

July
August

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

Sunday Services

2023

July

- 2 **Pentecost 5**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 9 **Pentecost 6**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 16 **Pentecost 7**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 23 **Pentecost 8**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 30 **Pentecost 9**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

August

- 6 **Pentecost 10**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 13 **Pentecost 11**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 20 **Pentecost 12**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 27 **Pentecost 13**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am



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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Summer here at St. Paul's is a very active time. Sunday School and Confirmation classes are on hold, but other activities are in full swing.

We are very excited about our Concert Series. Each 3rd Saturday from 5:30pm to 7, we have musical groups scheduled to come and share their music with us. Weather permitting, we do this outside. It is a great time to come over, bring a picnic supper, relax on the lawn and enjoy the talent.

The Farmers' Market has also resumed each Saturday from 10am –1pm. To engage the community a bit more, we've arranged to have a table of our own with a give-away bag containing a cd with kids' music, fliers, brochures, and posters of our up-coming events, and a welcoming face to introduce shoppers to St. Paul's ministries. If any of you would like to assist in this effort, please let me know.

VBS is always a hit with the little ones who attend, and is a great way for older kids and young adults to be involved in a fun and educational week. This year it is August 7-11. Pamela and the Christian Ed Committee put a lot of effort into this program with excellent results. There's a rumor that I will be the "mascot" this year! Again, if you'd like to help with this ministry, there is plenty to do. But even if that's not "your thing," please make sure any young people in your circle of friends and family are aware and welcome to come. Our VBS is never a strictly in-house activity. Each year some students and leaders come from the wider community.

The Tag Sale will have happened by the time you read this, but it, too, is part of our vibrant summer programming.

It is not too late to offer some time to our Sharing Garden. There is room to plant and harvest some of the faster growing produce, or to purchase plants like peppers and tomatoes that are well along from local nurseries. Hannah Winzler is our coordinator for this project. Any food we harvest is given to our local feeding agencies.

Of course our worship continues at the regular time each Sunday. On the best weather weekends, anyone who'd like to help set up a social time after worship outside can work with the coffee hour hosts to do that. We will also begin to offer monthly "Potluck and Praise" evening events for spiritual edification and easy fellowship. It is possible that a few of these could be outside on nice evenings, too.

And one request...As some of you travel about this summer, try to visit other churches. Bring back any literature they give out, and make notes about the most attractive or welcoming things they do that we might incorporate here.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Scott Cady



Synod Assembly News



At the recent Synod Assembly we learned of some new opportunities.

One is that we will elect a new bishop next year. A new process has been set up to allow any member of the synod to nominate any ELCA pastor to be elected for a 6 year term as bishop. Before, only voting members of the Assembly could nominate a candidate. Now any of you can nominate any Word and Sacrament Minister from anywhere in the ELCA to be our next bishop.

Second, there is to be a very extensive and exciting Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer. For the first time, there will be an event specifically for “Young Adults.” Our definition of that term is anyone between 18 and 30 years of age. St. Paul’s has several people in that category, so I’d love to see if we can send them off.

Also, if any of you adults are interested in being a volunteer at the part of the event that is offered for our high schoolers, you can do so. This would allow you to get a taste of the enthusiasm of 20,000 to 30,000 Lutheran teens from around the US all gathered for worship, service, fellowship and fun.

Third, there are 2 programs designed for young people who want to take a year off between high school and college to do volunteer work either in the US or in somewhere else in the world. This second is called Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). I know of 2 people who did this from my last parish. One went to South Africa and the other to Romania. Both eventually went to seminary. One is a pastor, the other a seminary professor. I know less about the domestic program, but would love to explore that if we have any young people who might be interested. These programs usually offer a stipend and are very well managed.

If you would like to discuss any of these opportunities, please see Pastor Cady.

A life changing Journey to the
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Happy Summer. Another School year in the books! Thanks to all the staff here at Hilltop and at the Church office gals for their dedication and commitment to Hilltop.

Our end of year programs were held in person. A couple of them had to be held inside due to the weather. The others were held outside. It was great to have families be able to join us. This is an important step in their child's school experience, and we celebrate each and every one of them.

I will have summer hours in the office working on getting ready for Fall. We do have openings in all our classes. Registration forms are available at either the Hilltop office or the Church office. Please spread the word to family and friends. You may call the Hilltop office to schedule a tour and to pick up paperwork 860-482-3727.

I am happy to report that as of this writing we have all our staff returning in September.

We are changing one of our half-day classrooms into a full school day classroom and we are happy to report that there seems to be a need for a bit of a longer day.

Wishing you all a delightful, restful, and rejuvenating summer.

Praying you stay well.

In His Service,
Barbara Mazzei





Vacation Bible School 2023

Date: August 7-11, 2023 9am – 12pm. For all children ages 4 (by 12/31/2023) to Grade 6 Registration forms on the website, in the office and in the Narthex!

VBS Help Needed, Please!

We are seeking adult and teenage help for our fun week of VBS. We need gamers, crafters, singers, storytellers, and all-around helpers! We anticipate having a number of 3-year olds through 6th graders who will need reliable helpers throughout the week . See Paula Rosenbeck, Pastor Cady, or any member of the Christian Education Committee if you can help in any way. It's always a fun week for those involved!

Wish List

Aside from students to register, the following items are on our wish list for VBS Crafts. We can use:

Black Buttons – 3/4" – 1 1/4"

Sharpie-type Permanent Markers

Crayola Watercolor Markers

Large Blue Solo Plastic Cups

Blue Foam Craft Sheets

White long chenille stems

Plain String

Chinet™ Large round Dinner Plates

2-oz. Acrylic Paints – green, gray, white, blue

Paint brushes

Tacky™ - type craft glue

Colorful Plastic tablecloths – 108" long

Inexpensive small white paper plates

Antibacterial Hand Wipe canisters



CAN YOU HELP SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD?

As most of you are well aware, our Sunday School is quite small. However, the kids that we have coming are really energetic and love coming to church! At a recent meeting of the Christian Education Committee we realized that even though our numbers haven't grown by leaps and bounds, we are at a point in time where we have to plan another class to accommodate a group of young boys who are quickly outgrowing their class. Therefore, we need someone willing to

take on the challenge to teach in a grade 5-6 classroom. At this point there are three children who would be in the class with the possibility of more to come!

The Christian Education Committee has decided to try to a new lectionary-based curriculum for this class. Whirl is published by Media 1517, the ELCA's publishing house. The committee reviewed the materials and we are excited about what it offers.

Please see Paula Rosenbeck or any member of the Christian Education Committee with any questions you might have. To meet our Safe Church guidelines we need two adults/teens in the classroom at all times. It would be great to have someone lined up come September.

Summer Concert Series 2023



St. Paul's Lutheran Church



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stpaulstorrington.com

Date	Band
May 20	Muddy Boots
June 17	South Road
July 15	Thunder Road
August 19	Robert Werme
September 16	The Ebbas
October 21 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall	Robert Fullerton

**Tickets available Mon.—Fri. at the church office,
Sunday mornings prior to the service or at the door.**

\$10 for 13+

\$5 for 6-12

under 6 are free

All shows begin at 5:30 pm Light refreshments available for purchase
or bring a picnic.

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

Fall Fellowship Dinner

Eat In or Take Out

Saturday, October 14, 2023

5:15 pm - Fellowship 6:00 pm - Dinner

- \$15 - Adult • \$8 Kids (ages 5-10) •
- Under 5 Free •

Entrée will be announced closer to the event.

Food • Fellowship • Fun!

For Tickets or Questions: 860-482-3555
www.stpaulstorrington.com

OCTOBER
21ST

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Torrington



St. Paul's Lutheran Church presents their:
7th Annual Car show

Saturday, October 21, 2023

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Rain date: Sat. October 28, 2023

Registration fee \$10

Food 50/50 Raffle Music

For more info:
St. Paul's: 860-482-3555
or Steve: 860-601-1691

~~Save the date!~~

~~Penny~~ Bean Auction!

(With an "Auctioneer!")

Sponsored by St. Paul's Women of the ELCA
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles Street, Torrington

Fri. September 22, 2023

Doors Open - 6pm

Auction Starts - 7pm

Enjoy a Girl's Night Out!

Admission - \$10.00 (includes 1 complimentary container
beans, beverages, light refreshments, popcorn bar & door prize)



To Benefit: CHH Pink Rose Fund (offering mammograms for underserved
women) & St. Paul's Church
860-482-3555 for more information

INAUGURAL BEAN AUCTION!

Our first Bean Auction was well in the planning stages in early 2019 when the pandemic began! St. Paul's Women are pleased to be planning "the" Bean Auction for Friday, September 22nd. Similar to a Penny Auction, we will be using "Beans" as currency for this fun evening of prizes, light refreshments, and laughter! One of St. Paul's own women is practicing her "auctioneering lingo" for this event!

We welcome donations of gift cards, new, or hand-made prizes for the event. We have some donations but we welcome more! Almost anything goes!

Part of the proceeds will benefit the Pink Rose Fund at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, offering reduced cost mammograms to underserved women and the remainder will benefit St. Paul's. It promises to be a fun evening out, so save the date!

Women of the
ELCA



Around the church



June 26, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday June 18, 2023, I spoke to the congregation about allowing Friendly Hands Food Bank, (FHFB) the use of our parking lot for their farmers market and pet food distributions that take place on Wednesdays.

At the June meeting, Council agreed to allow FHFB to use our parking lot on a temporary basis. The Council will review the situation at its August meeting and decide whether or not to continue the arrangement with FHFB.

A number of challenges were observed this past Wednesday, of which, some are listed below:

A number of challenges were observed this past Wednesday. This list may not be all inclusive, but these are at the forefront as we work with FHFB to create a smoother operation on Wednesday afternoons, and they are:

- Better crowd control, Keeping people out of the traffic lanes through the upper parking lot.
- Use of Bathrooms in the church by FHFB clients.
- Arrival times of FHFB clients prior to start of distribution of food.
- How to handle afternoon pickup once preschool returns in the fall.
- Preschool Staff Parking.

The executive board of the Council and the preschool director will meet on Wednesday June 28, 2023, to begin to address the issues above.

The diagram provided shows the parking spots that will be available for church members and visitors on Wednesday afternoon. Please know that you can park in the handicap spaces even if you do not have a handicapped sticker. If you are asked why you are parking in the upper lot, please tell the FHFB representative that you're here for a church activity and proceed inside.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at 860-978-5857 or at markwrose@icloud.com.

Yours in Christ,

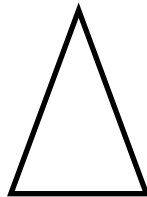
Mark Rose
Council President

Torrington West Street

Church Parking

Church Parking

Church Building



Church Parking

Church Parking

Friendly Hands
Foodbank

Set-up
under trees

No Church
parking

Charles Street

**Wednesdays
through
August
1-4 pm**

COMMUTER
LOT
Lower parking
lot
FHFB clients
parking area



Around the church



The Quilting Group will be selling lap quilts with all the proceeds going to the church operating budget. This will take place on September 17th after church.

The lap quilts have all been made by the woman of the church and friends. The price range is between \$40—\$75.



FALL FAIR CRAFT WORKSHOPS

St. Paul's Women will soon be scheduling Craft workshops to prepare for the Fall Fair which is set for Saturday, November 4th. It's never too early to start creating items for the Fair! Do you sew, knit, work with wood, paint, or work with your hands creating anything?! We welcome your help to make the 17th Fall Fair another one we can be proud of! Listen to announcements on Sunday mornings for when we will be starting!



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

A 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.



Women's Breakfast
Wednesday,
July 19 & August 16
8:30 am

George's Restaurant
East Main St. Torrington

Men's Breakfast
Wednesday,
July 19 & August 16
8:30 am

A/C Eatery
South Main St. Torrington



Garden of Memories



The gorgeous arch of Dogwood leading the way to the monument in the garden.

Though the Garden of Memories is dedicated to those who have preceded us into the Kingdom of the Lord, it serves mainly as a retreat for meditation and relaxation. Heck you can even join the weekly Wednesday morning Tai Chi (11 am if interested) in the garden when the weather permits. It is an Oasis where we may temporarily escape. It provides the serenity and peace which is missing in our busy lives. Brief interludes in this lovely and peaceful setting helps one to live more focused. Come to the garden and enjoy a brief timeout!



God Bless,
Garden of Memories Committee
Lisa Bodnar, Jeanette Richard,
Beth Brower,
and Howard Kreidwise, member emeritus

St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Torrington Scholarship Award Recipients 2023

The Edmund and Olga Pfeffer Family Memorial Scholarship

In loving memory of parents, Edmund and Olga Pfeffer, and their daughters and sons by the family

Presented by: Mrs. Laurie Chepiga

Recipient: May Friday

Northwestern Connecticut Community College

Major: Social Work

The Ferdinand and Othelia Feffer Memorial Scholarship

In loving memory of Ferdinand and Othelia Feffer by their children.

Presented by: Mr. Mark Rose, Council President

Recipient: May Friday

Northwestern Connecticut Community College

Major: Social Work

The Suzanne Seitz Memorial Scholarship

In loving memory of Suzanne Seitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Seitz, by the family.

Presented by: Mr. Alan Seitz

Recipient: Caroline Hogan

The Arthur, Elsie, and Warren Hinchcliffe Scholarship

In loving memory of Dr. Warren Hinchcliffe by his parents, Arthur and Elsie Hinchcliffe.

Presented by: Scholarship Committee Member

Recipient: Tanya Weingart

Ithaca College

Major: Occupational Therapy

The Albert and Lillian Jene Memorial Scholarship

In loving memory of Albert and Lillian Jene by Arthur Jene.

Presented by: Ms. Brenda Crowell

Recipient: Emily O'Dell

University of Rhode Island

Major: Agriculture

The St. Paul's Memorial Scholarship

This memorial began in loving memory of Louise Thiede by her family, and continues in loving memory of other loved ones by members and friends of St. Paul's

Presented by: Ms. Paula Rosenbeck

Recipients: Caroline Hogan

The Frederick Feffer Memorial Scholarship

In loving memory of Frederick Feffer by Mr. Arthur Feffer.

Presented by: Mr. Mark Rose, Council President

Recipient: May Friday

Northwestern Connecticut Community College Major:

Social Work

The Erik Feffer Memorial Scholarship

In loving memory of Erik Feffer by Mr. Arthur Feffer

Presented by: Mr. Mark Rose, Council President

Recipient: Emily O'Dell

University of Rhode Island

Major: Agriculture

The Jean and Bruno Arcoma Memorial Scholarship

In loving memory of Jean and Bruno Arcoma by the Arcoma family

Presented by: Scholarship Committee Member

Recipient: Caroline Hogan

The Charlotte Frost Family Memorial Scholarship

In Memory of Charlotte & Robert Frost by Family and Friends

Presented by: Ms. Emily Decker

Recipient: Emily O'Dell

University of Rhode Island

Major: Agriculture

Saint Paul's Women of the E. L. C. A. Scholarship

Established to support women within St. Paul's Congregation seeking an undergraduate degree from a college or university.

Presented by: Mrs. Leah Seleman

Recipient: Tanya Weingart

Ithaca College

Major: Occupational Therapy

The Tofield Family Memorial Scholarship

Established by Miss Bernice Tofield in honor of her parents and sister

Typically Presented by: Mr. Mark Rose, Council President

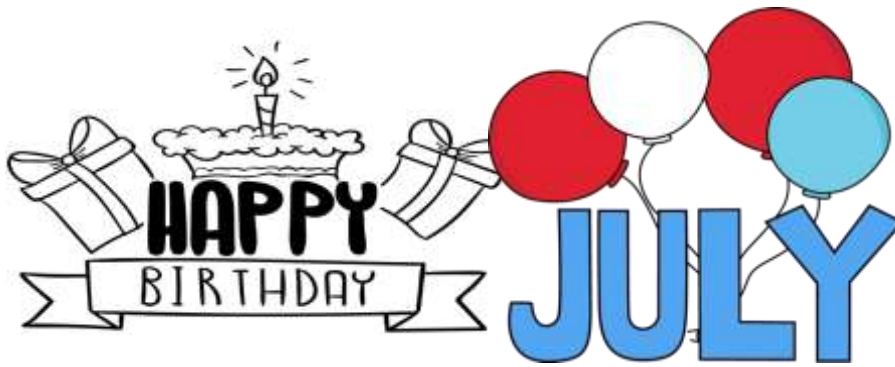
Recipient: Tanya Weingart

Ithaca College

Major: Occupational Therapy



Congratulations



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John Stewart |
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Joe Canino
Aurora Muhl |
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Sylvia Stevens | |
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Margita Stone
Valerie Vega
Carol Deleppo | 23
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John Iannelli |
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Cady | 26
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Mahaila Dickinson |
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| Ignacio and Valerie Vega | 7/11/1998 |
| William and Michelle Skibesky | 7/12/1986 |
| Richard and Tina Hanusch | 7/14/1984 |



Jeremey Thurlough who won the Presidential Excellence in Education Award at Torrington Middle School!



To the family and friends of

Nancy Colon
Mike Seleman



2 Tom Seitz	25 Liz Emmett
4 Max Harrel	26 Steve Grening Janis Martin
6 Richard Corey Dixie Travis	27 Ed Grening
8 Kathryn Depaoli	28 Cal Bensch
10 Linda Richard	29 Adrienne Weik
11 Eric Begey	31 David Stewart
13 Gary Begey	
14 Stevie DiStefano	
16 Larry Bielik	
17 Debora Sterling	
18 Meagan Clavette	
20 Lydia Smith John Stewart Abby Nardine	
23 David Ness	

June and Stephen Seiser	08/03/1985
Ed and Anne Grening	08/05/1953
Gary and Linda Rosa	08/07/1982
John and Mary Quinn	08/10/1962
Donald and Brooke Crossman	08/11/2006
Ron and Dixie Travis	08/24/1963
Kurt and Kelli Schaller	08/25/2007



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

Kids Page!



God Loves You!



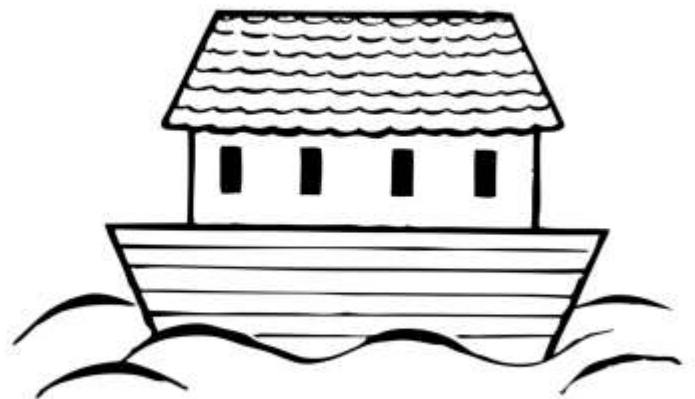
Noah and the Ark



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| DOVE | RAIN |
| EVIL | RAINBOW |
| FLOOD | TWO |
| FORTY | WATER |
| GOOD | WOOD |





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