

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

Sunday Services

May

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

June

- 2 **2 Pentecost**
Rite of Affirmation of Baptism
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 9 **3 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 16 **4 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 23 **5 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 30 **6 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

Martin Luther had a very clear sense of the relationship between the church and government. Some people of his time, such as some Anabaptists, for example, felt there should be no overlap between Christians living under the kingship of Christ, and the "kingdoms of the world." They feared that secular values would pollute the purity of the Body of Christ. Others, such as the Roman Catholics and the Calvinists, believed that worldly authority and church authority should be tightly united, even insisting that political leaders should also be church leaders. They believed that such an arrangement would keep the political realm from becoming corrupt.

Luther took issue with both these ideas. He put forward a doctrine of "two kingdoms." God's "right hand" is represented by the church, the kingdom of Christ. But God's "left hand" is seen in the secular state. The church is a gift from God to bring grace and the Gospel to people. The state is God's gift of peace, justice, and order, within which the church can effectively do its work. The church can, and often must, challenge the state, when the state refuses to maintain peace and justice, or when it abuses its powers. But the two "kingdoms," while both are gifts from God, have two different callings. They compliment each other, but neither controls the other.

In our time, many have come to think of government as a problem, even an evil. The ELCA continues to view government, while never perfect, as a gift from God bringing order and stability to society. And we see the church, while also not perfect, as a gift from God to bear witness to the Gospel. Both are good, and both are necessary.

This is a pivotal year for American Democracy. It is important for thoughtful citizens to find ways to elect people who will serve those who elect them. This must include the willingness and ability to recognize the plurality of our nation, and to do the serious work of meaningful governance with colleagues who have different ideas about policies. For our government to fulfill its role as a gift from God for justice, peace, and stability, those who hold any form of public office must be open to achievable, practical, and sustainable solutions to the issues we all face.

Let us do our parts by understanding the proposals the candidates put forward, and their track record of working to unite us around a future based on our nation's most noble values. Then let us vote not only for our own narrow interests, but in ways that lift the downtrodden, give voice to the voiceless, constrain violence and greed, and celebrate the glorious diversity that is one of America's best blessings.

As we in the church proclaim the Gospel of God's amazing grace in worship and work, let us also strive to raise up public servants in the secular sphere who will help forge a society awash with compassion, respect, and civility to be a beacon of hope for all the world.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady

Stewardship

Greetings All,

Once again from the members of your Capital Campaign Committee. We are proposing "a penny for your thoughts." Wow, that could really add up! But on a serious note, we are asking that you prayerfully think about your relationship to St. Paul's and the people who worship with you.

As Capital Campaign Committee members we have taken on this stewardship task in our personal lives and in committee meetings. Whether you perform this task privately or with others, it is important.

An idea to ask yourself is, do I value the rich tradition of this Church and do I want to envision St. Paul's as a vibrant place of worship, in this community, 5, 10, 25 or even a hundred years from now. And if you do envision building a solid foundation for St. Paul's, you may also ask yourself what can I do to be part of this vision.

God Bless

The Capital Campaign Committee

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it. - Psalm 24:1*





THE CONNECTICUT YANKEE CHORALE
cordially invites you to

I HEAR AMERICA SINGING!

*A Floral Celebration of Patriotic and American Favorites to
Commemorate our 40 Anniversary Year!*

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
4PM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
837 CHARLES STREET
TORRINGTON, CT

*The program will feature the chorale, guest instrumentalists and a presentation
of our annual G.F.F. Scholarship.*

Tickets:

Adults - \$15, Seniors/Students - \$12
Children 12 & under - \$5

Tickets available at the door

Donations of non-perishable food items for Friendly Hands Food Bank will be collected

Facebook: @ConnecticutYankeeChorale
Instagram: @connecticut_yankee_chorale

For further information, email: connecticutyankeechorale@gmail.com



Rain or Shine!

Saturday, June 15th, 2024
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles St. Torrington
8 am to 2 pm

Household items, jewelry, books,
craft items, vintage,
small furniture, and so much more!**

****no clothes or shoes please!****

Items can be dropped at the office, pricing not necessary,
Monday-Friday 9-3 or
contact Lisa at 860-491-6342 or email bodnar983@gamil.com



Come grow your vegetables for your family.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is offering families the use
of its garden plots in its sharing garden located at 837
Charles St.

This is an opportunity for families to cultivate a garden and
grow vegetables for their family! Plants, tools and water will
be provided. Must commit to taking care of garden for the
summer into fall. There are only 11 plots available. If inter-
ested please call me to sign up. Susan Suhanovsky (860)
480-4650 or call the church (860) 482-3555.



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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

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I can't believe we are in the last 7 weeks of our school year! The end of our year comes June 10th and then the teachers come in for their year end clean up before our summer break!

We have two separate fundraisers going on in May. First the Mother's Day flowers will be available for pick up on Wednesday, May 08, 2024. There will be many colors to choose from but if you're looking for a specific one, it might be best for you to come early. I asked for delivery between 10 a.m. to noon.



The second fundraiser we have is our 12th Annual Art Show/Silent Auction on Friday, May 3rd from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We are also celebrating Hilltop's 50th Anniversary! Our special guest for the evening is "Mother Goose," she will be presenting her nursery rhymes for children beginning at 6:00pm Bidding for auction items will close at 6:45 p.m. There will be refreshments available from a food truck. There will also be raffle items and artwork to be auctioned off. I'd like to thank everyone who donated, helped to set up and clean up, and to the teachers and students for their creations. The proceeds from the Art Show/Silent Auction will benefit the Tuition Assistance Fund. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

This program is unique in that few preschools and daycares were able to withstand the pandemic. We are fortunate to have strong staff in place. I wish to recognize and thank our Lead Teachers, Monica Valente, Christina Brzoska, and Melanie Beebe, their co-teachers, Teresa Guzman, Nicole Sears, and Nicole Waldron and our assistant Tracy Sierdy, who have all worked extremely hard this year. We have been blessed to have two student teachers from NCCC as assistant teachers. I am honored to be working side by side with them in my third year here at Hilltop.

A special recognition to the Hilltop Advisory Committee as they supported and helped me navigate this year as Director of Hilltop. We have continued to meet via Zoom, we have been a very productive group. Getting things done in a timely manner. We thank our members Pamela, Jane, Michelle, Casaundra, Ron, and Gabrielle for your dedication to Hilltop!

Thank you to the property committee, Diane, and Greg, they help keep us safe by maintaining the area we use.

A special thanks to Rachel and Jean. Rachel supports Hilltop in so many ways, always with a joyful heart and a smile on her face. The work Jean does for Hilltop is a part-time job on its own, never mind adding it on to the duties she has for the church! She is a true gift. It is a pleasure getting to know these lovely ladies!

Registrations for the 2024-2025 school year are ongoing. Our teachers use their creativity to set up the classroom for the health and safety of everyone. I'm happy to report that registration thus far is going well. The new full day classroom we added last year to aid parents who might need a longer day for care was remarkably successful and we are happy

to report that this class is full for 2024-2025! 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. At this time, we will have openings in two's and the MWF ½ day program. Our publicly funded class only has 5 spaces available. Our program choices include:

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

3 & 4-year-olds 3 days a week. Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 9:30-12:00.

4-year-olds 5 days a week. Monday-Friday 9:15-2:45

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

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



A MESSAGE FROM ETHAN SCHALLER

Ethan spoke this invitation to the congregation on 4/21/24

Good Morning, My name is Ethan Schaller and I am a senior confirmation student here at St. Paul's. Each confirmation class does a class project and this year, since I am a class of one, I am reaching out to each of you to help me. I would like to make some Blessing Bags for homeless members of our community. We've learned that homelessness happens for many reasons, oftentimes due to mental illness, substance addiction, or just plain bad luck. I'd like to make some of these bags that are filled with things like personal care products (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, chapstick, sunscreen, comb & brush), snacks (individually wrapped snacks like chips, granola bars, cookies & crackers, wrapped candy, but not chocolate since it will melt in the summer), bottled water, hand towel & washcloth, a bar of soap but nothing with a strong scent, flashlight with extra batteries, white tube socks, new or gently used tee shirts, and a \$5-\$10 gift card from McDonald's, Burger King, Dunkin, or Cumby's. If you can think of something else that might be useful, feel free to make the donation. A box is in the Narthex where you can put your donations or if you wish to make an entire bag, that is great too! We'd like to finish up this project on Sunday, May 19th. Thank you for your help.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

The dates have been chosen (August 5th – 9th); the theme is all set (God's New Creation); the co-Directors have volunteered (Pamela Little & Casaundra Abel-ing). Next up, ...we need support staff volunteers and of course, young saints to come and hear the Word! We're hoping to get lots of kids ages 4 (by 9/1/2024) through grade 5. Watch next month's newsletter for a Wish List for crafts, etc. Direct questions to any member of the Christian Education Committee.

Forms are available in the Narthex and on the website!



Women of the ELCA



St. Paul's Women of the ELCA will host a Penny Auction on Friday evening, May 10th. Doors will open at 6pm and the drawing will start at 7pm. We are seeking new or very gently used gifts/prizes. Many wonderful gifts have been donated and we will welcome anything else, especially gift cards. One-half of the proceeds will go directly to St. Paul's and the balance will be split amongst women from St. Paul's going to Camp Calumet at the end of October for the New England Women of the ELCA's Biennial Convention "Let the World Hear Our Song." Watch for details next month on the convention. Our next meeting of St. Paul's Women will take place on Monday, May 22nd at 7pm. We will be making plans for our Annual Banquet, typically held in late June as well as discussing programming for our next year. All women are invited to participate. All women attending will enjoy an ice cream social!



The Garden of memories

In Spring everyone's fancy turns to St Paul's Garden of Memories. A place glorified by the beauty of nature (with Lisa's efforts). A place where serenity prevails. A place for remembering. A place for prayer. A place for all to enjoy.

You are always welcome to visit the Garden of Memories and if you have never previously taken the opportunity come and experience what you have been missing.



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



Around the church



CHURCH



**Member Appreciation
& End of Sunday School**

ALL ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED! FUN FOR ALL AGES!

CHANGE THIS YEAR : BRING YOUR OWN MEAT!

Potluck Lunch: (if your name begins with...)

A-E please bring dessert F-N please bring appetizers, chips, beverages

O-Z please bring salads, pasta, potato, green etc.

**Please bring blankets, towels, lawn chairs, sunscreen
and a friend or 2!**

Please sign up by May 13th so we can have an approximate headcount.



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,
May 15**

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

**Men's Breakfast
Wednesday,
May 15**

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



May 1st
Camden Ferrucci

May 2nd
Brooklynn Dickinson

May 3rd
Ainslee Campbell

May 6th
Angela DiStefano

May 8th
Kendhyall Abeling

May 10th
Ernest Marquard

May 11th
River Seleman

May 12th
Ethan Schaller

May 15th
Renate Riese
Karen Ness
Noah Shapiro

May 16th
Jessica Nardine

May 17th
Jacob Friday

May 18th
Casaundra Abeling
Coni-Jo Aparo

May 21st
John Krochalis

May 22nd
Wendy Iannelli
Doug Harrel
Ignacio Vega

May 26th
Fran Seitz
Freyja Harrel


May 27th
Donny Crossman
Eli Boda

May 30th
Mason Ferrucci

James and Joan Wolfinger	5-1-64
James and Margaret Clavette, Jr.	5-2-92
Richard and Cheryl Corey	5-10-80
John and Wendy Iannelli	5-12-84
Gary and Nancy Begey	5-20-83
H. Curtis and Margita Stone	5-20-89
Roman & Leisa Radzins	5-22-82
Jon and Deb Sterling	5-31-04



Frank Schwarz



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- Food, equipment, fuel, and more provided by sponsors
- Contact May Friday at 860-489-7448 or mayffriday@gmail

Kids Pages!





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