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March 2020

Calendars

5th

9th

10th

12th

19th

26th

March

- 1st **First Sunday in Lent** Worship and Communion Healing Rite 10:00 am
- 8th Second Sunday in Lent Worship and Communion 10:00 am
- 15^{th} Third Sunday in Lent Worship and Communion 10:00 am
- 22nd Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship and Communion 10:00 am
- 29th Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship and Communion 10:00 am

Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:00 am

Palm Sunday Worship and Communion Healing Rite 10:00 am

April

Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion 7:00 pm

Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday No Sunday School Worship and Communion 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter Worship and Communion 10:00 am

Third Sunday of Easter Worship and Communion 10:00 am



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- Holy Communion at most services
- **Bible Study** Mondays at 10:30 am and Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
- **Council Meetings** the second Monday of each month.
- Soup Kitchen Volunteers report the second Sunday of each month to Trinity Episcopal Church, rain or shine!

A complete calendar of events can be found on our website. Click on the "Our Calendar" tab!



A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 26. Our 40 days of reflection on the Passion of Christ, and our own faith formation in the light of those events come into focus.

To help you make good use of the next six weeks, each Wednesday in Lent, we will gather at 5:45 pm. We will begin with a brief service of Scripture, prayer, music, and a homily. The devotional period will flow into a common meal, hosted by some of our congregational committees.

But this year, instead of doing things that may distract us from the world, I am suggesting that we use our spiritual journeys to deepen our connection with our neighbors. Human suffering is widespread and brutal. I would ask that you undertake the following discipline. Each week, scan the news for a place where the suffering touches your heart. It could be a place where there is war, famine, disease, poverty, or injustice. Name a group of people who are in the midst of that struggle. Then take a little time each day to try to learn more about those people. What is harming them? Who is making their life harder? Who is trying to help and how? Are there ways we can reach out to them, either as Church or as Americans? Is the ELCA or any other Christian group already aiding them? Include this group of people in your private prayers, and, if you wish, we could include them in our Sunday prayers as well. By the end of Lent, you will have allowed the distress of 6 different groups of people to touch your own heart. Any computer search program will make this easy. If that is not available to you, buying a magazine of world affairs such as Time or Newsweek, or a good newspaper like the Globe or Times can start you on your way. If you still need help, I am glad to assist you.

We know that the sufferings of Jesus do not automatically eliminate all human suffering. But His Passion does raise questions about how cruel people can be to one another. Clearly, the community he intended to create is called to notice, name, and relieve suffering where possible. Beyond that, we are also called to prevent suffering before it begins. We do these things by caring enough to learn the stories of the hurting, to let our hearts incline toward them, to yearn for their release, and to take reasonable steps to advocate for them.

As part of this effort, you will undergo many emotions. You will feel anger, sorrow, helplessness, grief, and even guilt. You may also feel deep compassion for those hurting, and gratitude, both for people who are trying to help them, and for our own relative safety. These, too, can become part of your prayers. God gave us our emotions to connect us to others, and to motivate us to strive for their well-being.

When Holy Week comes, with the most explicit descriptions of Christ's rejection, arrest, trial, execution and burial, we may be able to see some links between the anguish he faced and the anguish of our neighbors. All this is a far cry from giving up desserts or coffee or other treat. But it may open in us new doors to our own spiritual growth, and it may even result in some lessening of suffering for those we decide to aid. May God be with us as we step out of our comfortable spaces to care for those in deep need.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady

LENTEN NEWS



MID-WEEK LENTEN SUPPERS & SERVICES

The tradition of mid-week Suppers and Services continues this year beginning on the 2nd Wednesday of Lent, March 4th and continuing through April 1st. Soups, salads, bread, and desserts are served at 5:45pm; at 6:45pm we gather in the hall for mid-week Lenten services. The theme this season is "Stones."

Various committees are assigned to bring the food for supper but help is needed to round out the menu. Many people serve on multiple committees and it seems unfair for them to be expected to provide food for many, if not all, of these dinners. Therefore, if you are able to provide soup, salad of any kind, bread, or dessert, please speak to the chair of the committee listed below.

This year we will do things a bit differently. We will begin the evening with our worship experience and then enjoy our soup, salad, bread, and dessert supper. We will end the evening with a simple Agape Feast (Friendship Meal). Come and give it a try. The first in our series of worship service is Wednesday, March 4th with "The Stones Would Shout."

LENTEN SUPPERS 2020 Wednesdays at 5:45PM Worship at 6:45PM

March 4	Christian Education, Hilltop Advisory P. Rosenbeck, R. Travis, P. Little
March 11	Congregation Council, Evangelism Fred Rakyta, Betty Hilton
March 18	St. Paul's Women of the ELCA, Property Leah Seleman, Lisa Bodnar, Greg Weingart
March 25	Altar Guild, Youth Jeanette Richard, Dominic Boscarino
April 1	Worship & Music, Senior Choir, Finance, Stewardship Pastor Cady, Adrienne Weik, Diane Boscarino, Christine Dickinson









Chili Cook Off March 29th 11:15 am

Entry form is below please return with a \$5 entry fee All entries must be accompanied by a printed recipe.

Entries will be judged on flavor, Consistency, aroma, color, spice and aftertaste. Bragging right trophies will be awarded. Donations are welcomed to sample the chili!

> Get cooking and let's have some fun! Sponsored by the Youth Group

St. Paul's Youth Group Presents The 2020 Chili Cook Off!! Entry form & rules.

- Entry fee \$5 due with this form.
- Contestants must provide a crock pot full of chili.
- Contestants must provide serving utensils.
- Contestants shall be responsible for leftover chili.
- Competition will be judged by volunteers.
- Bragging right trophies will be awarded.
- Entries will not be limited. Everyone is welcome!



Contestants may check in with their warm chili from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Sunday March 29th in the Fellowship Hall.

Name:		
Signature		Date
Phone #	email	









Dinner Theater to benefit WorkCamp!

June 5, 2020 5:00 pm

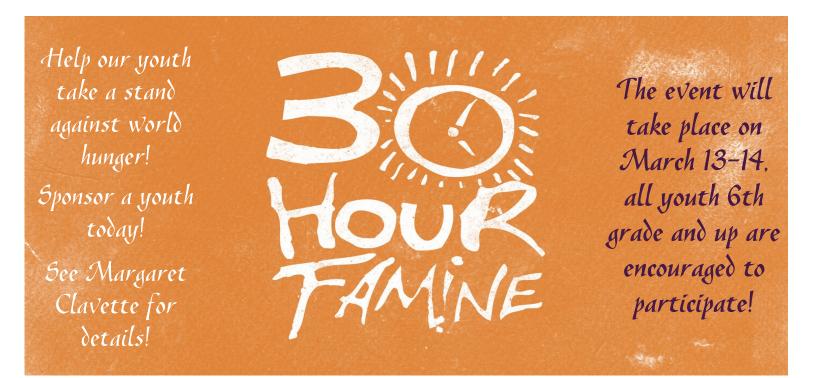
June 6, 2020 12:00 pm

June 7, 2020 12:00 pm



YOUTH PALM SUNDAY CANDY SALE

A candy sale order form is included in this newsletter. Please note that all orders must be in no later than Sunday, March 29th and candy pick-up will be on Palm Sunday, April 5th. All proceeds after cost, will benefit the WorkCamp Mission trip to Columbia County, New York this summer when teens and their adult chaperones will rehabilitate homes and lives in Jesus' name. Thank you for your support.



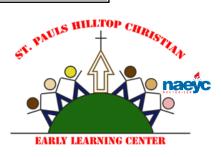
Reminder! Youth meetings take place the first Sunday of each month after service! All kids 6th grade and up are invited to attend!



HILLTOP NEWS

With the milder winter, we have had more chances to get outside and play this year! We even had some fun in the snow! What I look forward to is the promise of spring soon to come!

Registration for the 2020-2021 school began in December. So far, we a have more than 45 children enrolled! Our MWF 4 year old class is already FULL! Openings are still available in



all other classes. If you know someone looking for a high quality preschool experience, be sure to send them our way! We have many great options for young children at Hilltop!

- <u>2 year olds</u>—We have a class just for 2 year olds that meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00. This class focuses on play and social opportunities for toddlers. Children must be 2 years old by December 31st to qualify for this class. This class is nearly FULL!
- <u>3 year olds</u>—this class meets on Monday and Wednesday 9:00-11:30 a.m. and families can opt to add a third day on Fridays as well! We continue to learn through play and put a lot of emphasis on social skills. We also begin working on some of the "academics" of early childhood, using the State of CT Early Learning Developmental Standards to guide our activities. Children must be 3 by December 31st to qualify for this class.
- <u>3 & 4 year old Preschool</u>—This class is available to children from ages 3-5. They meet on T/Th, and create a family-like atmosphere where the younger children learn from the older children and the older children become like teachers, building on their knowledge in an amazing way! They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11:30
- <u>4 year olds</u>—have multiple options. They can come 2, 3 or 5 mornings a week! The 4 year olds meet 9:00-11:30. All classes continue to build on social-emotional skills and begin the journey on their academic knowledge. The teachers use the Connecticut Early Learning Developmental Standards to guide the curriculum. Children must be 4 by December 31st to qualify for these classes. (MWF is FULL, which means the 5 day option is unavailable)
- <u>School Readiness</u>: Another option for both 3 and 4 year olds is our School Readiness class. This class currently runs Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00. This class is funded by the State of CT School Readiness Grant. Aside from the faith based content in our private pay classes, this classroom is not much different. Families must reside in Torrington and fit into particular income guidelines to qualify. Tuition is on a sliding scale.

Hilltop Helping Hands has been dormant this year, but I hope to pull off some of the traditions we have started this spring!

- Look for the Hanging Basket sale! This has been a wonderful project the last 2 years, and I am hoping we can keep it going! We will continue to add funds from this to our playground fund as we hope to revamp that area in the future.
- The <u>Eighth Annual Art Show</u> is tentatively planned for May 30th! This fundraiser will also raise money for the Hilltop's plans to update the play yard. We hope you will be able to participate! The show will include individual works done by the Hilltop students as well as classroom collaborative art pieces. Additionally, there will be some artwork and other items donated by staff, parents and church staff which will be raffled off along with the collaborative art. Artwork will include paintings, drawings, as well as photography and 3D pieces. We hope church members will be able to attend and support Hilltop!

We have many other plans this spring during school hours too!

- Pajama Day! We will wear our jammies to school on March 2nd & 3rd! We will celebrate reading around the birthdate of Dr. Seuss!
- St. Jude's Trike a thon! The week of April 24th we will be riding our trikes. Please consider sponsoring a child in our program to support the good work of St. Jude's! Look for more about this coming soon, and please consider sponsoring us!

We always covet your prayers. Hilltop has been an important part of the Torrington community for more than 45 years! St. Paul's should be proud of how this ministry has impacted so many families over the decades! Thanks to the support and the prayers the church has provided.

In His Service,

Jan Sosnicki







For sale before and after the service in the Narthex!



FAIR TRADE CERTIFIED Coffee or Coffee Beans \$11.00 Or Tea

\$8.25

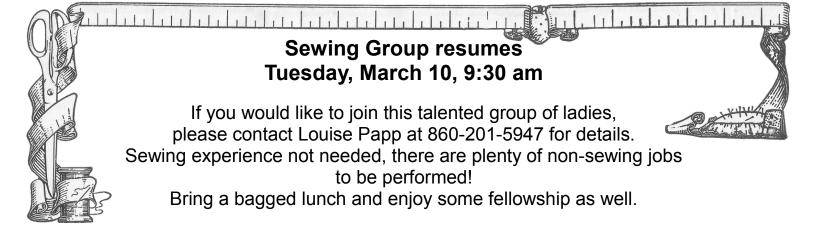
Still giving with your checkbook? Instead, consider funding your philanthropy with a donor-advised fund. It's a simple and tax-savvy way to give more to the causes you care about. With a donoradvised fund, you can contribute a variety of assets, invest your contribution for growth, and support your favorite charities over time. It's a smarter way to give!

If you have questions please contact Christopher Benjamin, Wells Fargo advisors Christopher.benjamin@wellsfargoadvisors.com

PRAYER SHAWLS

Our supply of prayer shawls has seen some growth over the last couple of months but the need continues! We still have yarn for 1 or 2 shawls, if you would like to see what we have available. Each year WorkCampers gift their "neighbor" with a prayer shawls when they leave. Congregation members request a shawl for someone who is sick or for someone who would benefit from such a gift of love. We have a few members who knit regularly for this ministry but we also invite others to participate as well. Many thanks to Sherryl Stewart, Harriet Vergaro, Pat Switzer, and Denise Nalette. See Paula Rosenbeck with questions or to get a pattern.







AROUND THE CHURCH

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

We have many opportunities for serving here at St. Paul's during worship. Would you be willing to serve as a **greeter** on occasion? A welcoming church always has someone to greet members as well as visitors! Shake hands, answer questions, just be a smile for someone! Volunteer through the office or use the volunteer checklist at the end of the bulletin each week.

Lectors read the lessons (First Reading, Responsive Psalm, and Second Reading). Rachel will send you the text for what you will read during the week before the Sunday you are scheduled. Pastor Cady is happy to help with pronunciation if you have a question!



Communion Assistants are just that! We need four each week, in addition to the Pastor and Assisting Minister. Each assistant is given either the common cup or the intinction cup; the assisting minister and Pastor serve the host. Our list of those able to serve has gotten pretty short especially with our Snow Birds leaving for warmer climates for the winter. Again, use the volunteer tear-off at the end of the bulletin or see Pastor Cady or Paula Rosenbeck.

As you enter the doors of sanctuary you are greeted by one or more friendly faces of our **ushers**. They will give you your bulletin; accept the morning offering; and usher you to the communion rail. We can always use more ushers! Use the tear-off or speak to Keith Schroeder.

On the first Sunday of each month we include a Rite of Healing within our service. Names of those on our prayer list are read and everyone is invited to go to the back of the church for a healing prayer and anointing. We can always use volunteers to serve on an occasional basis as a **healer**. All of these Worship Assistants are doing "*God's Work with Their Hands*." How can you help? Are you listening for God's Call?



We have a winner!

Update: We collected \$112.86 - \$79.93 dollars was collected for the Chiefs (great guessing people!) and \$34.93 for the 49er's. We also collected close to 280 food items! Thank you all for your support!





BEAN

SAVE THE DATE! "May Day Bean Auction"

St. Paul's Women will host a May Day Bean Auction on May 1st. Although still in the planning stages, the evening will feature a variety of items (gifts, household ware, handmade things, decorations, and more) for which you can bid on using beans! Save the Date! The Bean Auction Committee members include Lisa Bodnar, Liz Falls, Linda Rosa, and Paula Rosenbeck.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Do you have a Christmas ornament you'd be willing to donate to the fall Fair 2020? Throughout the year we will be collecting unique, vintage, handmade, heirloom, or just plain pretty Christmas Tree Ornaments. We got the idea from a friend's church who did it last year and it was a very profitable and well received aspect of their fair. Ornaments will be safely stored until the Fall Fair, November 7, 2020. See Lisa Bodnar or Leah Seleman if you have questions.



ST. PAUL'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

St. Paul's Women of the ELCA will gather on Monday, March 23rd for a Lenten Bible Study. Bring your favorite Bible if you wish and invite a friend to join you. Hostesses are Jeanette Richard and June DeMichiel.

CHOCOLATE BAKE OFF

And the winner is was ...

June Seiser took home the grand prize at our St. Paul's Women's Chocolate Bake Off! Her Blackout Cake came out on top after careful and tasteful judging by our guest judges, Dan Hartnett, president of the board of Friendly Hands, Joe Mazzarella of Joseph's House, Lisa Hageman and Aly of the Community Soup Kitchen, and Diedre DeCara of FISH. There was quite an array of chocolate delicacies to choose from – cookies, brownies, cheesecake, cakes, rice pudding, peanut clusters, and lots more!





KINDNESS COUNTS Spring Mission Project 2020

Beginning on Sunday, March 1st St. Paul's will kick-off the Spring Mission Project. Unlike other years when we have supported a group or organization by raising awareness and money to meet their goals, this year we will be celebrating "KINDNESS." For Kindness Counts each of us is commissioned to be kind and to look for random acts of kindness amongst us here at St. Paul's. There will be a clothesline-type string running at various places within the church. You are encouraged to record your acts of kindness or those of someone you have seen doing good.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITING DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 1 @ 9:00AM

Sunday, March 1st (snow date 3/8) is Parent/Grandparent/Godparent/Adult Friend Visiting Day in Sunday School. All children and their guests should come to the fellowship hall at 9:00am. We will introduce our Spring Mission Project, Kindness Counts.

As part of visiting day, we will be creating a special art project. Paint, canvas, and all ... Please make every effort to be here so we can adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning with these creations that will eventually go home to become a keepsake for parents. We'd like all of our Sunday School students and their younger siblings to come and be a part of it! Please bring a paint smock or oversized shirt to protect clothing from getting paint on them! Each child will need an adult helper so the more parents, grandparents, godparents, and adult friends, the better we will be! Sunday School teachers have been asked to lend a hand as well so all children can participate. This project won't be repeated so please make every effort to attend on March 1st! Younger siblings are also invited to come and do the same art project.

January 9, 2020

Watertown **Robotics Team Plans New Season**, **Breakfast Fundraiser**

WATERTOWN — The 2020 FIRST Robotics Competi-tion season has begun and the sponsored by Lucasfilm Ltd., was revealed on Saturday, Jan-uary 4 through a Twitch live broadcast to high school students and robotics teams around the wardd

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Watertown High School's FIRST Robotics Team 237, in its 22nd com-petition season, is preparing for the FIRST Robotics Competition sea-son. The team will host its 22nd annual paneake breakfast fundraiser from 8 am. to noon Sunday, January 19 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7330, 85 Davis St., Oakville to support robot and trav-el expenses. Present for the team photo were (front, from left) John Kozar, Hannah Kozar, Priscilla Nascimento, Jessica Liano, Robert Mitchell, Nicholas Krupa, Brighid Beverly, Laura Parks, Justin Sloss and Rosie Mitchell; (center) Mike Selkirk, Robert Rizk, Tucker Doolan, Logan Palluils, Sam Helavel, Jorge Cortina, Stuart Beauvais, Jake Logan Paliulis, Sam Helayel, Jorge Cortina, Stuart Beauvais, Jake Barbieri, Mattingly Creter, Isabella Molina and Ryan Spring and (back) Jason Beverly, Christian Braatz and Paul Gonzales.

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seniors, 65 and older; \$5 for chil-dren between the ages of three and 10 and children younger than three are free. Tickets will be sold at the door. Participants may bring a sold at the door. The second second second the Watertown Food Bank. Those seeking additional infor-gauwen at 203-206-6120 or email Team237@gmail.com.

Look who made the paper!

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Palm Sunday Candy Sale

To benefit the Workcamp Mission Trip Pre-Orders are encouraged, please!



All items are <u>\$1.00 each</u>

White & Milk Chocolate

Crosses or Lambs

<u>With or Without Sticks</u> (Iollipops)

also

Inspirational, Wrapped Milk Chocolate Bars

(Limited candy will also be available on Palm Sunday)

Detach & Return to the Offering Plate, Lock Box, or Church Office by March 26th. Pick up in Narthex on Palm Sunday, April 5th.

Name:						
Cross:	Milk Chocolate	#	Lollipop	#	_ without stick	
	White	#	Lollipop	#	_without stick	
Lamb:	Milk Chocolate	#	Lollipop	#	_without stick	
	White	#	Lollipop	#	_without stick	
Inspirational, Wrapped Plain Milk Chocolate Hershey Bar #						
Total Number of Items $X \pm 1.00 = \pm$						



1 Isabella Weber

2 Michael Myers

3 William Skibesky Jacquelyn Wassik Liz Cady

4 Emily-Catherine Madia Roman Radzins

5 Anne Grening Olivia Heinbaugh

6 Helen Winzler

7 Laurie Chepiga Nathan Nardine

8 Lydia Rosenbeck Kyle Rosenbeck

10 Michele Binelli

12 Carl Muller Susan Racloz Charlotte Madia

13 John Grunder

14 Deborah Canino 15 Jonathan Olson Meredith Winzler Robert Szabo

17 Regina Pagano Gene Hubbard

> **18** Betty Hilton

19 Barbara Nalette Kevin Begey Steve DiStefano

20 Cheryl Corey Jillian Sterling

21 Beth Brower

22 Hannah Winzler Lucas Rosenbeck

23 Carol Leichner Dan Huften

24 Aiden Vega **25** Jeanette Richard

27 Wallace Gangell Ryan Michaud

> **28** Joey Weber

Armando and Michele Binelli Alyssa and Thomas Gregg 3/7/2009 3/22/2014



Fred Gottschall Ted Cremasco Mo Hubert Jessica Scarfo

It is a girl!

Laurel Deborah Siss, daughter of Will and Madigan Siss was born on February 20th weighing in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 20.5".

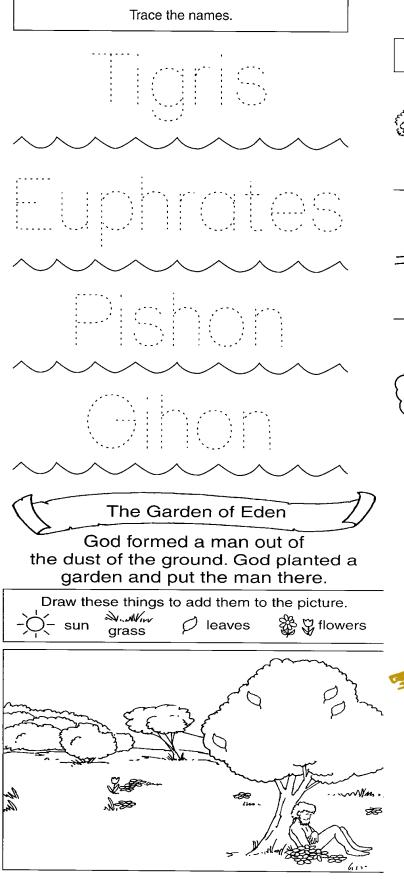
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	Greeter(s)	Liz Emmett					
	Acolytes	Noah Barone, Ethan Schaller					
	Lector	Carol Gesner					
1	Ushers	Gene Schroeder, Jr., Keith Schroeder, Mike McDermott, Kaylyn McDermott					
	Assisting Minister	Kevin Ross					
	Communion Assistants	Mary Grening, Steve Grening, John Grunder, David Little, Pamela Little (alt)					
	Altar Guild	June DeMichiel, Renate Higgins					
	Greeter(s)	Christian & David Braatz					
	Acolytes	Hunter & Laney Hayes					
	Lector	Kathleen Nilsson					
8	Ushers	Gene Schroeder, Jr., Keith Schroeder, Mike McDermott, Kaylyn McDermott					
	Assisting Minister	Pamela Little					
	Communion Assistants	Pamela Little, Lois Nygren, Dana O'Brien, Jeanette Richard, Kevin Ross					
	Altar Guild	Sandy Heintz & Karen Trippodi					
	Greeter(s)	Betty Hilton					
	Acolytes	Ty Hogan Noah Shapiro					
	Lector	Steve Grening					
15	Ushers	Gene Schroeder, Jr., Keith Schroeder, Mike McDermott, Kaylyn McDermott					
	Assisting Minister	Sue Homrok-Lemke					
	Communion Assistants	Lisa Bodnar (alt), Kevin Ross, June Seiser, Leah Seleman, Karen Trippodi					
	Altar Guild	Pat Switzer & Dana O'Brien					
	Greeter(s)	Kevin Ross					
	Acolytes	Ainslee Campbell, Mya Schulze, Everett Schulze					
	Lector	Anthony Boscarino					
22	Ushers	Gene Schroeder, Jr., Keith Schroeder, Mike McDermott, Kaylyn McDermott					
	Assisting Minister	Curt Stone					
	Communion Assistants	Lisa Bodnar, Mary Grening, Steve Grening, John Grunder					
	Altar Guild	Jeanette Richard & Bonnie Schaff					
	Greeter(s)	Ron and Dixie Travis					
	Acolytes	Freyja Harrel, Abby Nardine, Maleita Lemke					
	Lector	Noah Shapiro					
29	Ushers	Gene Schroeder, Jr., Keith Schroeder, Mike McDermott, Kaylyn McDermott					
	Assisting Minister	Dana O'Brien					
	Communion Assistants	John Grunder, David Little, Pamela Little, Linda Magyar, Lois Nygren (alt)					
	Altar Guild	Lisa Bodnar & Marie Barbieri					



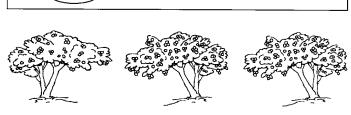
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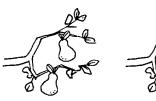
God made a river to water the garden of Eden, and it separated into four rivers.



God made many trees for the man that were good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

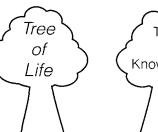


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