

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## The Good News!

### Sunday Services

#### March

- 3 **3 Lent**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 10 **4 Lent**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 17 **5 Lent**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 24 **Palm Sunday**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 28 **Holy Thursday**  
Worship & Communion  
7:00 pm
- 29 **Good Friday**  
Worship & Communion  
7:00 pm
- 31 **Easter Sunday**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am  
Easter Egg Hunt after service

#### April

- 7 **2 Easter**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 14 **3 Easter**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 21 **4 Easter**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 28 **5 Easter**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am

**Midweek services at 5:45 pm**

**March 7, 14, 21**

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# A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Easter is very early this year - March 31! Let us prepare for it and celebrate it in a way that exalts our Lord. As we use Advent to prepare for the Feast of the Nativity, we use Lent to prepare for the Feast of the Resurrection. This is one of the most fertile periods on the church calendar for us to explore the spiritual depths of our faith.

There are four main avenues for us to walk with Jesus through Holy Week and Easter. We offer our mid week services. These are casual, simple meals followed by a presentation and discussion, concluding in humble prayers. There is some easy music, and both healing and communion will be offered over the course of Lent. These are unique opportunities for us to gather in a different format from Sunday, that may open some new perspectives on our lives of faith.

Our personal, private devotions at home are always a means to deepen our faith and relationship to God. Lent is rich in themes of repentance, humility, suffering, courage, promise, grace, and community in a way that can fill our private prayer times with meaning. Whether you regularly engage in such devotions or not, these weeks are a good time to focus on some of the more profound aspects of Christian life.

Holy Week draws us into the drama of salvation in powerful ways. On Palm Sunday we recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and participate in a communal reading of his Passion. On Maundy Thursday evening those who wish may experience foot washing and all of us will witness the stripping of the altar, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at his trial. On Good Friday evening we hear again the Passion according to John and, in quiet darkness, look upon the cross. We see there the final, most brutal form of opposition to life, love, peace, joy, and hope in the sorrowful death of Jesus.

And then Easter! No grave, no cross, no trial, no brutality can restrain the will of God to bless, to restore, and to give life. The victory evident in the raising of Christ is not only his, but is also promised to us. This is the very heart of our faith.

I strongly encourage each of you to join us each Sunday and as many of the other services as you can attend. Together we can more fully appreciate the wondrous work of God in these compelling stories and liturgies.

May your Lent and Easter fill you again with a sense of the inspiration for your life's journey. And may the presence of our living Lord be for you a source of courage and compassion for all your days.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady

# Finance

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Wow! Here we are already entering the 3rd month of the new year! So far, I am happy to report that we have been able to pay our bills and meet payroll without having to go to our investments.

The capital campaign is off to a slow start. We ended January with just over \$1300 donated. We are very thankful to those who have donated and pray that God will open the hearts of many in the congregation to do the same. The funds being raised will be used to offset the budget deficit. Monies raised in excess of that need will be used for the many repairs needing attention in and around our building.

Don't forget to help fill up the jug in the Narthex with spare change.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Pamela Little  
Treasurer/Finance Committee



**Greetings Church Family Members!!!  
The Capital Campaign Committee would like to talk some more about  
the JAR in the Narthex.**

The current plan is for the contents of your JAR to be counted every 3 months. There will be chances for all to win gift cards with fun contests. So, listen carefully to announcements at our weekly services.

We all know that a nickel, dime, quarter or penny, sitting in your wallet will not get you much of anything. But these nickels and dimes, etc., combined with the spare "change" of our other Church Family Members will add up. You will hear routinely just how much our "nickel-and-dime" gets us.

Ever wonder where the phrase "nickel-and-dime" comes from? You did not. Well here it goes, anyway: The saying supposedly originates in the late 1800's and had a negative connotation. One meaning is to tack on additional small fees to minor services. Another meaning refers to something not being very valuable or important.

Many of us heard of the term "five and dime" stores. Woolworth's was considered such a store. Some of us are dating ourselves. But "five and dime" stores were a fun place to shop, if memory serves. And not a place you felt taken advantage of.

Here at St. Paul's feel free to "nickel-and-dime" the big JAR in the Narthex.

May The Lord Guide and Sustain Us All

# hilltopelc

Hilltop registration is now underway for the 2024-2025 school year. We have spaces in all classes for children ages 2-5. Two-year-olds meet 2 days a week for 2 hours while our three- and 4-year-olds have options for 2, 3 or 5 mornings a week for 2.5 hours.

Continuing this fall, we are offering a school day 5.5 hr. class open to all area residents that is not supported by a grant. This offering, with a slightly longer day, has helped 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 along with 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 are holding an in-person BINGO fundraiser through "Everything Happens for a Reason Fundraising" on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> here at St. Paul's church. There is still time to purchase tickets online. We are looking forward to a great turnout. This is a blessing to us as we continue to find ways to meet our financial obligations. By Faith, we know God will take care of us. We have recently received opportunities to write a grant for several upgrades to the Hilltop wing. We are waiting to hear if we have been awarded.

The next big event we are planning is our 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration. This event will be held in conjunction with our annual Art/Auction/Literacy Family event. This event will take place on Friday, May 3 from 5:30-7:00 pm. We will have food trucks on hand for families and friends to purchase snacks.

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! We will visit the KidsPlay museum for a spring field trip at the end of March.

I would like to take the time to recognize our staff, who go above and beyond every day! 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



**Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center**  
**Celebrating 50 years!!!**

**Come celebrate this important ministry of St. Paul's!  
Hilltop ELC Annual Art Show & 50th Celebration  
Friday, May 3 5:30 to 7:30 pm  
St. Paul's Fellowship Hall**

*Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center will be celebrating 50 years this April! This is quite a feat and Hilltop is a very important ministry here at St. Paul's.*

This milestone will be celebrated on May 3rd during the Hilltop Christian ELC annual art show. This is an open invitation to come celebrate with us!

***We can also use your help! If you know of anyone who either taught or attended Hilltop, please extend the invitation! We are hoping to have as many past teachers and alumni there as possible.***

You will have the privilege of seeing the artwork of the students. There will be raffles, food and drink as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Director of Hilltop, Barbara Mazzei, 860.482.3727 or Pamela Little, Chairperson, Hilltop Christian ELC Committee, 203.612.1375

With god's Blessing, Your Sister in Christ, Pamela Little



# 2024 Easter/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:

Easter Flowers

Pentecost Flowers

Both

IN MEMORY OF:

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Please make checks  
payable to:  
**St. Paul's**

**Memo:**  
**Easter Memorial**  
Forms must be in the  
church office no later  
March 18th

GIVEN BY:

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Springtime Memorial flowers are planted in the Garden of Memories after the Easter and Pentecost Services. Remember or honor a loved one and support the Garden of Memories.

# 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 (lollipops)

Peeps® Pops

(Limited candy will also be on sale on Palm Sunday)

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Detach & Return Form and payment to the Offering Plate, Lock Box, or Church Office by March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Pick up in Narthex on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross: Milk Chocolate #\_\_\_ Lollipop #\_\_\_ without stick

White #\_\_\_ Lollipop #\_\_\_ without stick

Lamb: Milk Chocolate #\_\_\_ Lollipop #\_\_\_ without stick

White #\_\_\_ Lollipop #\_\_\_ without stick

Peeps Pops:

Milk Chocolate #\_\_\_ White Chocolate #\_\_\_

Total Number of Items \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Feb 29 March 7, 14, 21</b>	<b>5:45 pm</b>	<b>Midweek Potluck Supper with Worship</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 24</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Service</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 28</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Foot Washing with Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 29</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Tenebrae with the Passion According to John</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 31</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Service Easter Egg Hunt for children following the service</b>

**837 Charles Street Torrington, CT 06790**

**860-482-3555**



# Scandinavian Almond Cake

Sponsored by St. Paul's Women of the ELCA



Available for your Easter enjoyment!

Each cake serves about 8-10 people

\$13.00 each

Pick-up on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, before or after worship in the Narthex.

Ingredients include: flour, sugar, baking powder, milk, egg, butter, almond extract, & sliced almonds.

RESERVE YOURS TODAY! Sign up by 3-17-2024.



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Fellowship Committee presents  
837 Charles St., Torrington 06790



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

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Fellowship – 5:15pm      Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$15.00 – Adults    \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays after church  
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555

EMPTY



BOWLS

A NATIONWIDE EVENT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

**THURSDAY MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**5:00 - 7:30 PM**

St. Paul's Evangelical Church - 837 Charles St Torrington, CT

SAMPLE A VARIETY OF SOUPS PREPARED BY LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND CATERERS, DINNER ALSO INCLUDES BREADS, COFFEE / TEA AND DESSERTS



**TICKETS**

\$20 - INCLUDES YOUR MEAL PLUS YOUR CHOICE OF ONE BEAUTIFUL CERAMIC BOWL WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

**FAMILY PRICE:** \$20 FOR FIRST MEAL (INCLUDES 1 BOWL OF YOUR CHOICE).

\$10 PER PERSON AFTER THAT, WITH A CAP OF \$50.

**MEAL ONLY PRICE:** \$10 TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE A HANDMADE BOWL.

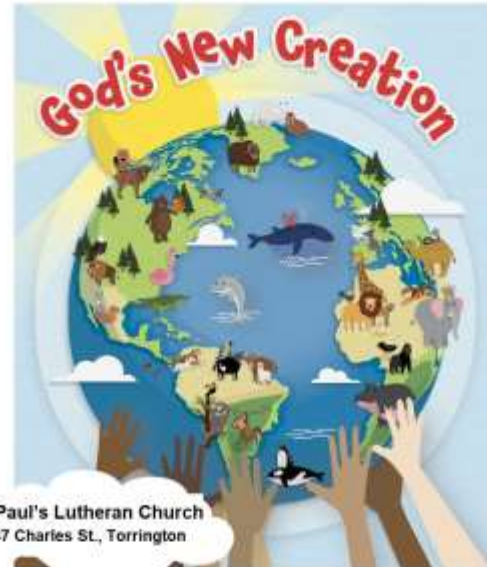
**CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE.**

**COME MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**DIMON JEUDI**

Contact MARILYN FOR MORE DETAILS OR PURCHASE TICKETS  
(860) 482-0356

Event to benefit and hosted by  
**THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN OF TORRINGTON**  
100% of profit will benefit the soup kitchen.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Vacation Bible School 2024**

**August 5 - 9, 2024**

**9am - 12pm**

For all children ages 4 (by 9/1/2024) - Grade 5

[www.stpaulstorrington.com](http://www.stpaulstorrington.com) 860-482-3555

Registrations available soon



# Church safety



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Safety Guidelines

The Church Council would like everyone to be safe while volunteering at church. If you find that you will be alone in the building, please follow these guidelines.

- ◆ Make sure all doors are locked.
- ◆ Please make sure you always carry your cell phone.
- ◆ Please let someone know that you are here alone and what time you are leaving. If the parking lot is empty, please call someone to talk to while you are walking to the car.

If you suspect someone is in the building or something is out of place, do not enter the building. If you are inside, get out of the building immediately, or lock yourself into a room. When you are safe, call 911. After you call 911, please inform the Council President and Property chair.

If an incident or accident occurs, please fill out an incident/accident report within 24 hours.

Thank you

**St Paul's Council**





# Around the church

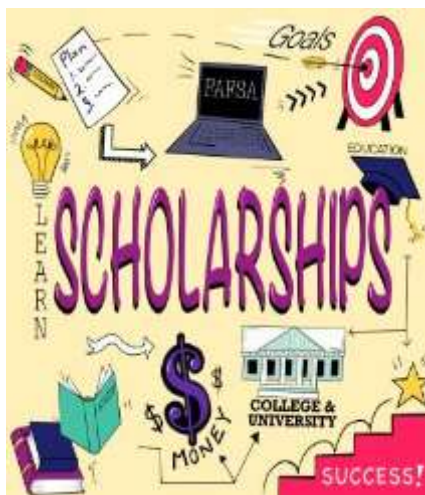


**Stay tuned for details!**

**Talent Show in April**

**The Concert Series starting in the Spring**

**Tag Sale in June**



St. Paul's Applications are available in the Narthex. The Schlott Family Scholarship application is available by request in the office. The Schlott Scholarship is only for students entering their freshman year in the fall of 2024. Applications are due April 26, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. Please remember to leave time for Pastor to fill out his section. Thanks and good luck!



St. Paul's Quilters are sewing on Wednesdays! Experience is not necessary; we have some master quilters who are very willing to lend a hand!

**We meet most Wednesdays  
from 1pm – 4pm.**



Tai Chi Wednesday Mornings 11:00

Drop in whenever the mood strikes.

Free to all!

For more information  
[karen.trippodi@gmail.com](mailto:karen.trippodi@gmail.com)



**Women's Breakfast  
Wednesday,  
March 20**

**George's Restaurant  
East Main St. Torrington**

**Men's Breakfast  
Wednesday,  
March 20**

**A/C Eatery  
South Main St. Torrington**



# MARCH



**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

**8**

Kyle Rosenbeck

**10**

Michele Binelli

**12**

Susan Racloz  
Charlotte Madia

**13**

John Grunder

**14**

Deborah Canino

**15**

Jonathan Olson  
Meredith Pleil

**17**

Regina Pagano

**18**

Betty Hilton

**19**

Barbara Nalette  
Steve DiStefano

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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



Reid Underwood

Marilyn Duteau



Paul William was born February 21, 2024 to Justin and Kayla (Burns) Ross. Anna & Lester Ross and Bill & Kathy Burns are the grandparents and Ashley & Jonathan Ross are the aunt and uncle. Great Auntie is Paula Rosenbeck.

# Kids Page!





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## Staff Directory 860-482-3555

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Rachel Harrel, Secretary  
Jean Schlapfer, Bookkeeper  
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### **Hilltop School Staff 860-482-3727**

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Nicole Waldron, Teacher  
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