

5

Anne Grening
Olivia Heinbaugh

22

Hannah Winzler
Lucas Rosenbeck
Wayne Yurgalevicz

6

Helen Winzler

23

Carol Leichner

7

Laurie Chepiga
Nate Nardine

24

Aiden Vega

8

Kyle Rosenbeck
Lydia Rosenbeck

25

Jeanette Richard

10

Michele Binelli
Elliot Mangione

27

Wallace Gangell

12

Susan Racloz
Charlotte Madia

28

Joey Weber

13

John Grunder

29

Sherwood Carey

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Jonathan Olson
Meredith Pleil

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Regina Pagano



Friends and Family of

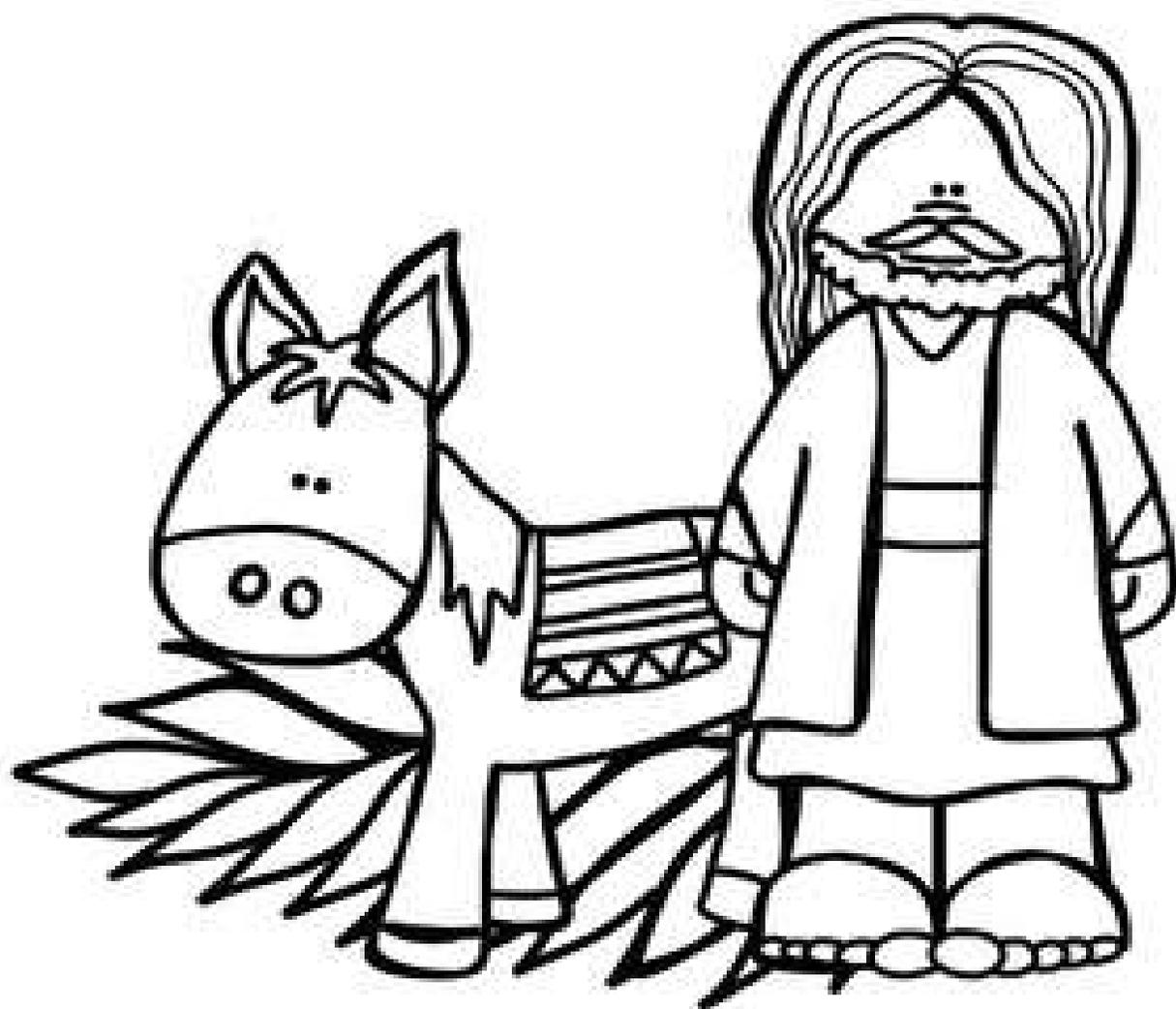
**Dana Steele
Ernest Marquard
Judy Schaller**



**Tai Chi
Wednesday
Mornings 11:00**

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

KID'S COLORING PAGE



HOSANNA!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cooking Demonstration: St. Patrick's Day Meal Saturday, March 14, 2026 2 pm



Presented by Chef Margaret Jacobs

Celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with a festive cooking demonstration inspired by Irish tradition and hearty seasonal flavors. This special menu features ruby-glazed corned beef with currants and apricots, served alongside oven-roasted cabbage wedges, traditional colcannon—super-creamy mashed potatoes with cabbage, scallions, butter, and cream—sage-roasted sweet carrots, and freshly baked Irish soda bread with caraway and golden raisins. The experience concludes with a sweet touch: shamrock

cookies. Participants will enjoy watching these classic dishes come together while learning helpful techniques and tips for preparing a memorable holiday meal. Whether you're honoring Irish heritage or simply love comforting, celebratory food, this demonstration offers a flavorful and joyful way to mark the season. Chef Margaret Jacobs serves as Head Chef at Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York, she has more than 30 years of professional cooking and kitchen management experience. Prior to coming to Wisdom House, she owned Hannah's Bakery and Catering of Torrington and Litchfield, where her delicious baked goods attracted a devoted clientele. COST | \$30 register at <https://www.wisdomhouse.org/our-programs-1>



229 East Litchfield Road Litchfield, CT, 06759

860-567-3163

2026 Spring Women's Yoga and Music Spirit Retreat Weekend @ Silver Lake

Dates: 4/10/2026 - 4/12/2026

18+ Cost: \$235

Whether you're a yoga devotee or a novice, a seasoned singer or shy about your voice, we have a special place for you in our circle! This will be a weekend of exploration and restoration, rather than performance and perfectionism. We will focus on using our bodies and voices as meditation in order to arrive at deeper peace and understanding. We'll nourish our minds, bodies, and spirits so that we may return to our lives feeling more empowered and energized. We'll share new skills and tools for use throughout our lives.

Schedule: 7 p.m. Friday - 12 p.m. Sunday price - includes materials, instruction, two nights' accommodations, and four meals

Register early as space is limited. Come make new friends or bring one with you! Please be sure to bring: comfortable clothing outdoor wear yoga mat or towel other comforts

Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center 223 Low Road | Sharon, CT 06069 |

860.364.5526 slcrc@silverlakeect.org

<https://www.silverlakeect.org/>



Blood Drives @ St. Paul's

March 5 & 24th

Make an appointment today on their website

EMPTY



BOWLS

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

**THURSDAY MARCH 19TH, 2026, 16TH 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).

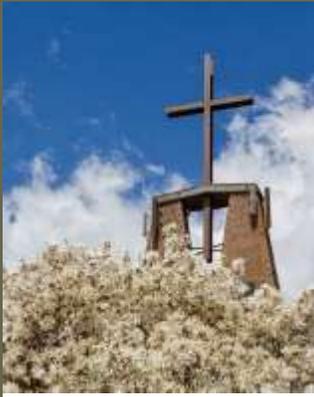
\$10 PER PERSON AFTER THAT, WITH A CAP OF \$50.

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**

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 Melanie Beebe, Teacher
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 Stacey Fitzgerald, Teacher
 Amy Werner, Teacher
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 Cynthia McPhee, Assistant Teacher
 Casaundra Abeling, Custodian

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