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

Sunday Services

#### March

- 5 <u>Lent 2</u> Worship and Communion 10:00 am
- 12 <u>Lent 3</u>
  Worship and Communion
  10:00 am
- 19 <u>Lent 4</u>
  Worship and Communion 10:00 am
- 26 <u>Lent 5</u> Worship and Communion 10:00 am

Midweek Lenten Service Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Sunday School is at 11:00 am weekly

#### **April**

- Palm Sunday
   Worship and Communion
   10:00 am
   No Sunday School
- 6 Holy Thursday
  Worship & Communion
  7:00 pm
- 7 Good Friday
  Worship & Communion
  7:00 pm
- 9 <u>Easter Sunday</u>
  Worship and Communion
  Sunrise 6:00 am
  10:00 am followed by Easter
  Egg Hunt
- 16 <u>Easter 2</u> Worship and Communion 10:00 am
- 23 <u>Easter 3</u>
  Worship and Communion 10:00 am
- 30 <u>Easter 4</u> Worship and Communion 10:00 am

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#### A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Lent can be thought of in at least 3 ways. One is our own need for repentance and absolution. This is one of the key elements of a mature spirituality, but it has its pitfalls. We can become too preoccupied with our own virtue or lack of it. We can make ourselves the center of the story of redemption. We can fall into a kind of morbid guilt, shame, or even hopelessness, forgetting the overarching love and grace of God and the promise of new life in Christ.

A second way is to use Lent to reflect on our own mortality. This is not about sin and grace specifically, but a more deliberate admission that the world existed before us, will exist after us, and that our span of life is a unique and precious gift that each of us can only live as best as we can. Realizing that we have a number of days is depressing to some, but our faith is supposed to help us grasp every opportunity for joy, love, charity, and purposeful living. What might we do with this incredibly priceless time, especially if we focus on doing good, living with compassion, and striving to embody honor and gratitude in all our relationships?

Third, Lent can help us focus on the very dramatic and decisive words and deeds of Jesus as he fulfilled his saving ministry for us all. Here our gaze shifts from ourselves to our Lord. Both our need for repentance, and the fact of our mortality are transformed into one part of Christ's divine deliverance. We are not the center of the story, but neither are we left out of the story. What Jesus does on our behalf accomplishes the forgiveness we need and long for. What he shows us about how to be a faithful human in this broken world can help us use the treasure of our days in ways that project something of God's healing work into the world.

All these ways of observing Lent can do one more thing: they can connect us to a vast community of others who are also finding deep meaning in Christ's work as it re-makes our hearts through the Holy Spirit. I believe that this creation of a new community of faith might be the least appreciated, but the most effective, of the victories that Jesus has won.

May we use this annual opportunity to see in Lent a time of renewal and re-commitment to follow the one who has set us free and made us into true children of God.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Scott Cady

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church Lenten Schedule

Day	Date(s)	Time	Event							
Ash Wednesday	February 22	7:00 am to 9:00 am 7:00 pm	Ash Distribution  Service with Ashes and  Communion							
Thursdays	March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	5:30 pm	Midweek Soup Supper with Worship							
Sunday	April 2	10:00 am	Palm Sunday Service							
Thursday	April 6	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Foot Washing with Communion							
Friday	April 7	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service							
Sunday	April 9	6:00 am	Sunrise Service In the garden (weather permitting)							
Sunday	April 9	10:00 am	Easter Sunday Service Easter Egg Hunt for children following the service							

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Tai Chi Wednesday Mornings 11:00

Drop in whenever the mood strikes. Free to all! For more information karen.trippodi@gmail.com A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We have a consistent group enjoying the fellowship after service, but few volunteers. As a volunteer you need to set up, make coffee, provide a simple snack and clean up. Please consider this opportunity to serve your fellow members.



Applications are available in the Narthex, Applications are due April 23, 2023 .Please remember to leave time for Pastor to fill out his section. Thanks and good luck!



Women's Breakfast Wednesday, March 15 8:30 am

George's Restaurant East Main St. Torrington Men's Breakfast Wednesday, March 15 8:30 am

A/C Eatery
South Main St. Torrington

### Palm Sunday Candy Sale

To benefit St. Paul's Angel Project Pre-Orders are Encouraged, please!



# All items are \$1.00 each White & Milk Chocolate Crosses or Lambs

#### With or Without Sticks (Iollipops)

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Detach & Return Form and payment to the Offering Plate, Lock Box, or Church Office by March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Pick up in Narthex on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Spring Fellowship Dinner Saturday, April 15, 2020

5:15pm – Fellowship 6:00pm - Dinner

Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggie, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Adults - \$15.00 Children – ages 5-10 - \$8.00 Children Under 5 – Free



Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!



#### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Vacation Bible School 2023 "Break Out"



Sometimes our ordinary life can make us feel trapped. We can feel trapped by our worries, our doubts, our fears, and our sin. Sometimes we just wish we could break out and be free from these struggles. Through this escape room-themed VBS, kids will not only solve fun puzzles throughout the week, but will also learn that only God has the power to come in and break us out of the ordinary to lead us to the extraordinary.

August 7-11, 2023 9am – 12pm

For all children ages 4 (by 12/31/2023) - Grade 6

Registrations available soon keep an eye on our website!



#### hilltopelc



Hilltop registration is now underway for the 2023-2024 school year. We have spaces in all classes for children ages 2-5. Two-year-olds meet 2 days a week for 1.5 hours while our three- and 4-year-olds have options for 2, 3 or 5 mornings a week for 2.5 hours. New this fall, we are offering a school day 5.5 hr. class open to all area residents that is not supported by a grant. We feel that offering a slightly longer day will help those parents who work and need care longer. We also offer a school day class for Torrington residents which is supported by the state funded School Readiness Grant and family fees. Tuition for this class is on a sliding scale based on family size and income. If you have a young child, we hope that you will check us out! If you don't have a young child, we ask that you refer others to Hilltop!

We recently held an online BINGO fundraiser through "Everything Happens for a Reason Fundraising" and raised about \$750.00. Thank you to the church members who attended this event! This is a blessing to us as we continue to find ways to meet our financial obligations during this, now the third year of this pandemic. By Faith, we know God will take care of us. We have recently received opportunities to write grants for security cameras and possible outdoor classroom equipment.

We are looking ahead at extra opportunities for fundraising, we will hold a hanging basket sale near Mother's Day. Our annual Art Show is now a silent auction and literacy family event. We plan to have "Mother Goose" come and tell her nursery rhymes with the children during the Art Show/Auction.

We have some other fun events planned in the coming weeks! We will have a fun filled silliness week to celebrate "Read Across America" and our favorite author "Dr. Seuss". We plan to dress in green for St. Patrick's day and have a special snack!

I would like to take the time to recognize our staff, who have adapted to our "new normal" so well! They have been flexible as the needs arise. We have the BEST teachers!

Thank you for supporting the Hilltop ministry in a variety of ways!

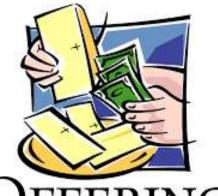
In His Service, Barbara J. Mazzei, Director & Head Teacher





#### Around the church





#### A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE COUNTERS

We are thankful for everyone who makes a weekly/ monthly donation to the church. As counters, we'd like to invite you to do a couple of things. If you have envelopes, please use them. If you can avoid it, please don't use tape to seal your envelope. The little gummy tab is usually pretty effective. The envelopes are processed each week and then saved for reference for a period of time.

About a year ago the Congregation Council decided not to FERING put special envelopes (Missions, World Hunger, Restoration and Repair, and the Discretionary Fund – Helping Members DUNTERS in Need) in offering mailings to save money. Rather, these envelopes are in a rack in the Narthex for your convenience. If you wish to make a donation to any of these funds, please

grab an envelope; they are there for the taking.



#### Come quilt with us!

Experience is not necessary; we have some master quilters who are very willing to lend a hand!

> We meet most Wednesdays from 1pm - 4pm.

#### **NEW ACOLYTES BEGIN TO SERVE**

A new group of acolytes was recently trained to begin serving. These young people will be mentored by the five seasoned acolytes currently serving. Please be patient as they "learn the ropes" of serving in this capacity. This is another step in their Christian Education and service to God and His Church. We welcome: Maverick Abeling, Mason Ferrucci, Lucas Rosenbeck, TICOIUIES Jeremy and Kyle Thurlough.





Save the Date! May 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 Cinco de Mayo Beer and Wine Tasting at Elk's Pond! Fundraiser to benefit St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### 2023 Caster/Pentecost Memorials

Anyone wishing to memorialize a loved one with Easter and/or Pentecost flowers can do so by filling out the form provided below and placing it in the offering plate or returning it to the church office. Cost is by donation.

Please choose:	W. A. The
Easter Flowers	
Pentecost Flowers	
Both	
IN MEMORY OF:	
	Please make checks
	payable to: St. Paul's
IN HONOR OF:	Memo: Easter Memorial Forms must be in the church office no later March 27, 2023
	GIVEN BY:







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

10 Michele Binelli

**12**Susan Racloz
Charlotte Madia

13 John Grunder

14 Deborah Canino

**15**Jonathan Olson
Meredith Winzler

**17** Regina Pagano 18 Betty Hilton

19 Barbara Nalette Steve DiStefano

**20** Cheryl Corey

21 Beth Brower

22 Hannah Winzler Lucas Rosenbeck

23 Carol Leichner

> 24 Aiden Vega

**25** Jeanette Richard

**27** Wallace Gangell

> **28** Joey Weber

Armando & Michelle Binelli

3/7/2009



To the family and friends of Linda Matyseck



If you have any questions or concerns that you would like addressed, feel free to contact Mark Rose, council president. He can be reached at 860-978-5857 or emailed at

markwrose@icloud.com

# Kids Page! The Season of Lent

Easter Sunday

Ash Wednesday

Holy Thursday

Palm Sunday

Crucifixion

Forgiveness

Last Supper

Good Friday

Sacraments

Forty Days

Sacrifice

Holy Week

Disciples

Fasting

Penance

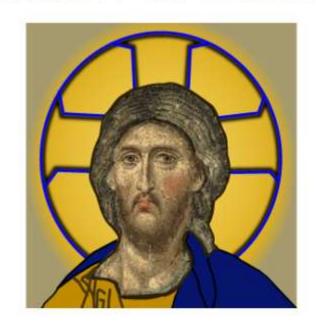
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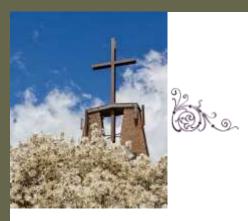
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