

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

Sunday Services

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

July

- 7 **7 Pentecost**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 14 **8 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 21 **9 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 28 **10 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Summer has arrived! I pray that your plans will include many activities that are uplifting, relaxing, and positive. Please plan as best you are able to use your time to get some relief from whatever stressors there may be in your life. Connecting to nature, God, family and friends are often helpful.

In the area of faith, I'll suggest a couple things. If you are one who likes to do summer reading, you can add in a book related to faith. There are great fiction and non-fiction books that help us reflect and deepen our sense of God's purposes. I'd be happy to offer ideas if you'd like to consider this. If you are travelling, you might consider attending a different church while away. You will not only see a different style of worship, but you may be able to bring back good ideas for us to incorporate in our practice.

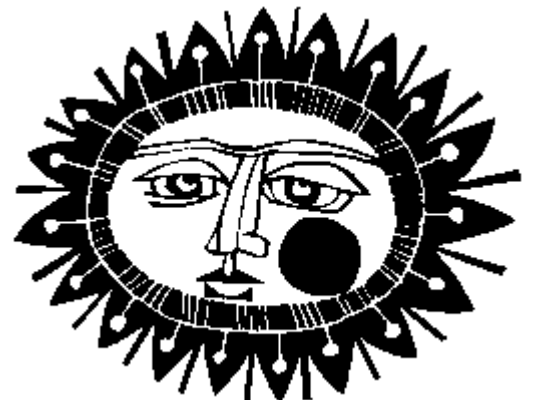
Some of us find room for a slight shift in our daily routines during summer. If so, you could consider adding in a quiet prayer time in the quiet moments around sunrise, or that extended twilight time before bed. If possible, this could be done on a deck or porch, in the yard, or at a beach, or anywhere that brings a sense of peace. If you have any inclination to garden, either vegetables or flowers, this is the natural time to do it. As your hands are getting dirty, you can deliberately think about the ways that your connection to God's good creation is a sweet blessing. If your garden is abundant, you can be generous to the Community Kitchen or Friendly Hands Food Bank.

Sadly, summer also often brings some hard weather to our nation and the world. Whether it is droughts, floods, tornados, hurricanes, or wildfires, we will inevitably hear of people in need of help. There are many practical, local ways to help, and many effective organizations that can funnel help further away. Our own ELCA Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief are two such agencies. Some people even use vacation time to go volunteer with clean up projects after a disaster.

God's call to us is year-round and allows for many varied responses to our own needs and our neighbors' needs as well. Summer may offer some specific ways to respond. May your faith and gratitude draw you to use your opportunities for your own well-being, and that of your neighbors too.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady





Finance



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The finance committee is happy to report that we have not had to touch investments in order to meet our monthly bills through the first four (4) months of this year. May is trending in the same direction. So far this year, income is up slightly, and expenses are right on budget.

At the budget meeting the congregation voted to have a capital campaign to raise approximately \$100,000 to offset the budget deficit and \$100,000 for much needed repairs. Through April, we have only raised \$6,562.14. This is well below the amount we budgeted. Fortunately, we have received over \$15,000 from fundraisers, fellowship dinner proceeds, and private donations, not associated with the capital campaign. Hilltop income and Sunday offerings are also over budget.

As positive as all that is, we still need everyone in the congregation to do their part in regards to supporting the Capital Campaign. Without your support, we will not have the funds needed to address the multiple repairs our church building needs.

If you have any questions regarding our finances or are interested in serving on the finance committee, please contact me.

Your Sister in Christ,

Pamela Little

Treasurer/Finance Committee



We need a favor !

**Members and Friends of St. Paul's
We're looking for some very specific help.**

Our website is way out of date and needs updating, both in content and useability.

Is there someone out there who is skilled in working with websites, either to update an old one or even create a better new one? This would entail working closely with Rachel in the office to refine our on-line presence. Our own members would find this very helpful, and seekers who find us on-line would have a easier and better experience learning about St. Paul's.

If you do not have these skills, but know someone who does, you can also let us know that so we can reach out to that person.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Pastor Scott Cady



Thank you



THANK YOU!

Since the end of April the congregation has been invited to participate in a few projects that have been sponsored by various groups within the church. On April 27th the Spring Fellowship Dinner was held to a growing number of people! We served nearly 150 meals, about 65 take outs and the remainder ate in. The Chicken Lombardy meal is always enjoyed by guests. Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee for their hard work and dedication to these events. All of the proceeds went to our church budget and after expenses that was over \$1,600. I want to personally thank each and every member of this congregation who supported our efforts. Unfortunately, the number of guests always outweighs the number of members who attend. I would love to see that change come fall.

A couple of weeks later, St. Paul's Women of the ELCA sponsored our first-ever Penny Auction. Most of us were novices at putting on such an event and had no idea how popular it would be! Doors opened at 6pm and by 5pm we had folks lining up at the door! We quickly realized that we were grossly unprepared for the crowd that was about to come! We hustled to set up more tables and every folding chair we had. We encircled the fellowship hall with seating! We had a diverse group of people who attended and bought tickets and won many great prizes! We are thankful to Thrivent for the \$250 Action Team Grant they gave to help defer any expenses that was secured by Lisa Bodnar. We also want to thank the many members who provided some very nice prizes! There were a lot of very happy people as they left that evening! (There were also many tired women and a few men who worked during that week to make it happen.) One-half of the proceeds of the Auction went to our church budget and the other one-half is being used for Biennial Convention Scholarships for our women to attend the convention at Camp Calumet in October 2024. The total income from the event was over \$2,200. Thank you again.

In the midst of the previous two events, Ethan Schaller presented his Senior Confirmation Class Project to the congregation. As a class of one, we quickly realized that we would have to reach out to the congregation to help with his "Blessing Bags for the Homeless." And help you did! The outpouring of support was pretty overwhelming to us! Ethan set a goal to make about 15 bags but once all was said and done, we ended up with 22 Blessings Bags. There are a whole lot of extras that will be taken to the Gathering Place where people in need can do laundry, take showers, get counselling, and more. These gifts will be used for a long time to come. Ethan, Max and Doug Harrel, David Little, and I stuffed bags with personal care products, water, tee shirts, snacks, and love. Thanks to all who helped make this project possible.





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@gmail.com*

Volunteers are needed to set up and help out the day of the tag sale. Monday and Wednesday, June 10 & 12 from 11 am to 2 pm , Friday June 14 from noon to 4 pm and Saturday from start to finish. If you want to help, please let the office know and we will pass it along Lisa.
Secretary@stpaulstorrington.com

Donations are still being accepted.
Remember no clothes, shoes or large furniture.

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Hilltop closes for the summer on June 10th and then we head into our summer schedule! The teachers will work extra time to clean up from the year, after the children finish, but then they get to rest up for the summer and boy do they deserve a rest!



I'm finishing my third full year at Hilltop. It's been extremely rewarding to come back to a small Christian program. It's where I began my Early Childhood journey over 30 years ago! I can't say enough about the HILLTOP community and its kindness!

Mother nature wasn't so nice to us early this Spring, we are finally using the outdoor classroom and the playground on a daily basis. Some mornings have been a bit chilly for this time of year. Fresh air is always good for our mind and bodies.

The Hilltop Advisory Committee is a real blessing. This year we hosted a 50th Anniversary Celebration for Hilltop. St. Paul's should be immensely proud to sponsor such a time-honored program. I want to thank the celebration committee, Casaundra, Gabrielle, Jane, Michelle and Pamela for the extra hours they put in to make this event so successful. These committee members dedicate their time not only to the monthly meetings, but also to other projects they take on! There are many challenges in supervising Hilltop, but they are always thinking only of the best for everyone! The Property Board is always quick to respond when Hilltop has a property need. Greg, Diane, and the committee tackle our needs.

Our 12th Annual Art Show/Auction was a success, bringing in \$800.00 to our tuition assistance fund. Thank you to all who donated items and participated in the event.

I would again like to thank Rachel and Jean for all the work they do for us! Whatever question or concern I have; they have an answer! Jean is a saint as she wrestles with the challenges the funded class brings her way! I cannot say enough about the way they continued to help me this year. Love you ladies!

As we look ahead to the fall, we are hopeful for more part day students. The full day classrooms are almost full, saying the change we made last year to add another full day classroom was successful. Registration is ongoing through the summer. If classes fill up, we keep waiting lists. Please continue to spread the word about Hilltop and refer your friends and families to our program.

In all things we trust that God will carry us through!

I pray you have a safe and restful summer!

In His Service,
Barbara J. Mazzei
Director & Head Teacher



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!



The Garden of memories

Few places are more calming than a beautiful garden. It is difficult not to be at peace when you are surrounded by flowers and the sound of nature. Being in such an area will put your mind into a state of meditation.



We are fortunate to have such an area here at St Paul's for all to enjoy. Lisa Bodnar has graced our Garden with her plantings for your pleasure.

COME RELAX AND MEDITATE, it is beneficial for your mental, physical & emotional well being.

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



Women of the ELCA



St. Paul's Women End of the Year Banquet **Monday, June 24th @ 6pm in the Fellowship Hall**



Catered by Jimmy's Store

Meal includes Salad, Rolls, Penne a la Vodka, Entrée of Choice, Potatoes, Veggie, & Dessert



Entrée Choices

Prime Rib

**Baked Stuffed Shrimp (served w/
rice)**

Stuffed Turkey Breast

Chicken Marsala

\$30 per person

**Please sign up (in the Narthex) &
Pay by June 19th**

All Women are Invited to Join Us!

If you wish to participate as a Secret Sister, please complete this form and return it to Leah Seleman or Lisa Bodnar by June 20th, or you may bring it to the end-of- leahseleman@charter.net

or Lisa Bodnar (860-491-6342 or bodnar983@gmail.com)

if you have questions.

See information on the end-of-the year banquet in the newsletter.



Women of the ELCA



2024 – 2025

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phones: (H) _____ (Cell) _____

E-Mail:

Family Members:

Birthday:

Anniversary:

Favorite Color:

Favorite Flower:

Hobbies:

Collections:

What do you like to do in your free time?

Favorite Treat:

Anything else you can share?



Women of the ELCA



- ♥ All women are encouraged to participate as a Secret Sister.
 - such as birthday, anniversary, and holidays. Perhaps you'd like to send her a card each month.
- ♥ This is meant to be a fun activity! You are encouraged to be creative in what you give to your Secret Sister. Hopefully the information she has shared will be helpful in choosing just the right gift for her. (If you need other ideas see an officer who might be able to help you.) Gifts need not be expensive, just thoughtful.
- ♥ Cards can be mailed or brought to the table outside the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen. Please be sure to clearly mark packages and gifts on the outside so your Secret Sister finds her special surprise!
- ♥ Be sure to keep your identity a secret. Sometimes this might mean disguising your handwriting or having someone else write your card. Feel free to use the church address (837 Charles St., Torrington, CT 06790) as the return address.
- ♥ If, for whatever reason, you are unable to continue to serve as a Secret Sister during the year, please be sure you let an officer so know so we can re-assign your Secret Sister to someone else. We don't want anyone to be left out.
- ♥ Please try to remember special occasions
- ♥ You will reveal your identity to your Secret Sister next June. At the same time, new Secret Sisters will be selected. Have fun!



Fellowship




Sunday, June 23rd 8:15am-9:45am
Buffet: \$10 Adults \$7 Kids ages 5-10
 Casseroles, quiche, fruit, meat, pancakes ...

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a Breakfast on Sunday, June 23rd from 8:30-9:45am in the hall. The proceeds of this breakfast will go toward our Angel Project. It seems like a long way off but I am hopeful that by starting early we can get a decent amount of money into the fund so that I don't have to beg and plead for more help in December. For those who are unaware, the Angel Project began over 35 years ago to help members of the congregation who were in need at the holidays. It has grown a lot since its' inception by Pastor Ellen Muller. We have been remembering members who have lost a member of their immediate family by gifting them with a fruit basket filled with fruit, snacks, and a poem in memory of their loved one. For many years we gifted the class we sponsored at the Rock Point Indian Reservation School in Arizona.

Hopefully we will see lots of you for breakfast and fellowship on Sunday morning, June 23rd? What better way to start your day than with good food and friendly conversation with fellow members? Please come and invite a friend to join you!



Around the church



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APPALACHIAN TRAIL MINISTRY
SPONSORS
CHRIST TRINITY CHURCH
1ST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- 6-10 people needed to direct kindness & generosity to hikers
- Food, equipment, fuel, and more provided by sponsors
- Contact May Friday at 860-489-7448 or mayffriday@gmail

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



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



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,
June 19

George's Restaurant
East Main St. Torrington

Men's Breakfast
Wednesday,
May 19

A/C Eatery
South Main St. Torrington



June 2nd
Kim Rakyta

June 4th
Mary Grening

June 5th
Karen Trippodi
Shaelynn Holmgren

June 9th
June Meyers

June 10th
Ralph Boscarino

June 11th
Lynn Shuhi
Caroline Quintal

June 12th
Bob Magyar

June 13th
Sabra Rosenbeck

June 14th
Gabrielle Vega
Jaiden O'Meara

June 15th
June Seiser
Paul Winzler

June 16th
Brandon & Dale
Osterman

June 17th
Bonnie Schaff

June 18th
Leslie Langenheim

June 19th
Harry Stone

June 23rd
Walter "Cookie"
Joray

June 25th
Kathy-Ann Campbell

June 26th
Linda Gryniuk
Kent Madia

June 30th
Mark Langenheim

Victor & Charlotte Madia	June 02, 1990
Alexander & Iris Barko	June 05, 1982
Kenneth & Judith Ludwig	June 10, 1972
Sal & Marie Barbieri	June 13, 1998
Paul & Catherine Winzler	June 18, 1994
Alan & Fran Seitz	June 20, 1964
Thomas & Linda Richard	June 20, 1981
William & Cynthia Muhl	June 23, 1990



Joan Sirois

Mary Curtis

Carrie Hodgkin Dusi

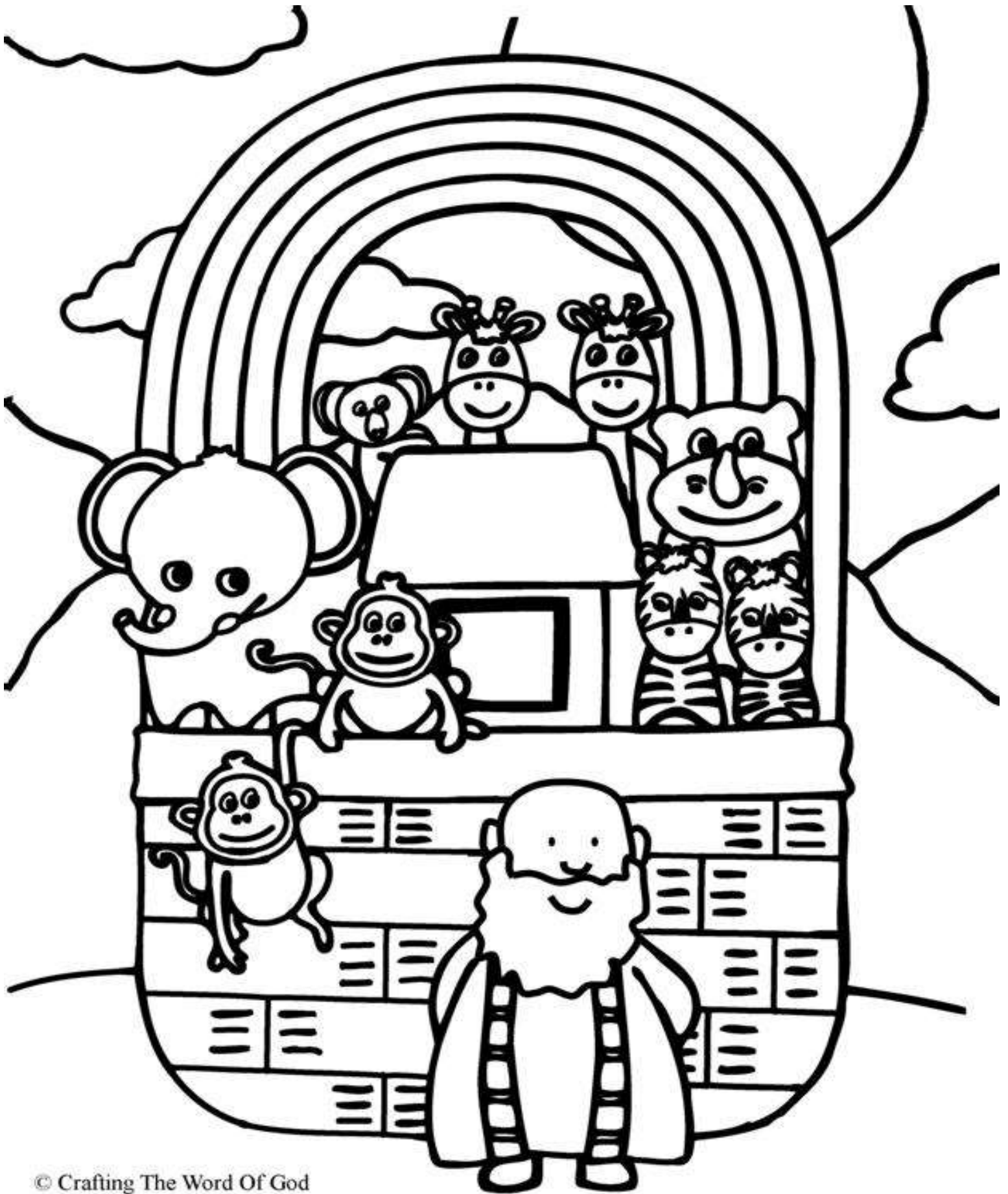
Janice Southworth

St. Paul's Fellowship Committee presents

Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, June 23rd
8:15am-9:45am
\$10 – Adults; \$7 youth ages 5-10
In the Fellowship Hall
Breakfast casseroles, quiche, fruit, meat, pancakes, and more

Kids Pages!





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Nicole Waldron, Teacher
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