

June

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

2026

## Sunday Services

### June

- 7 **Pentecost 2**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 14 **Pentecost 3**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 21 **Pentecost 4**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 28 **Pentecost 5**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am

### July

- 5 **Pentecost 6**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 12 **Pentecost 7**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 19 **Pentecost 8**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 26 **Pentecost 9**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am

**Sunday School is on break until September!**  
**See you at VBS!**

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# A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

For many families, June is the real start of summer. Kids camps, vacations, and other family activities become possible that are difficult when schools are in session. There is time to engage in life affirming pastimes and to spend good time with each other. Nature lovers can find many experiences that lift the soul.

June also brings a shift in the rhythm of the church. This year we observed both Pentecost and Trintiy Sunday in May. Those festivals conclude the half of the year that focuses on the major events in Jesus' life - his birth, his baptism, his temptation, his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his last supper, his arrest and trial, his crucifixion and burial, his resurrection and ascension, followed, at last, by his pouring out the Holy Spirit on his followers.

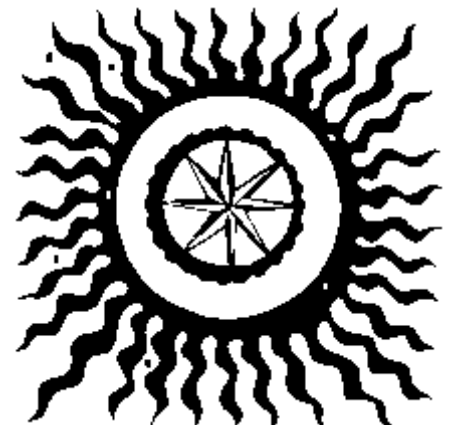
From now until Advent begins on Novemeber 29, we will be in the long season of Pentecost. Most of this season's Sunday scripture readings focus on discipleship and Jesus' call to those who name him as their Lord. Of course, the Christian calendar also recognizes important biblical people, and provides special readings and prayers to commemorate them. During June there are three such days: Barnabas is remembered on June 11. He is mentioned many times in the New Testament, and played an important role in the early mission of the church. John the Baptist is recalled on June 24. His ministry anticipated Jesus' own ministry, and it was John who baptized Jesus. And finally, Peter and Paul are commemorated on June 29. These two dedicated apostles are well known to most Christians as central figures in the first years of the Christian movement.

Between the regular Sunday lessons and the special days mentioned above, summer is ripe with opportunities for all of us to reflect on how we understand and experience our own faith, as well as how to put that faith into practice, both with those who are closest to us, and to those whose lives intersect with ours from day to day.

I encourage you to have some meaningful activities in this warm, sunny time, and to get some needed respite from the routines of the rest of the year. May this summer be a blessing to you all.

Yours in Christ ,

Pastor Scott Cady



## ANNOUNCEMENT

After 14 years of faithful service as secretary at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rachel Harrel will be leaving her position to begin a new opportunity with the State of Connecticut. Her last day in the church office will be June 17.

Rachel has been a welcoming presence in our church office for many years, helping keep the day-to-day ministry of St. Paul's running smoothly with care, dedication, and kindness. From preparing bulletins and newsletters to assisting members and supporting countless church activities, her work has been a true blessing to our congregation.

While we are excited for Rachel as she begins this new chapter in her career, she will be greatly missed by all of us at St. Paul's. We are deeply thankful for her many years of service, friendship, and commitment to our church family.

Please join us for a Farewell Party for Rachel on Sunday, June 14, 2026, immediately following worship. We invite everyone to bring a goodie, brunch item, or favorite treat to share as we celebrate Rachel and thank her for all she has done for our church community.

If you would like to give Rachel a card or gift, there will be a basket available on the streaming table in the church after worship and also during the farewell party.

Rachel, thank you very much for your 14 years of service to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We wish you God's blessings and much success in all your future endeavors!



# FINANCE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month, I want to share the different ways you can support our church financially. Below are six (6) options:

1. **Sunday envelopes** The most common way we receive offerings. A challenge with this method is that when services are canceled (for example, due to weather) or someone is ill and misses a week or two, their giving may not be received. This can make it harder to plan for expenses and needed repairs. If you give this way, please use your preprinted envelopes, or write your name on an envelope from the pew especially if you are giving cash so you receive credit for your contribution.
2. **Vanco** This option lets you set up automatic withdrawals from a bank account (ACH) or a debit/credit card and deposit them into the church account weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. You choose the amount and frequency. If you are interested, forms are available in the church office. This method is helpful because it reduces envelope costs and provides more predictable monthly giving.
  - Vanco notes:
    - √ **ACH (bank account) payments: the church receives 100% of your gift.**
    - √ **Debit/credit card payments: the church receives about 95% of your gift due to card processing fees.**
3. **Online giving via the website** This method uses Square (credit/debit card processing). To give, go to the church website and click the Donate button.
  - Square note:
    - √ **Card processing fees apply; the cost to the church is typically a percentage of each donation. These fees range from 3% to 9.4%, depending on the type of card used.**
4. **Direct deposit** Similar to Vanco but set up directly through your bank. St. Paul's receives 100% of your gift.
5. **Charitable giving strategies** Many options are available, including:
  - A. Gift of Cash
  - B. Gift of Appreciated Securities held longer than a year
  - C. Qualified Charitable distributions (QCD)

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a tax-efficient option for individuals age 70.5 or older who want to give directly from an IRA to a qualified charity, such as a church. A QCD can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and is generally excluded from taxable income. (Please consult your tax advisor to confirm what is best for your situation.)

  - D. 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.
6. **Give your time by using a talent the Lord has given you** Our church building and grounds require ongoing care. If you have a skill you can share (repairs, maintenance, or other help), volunteering can save the church money funds that can then be used for other needs we cannot do in-house.

If you would like more information about any of these options, 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***

# HILLTOP CHRISTIAN ELC

Hilltop closes for the summer on June 15th and then it's on to 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 fifth 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 33 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, Ralph and Diane as well other committee members.

Our 15th 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 \$1100.00. The flowers are beautiful and will last most of the summer into fall.

As we look ahead to fall, we are hopeful for more students. 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*





**All are invited and welcomed!**



**Fun for All Ages!**



**Member Appreciation &  
Annual Meeting of the Congregation Picnic!**

**3 pm!**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Saturday, June 20, 2026

**3 pm!**

Followed by our first summer concert featuring South Road!

**Council with provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls & paper goods!**

Potluck Lunch: (if your name begins with...)

**A-E please bring desserts or beverages**

**F-N please bring finger food, chips, etc.**

**O-Z please bring salads, pasta, potato, green etc.**

**Please bring blankets, towels, lawn chairs, sunscreen  
and a friend or 2!**

Please sign up by June 14th so we can have an approximate headcount to know how much meat to buy!

# Summertime Craft Fair!

## July 18, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
837 Charles St. Torrington  
10 am to 1 pm

Running in conjunction with the  
Torrington Farmers Market

All handmade items presented  
by local artisans and crafters



### Souper Bowl of Caring Nationwide Totals Are Here!

This year, groups across the country raised **\$4,921,349.00** for  
their local food charities.

Thanks to the efforts  
of **over 1,300 groups**, the  
Souper Bowl of Caring  
raised  
nearly **\$4,921,349** for food  
charities nationwide this  
year.  
Churches, schools, youth  
groups, and caring  
individuals came together  
to support their local  
communities.

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## 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. 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.

The forms will also be on our website soon and a link to them will go out weekly with the Bulletin eBlast!



## The Women of the ELCA need Blue Jeans!

They will be used for a craft to be sold at St. Paul's Famous Fall Fair!

Jeans can be in any condition as they will be cut up anyway! Please leave your donation in the box in the Narthex by the hall door.



**Men's Breakfast  
Wednesday  
June 17  
A/C Eatery  
South Main St.  
Torrington**

**Women's Breakfast  
Wednesday  
June 17  
George's Restaurant  
East Main St.  
Torrington**



# GARDEN OF MEMORIES

A burst of green, a sudden rush,  
The morning breaks in rose and plush.  
The heavy bees begin to drone  
Where foxglove stands upon its throne.

The scent of dirt and sun-warmed rain,  
The summer climbing up the cane.  
In June, the earth is bold and bright,  
And stretches long into the night.



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



St. Paul's Women of the ELCA presents  
their Annual Banquet

Monday, June 22, 2026 🌀 6:00 pm  
Mill House Restaurant  
367 Winsted Rd. Torrington



**All women are invited to attend! Payment and reservations must be received no later than Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Make check payable to St. Paul's - memo: WELCA Banquet**

**Buffet Meal includes: Salad, Bread & Butter, Chicken Francaise, Penne a la vodka, Meatballs, and a fish option. (Beverages are on your own.)**

**Cost is \$35.00 per person**

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**Juneteenth Celebration: Freedom and Peace Wednesday, June 17, 2026 1-3 PM**  
**Presented by Sr. Jolyn Walker \$25**

This will be a time for reflection, education, and joyful community gathering as we honor the end of slavery in the United States. On this inspiring afternoon we will explore:

- The meaning and history of Juneteenth.
- A special look at Ben Haith, the creator of the Juneteenth Flag.
- A joyful dance celebration!
- Great fellowship and light refreshments will be served



Sister Jolyn Walker Influenced by her parents who taught her family the value of community service and giving back, for Jolyn Walker, this means to serve as a role model for compassion and service. She strives to make the world a better place in her community and beyond. As a long time, member of First Baptist Church in Milford, Jolyn served as Praise Dance Ministry Leader for 17 years. She also served as, Sunday School Superintendent, and Church School Instructor, the church's Administrative Assistant and Vacation Bible School Activities Leader. Most recently Jolyn's commitment to Milford and its surrounding communities led her to be appointed Chair for Milford's Racial Justice Book Club. Jolyn also shares her love for the African American cultural celebrations of Kwanzaa and Juneteenth. She shares the celebrations mainly at local libraries. Jolyn and her late husband, Judge Herbert Walker set up a donor advised fund at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. The fund is also named in part after her father. The Washington-Walker Family Fund supports local organizations who serves those in need of immediate shelter, food, or other basic needs.



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**Teen Weekend Retreat June 26-28, 2026 Holy Family Youth Ministry Team**

**This two-night retreat offers interested teens of high school age opportunities for growth in personal faith, community building and learning how to be young leaders in the Church.** The retreat provides a sacred and restful atmosphere to support teens in the understanding of their Catholic faith. It encourages teens to share their gifts and talents with their parishes and to be leaders in sharing their faith with others. The retreat begins on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and concludes with a family Mass on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will follow.

Offering: \$175

Register at <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/teen>

**Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center**  
303 Tunxis Road  
West Hartford, CT 06107  
860.521.0440 [info@holyfamilyretreat.org](mailto:info@holyfamilyretreat.org)



**Blood Drives @ St. Paul's**  
June 9 & 16

Make an appointment today on their website



## KidsPlay's Maker Space needs your recyclables!

KidsPlay Children's Museum in Torrington is seeking supplies for their Maker Space exhibit.

Please consider donating your empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes, empty tissue boxes, or cardboard egg cartons to give children the opportunity to make fun creations from reused materials. KidsPlay also accepts new or gently-used craft supplies. Please drop off any supplies in the Narthex in the labeled box, or to 61 Main Street in Torrington during the Museum's business hours.



A vibrant Juneteenth poster. At the top, a stylized American flag with a large white star on a blue field is set against a red background. To the right, the text reads: "HONORING FREEDOM. CELEBRATING RESILIENCE. BUILDING COMMUNITY." Below this, the word "JUNETEENTH" is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, "FREEDOM • JUSTICE • JOY" is written in red, orange, and green. The location "Torrington" is written in a cursive font, followed by "JUNE 19, 2026" in large white letters. A quote from Opal Lee, "JUNETEENTH IS MY CALLING. IT IS MY PURPOSE. IT IS MY LEGACY. -Opal Lee THE GRANDMOTHER OF JUNETEENTH" is featured next to a portrait of her. Below the quote is a stack of books with titles: "AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY", "VOICES OF FREEDOM", "OUR LEGACY, OUR FUTURE", "TO JUNE 19, 1865 - JUNE 19, 2026", and "CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH!". Two event icons are shown: a city hall for the "JUNETEENTH FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY" from 11 AM to 12:30 PM at the City Hall Auditorium, and a church for the "JUNETEENTH AFTERNOON CELEBRATION" from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church. At the bottom, the slogan "Our Culture is Beautiful" is written in a cursive font, with the phone number "860-491-0387" and email "Ocisbeautiful@gmail.com" below it.

**Tai Chi- \$12 per class– Tuesdays at 10 am at St. Paul's**

**Divine by Design— Still & Breathe with Bonnie**

### Approach

I embrace a holistic approach to better health. Through the practice of gentle movement, breathwork and mindful meditation we are able to release stress and anxiety, and thus harmonize mind, body, spirit and emotions. By enhancing tranquility, we improve balance, coordination, mind/body awareness, flexibility, circulation and range of motion. Participants blossom in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

### Teaching Experience

For the past 12 years, I have taught tai chi, qigong, and mindful meditation with large groups and small in many venues, including the Sullivan Senior Center in Torrington, the Torrington Historical Society, Keystone Place at Newbury Brook, the Torrington Health Department, and Ed Advance.

### Training

I have been practicing tai chi, qigong, yoga and meditation for over 30 years and have trained with national and international experts in the field, including: Paul Lam, Master Yang Yang, Lee Holden, Greg DeLisio, Ken Nelson, and Daisy Lee among others.

### Contact Information

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# JUNE



**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 21st**

Ryan Mangione

**June 23rd**

Walter "Cookie"  
Joray

**June 25th**

Kathy-Ann Campbell  
Lilliana Boscarino

**June 26th**

Linda Gryniuk  
Kent Madia

**June 30th**

Mark Langenheim

Victor & Charlotte Madia  
Kenneth & Judith Ludwig  
Vinni & Sherwood Carey  
Sal & Marie Barbieri  
Paul & Catherine Winzler  
Alan & Fran Seitz  
Thomas & Linda Richard  
William & Cynthia Muhl

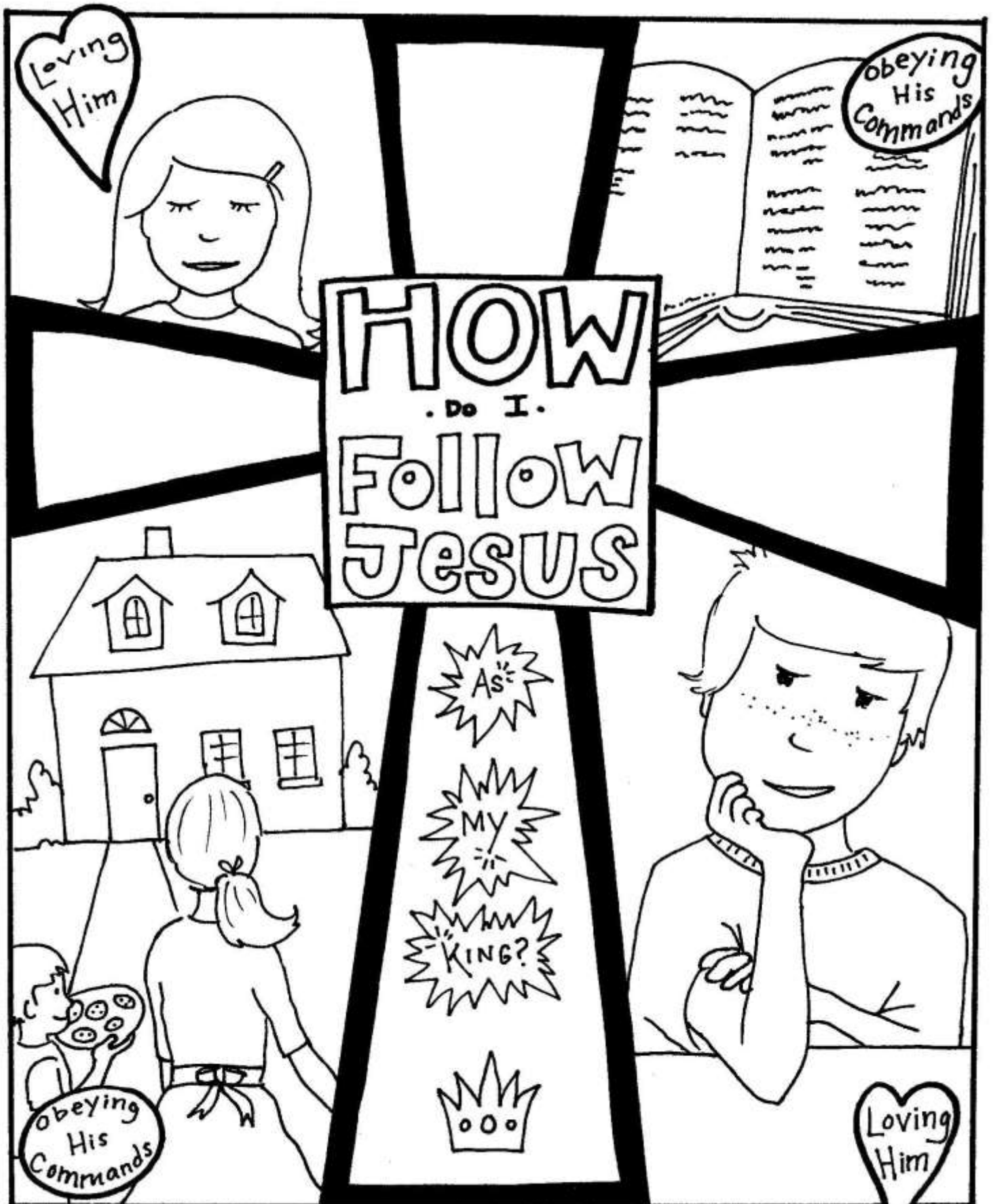
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June 10, 1972  
June 10, 2010  
June 13, 1998  
June 18, 1994  
June 20, 1964  
June 20, 1981  
June 23, 1990

## Condolences

### Friends and Family of

**Lucille Merati  
Jim Wolfinger**

# KID'S COLORING PAGE





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 Cynthia McPhee, Assistant Teacher  
 Casaundra Abeling, Custodian

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