St. Paul's Lutheran Church The Good News!

Sunday Services

October

- 1 Pentecost 18
 Worship and Communion
 10:00 am
- 8 Pentecost 19
 Worship and Communion
 10:00 am
- 15 <u>Pentecost 20</u>
 Worship and Communion 10:00 am
- 22 Pentecost 21
 Worship and Communion
 10:00 am
- 29 Reformation Sunday
 Worship and Communion
 10:00 am

November

- 5 All Saint's Day
 Worship and Communion
 10:00 am
- 12 <u>Pentecost 24</u> Worship & Communion 10:00 am
- 19 <u>Pentecost 25</u> Worship & Communion 10:00 am
- 26 Christ the King
 Worship and Communion
 10:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at Center Congregational Church.
Stay tuned for details.



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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

We have several special events in October:

We will offer an ecumenical Blessing of the Animals at 3pm, Saturday, October 7. These are often done near the commemoration of St. Francis because of his well-known love for all God's creatures. It will be open to the community. Anyone can bring any pet to receive a blessing. There will be brief prayers and readings, and a song of two.

Friendly Hands Food Bank will give a Temple Talk on Sunday, October 8 and another by the Gideons on Sunday, October 15, and yet another by Susan B. Anthony Women's Shelter on Sunday, October 22. It is important that we are aware of the many good partners we have in our area whose services are so vital for our neighbors.

Our second Pot-luck and Praise will be at 6pm Thursday, October 19.

Fellowship Dinner is 5:15 Saturday, October 14.

On Saturday, October 21 we have two events: our Car Show from 2-6 and our last concert of the season at 6:30pm - Robert Fullerton.

Reformation Sunday will be October 29.

There will also be a Halloween event near the end of the month by the Family Ministry/Youth Group team, details to be announced.

Each of these offers us a chance to deepen our connections with one another and our community. I hope you can attend several of them.

A word about the Reformation: Lutherans world - wide commemorate the events of the early years of the 16th Century, beginning with Luther's nailing of the "95 Theses" to the church door in Wittenberg in 1517 and the presentation of the Augsburg Confession by Luther's supporters in 1530. These events have sometimes been presented as a great victory of truth over falsehood, freedom over captivity, or more negatively as a rebellion that shattered the unity of the western church. There are some elements of accuracy in these views. The truth is that a very large number of church leaders recognized the need for some kinds of reforms to church practice in those days. But the Pope, who is also the Bishop of Rome, rejected some of the aspects of Luther's efforts. Luther was excommunicated in early 1521. Defiant, he continued to press for significant changes in theology and practice in the church. Eventually, a movement took hold in northern Germany and the Scandinavian lands that became known as Lutheranism. At its heart are three ideas: our salvation comes from Grace alone, Faith alone, and Christ alone. We are able to trust the promises of new life from God because we believe God is a God of Grace. We grasp this promise and cling to it by Faith, and all this is possible because of the redemptive work of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We

are by no means the only Christians who understand this, nor do we always live out these beliefs fully. But we continue to try to organize our congregations and teachings so that these central ideas do not get muted or forgotten. May the Grace of God be held firmly by each of you in Faith, and may the focus of our faith always be the person

of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady



Meet Mein the garden



"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. " Ephesians 2:10

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, ^[D] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:4-8

These scriptures tell us who we are in Christ Jesus and that we are each given different gifts which we are to use to grow the church that Christ established.

Hebrews 10:25 also says, "we should not be giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing..."

Sometimes our gifts are not obvious to us until we step out in faith and give it a try. I did not know I could teach until I volunteered to lead a Bible Study many years ago and that lead to starting Alpha which was an 11 week course for those who wanted to learn more about Christianity.

My experience has been that if you keep God in it, He will provide.

A complete list of gifts is too long for me to list them all, and I would probably miss some, but here are a few you might consider: Service, hospitality, giving, encourager, teacher, music, administrator, telling others, healing, wisdom, leadership, contributing to the needs of others, electronics.

St Paul's needs your talents, your time and your generosity. We have an opportunity to worship God by using what He has given us to do His work.

I wonder, if when we stand before God, will we hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant". I pray we all will.

Blessings, Betty Hilton





Around the church





We ask that all committees send their proposed budgets to Jean, our bookkeeper, no later than **October 20, 2023**. This will allow the finance committee and council time to review prior to our congregational meeting in December.

Last, but not least, we are aways looking for a few members to join our committee. If you are interested, please let anyone on the committee know. We usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Your committee is Fred

Rakyta, Pam Ewing, Diane Boscarino, Beth Brower, Mark Rose and Pamela Little.



Save the Date!

Annual Meeting of the Congregation I

December 10, 2023

11: 15 am



Women's Breakfast
Wednesday,
October 18th 8:30 am
George's Restaurant
East Main St. Torrington

Men's Breakfast
Wednesday,
October 18th 8:30 am
A/C Eatery
South Main St.
Torrington

Last concert of the year! Robert C. Fullerton 6:30 pm In the Fellowship Hall!

\$10 for 13+ \$5 for 6-12 Free under 6





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

Fall Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, October 14, 2023

5:15 pm - Fellowship 6:00 pm - Dinner \$15 - Adult \$8 Kids (ages 5-10)

Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, applesauce, sauerkraut, pies and beverages.

Food Fellowship Fun!

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

Can You Help?

As the weather gets cooler, we are mindful of those less fortunate who are forced to choose between eating a well-balanced meal or paying for home heating, rent, medicine, etc.

To that end, ...
The Confirmands will host a



Can you help collect 506 non-perishable food items during October?

In honor of the 506th birthday of the Lutheran Church, we'd like to help feed hungry neighbors through our local food pantries. Please bring donations during the month of October and place them in the boxes in the Narthex.



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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



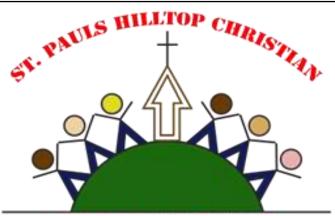




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EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Hilltop has once again made it through our first weeks of school we are all trying our best to stay healthy and well. We are presently following the Covid guidelines set forth by our governing body, The Office of Early Childhood (OEC). We will allow students who have not been exposed to covid within their immediate family but may show symptoms related to a slight cold to attend as long as they test negative before coming to school. This will be followed by staff members as well.

Mrs. Sears, while on a weekend getaway in New Hampshire, brought back one monarch caterpillar. We anxiously await its transformation into a beautiful butterfly!!!

We are enjoying the wonderful late summer and early fall weather. Giving our students as much time as possible outside! The outdoor classroom is going to get a face lift, we received a grant to purchase outdoor furniture.

Beginning October 16 through Nov 2, Hilltop is having our 4th annual spice fundraiser through the Nutmeg Spice Company. Order forms will be available through the church office or the Hilltop office if you would be interested in purchasing spices especially with the baking season upon us! Orders will be delivered between November 14th and November 18th. Cash or checks made out to St. Paul's will be accepted. ALL orders are Prepaid. Thanks in advance for your support! Looking forward to November 9th, we will hold a "paint night" to benefit our fundraising account. The cost is \$40 per person. Come and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship. There will be live music too!

Thank you for supporting us with your prayers. We have a few openings left in our new M-F full day classroom. The stabilization funds that we received during the Covid pandemic are going to expire at the end of the month. Every student makes a difference to keep our budget sustainable.

In His Service, Barbara J. Mazzei

Paint for a Cause!

THURSDAY NOV



9



6pm - 8pm





Benefit Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center

All supplies provided Benefit Nursery School Painting & LIVE music \$40 Scan to Pay

St. Paul's Hilltop Christian 837 Charles Street, Torrington

Kellyn Trapp, Artist BobbyLoo, Acoustic Duo pay.kellyntrapp.com/HilltopChristian





Chris. Ed.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BIBLE RECIPIENTS

In church on September 24th the following children received their Bibles. Congratulations to our Kindergartners: Stevie DiStefano, Olivia Mackiewicz, and Avery Rosenbeck, and to our Third Graders: Kendhyall Abeling, Eli Boda, and Brooklynn Dickinson. May these gifts of Scripture, written for the specific ages, be a blessing not only to the children but to their entire family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION

Sunday School teachers were installed on Sunday, September 24th. Thanks to these adults who are willing to bring the Word of God to our young saints each week:

3-year old – First Grade

Michelle Skibesky, Cathy Winzler, Hannah Winzler

Second & Third Grade

Pamela Little, Lena Warner

Fourth - Sixth Grade

Casaundra Abeling, Gabrielle Abeling-Dziedzic



Seventh & Eighth Grade

Pastor Cady, Karen Trippodi

Ninth Grade

David Little, Paula Rosenbeck





"ADOPT A CHILD FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL"

Children from baptism to grade nine and beyond are educated here at St. Paul's. As soon as a child is baptized the parent(s) are sent quarterly reminders/remembrances of the baptismal promises made on their child's behalf. When a child turns three it is time to enroll in Sunday School and it is there that they learn that Jesus loves them and they learn to pray a prayer. By the time children reach second grade they are invited to take First Communion classes and become Communicant members of the church. By third grade they take another giant step as they begin serving as acolytes in worship. By the time children enter seventh grade, they begin a three-year confirmation program where they prepare for adult membership in the church. The first two years of confirmation focus on the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Luther's Small Catechism; by the third year of confirmation classes the students are putting their faith into action through service, witness, and churchmanship projects. We also hope to be able to get an active youth group going for youth in grades 7-12.

All of these activities cost money, as you are aware. Our church budget supports our efforts and we ask for a donation from parents to help cover some of the costs associated with their child's Christian Education but those contributions only begin to cover expenses. (With curriculum, Bibles in Kindergarten, third grade, and seventh grade, classroom and teaching supplies, pageant expenses, etc. the numbers really add up.) No child would ever be denied a Christian Education because of the inability to make a donation; all are welcome to learn/hear the Word of the Lord! With the church budget continually strained, we invite you to lend your financial support by Adopting a Child for Sunday School. Please complete the form below, place it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

DETACH AND RETURN VIA OFFERING PLATE OR CHURCH OFFICE

Yes, I would like to tion.	support a Sunday School	l child for Sunday School by making a finan	cial contribu
Name: Address:			- -
Phone: E-Mail:			- - -
My one-time donat	ion to Adopt-a-Child is:	\$	



Women of the ELCA





On Monday, October 23rd at 7pm, St. Paul's Women will welcome Tammy Rouleau, chairman of the Pink Rose Fund at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital/Hartford Healthcare. In September a Bean Auction was held and some of the proceeds will benefit the Pink Rose Fund. Tammy will talk about Breast Cancer Awareness month and how gifts to the Fund bring awareness, education, and reduced cost or free mammograms to underserved women in northwest

CT. A check will be presented to Tammy that evening. All are invited to attend this informational meeting. Lisa Bodnar and Jeanette Richard are hostesses for the evening.

And speaking of..."Thanks to all who supported St. Paul's Women of the ELCA Bean Auction recently held. It was our first attempt at doing it and the 48 guests in attendance had fun! We are thankful to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for gifting us with a \$250 Action Team grant to help with expenses. Thanks to the women who helped, donated gifts and food items, and to all who helped in any way. Our resident auctioneer, Lisa Bodnar, rose to the occasion to make it a great event! We are



happy to report that we gleaned a total profit of \$1,095. which has been split evenly (\$550 each) between the church budget and the CHH/Hartford Healthcare Pink Rose Fund, earmarked for breast cancer awareness, education, and reduced or free mammograms for underserved women in the northwest corner. There is talk of this becoming an annual event so stay tuned for more details."

CRAFTS CONTINUE ...

A small but faithful group of women gather each Wednesday afternoon to make crafts for our upcoming Fall Fair, set for November 4th between 9am – 3pm. Please join us if you are able. We got a very late start this year so the more help we can get, the better off we will be! We'd love to welcome you to our midst and enjoy some fellowship and creativity! Wednesdays anytime between 1-4pm.





Women of the ELCA



THEME BASKET ASSIGNMENTS FOR FALL FAIR 2023

In order to make the Fall Fair a true congregation-wide event, all Sunday School and confirmation classes as well as committees and organizations within the church, members & friends, and organizations using our facilities are invited to bring items for a specific theme basket for our annual Fall Fair. The theme baskets are always a favorite part of the fair. Donations for the theme baskets should be returned to the church no later than Sunday, October 28th, to allow time for baskets to be arranged and wrapped before the fair. Donations can be left in the Narthex or Parlor in the boxes/ baskets marked for "Theme Basket Donations." Ideas are below, but don't be limited by ideas; please be creative! Thank you in advance! Theme Baskets for each group are listed below:

ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION - LAST NAME WITH INITIALS A - M

GREETINGS & IT'S A WRAP!

Greeting cards, postage stamps, wrapping paper, tissue paper, tape, gift boxes, gift tags, bows, ribbon, etc.

ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION - LAST NAME WITH INITIALS N - Z

SUGAR, SPICES, & ALL THINGS KITCHEN

Kitchen gadgets, spices, towels, baking, cooking, potholders, cake decorating, etc.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION

KIDS FUN & GAMES

Build a Snowman kit, board games, cards, DVDs, puzzles, balls, flying saucer sled, anything that would be fun for kids of any age!

ALTAR GUILD

CHOCOLATE BASKET

Sweets/Candy, Chocolate Candle, Baking Mixes, Chocolate Wine! etc.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

A TASTE OF MEXICO

Sombrero, taco ingredients, taco serving stand, tortilla chips & salsa, Tequila, etc.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, HILLTOP ADVISORY BOARD, WORSHIP & MUSIC, SENIOR CHOIR, & FELLOWSHIP

GIFT CARD BASKET

Gift Cards of any kind to local establishments (DD, Jimmy's, Panera, McD, BK, Wendy's, Movies, 99, Applebee's, Walmart, Target, Walgreen's, CVS, Starbuck, George's, etc.)

PROPERTY/IT/FINANCE/STAFF SUPPORT

HANDYMAN BASKET

Small quality tools, Gift Card from Home Depot, Lowe's, or Carl's, Work Gloves, Zip Ties, Lightbulbs, Pocket Knife w/ tools, rags, etc.

1229 CONDO ASSOCIATION, CT YANKEE CHORALE

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

Fleece Blanket, Fireplace starters, Hats, Gloves & Scarf, Chicken Soup, Hot Cocoa & Mug, Hand & Foot Warmers, Chap Stick, etc.

SCOUT TROOPS

KID'S BAKING

Kid's Apron, Baking Mixes, Frosting, Cookie Cutters, Sprinkles, Silicone Mat, parchment etc.





Garden of Memories



For its a long, long time from May to December but the days grow short when you reach September. This is the first line of an old show tune and how true it is. By the time anyone reads this newsletter our daylight will be slightly less than the dark of night. The darkness of late afternoon is one of the reasons some of us dread the winter (the cold, bleakness, snow etc. are additional reasons). Also



during this time the beauty of nature disappears as the bright colors of flowers are missing and the songs of the birds silenced. Unfortunately the winter always seems longer than the warm pleasant summer. So on the few remaining pleasant days treat yourself to a short visit to the GARDEN OF MEMORIES and enjoy a bit of nature and say a prayer or two while recalling memories of your dear departed ones. Time is running short.

God Bless.

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

Anyone interested in serving on the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen team or to be a substitute to please contact Jeanette Richard at jeanetterichard@hotmail.com or 860-489-7140. The teams serve the second Sunday of every month from 10:30 to 1:30 at the Torrington Community Soup Kitchen which is located in the basement of Trinity Church. Entrance is on Maiden Lane. We have two teams which serve either on the even months or odd months. each member only serves 6 times a year. The only requirement is for your commitment to serve on your team's specified date. A list of substitutes will be provided for you to find a sub if you cannot make the Sunday you are assigned. It is important that we have 4 - 5 people serving each time. It is a great ministry to be a part of, I promise when your shift is over you will walk away thankful for your



blessings and knowing you helped your neighbors in need.



Around the Community!

All Saints Retreat Day

November 4 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm \$50

What does All Saints Day mean to you? Celebrate the spiritual meaning of All Saints Day with us at OLC! It's the day we honor all the saints and remember their remarkable lives! We'll explore the stories of some female American saints, including St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American canonized by the Catholic Church, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, daughter, wife, mother, convert, and founder of a Congregation of religious women. St. Marianne Cope, who worked with Saint Damian of Molokai caring for lepers, and St. Katharine Drexel, foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, whose mission was to assist Native and African Americans in the West and Southwest United States. This day will include a retreat conference, an opportunity for Confession, All Saints Day Mass, and lunch. Presenter: Sister Mary Ann Strain, C.P. entered the Sisters of the Cross and Passion in 1977 and was professed in 1979. She holds a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from Providence College. Sister Mary Ann has spent most of her religious life in retreat ministry; as Program Director here at OLC, on the Passionist Preaching band, preaching parish missions throughout the United States, and as a member of the retreat team at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center. Other experiences have included teaching, representing the Passionist Family at the United Nations and working in organizational development and as a social media manager for non-profit clients.

Register by calling (860) 677-8519.



Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center 31 Colton St. Farmington, CT 06032



PLEASE COATS ONLY!







October 1st Leah Seleman

October 24th **Pastor Scott Cady** Heinz Beier

October 3rd

October 25th Walter Dickinson

Brigitte Mueller Deborah Kolek

October 30th

October 5th Gene Schroeder, Jr. Ruth Grech

October 7th

Rebecca Little

October 8th

Paula Rosenbeck James Thurlough

October 9th

Caroline Hogan

October 12th

Linda Samele

October 14th

Lisa Bodnar Kyle Thurlough

October 17th

Patricia Switzer

October 19th

Maddie Siss

October 20th Michelle Skibesky

October 21st

Carol Cianciolo



Steve and Angela Distefano	10/01/2017
David & Pamela Little	10/04/1975
Arielle & James Newkirk	10/05/2013
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 Kopo	chak 10/29/1994
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To the family and friends of Liz Clinton

Kids Pages!



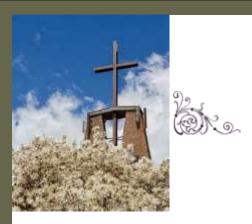
"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

Reformation at Home: Sing "Jesus Loves Me" with your child and consider making it a special song to share at bedume each night. Jesus loves me! This I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes: Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide He has washed away my sin. Lets His little child come in. Yes. Jesus loves me! Yes. Jesus loves me!

Yes. Jesus loves mei:

The Bible tolls melso:



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