

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

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July 2020

SERVICES ARE scheduled to resume
on **July 19** as a drive in service.
See article inside!

Calendars

July

5th **Pentecost 5**
Worship and Communion
Healing Rite
10:00 am

12th **Pentecost 6**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

19th **Pentecost 7**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

26th **Pentecost 8**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

August

2nd **Pentecost 9**
Worship and Communion
Healing Rite
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

- 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!



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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's

First, may I say how honored and proud I am to be your pastor. I am hearing many stories of your actions in support of your neighbors, and your commitment to our common congregational life. I deeply appreciate your efforts to stay well, to keep others well, and to be patient and creative as we try to move ahead. Thanks, also, to all those whose generous offerings continue to flow into the church to support our mission and ministry.

We have begun some serious discussions with the Council and Committee Chairs to determine when and how we might slowly begin a phased resumption of worship. As of this writing, there seems to be a consensus that we should record worship through the middle of July, have roughly a month of drive-in worship, then maybe a month of outdoor services, and, if all indicators in our area allow, beginning a phased indoor worship sometime in the fall, being careful to observe all cautions regarding the virus.

While that is going on, my hope is that our committees will begin to resume their work using conference calling, Zoom, or some other electronic linkage. Finance and Property are already doing this very effectively. I am Chair of the Worship Committee, so I'll get in touch with them soon to have their valuable input on details of both our present forms of worship, and any ways to enhance our future plans. All the teams and committees need not wait for in-person meetings to begin to brainstorm how their areas of activity can be re-tooled and revitalized. I assume not everyone who chairs a committee, nor all the members of those committees, are comfortable using conference calling, Zoom, or other media to meet, but there are many in the parish who can assist us in finding the best mode of work, and setting up any technical connections. I was part of a Board for a few years that held most of its meetings via conference call. They worked very well, and everyone has a telephone, even if they don't have computers, tablets or smart phones. Please let us help pull these kinds of meetings together.

Besides getting these working groups up and running again, let me suggest a couple things: One is that now is a great time for committees to expand. I know some members are not unwilling to assist with committee work, but they cannot commit to driving to an evening meeting every month. As we learn how to work remotely, there may be members who would be willing to join a new committee as long as they can attend meetings from their home. Please let me or Rachel know if you are such a person. I know for sure that Worship, Stewardship, Social Concerns, and Evangelism would all benefit from some new membership.

It is also a good time for every committee to think about whether it even needs a monthly meeting. Some committees might only need to meet 4-6 times a year, making the commitment easier for new members. I also hope that our new ways of working at a distance can allow us to have many dark, snowy, winter evening meetings without driving to the church. Please do continue to keep good notes about meeting times, attendance and any decisions or recommendations your committee makes.

Thank you all for your best thoughts on all this. Please continue to be careful and faithful as we press on to do Christ's work.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady

SERVICE NEWS

“PARKING LOT CHURCH” TO BEGIN

These last several months have been challenging times, indeed, not only for the church but for individuals and families who have been affected directly by Covid-19. As we begin to re-open, we want to remind everyone that your personal comfort and safety remain at the forefront of everything. We are taking baby steps to try to begin worshipping as a community.

Our first scheduled gathering is set for Sunday, July 19th at 10 am, weather permitting, of course. We will have parking lot church; everyone must remain in their vehicle. Park, facing the front of the church, where Pastor Cady will lead worship using the Puppettude sound system. You should be able to hear clearly from all areas of the parking lot. This will continue through August 9th at which time further plans will be announced.

The re-opening team continues to explore more options and are depending upon replies from the survey each member should have received last week. If you haven't completed it yet, please do so ASAP. Your input is very important. We have many and varied folks with serious health risks and perhaps will choose not to return to in-person worship right away. We have other who are chomping at the bit to get back to normal. We are hoping that Parking Lot Church will be the first of many creative solutions to returning to worship in a safe manner for everyone.

Meanwhile, Pastor Cady continues to provide Sunday services via video. He records the service each week with the help of a very small group of folks. May and Jacob Friday have provided vocals, Dale Osterman did a lovely cello piece this past Sunday, and Adrienne continues to play the Grand Piano. May and Freyja have also read lessons. If you'd like to volunteer for any of the above tasks, please let Pastor know. For those with computer access, please watch for these services. Pastor Cady has been doing daily inspirational talks Monday-Thursday via Facebook Live, which is then put on the website. He just finished up his series of several talks on his trips to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. For those of us who have never been, his knowledge was interesting and welcome! Of course, he is certainly open to suggestions about things you'd like to talk about. Send an e-mail to him or to Rachel secretary@stpualstorrington.com and she will pass your ideas along.



HILLTOP NEWS

Summer is here! Though we finished the year in a way like no other, we are still looking ahead to what it will look like for Hilltop in the fall. The State of Connecticut has issued guidance for early childhood programs that we are trying our best to stay on top of. Since things change week to week, we are not quite certain how it will look. We will update you in the next newsletter. By then we should have a clearer picture of what it will look like for Hilltop. In the meantime, we are tuning in to Zoom meetings, Webinars and News Releases as well as watching and learning from other programs. I know other child care centers in Torrington that have stayed open throughout, have been able to follow the strict protocols and have been staying healthy. That is good news!



We continue to take in registrations on condition that families understand that things could change. With that said, we do have openings in most classes. I continue to work from home as much as possible and look forward to a hopeful reopening in September!

Praying you are all well.

In His Service,
Jan Sosnicki

**The Farmers Market is set to open on July 11, 2020
in the St. Paul's parking lot! Saturday mornings 10 am to 1 pm
(Tuesdays TBD)**





EVANGELISM



Meet Me In The Garden

Facing Our Giants

By: Betty Hilton

“David replied to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with sword, spear, javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies... Today the Lord will conquer you... And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!’”

1 Samuel 17:45,46a,47

We believe that God is “in control” and He holds the future, but have you wondered what God’s plan is at this time, during this pandemic?

I just finished watching a Max Lucado video on Facing our Giants and after his talk was over there was a video shown of all the different denominations in the UK singing together a beautiful blessing. The thought came to me that in spite of this horrible pandemic, God is making something good happen.

Yes, sadly many have lost loved ones and many are suffering financially; social distancing is hard when we can’t be with family, our churches have been closed, and unfortunately, we are seeing an ugly side of some individuals.

However, because of all this, we are now seeing, more than ever, the Gospel being preached to the world via Social Media. We are seeing prayers and conversations about faith on Facebook. We are seeing God’s Word posted more than ever before and hymns being sung by many different musicians. People are helping in so many ways by making masks, delivering food, making calls and donating their time, money and talents.

Our churches are finding new ways to reach their members and in doing so have brought down the church walls and opened the church to the world outside the building. People are staying home and are being exposed to, perhaps for the first time, the Word of God. Who knows how many families are being changed for the better because of this quarantine?

God is making His word known to the world as never before through today’s technology. It’s like God is saying today “Be still and know that I am God.”

We can face our Giant (this pandemic or any other “Giant”) by knowing what King David knew:

“Lift your eyes, giant-slayer. The God who made a miracle out of David stands ready to make one out of you.” From Max Lucado’s book “Facing Our Giants”

The Bible says David was a man after God’s own heart. David was a lot like us. He had his good moments, but there were times when he also made some pretty bad choices. I wondered why he was “a man after God’s own heart”. Now I see—David’s focus was always on God.

Focus on giants—you stumble. Focus on God—your giants tumble.

God’s peace to all

SHARING GARDEN

Good Sunny Day to you!!

All the food pantries need our supplies now more than ever as unfortunately unemployment is at about 9.3% as of this writing. There are many households we are aware of that have filed for benefits and have not received them yet. There is quite the backlog.

We also need "man" power. We truly need devoted assistance; weeding, planting and most importantly harvesting and delivery. Thankfully many are still working on our committee, but that leaves us in a predicament. We ask for 1 day a week of weeding and harvesting. If you cannot deliver on that day, we understand, and that is where the delivery folks come in. If you don't know when to pick something, we can assist with that (it should be a little smaller than what you are receiving from the store). If you are unsure if it is a weed, we can assist you with that also. Most of our beds will have something in them to keep the weeds down, but weeding is still needed.

Also, if you would like to "adopt a bed" meaning providing plants for that bed or even better planting it yourself. Each week each person will be weeding and harvesting the whole garden so there is limited stress and who doesn't love sunshine and fresh air. Bring your kids down with you as it would count toward community service!!!

Please spread the word. We need to feed our sheep!!

God's blessing on you today and always

The Sharing Garden

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



AROUND THE CHURCH

So this is not your normal newsletter. We are not announcing upcoming events as we do not know when we will get back to business as usual, however we wanted to keep in touch. We also want to let you know about events that have been cancelled or postponed. We are hoping everyone is staying safe and well.

Here are a couple of announcements:

Payroll Protection Program Loan

As a result of the COVID 19 / Coronavirus, the US Congress has approved, and the President of the United States has signed a 2.2 trillion relief package called, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT). One of the components to the relief package is what is called the Payroll Protection Program (PPP), supported by a 350 billion dollar allocation. It essentially allows for non-profits and small businesses to apply for relief of eligible expenses such as: payroll, utilities, rent, and mortgage. The Payroll Protection Program allows for non-profits and small business to apply for eligible expenses over the 8 week period start February 15 until June 30th.

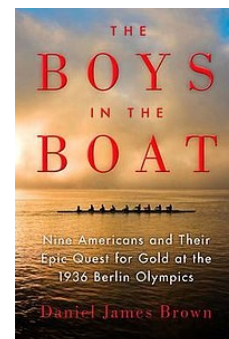
In order to apply, non-profits, like St. Paul's Church would need to calculate its average monthly expenses based on numbers for 2019 (of which St. Paul's eligible expenses would be payroll and utilities only, because the church does not pay rent or have a mortgage), and multiple by a factor of 2.5 (application instructions) to arrive at the amount applying for.

St. Paul's has applied for the Payroll Protection Program in the amount of \$66,254.85, and has been approved through Torrington Savings Bank. Funds have been transferred into the church checking account. At the inception of the Payroll Protection Program, funds are treated as a loan, and providing PPP funds are allocated for eligible expenses, and documentation is provided to substantiate the said, then the loan and any accrued interest is forgiven. The loan essentially transitions from the status of a loan to one of a forgivable grant.

If there are any questions, feel free to reach out to Fred Rakyta.

Women of the ELCA- Book Club!

If you would like to join in on the reading and discussion here are the details: this summer at a time and date to be announced we will discuss the book is **The Boys in the Boat** by Daniel James Brown. It is about "*Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.*" It comes highly recommended by Dixie Travis and we all agreed it sounded like a good choice! So, if you'd like you can download it for your device or order a hard copy for yourself. If you have trouble finding it, email the office and we will order it for you, we will find the cheapest copies and you can mail in a check. So, ... if you'd like, go ahead and get the book and settle in and relax. Will will review the book via Zoom on Friday July 24, 2020.

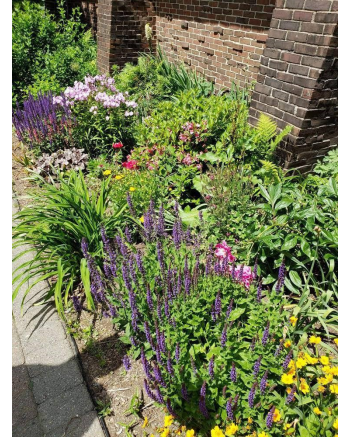


One of our members has been clearing out and has several sets of fishing poles and reels (not fly fishing equipment) to sell. They are of varying sizes and brands. The Pastor has them at the church for anyone to see if you would like some equipment for yourself, or want to introduce someone else to the sport.

AROUND THE CHURCH

Garden of Memories is starting to look beautiful!

Lisa could use some help with planting, watering and cleanup. The garden is so special to all of us. If you would like to help email lisabodnar@snet.net.



Congratulations to Seminarian Elizabeth Goehring

Many of you probably remember the seminary student that was with us for several months early last year. Elizabeth Goehring continues her studies through United Theological Seminary, Philadelphia and Gettysburg, PA. She has just passed another milestone on her journey toward ordained ministry. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Elizabeth completed her chaplaincy internship at Danbury Hospital. Congratulations to Elizabeth and may she continue to flourish in her studies.

VIRTUAL VBS WISH LIST & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Planning is in progress but we can always use help getting our first-ever virtual VBS set. The plan is to spend one day recording the various aspects of the week. Children who wish to participate will be given a packet of materials (curbside pick-up) to help make the week a fun and successful event. We do have a short wish list of materials you may wish to help donate. Items can be left at the church M-F between 9am – 12pm or leave on the side porch (near choir room entrance) and leave a message on the church phone that they are there. We'd like to have everything set by 7/19/2020.

We need:

- Full size pool noodles, new and in any solid color
- Unopen Bags of popped corn- plain or buttered will work best
- Smooth medium sized stones for painting (fist-size or so)
- **We are all set with flashlights and batteries THANK YOU!**

Children wishing to participate are asked to "register," by calling the church office at 860-482-3555 (leave a message if no one answers) or e-mail secretary@stpaulstorrington.com Leave your child(ren)'s name and grade entering and e-mail address. We will let you know when VBS kits are ready for pick-up. There will be no charge for virtual VBS but donations are welcome to help cover costs.

Should you have questions call or e-mail the church office or Paula at teetee108@yahoo.com We covet your prayers as we try this new way of bringing the Word of God to our Little Saints.

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



FROM OUR SENIOR CONFIRMANDS

On March 8th things appeared to be completely normal for our 9th Grade Senior Confirmation Class. The class had decided on their project and then Boom ... Covid-19 hit! The three young adults in the class became expert virtual learners from their respective schools and parents became the teachers! Pentecost Sunday, the day of the class' scheduled day of Confirmation was postponed and they were left in limbo. Recently the class came together via Zoom, along with Pastor Cady, David Little, and I. One class member had to be absent so we will catch him up. Because the class had already had discussion about their project and it was near and dear to the heart of one of the members of the class, literally, we wanted to do some educating and a collection of items for CT Children's Medical Center where Nathaniel Wesley has been treated (in addition to Boston Children's Hospital).

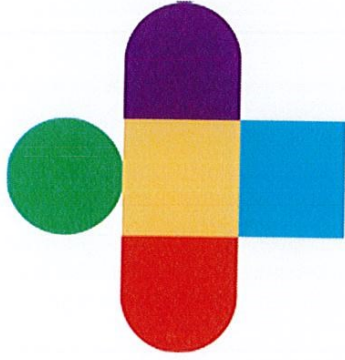
While we will have to educate congregants via the church's website, I want to share a bit about what we are doing. The Wesley's narrated an edited presentation they made to folks at BCC to us via Zoom and shared about a pediatric genetic disorder called Tetralogy of Fallot. Children diagnosed with congenital heart defects such as Tetralogy of Fallot make up about 1% of the population. Nathaniel has undergone five open-heart surgeries and about twenty three cardiac catheterizations and these surgeries and diagnostic tests will continue over his lifetime.

A little over two years ago we learned about the heart transplant Lucy Riley would need. Lucy's problem was different from Nathaniel's and after a successful heart transplant, Lucy is a healthy and growing 11-year old. The congregation supported Lucy and her family with an overwhelmingly successful dinner. We hope the congregation will consider helping the senior confirmand's project to secure toys, games, Legos, etc. for the closet at CCMC.

On Saturday, August 15th, from 10am – 12pm we will have a drive through Toy Drive in our church parking lot. Cash donations will be gladly accepted to help purchase a larger game the hospital may have on their wish list. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, memo CCMC. Items requested include things for infants through eighteen. Family friendly DVDs, books for all ages, Legos kits, coloring books/crayons/markers, sketch pads, new stuffed animals (not too large), non-violent video games, and anything that might help a sick child. All items must be new. Gifts will be collected in the lower parking lot on the curb. Youth will be wearing masks and practice social distancing as much as possible.

Please watch the church's website for the moving presentation the Wesley's have put together. You will receive a notification when it is posted. www.stpaulstorrington.com Please share this Toy Drive opportunity with friends and family. We hope to be able to fill a van with donations in the class's name and in honor of Nathaniel.

We are hoping to celebrate the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) for these young people at some point between the end of August and the end of October. Depending on procedures set by the health department and ELCA guidelines, plans will be made later in the summer.



**Connecticut
Children's**
MEDICAL CENTER

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	Family DVDs
Sketch Pads	Super Hero Action Figures	Ear Buds
Craft Kits	Age Appropriate CDs	



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



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Congratulations!

**Class of
2020**

High School Grads:

**Anthony & Dominic
Boscarino
Jacob Friday
Garrett Grening
Jaiden O'Meara
David Stewart**

College Grads:

**Jessica Bardwell
Theo Camara
Briana Hall
Mallory Hubbard
Meaghan Jones
Gabrielle Vega**

For the kids!

Print out and color the picture on the next page and send them out to our local nursing homes!

Valerie Manor attn.: Recreation 1360 Toringford Street Torrington CT 06790

Litchfield Woods attn.: Recreation 255 Roberts Street Torrington CT 06790

Regal Care attn.: Recreation 80 Fern Drive Torrington, CT 06790

Wolcott Hall attn.: Recreation 215 Forest Street Torrington, CT 06790

The Workman 244 Forest St. Apt. 36 Torrington, CT 06790

Brandywine 19 Constitution Way Apt. 133 Litchfield, CT 06759

Senior living facilities: Atria 376 Goshen Road Torrington, CT 06790
Keystone Place 1058 Litchfield Street Torrington, CT 06790



AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO DO TO YOU.

LUKE 6:31



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Rosalie Mueller
Hunter Hayes

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Leisa Radzins
Scott Abeling

5
Sylvia Stevens

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Madison Pipa

8
Margita Stone
Valerie Vega

9
Jennifer Ezzo
Amy Worthington-Cady

10
Linda Magyar

13
Dale Camara

17
Laney Hayes

19
Dave Stewart

20
Jan Eucalitto

21
John Stewart

22
Rachel Harrel
Aurorah Muhl
Nick Canino
Joe Canino

23
James Bement
John Iannelli

26
Carol Gesner
Mahaila Dickinson

29
Daisy Costa

30
Eleanor Klonoski
Kristyn Stewart

31
Olivia Canino

Donald and Donna Bruno 7/1/1972

Eric and Sue Homrok-Lemke 7/11/2009

Ignacio and Valerie Vega 7/11/1998

William and Michelle Skibesky 7/12/1986

Richard and Tina Hanusch 7/14/1984

Damion and Danielle Costa 7/25/2013



It is a boy! Adrienne Weik welcomed her new great grandson at the end of May! Logan Scott Holbrook is the son of Brandan and Caroline Holbrook.



Betty Tollar
Carmela Vegaro Bushey
Karen O'Connor
Marsha Hohensee Potter
Carl Muller
Eleanor Richard
Jill Pudlinski Tavano
David Shugrue



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