

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

Sunday Services

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

May

- 5 **6 Easter**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 12 **7 Easter**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 19 **Day of Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 26 **The Holy Trinity**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

April really brings with it the signs of spring and the approach of summer. It is also the Season of Easter, which lasts seven weeks, from Easter Morning to Pentecost. It is a time of great celebration within the Church, and a time of leaning into the rhythms of summer in our homes and culture. The whole theme of "New Life" can be seen both in the readings, prayers, hymns and liturgies of the Church as well as in the tilling of gardens, the tuning up of lawn mowers, the cleaning up of porches, patios, and the early smell of grilled dinner in the neighborhoods.

Golf clubs, bicycles, boats, tennis racquets, and camping gear are getting dusted off and readied for use. Storm windows give way to screens to let in the sweet springtime air. Inside our church buildings the somber Lenten hymns are replaced by great and glorious hymns of resurrection and hope. It is a time of joy and anticipation of the summer's best days.

Here is my best pastoral guidance: Please allow all these experiences, those inside the church and those in our secular, daily lives, intersect and inform each other. In other words, let's not compartmentalize our lives. Our celebratory mood in worship and our upbeat mood moving into the bright, warm days of summer can both be part of our encounter with holiness. God is not just at home in the official hour of worship. The Spirit is not confined within the walls of the nave. Things that lift us, connect us to each other or to nature, or bring our families closer are all ways in which we can be blessed.

Martin Luther knew the life of a monk. He knew the tradition of living in a way that leaves little room for recreation, family life, normal routines of work and play, rest and labor, or the enjoyment we associate with the secular life. After his marriage and his departure from the monastery, he realized how much he had missed the ways that God filled people's lives with moments of deep contentment and joy. We never need to choose between embracing the blessings we receive in the world, and the blessings we receive in faithful worship. God is working in both for our sake and for the sake of a renewed creation. Bring your faith outside, and bring your love of your daily life into our gathered time of worship. Together, these two ways of being renewed by God will inform each other to deepen and strengthen our spiritual lives.

May God's love and grace fill all your days,

Pastor Scott Cady

Finance

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe but it is the end of the first quarter! I am happy to announce that we have not had to touch investments in order to meet our monthly bills. I do not have the complete 1st quarter numbers however, I can say that our income is up and expenses are down comparing this same time last year.

As you know, the capital campaign is underway. Unfortunately we are not getting many donations from the congregation to make the campaign a success. The finance committee is hopeful this will change, Without it, we will be forced to withdraw funds to cover needed repairs and expenses.

Don't forget to take a chance to guess how much money is in the jar in the Narthex. You could win a gift card worth \$25. These gift cards have been donated by Puppettude.

Lastly, I would like to thank Puppettude for their generous donation of \$4000 towards our operating budget. This was made possible by the many gift cards they sold during the holiday season.

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.

Once again, it is time for money talk. We hear the groans, but bear with us.

The saying "saving for a rainy day" is a motto many of us grew up hearing. The expression, supposedly, was first uttered in a British play "The Bugbears" around 1561. "Saving for a rainy day" usually refers to preparing for any unexpected or anticipated costly event in daily life. We do not need to list these events, we have all been there from time to time. The wisdom of this saying encourages us to work to put aside some money, on a routine basis, for future expenses.

The evolving Capital Campaign is striving to address St. Paul's rainy day needs! All of us are entrusted with the task of protecting and maintain our beautiful church building and its grounds. We must take on the mission for ourselves and future congregates.

Your Capital Campaign Committee will be brainstorming to present additional fundraising opportunities. If you have suggestions, we are listening! Any grant writers willing to volunteer some time to help? Bring it on!

In the mean time, write a check or drop some money in the Narthex jar! Let us not take our lovely place of worship for granted!

Peace to all!
The Capital Campaign Committee

Finance



Are you recently retired or looking for something to do? Or do you know someone who has some free time and wants to fill it? St. Paul's is in need of a person to back up our bookkeeper, Jean. This would be a volunteer position but could become a paying position when Jean decides to retire. Currently we are without a backup, and this can cause a hardship when she needs to take time off.

Here are a few things to consider:

- √ The position is approximately 12 hours a week.
- √ Should enjoy computer work.
- √ Should be knowledgeable of Quicken or willing to learn.
- √ Should be Knowledgeable of excel or willing to learn.
- √ Responsible to run payroll and pay all appropriate payroll taxes.
- √ Balance checking/savings accounts
- √ Responsible for paying all invoices including but not limited to assuring accuracy.
- √ Work with auditors when required.
- √ Responsible for monthly and year end financial reports including the annual budget.
- √ Must attend the monthly finance meeting.

This position works closely with the finance committee and treasurer. You are welcome to shadow Jean to see if it is something you are interested in. Please contact the office if interested.

Thank you.

**Penny Auction
&
50/50 Drawing**

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

**Friday, May 10, 2024
Doors Open at 6:00pm
Drawing at 7:00pm**

The Women of the ELCA honors
Moms or the special ladies in your life!
Bring your own snacks
Info 860-482-3555



St. Paul's is having a Penny Auction on May 10th. We are looking for new/gently preloved items for it! Donations can be dropped at the office during business hours or on Sundays on the spare desk.

ALSO

The St. Paul's Tag Sale will happen sometime in June (date TBA) drop your treasures off on the brown push cart in the office hallway during business hours or on Sundays.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's!

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

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Vacation Bible School 2024
August 5 - 9, 2024
9am – 12pm

For all children ages 4 (by 9/1/2024) – Grade 5
www.stpaulstorrington.com 860-482-3555
Registrations available soon

hilltopelc

The weather is ever changing! We hope the SNOW is over for this year! We have been teased by some nice Spring weather which we took advantage of to use the outdoor classroom and playground.



March is one of our longest months for school days. We enjoyed a week of silliness when we celebrated “Read Across America” with our favorite Dr. Seuss books. Children and staff dressed for this special occasion. We wore green for St. Patrick’s Day, because everyone is Irish on that day and had “lucky charms” for snack. We had a field trip to KidsPlay Museum on March 27th.

Easter came early this year. We included the story of the Resurrection in our devotion time in the preschool classes. April break will be the 15th -19th. Our school readiness classroom has hatched 8 baby chicks! It’s so exciting to have the children experience this life cycle.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 3, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to attend our annual “Art Show” this year we are combining it with the 50th Celebration of Hilltop. We will display the children’s artwork, as well as a silent auction and raffle items. The art show is based on the works of famous artists and authors. If you are interested in donating a raffle item or to the silent auction, please reach out to me at director@hilltopchristianelc.com. Members of the Hilltop Advisory Committee are planning special decorations and CAKE of course!

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is in process and filling up! Please keep referring your friends and families to Hilltop. Once classes are filled, we maintain waiting lists for all classes, so continue to send folks our way. Our program choices include:

2-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am

3 & 4-year-olds meet 3 days a week. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30am-12:00pm.

Full Day 4-year-olds – Monday through Friday, 9:15am-2:45pm.

School Readiness is our publicly funded class for preschool children who live in Torrington and meet the financial guidelines for a LOW-COST preschool experience. This class meets Monday through Friday 9:00am-3:00pm.

Thank you all for your love, support, and prayers!

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





Chr i s e d



THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

Teacher Appreciation Day is celebrated in the beginning of May each year. This year we will celebrate on Sunday, May 5th. We are thankful for the people who dedicate their time to sharing the Word of God with our Little Saints here at St. Paul's. While our Sunday School is not very large anymore, we have a group of committed teachers who care deeply about our students.

Teachers include: Michelle Skibesky, Cathy & Hannah Winzler, Pamela Little, Lena Warner, Casaundra Abeling, Gabbie Dziedzic,

Pastor Cady, Karen Trippodi, David Little, Paula Rosenbeck, and Christine Dickinson, who is always willing to substitute when needed. The children of St. Paul's are blessed by your dedication.

Parents, perhaps you could help your child make a card, draw a picture, or send a note of thanks to their teachers! I know the staff will be appreciative.

Each year the Senior Confirmation Class does a class project. Even though we only have one senior confirmand, Ethan Schaller, he wanted to do something with the help of the congregation. Ethan remembered doing a similar project several years ago in VBS, so he decided to make blessing bags; bags filled with essentials and treats for homeless folks in our area. We are looking for donations of bottled water, individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, cookies, crackers, etc.), wrapped candy, toothbrushes & toothpaste, brush/comb, bar soap (not highly scented), white tube socks, plain tee shirts (new or gently used), washcloth & hand towel, individually wrapped packets of tissues, chap stick, \$5-\$10 gift cards to McDonald's, Burger King, Dollar Tree, Dunkin, or Cumberland Farms, etc. Any help the congregation can offer will be appreciated. We are currently in the process of trying to secure a Thrivent Action Team grant as well. We hope to put the bags together on Sunday, May 19th with delivery scheduled for the following week.





Women of the ELCA

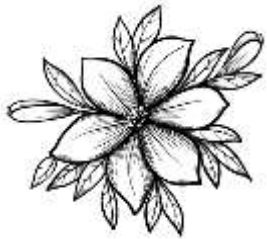


Painting With June



June Seiser must have hope that our women's ability to learn to paint is alive and well! The always popular "Painting With June" is scheduled for Monday, April 22nd at 6:30pm. We will begin with our regular meeting at 6:30pm and then move onto painting. Please be sure to sign-up by April 15th so we know how many "artists in training" to plan for. \$7 is the fee to cover the supplies.

Thank you to all who supported the Palm Sunday/Easter Candy Sale and Scandinavian Almond Cake Sale. From the women who gathered to mold the candy pops to the many bakers, thank you! To those members of the congregation who purchased the goodies, thank you! The profits from the sales of the treats will benefit the Angel Project. Entering its' 37th year, the Angel Project assists members who need a helping hand during Advent/Christmas. The Project is no longer self-sustaining and for that reason we try to do a fundraiser or two during the year so as not to leave anyone out. Please watch for details of our next event, a church breakfast on Sunday, June 23, 2024.



The Garden of memories

The garden is getting ready for spring! Things are getting green and buds are popping! It will only be a matter of time before it is flourishing again! Please take some quiet time to enjoy this space. The committee, led by

Lisa Bodnar, puts a lot of volunteer time into this. If you would like to help out, please email Lisa at bodnar983@gmail.com.

You may have noticed some cross stickers on the windows surrounding the garden, well it is because birds keep flying into the windows and it makes us sad! We put the stickers up hoping that the bird will stop doing this. Pictured is a stunned phoebe that Rachel, our secretary, cared for after doing just that. After a short time, the phoebe became reoriented and flew off!

This is an exciting time of rebirth in the garden and we hope you enjoy it as much as we do!



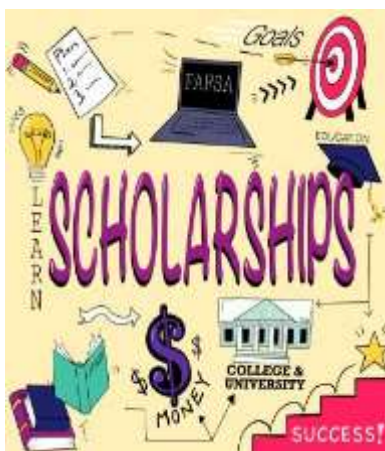


Around the church



If you would like to plant and care for a raised bed in the Sharing Garden, please email your contact info to secretary@stpaulstorrington.com and it will be forwarded to the newly renewed committee! Help us grow produce for our neighbors in need.

Thanks!



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



**Women's Breakfast
Wednesday,
April 17**

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

**Men's Breakfast
Wednesday,
April 17**

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



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May Friday

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Brooklyn Newkirk

4
Denise Gammon
Tom O'Brien

10
Gerri Seitz
Mark Rose

12
Gloria Thibault
Dane Deleppo

13
John Thurlough

14
Gerda Hoehne
Marie Barbieri

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Sigrid Smitley
Donald Bruno
Tricia Wolfinger
Sarah Clavette

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Marlene Parker

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Fredrick George

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Marissa Magyar
Jonas Layton

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William Skibesky

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Michelle Richards

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Alan Seitz
Karen Marciano

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James Wolfinger
Otto Schibi

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Fred Rakyta
Jeremy Thurlough

Derrick and Pamela Ewing 4/17/1982
Fred and Kim Rakyta 4/22/1989
Dane and Carol Deleppo 4/25/1969
Pastor Scott and Amy Cady 4/28/1984

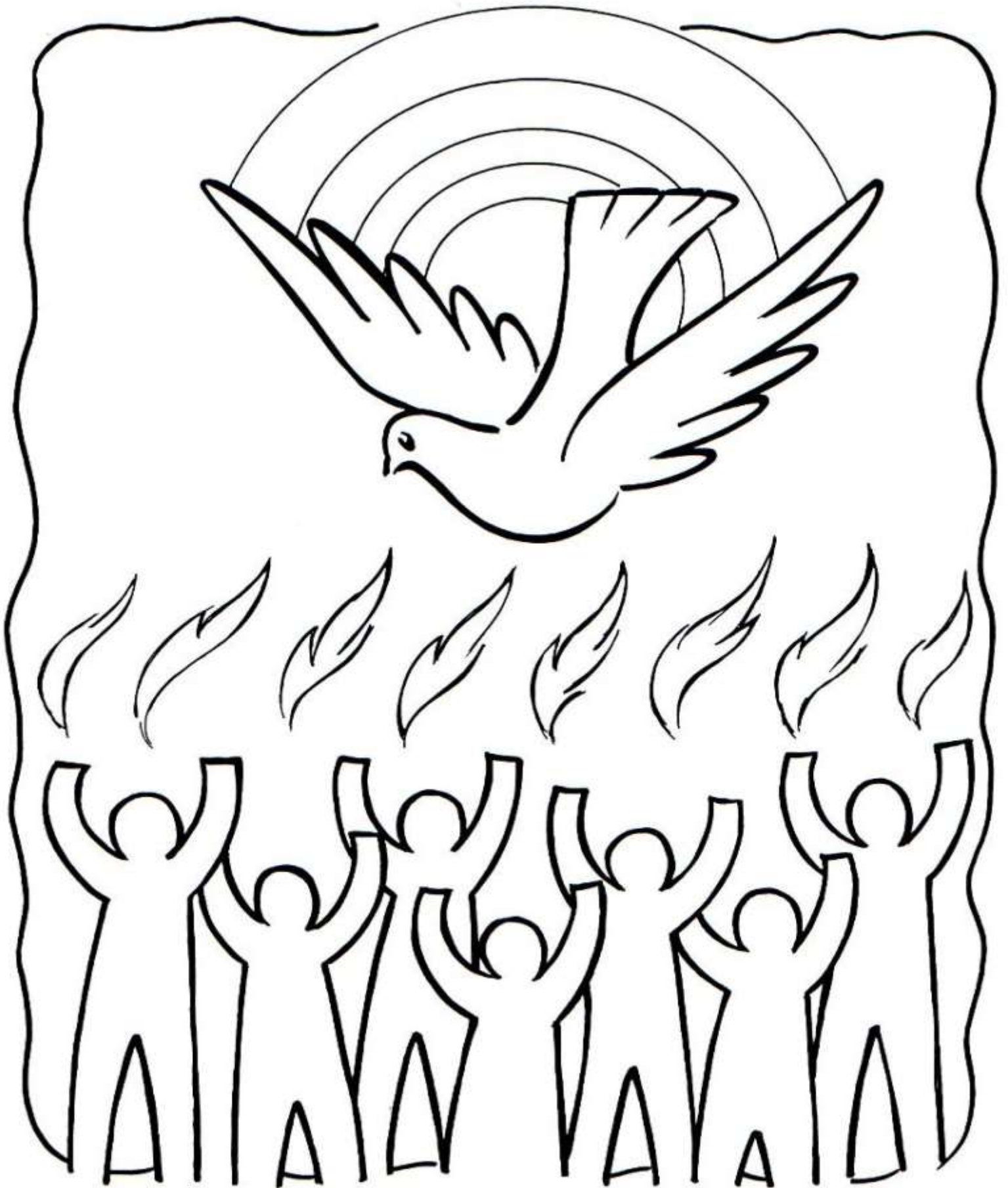


Prayer list has been updated and names that have been on for at least 6 months have been removed. If a name was removed that you would like back on, please notify the office. Thank you!



Ida Maillet
Robert Doyle , Sr.

Kids Pages!



Flowers





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