



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

Sunday Services

860-482-3555

October

- 3 **Pentecost 19**
Worship & Communion
Healing Service
10:00 am
- 10 **Pentecost 20**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 17 **Pentecost 21**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 24 **Pentecost 30**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 31 **Reformation Sunday**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

November

- 7 **Pentecost 24**
All Saints Day
Worship & Communion
Healing Service
10:00 am
- 14 **Pentecost 25**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 21 **Christ the King Sunday**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 24 **Thanksgiving Service**
TBA
- 28 **Advent 1**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

October
2021



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instagram.com/stpaulslutheranchurchtorct/

The annual coat drive is beginning!

A collaboration between FISH, the United Way and local drop off points including St. Paul's. Coats will be collected until November 7th and will be distributed at a date and location to be announced by FISH soon. When doing fall cleaning of closets, please consider donating gently used coats to this cause. **Please be sure donations are free of stains, holes and all zippers/buttons are in good working order.**



The following items will be accepted:

Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, winter boots, heavy sweaters/sweatshirts and coats of all sizes and weights.

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A Word from Pastor Cady

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's

October is the month when Protestants generally, and Lutherans specifically, recall and celebrate the Reformation. When we do this thoughtfully, it also becomes a time to re-commit to the values and ideals of that movement.

Let's review a few of those ideals and dedicate ourselves to giving them substance in our lives and in our world.

First and foremost, the Reformation movement is focused on the person of Jesus Christ and the Gospel message of grace he embodied and preached. The Christian tradition is rich and varied. Sometimes other features of the faith seem to obscure or overshadow Christ and his Gospel. Let us commit ourselves to keeping Christ in a central place in our lives and in our church as Savior, Lord, Teacher, and source of new life. So much of what ails the Church can be traced to forgetfulness of this basic truth – Jesus Christ must remain the undisputed Lord over our lives, and the sole source of God's blessings now and forever.

The Reformation also firmly established the direct connection between every baptized person and God. This is accomplished by making worship accessible in our language, providing easy access to the Holy Scriptures, engaging the laity in the governance of the church, and re-defining the role of the clergy. Instead of the clergy being a separate category of priests using sacraments to distribute grace, the reformers restored an understanding of the clergy as a shepherding role, preaching and teaching about God's love and mercy to wounded souls and seeking hearts. Let us not fall again into a false sense that God is too distant or too holy for ordinary people to receive divine blessings, even in the humblest circumstances.

The relationship between the church and the state was also part of the Reformation agenda. Popes and monarchs were intertwined in powerful ways before the Protestant movement took root. Several new arrangements were tried in different places and under different denominations, but what has evolved for many of us is a belief that the Church and the state have distinct roles in society. Neither one controls the other, but both, when things are working well, contribute to the overall benefit of the world. The state maintains an orderly structure using its authority to keep the peace, regulate commerce, and generally maintain the conditions that allow ordinary people to live decent and productive lives. The Church has authority to absolve sin, proclaim God's life-giving promise, and gather to praise God and serve their neighbors when needs arise. Officeholders in the state are not chosen by the Church, and leaders in the Church are not chosen by the state. Let us be clear that our secular government is not there to enforce our religious beliefs, nor are secular politics to be allowed to drive a wedge between members of the Body of Christ.

The Reformation established many other blessings, but the last I'll mention here is the use of music to praise God. The Church of the medieval period had choirs to sing hymns and psalms to support the liturgy that was spoken or sung by the clergy. The main body of the membership was largely silent except for a few formal responses to prayers. The reformers saw congregational hymn singing as a way to engage people in their faith in a more joyful and heartfelt way. Hymns both express and teach the faith. A rich tradition of musical praise is now a part of most Christian traditions. Let us embrace our beautiful and powerful heritage of music for our own sakes, and to pass on the great gift of deep musical expression that we have been blessed to receive.

In our gratitude for all that the reformers set in motion, let us continue to receive and share their message of a gracious God who calls together a Spirit-filled people to faith, love, hope, joy, and service.

In Christ,



Pastor Scott Cady

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles Street, Torrington

Fall Fellowship Dinner

Eat In or Take Out

Saturday, October 23, 2021

5:15 pm – Fellowship 6:00 pm – Dinner

🍁 \$15 – Adult 🍁 \$7 Kids (ages 5-10) 🍁

🍁 Under 5 Free 🍁

Salad, Bread, Roast Pork, Gravy, Veggie,
Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Pie, Beverages

Food 🍁 Fellowship 🍁 Fun!

For Tickets or Questions: 860-482-3555

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Drive Thru Halloween Treats

at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles St., Torrington

Saturday, October 30th

11:00-1:00pm

(or when treats run out!)

Kids get to have their picture taken in
costume and then treats!





FALL FAIR



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles Street, Torrington, CT 06790

Saturday, November 6th

9:00am – 3:00pm

Handmade Crafts, Bake Sale, Vendors with hand-made crafts, Soup & Sandwich Luncheon, Theme Baskets, More!



Handicapped Accessible, Free Admission



HILLTOP ELC

Well, Hilltop has once again made it through our first weeks of school in this continued pandemic! We are all trying our best to stay healthy and well. Families and staff are being super cautious about sending their children to school if there are any concerns for health and well-being. We may be overcautious, but I am happier to have it that way rather than too lax about the situation.



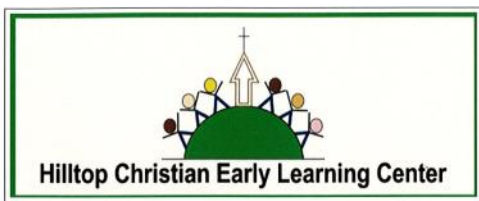
We were happy to receive seven monarch caterpillars from Mrs. Sosnicki's garden. As of this writing we have all seven in their chrysalis'. We are anxiously awaiting their transformation to become a butterfly. Our first unit of study is "All About Me" the children are working on drawings of their own families to add to a book. The older classroom is working on school rules as well.

We have been utilizing the outdoor classroom to the max! We are hoping to go pumpkin picking at Ruwet Farm in October. Ms. Bates has offered us the pumpkins from the church garden for exploration! I'd like to thank Ms. Bates for her hard work keeping that garden going. The children are enjoying seeing the produce.

Beginning October 18 through October 29, Hilltop is having a spice fundraiser through the Nutmeg Spice Company. Order forms will be available through the church office or our office if you would be interested in purchasing spices especially with the baking season upon us! Orders will be delivered between November 15th and November 19th. Cash or checks made out to St. Paul's will be accepted. ALL orders are Prepaid. Thanks in advance for your support!

Thank you for supporting us with your prayers as we continue to navigate this strange new territory! We pray, believing that God will find a way to continue to keep our doors open during this time.

In His Service,
Barbara Mazzei
Director/Head Teacher



Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center Fundraiser - FALL 2021



Order form for St. Paul's members is in the Narthex! Thank you for your support!

Spice Bottles are 6" High x 2.7" Diameter (soda can size)

Sale will start MONDAY October 18th and end on Friday, October 29th

All order forms must be returned by Friday October 29th

Turn in with cash or check In an envelope marked: "Spice Sale"

Checks can be made out to: St Paul's Lutheran Church with "Spice Sale" in the Memo Line

DELIVERY WILL BE between the 15th and the 19th of November

Questions? - Contact Barbara Mazzei at (860)482-3727

or email: director@hilltopchristianelc.com

Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center is thrilled to be able to offer Nutmeg Spice Herbs, Rubs, and Ice Cream toppings to help raise money to be able to purchase more individualized instructional supplies.

The Nutmeg Spice Company offers a premium array of spices, herbs and rubs for all your culinary needs.

All our products are bottled locally in Terryville, CT.
They are 100% pure with no fillers or added ingredients and are GLUTEN FREE!

AROUND THE CHURCH

Angel Project



I did a double take earlier today when I read a post on Facebook that Christmas is only 100 days away! Yikes! Can we at least get through the first few weeks of school? Columbus Day? Reformation Sunday?

The more I thought about it I realized that it probably isn't too early to start thinking about our Angel Project! I believe this will be St. Paul's 35th year of the Angel Project, my 34th in working closely with the annual affair! For those new to St. Paul's, or for those who need a refresher, the Angel Project helps families in need within our congregation as well as our nursing home patients and families who have lost a member of their immediate family in the past year. We also sponsor a class at the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission School in Rockpoint, AZ, a mission we have been supporting for 46 years.

At this point in time, I need to hear from families who believe they could use some help this Christmas season. We pared down the project last year due to Covid 19 and I believe we will probably do much the same this year; only young children will get actual gifts. Others will receive gift cards for children over age 8 or so.

Please see Paula Rosenbeck or Pastor Cady as soon as possible. Names are kept in confidence. Again this year, we hope to work in conjunction with the Puppitude Scrip program, whereby members can purchase gift cards to major retailers through Puppitude, thereby supporting our puppet ministry and also have easy access to shopping.

The Angel Project will begin on Sunday, November 7th, All Saints Day, for Navajo mission gift cards to Walmart so we can purchase gifts and have them shipped directly to the reservation before they break for Christmas. Stay tuned ...

Free Tai Chi classes on Wednesday mornings at 11 am, immediately following Bible Study. Feel free to join the group on Wednesday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Trippodi at 860-489-3545 or Karen.Trippodi@gmail.com



THE BOOK OF LONGINGS—Book Review

by Sue Monk Kidd

St. Paul's Women will meet on Monday, October 25th for their monthly meeting at 7:00pm. All women are invited to attend. A brief business meeting will take place and then we will engage in a book discussion about *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Hostesses for the month include Pamela Little, Kathy Olkowski, and Deb Seitz.

Also on the agenda will be plans for an angel craft in November and also our Thanksgiving basket assembly for families in need within the congregation. Please come and bring a friend!



AROUND THE CHURCH

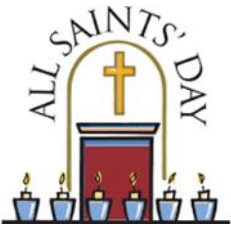
Reformation Food Drive 1517-2021

Five hundred and four years ago Martin Luther broke away from the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church was born. In honor of the 504 years, the ninth-grade confirmation class will host a non-perishable food drive during the month of October. We are asking you to prayerfully consider how you might help. All types of non-perishables are needed; pasta, rice, instant potatoes, soups, stews, veggies, fruit, hot and cold cereals, canned & bottled juices, hot chocolate, coffee, & tea, pancake mix & syrup, granola bars, peanut butter & jelly, puddings and Jello, snacks of all types, canned tuna, chicken, hash, and anything else that will help feed a hungry neighbor. Five hundred and four items sounds like a lot, but in the five Sundays in October, we believe we can meet our goal! Please help by adding a few items to your shopping list each week and help us surpass our goal!



All Saints Sunday Names Needed

As tradition has it here at St. Paul's, the names of those saints who have died during the last year are read, a candle lit in their memory, and the bell is tolled on All Saints Sunday, celebrated on November 7th this year. Please be sure to get the full name of your loved one who has died since last November 1st to Rachel by October 31st. 860-482-3555 or secretary@stpaulstorrington.com



Hat & Mitten Tree

We will also have the usual Hat and Mitten Tree for donations of store bought or handmade new hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, slippers, and socks. The tree will be placed in memory of Gladys Gasser and Ludwig Mueller. Gladys oversaw the project for many years and Louie placed the tree each year. Since his death, his family places the tree. I have heard from some of you that you've been busy making mittens, hats, etc. so hopefully we'll be able to keep many heads and hands warm this winter with your generosity. The tree will be in place for the month of November.



CAN YOU HELP? Halloween Candy Needed!

For several years the Christian Education Committee has sponsored a Fall Festival for children of all ages. We invite Hilltop students, Sunday School students and friends & neighbors to join us in October for some fall fun. This has been the single most popular event that falls under Family Ministry. Last year we held a very successful Fall Festival whereby children came dressed in costume for pictures and goodie bags. It was so well received by many families that we have decided to do it again! It will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 11am – 1pm in front of the church, weather permitting. Otherwise we will invite children to come in the entrance of the Narthex where we will take pictures and do goodie bag distribution and then exit via the exit door.



We are looking for donations of wrapped candy to include in goodie bags for all children who come for a quick no-contact picture and treats. The committee has ordered festive goodie bags and some non-candy treats but of course, we need candy also. Most of you would have probably bought candy to distribute from your home; can you get some for us to use for the little ghosts and goblins who come through our parking lot on Halloween? Candy can be left on Sundays between now and October 17th or during the week in the plastic box near the office door. The Christian Education Committee will be packaging goodies on Monday, October 18th. Please note that any leftover candy will be shipped to troops, what we have traditionally called "Sweets for Saints."



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2021-2022 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

- Sunday, September 26 – 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation Classes Begin
- October 3rd – 31st Reformation Food Drive sponsored by Sr. Confirmation Class
504 non perishable foods is our goal!
- Monday, October 18 – 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
- Saturday, October 30 – 11am – 1pm Drive Thru Fall Festival for Families
- Sunday, October 31 504th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation
Simple coffee hour with cupcakes, etc.
- Saturday, November 6 – 9am – 3pm St. Paul's Fall Fair
- Sunday, November 7 All Saints Sunday
- Monday, November 15 – 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, November 24 Thanksgiving Eve Worship – 7:00pm
Please bring pies for community Thanksgiving meal
- Sunday, November 28 Outside Christmas Tree lighting after church and before SS
Cookie Day for college kids, elderly and shut-in (Details to follow)
- Sunday, December 5th – 11:00am Second Sunday in Advent Family Craft & Fun (during SS)
- Friday, December 17 - 6:00 – 8:00pm Youth Pageant Rehearsal
- Saturday, December 18 – 5:00 – 7:00pm Youth Pageant Rehearsal (Snow Date)
- Sunday, December 19 – 10:00am Youth Pageant during worship
- Sunday, December 26 or January 2 No Sunday School
- Sunday, January 9 – 11:00am Sunday School resumes
- Monday, January 17 Christian Education Committee Meeting
- Sunday, February 6 "Soup"er Bowl of Caring Sunday
Non-perishable food drive for hungry neighbors
Annual Super Bowl Grinder/Chef Salad Sale
- Monday, February 21 Christian Education Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, March 2 - 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship, Imposition of Ashes
- Sunday, March 13 Parent/Grandparent/Adult Friend Visiting Day in SS
(Snow Date is 3/20)
- Wednesdays during Lent Mid-Week Suppers & Services – To Be Decided

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Monday, March 21 – 6:30pm

Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 10
Thursday, April 14
Friday, April 15

Palm Sunday
Holy Thursday
Good Friday

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday (no Sunday School)
Worship Schedule TBD

Monday, April 18 – 6:30pm

Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 1

Confirmation Sunday for Senior Confirmands
Rachel's Day (a day to celebrate all of God's Children)

Monday, May 16 – 6:30pm

Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 22

Last Day of Sunday School & Grades 7&8 Confirmation

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost Sunday

Monday, June 20 – 6:30pm

Christian Education Committee Meeting

Monday, July 18 – 6:30pm

Christian Education Committee Meeting

To Be Announced

Vacation Bible School 2022

Monday, August 15 – 6:30pm

Christian Education Committee Meeting

Please Note: Dates & Times May Be Subject to Change

Photos from Rally Day



THE GARDENS

The Monarch Sanctuary Waystation

As this newsletter is being written in late September, 3 Monarchs were spotted in the Sanctuary, drinking nectar from the zinnias, asters, sunflowers, and butterfly weed. Utilizing a much used cliché, “if you build it, they will come”. We are blessed to have the Monarchs identify our Sanctuary as a Waystation on their migratory path to Mexico during this very special resurrection year. Mums have replaced the petunias around the bird bath as we transition into the fall, and our native coneflowers will soon bloom, to accompany the Sedum and later sunflowers, keeping a constant source of nectar for the pollinators through the first hard freeze.

The 4 harvested pumpkins combined for a weight of 40 pounds and are being donated to the Hilltop Preschool. There are 9 gourds that will be harvested and dried at first frost. The sunflowers will serve as seed for the birds after blooming and the stalks will be sectioned into 18” lengths after the seeds are picked, to be placed in a trench to infuse the soil with carbon. Although the growing season will be ending in the coming weeks, the work will continue to insure the Sanctuary continues to thrive. The Litchfield Regional Coordinator for the UCONN Master Gardener program generously donated 3 swam milkweed and perennials plants that will provide additional sources of nourishment for the Monarchs in 2022 when they arrive.

Pictures of activity can be found on the St. Paul’s Facebook page.



THE GARDENS



The Sharing Garden

The growing season is in the final weeks, but productivity remains very high with the Tromboncino, a squash that is sturdy and grows on a vine. These prolific vegetables have produced nearly 40 pounds for our food pantries in the past month, with several of the Tromboncino exceeding 2 feet in length. Despite the 3rd wettest summer on record in Connecticut, this vegetable thrived and will be added to our planting list for next season. It has proven to be pest resistant and hardy despite the difficult weather conditions. The Butternut squash, while few in number, were perfect specimens at harvest, averaging over 4 pounds, as pictured below.

Unfortunately, our potato harvest was impacted by the wet conditions and rodent damage. The cucumber season was shortened after Hurricane Ida. The final harvest of leafy greens and root vegetables will be made in September as well as our final tomato harvest.

A final crop report (by vegetable, quantity and gross weight) will be provided in the October newsletter, but we are tracking to exceed 125 pounds of produce for the season. In networking with other gardeners that managed community gardens, and comparing/contrasting productivity, during this unusually wet summer, some of our beds had moderate to outstanding yields. There were many successes and silver linings to build on for 2022.



THE GARDENS

The Garden of Memories



Garden of committee

Lisa Bodnar, Beth Brower, Jeanette Richards and honorary member Howard Kreidwise

Community support!

FRIENDLY HANDS FOOD BANK

*A Seat at our
Table*

**Celebrity
Emcee**

**“CHAIR”-ITY
Auction**



Friday, November 5th
Torrington Elks Ballroom
70 Litchfield Street
Torrington
6:00 p.m.
Hors D'oeuvres Cash Bar



Taylor Kinzler

CT LIVE!

Monday-Thursday 11:45am
Friday 11:30am



Tickets \$10

available at the food bank or
online at www.fhfb.org



October



October 1st
Leah Seleman

October 3rd
Brigitte Mueller
Deborah Kolek

October 4th
Resa Barbieri

October 5th
Gene Schroeder, Jr.

October 7th
Rebecca Little

October 8th
Paula Rosenbeck
James Thurlough

October 9th
Caroline Hogan

October 10th
Mark Caulfield

October 12th
Linda Samele

October 14th
Lisa Bodnar
Kyle Thurlough

October 17th
Patricia Switzer
Kristy Ejzak

October 18th
Maeve Lemke

October 19th
Maddie Siss

October 20th
Michelle Skibesky

October 21st
Carol Cianciolo

October 23rd
Emery Tobin
Adam Dickinson

October 24th
Pastor Scott Cady
Heinz Beier

October 25th
Walter Dickinson

October 30th
Ruth Grech

Steve and Angela Distefano 10/01/2017

David & Pamela Little 10/04/1975

Scott & Jill Crossman 10/05/1996

Arielle & James Newkirk 10/05/2013

Gary & Marlene Parker 10/06/1956

Eric & Danielle Begey 10/07/2017

Harry & RuthAnn Stone 10/10/1959

Chuck & Laurie Chepiga 10/15/1977

David & Lois Nygren 10/18/1980

Ricardo & Deborah Kolek 10/22/1988

Steven & Mary Grening 10/24/1998

Kathleen Olkowski & Mark Kopchak 10/29/1994



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