

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

860-482-3555

We are currently having parking lot services with communion.

August 2020

Calendars

August

2nd **Pentecost 9**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

9th **Pentecost 10**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

16th **Pentecost 11**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

23rd **Pentecost 12**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

30th **Pentecost 13**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

September

6th **Pentecost 14**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

13th **Pentecost 15**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

20th **Pentecost 16**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

27th **Pentecost 17**
Worship and Communion

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

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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

As of this writing, we have just begun our re-gathering with a series of parking lot services. The first one went alright, with a few sound issues, but pretty smooth overall. The plan is to move from that to a few lawn services, and, if all goes well, begin in-person indoor worship again in early September. It will help if all of us can observe the three main cautions: masks, distance (at least 6 feet between unrelated people), and hand cleansing. Please be mindful of these to contain any possible spread of disease, so we can move forward with confidence.

Meanwhile, the Confirmation class has been doing a toy drive for children's hospitals, the Fellowship Committee is discussing a Pick Up Grinder event, the Christian Ed Committee is planning a virtual VBS and looking at how to re-start Sunday School, and my daily reflections continue to go out. Pastoral Care is now a mixture of phone conversations, email/Facebook messages, and a limited number of physical visits.

We have always known that the spiritual life of a congregation can withstand many disruptions. Military personnel have experienced this every time they deploy. Illness and extended travel interrupt our routines. Our Christian friends in places hard hit by fire, earthquake, tornados, floods, and hurricanes have weathered long stretches without regular weekly worship. In some parts of the world, wars and violence drive Christian communities to find alternative expressions. So it is now with us. But the irony is that for many people, faith deepens and the thirst for the bonds of our common life grows stronger when we are unable to maintain our treasured patterns and practices.

It is important that you stay in touch with us if we can support you in any way during this time. We are aware of some households that need special care, but some of you may be bearing heavy burdens quietly, not wanting to "bother" me or our staff. You are not a bother. Your needs are not insignificant. Please contact me or the office if you have any desire for more conversation, suggestions about books to read, resources for prayer, or even a face-to-face visit. Meanwhile, please remember that as valuable as our community is, God's presence remains ever-present. Our bonds to one another are bonds that are forged by Christ, who has not left us abandoned. The Holy Spirit continues to speak and to move to animate us in our lives of faith.

At our service on July 19, there was an obvious spirit of good will, eager cooperation and willing service by many. St. Paul's as we know it best! May we continue to be blessed by such strong commitment as the possibilities for our new future become clear.

Together we can do more!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady



REALM ONLINE



An e-mail to join Realm was sent out on June 19. If you have not already done so, click the link to set up your account. If you did not receive an e-vite, please send an email to secretary@stpaulstorrington.com using the email account you wish to have your Realm account set up on.






One of our goals is to have the congregation members be able to access their giving statements and status. This will save time and money during tax season when you need your statements for tax deductions. Members will be able to access giving information when needed.

Also, Realm Online serves as an electronic directory for our members, it allows members access to other people's pages. Don't panic though, you can control how much information is shared with others! Please add a photo to your page, it will help new members learn names to faces.

It is very user friendly, but here is a link to help you along! <https://onrealm.org/StPaulsTorr/Help/LMS>

You can also download the app and have this information on your device! Download Realm Connect from Google Play or Apple's App Store! Here is a link to learn more about the app <https://resources.realmchurch.com/videos>

Let's be the church together... online.

-  Look up members in our church directory
-  Update your personal information
-  Give online - one time & recurring gifts
-  View giving history & print giving statements
-  Make & keep track of pledges



[Sign up or sign in](#) at onrealm.org



SHARING GARDEN

Good Day Everyone!

God's blessing to you all. The Sharing Garden continues to support our local neighbors with fresh produce. So far we are growing potatoes, various squashes, leafy greens, tomatoes and have room for much more. We are in dire need of weeders and people to deliver to the local food banks. Any questions please contact one of us or the office.

Thanks for your consideration and for keeping us in your prayers.

The Sharing Garden

May, Patrick and Jacob Friday, June Seiser, Jeanette Richard, Leah Seleman, and Karen Marciano



Thank you to John Grunder and Ralph Boscarino for repairing the sanctuary ceiling where the water was leaking in!

It looks great!



And for the outside clean up, thank you Gary and Linda Rosa for cleaning up the sidewalks, cracks and crevices! Looking fantastic!

AROUND THE CHURCH

The Garden of Memories looks beautiful!

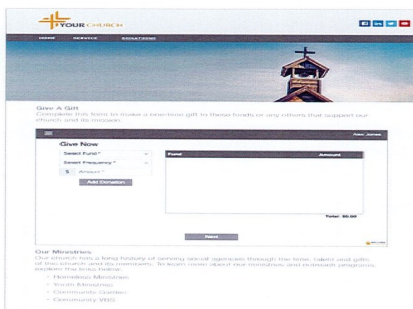


The Garden of Memories is St. Paul's peaceful place for interment for you and loved ones. If you would like to more information on the process, please see Lisa Bodnar or Beth Brower. They will be happy to assist you.

GIVE+ Online

How it works

Easy online giving for members or guests without leaving your church website.



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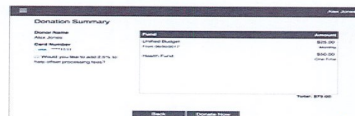
Donors select a fund, enter the amount and choose a frequency if they have created a Give+ account.

Note: All donors can give to multiple funds in one transaction. Account holders can choose start dates for gifts and payments.



3. Complete donation

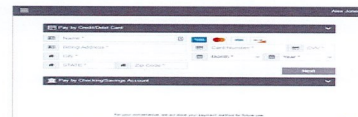
Donors review their summary and then select **Donate Now** to complete their donation(s).



2. Enter payment method

Donors enter their debit/credit card information or choose to pay with their checking or savings account.

Note: Give+ account holders can store this information for future use.



4. Give+ account features

When logged into their Give+ account, donors can review giving history, manage recurring donations or edit stored payment methods.



The Big Easy!

(aka no cooking!)

The Fellowship Committee of St. Paul's presents a fundraiser for a family in need due to serious illness.

Muffuletta Sandwiches

A Muffuletta sandwich is popular in New Orleans; it is a crusty bread filled with ham, salami, cheeses, and an olive salad & cut into wedges.



or Chef Salad



Each with chips and a drink

\$10.00 each - pre-orders

Saturday, August 22nd

Curbside Pick-up between 4-5pm

***You might not be able to go on vacation but
your TASTE BUDS can!!***

Drop your order and payment in the offering plate or return to the church office by August 16th

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

_____ Muffulettas # _____ Chef Salads

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Please make checks payable to St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

(837 Charles Street, Torrington, CT)



We've heard the disappointment from many families about not having VBS this summer. Good news, ...

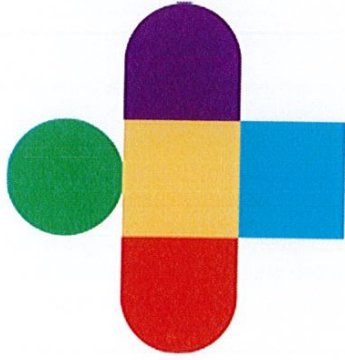
Virtual VBS will be offered later this summer. While still being planned, we will have 5 lessons around 5 themes.

Kindness – **Love** – **Caring** – **Shine** – **Trust**

We will have Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, snack ideas, community projects, and hopefully puppets!

Add your name to a list of those children (ages 4-6th grade) wishing to participate. Closer to the date you will be invited to come and get a packet (curbside) which will include a DVD and materials to help make your Virtual VBS experience the best it can be! Call 860-482-3555 (leave a message if no one is in the office) or e-mail secretary@stpaulstorrington.com





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Children's**
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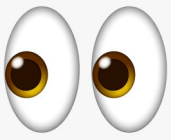
9th Grade Confirmation Class Project
Saturday, August 15th

10am - 12-pm

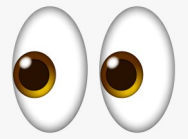
St. Paul's Lower Parking Lot
837 Charles St., Torrington

DONATIONS FOR TOY/GIFT CLOSET

Video Games	New Stuffed Animals	Books for All Ages
Lego Kits	Coloring Books/Crayons/Markers	
Sketch Pads	Super Hero Action Figures	Family DVDs
Craft Kits	Age Appropriate CDs	Ear Buds



Look who made the paper!



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My baby is legit, as brand ambassador and influencer for [@brewery.legitimus](#). #repannews #ctbeer #beersnob #babybeersnob #beeronesie #beerpodcast



Reese enjoys the beautiful weather on an outing with Jackie Wassik in Torrington.



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Tom Seitz
Vicki Jene

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Max Harrel

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George Bruno

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Richard Corey
Dixie Travis

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Kathryn Depaoli

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Linda Richard

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Joe Wesley

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Gary Begey

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Emily Devaux
Stevie DiStefano

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Larry Bielik

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Debora Sterling

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Meagan Clavette

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Lydia Smith
John Stewart
Abby Nardine

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David Ness
Elfrieda Roller

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Liz Emmett

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Steve Grening
Nathaniel Wesley

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Ed Grening

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Cal Bensch

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Adrienne Weik

31 David Stewart

June and Stephen Seiser	08/03/1985
Ed and Anne Grening	08/05/1953
Brian and Karen Kelleher	08/06/1988
Gary and Linda Rosa	08/07/1982
Jack and Mary Quinn	08/10/1962
Donald and Brooke Crossman	08/11/2006
Dwaine and Beverlee Moon	08/14/1960
George and Joyce Woike	08/25/1985
Ron and Dixie Travis	08/24/1963
Kurt and Kelli Schaller	08/25/2007
Scott and Casaundra Abeling	08/30/2008



Ludwig Gauger
Ray Travis
Robert Gageby



How to Protect Yourself & Others from COVID-19

Know how it spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
The virus is thought to [spread mainly from person-to-person](#).
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Wash your hands often

[Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- It's especially important to wash:
 - Before eating or preparing food
 - Before touching your face
 - After using the restroom
 - After leaving a public place
 - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - After handling your cloth face covering
 - After changing a diaper
 - After caring for someone sick
 - After touching animals or pets
 - If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.**
- Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

Inside your home: Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.

Outside your home: Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.

- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
- [Stay at least 6 feet \(about 2 arms' length\) from other people.](#)
- Keeping distance from others is especially important for [people who are at higher risk of getting very sick](#).

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
Everyone should wear a [cloth face cover](#) in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other [social distancing](#) measures are difficult to maintain.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker. Currently, surgical masks and N95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Always cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow and do not spit.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.

Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and disinfect

Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them.** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

Then, use a household disinfectant.

Most common [EPA-registered household disinfectant](#)^{external icon} will work.

Monitor Your Health Daily

Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or [other symptoms](#) of **COVID-19**. Especially important if you are [running essential errands](#), going into the office or workplace, and in settings where it may be difficult to keep a [physical distance of 6 feet](#).

- **Take your temperature** if symptoms develop.
- Don't take your temperature within 30 minutes of exercising or after taking medications that could lower your temperature, like acetaminophen.

Follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop.

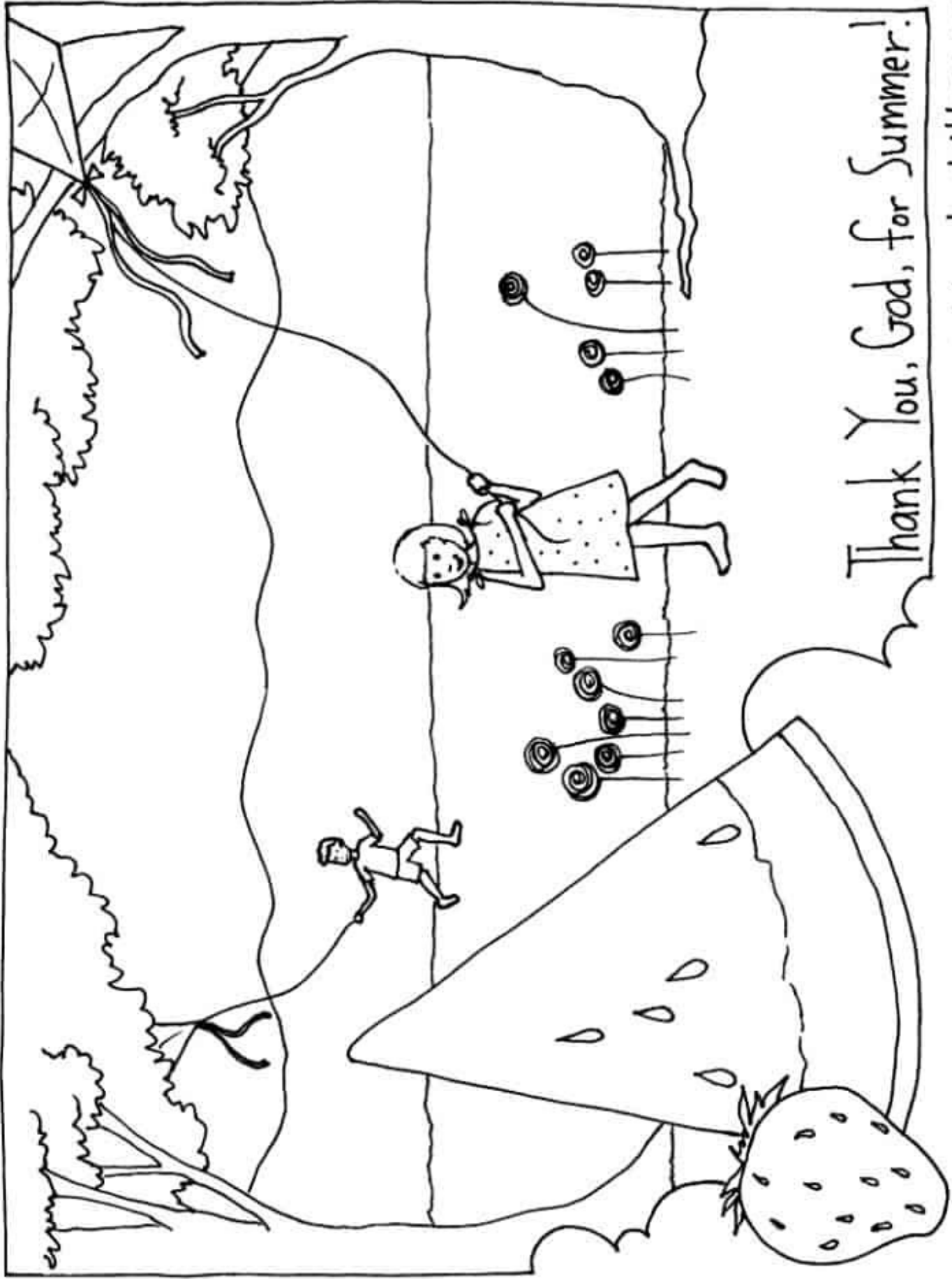
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

If you would like to review the guidelines the ELCA are providing to congregations, please go to www.elca.org. You can also subscribe to get the latest news from the ELCA.



ministry-to-children.com

Thank You, God, for Summer!

Mandy Groce '15



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