

October

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

2025

Sunday Services

November

- 2 **All Saints Day**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 9 **Pentecost 22**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 16 **Pentecost 23**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 23 **Christ the King**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
Family Advent Craft
After service
- 30 **First of Advent**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

December

- 7 **Advent 2**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 14 **Advent 3**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 21 **Advent 4**
Worship and Communion
Sunday School Pageant
10:00 am
- 24 **Christmas Eve**
10:00 am
4:30 pm
- 28 **First of Christmas**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
Sunday School 11:00 am

Sunday School 11:00 am most Sundays!

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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

With fall comes an uptick in most of our programs. It is a good time to consider if any of you might be a good fit for some of our activities. Some of our teams have become a bit sparse, and could use some new blood.

Let's start with our funeral reception team. Often when a member schedules a funeral at St. Paul's, they plan to use the Fellowship Hall for a gathering after. This involves setting up tables and chairs, putting on coffee, and, often, preparing desserts. This assumes that the main meal is catered. Sometimes they ask us to put on the meal. Obviously, that involves much more effort. The team that does this is getting older, smaller, and most of them are also busy with other church affairs. We're looking for 3 or 4 more helpers who can be available on short notice to help with these things. Please call me or Paula if interested.

Similarly, we have a couple teams that go to the Community Kitchen about 3 times per year each. Sometimes due to vacations or illness, etc. one of the teams is pretty short handed. This is an occasional and predictable schedule always on a Sunday. Let me know if you'd be interested.

Third, our altar guild - the group that sets up and cleans up the altar for worship could use some more help. They would train you and you usually work with another person as a team. Jeanette Richard leads this team and would love to hear from you.

Meal Train is another occasional ministry. Sometimes a member needs rides or meals or some other support, usually related to medical issues. Bonnie Schaff leads this. When a need arises, she sends out a notice on the computer and people respond as to their availability. This happens 3 or 4 times a year and is a great opportunity to care in practical ways for our fellow members.

Finally, while all the committees would welcome more members, we are re-starting our Evangelism Team. This committee seeks to spread the word about the Gospel of Christ, and to invite new people to attend St. Paul's. There are several ideas being hatched that could use more refining, and more thoughts on timing of events, designs for materials, best practices for engaging the community, etc. Please let me know if this would interest you.

Please consider offering some time to these or other church events. Your efforts will be much appreciated.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Scott Cady





Come ye thankful
People come...

A Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Tuesday, November 25th 7:00 pm

We will come together for this special worship service:

Pastor G. Scott Cady—St. Paul's Lutheran Torrington

Erick Olsen— Norfolk UCC

Sara Khrla— Goshen Congregational

Micki Nunn-Miller— Cornwall UCC

Naomi Cardello— Trinity Episcopal

Susan Caufield— Harwinton UCC

Averille Blackburn Center Congregational

Kenric Prescott United Torrington UCC

Kevin Johnson— Workman AME Zion

John Brawner— First UMC

Parker Prout— First UMC

Thanksgiving has become one of the most beloved family
holidays of the year.

In celebration for all God has given us,
plan to begin the holiday weekend on
Thanksgiving Eve at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles Street
Torrington, CT 06790
860-482-3555

HILLTOP ELC



How is it November already! We have had a very busy couple of months. Classrooms are getting used to the routine of school. We are happy to report that our two-year-old classroom does not have children crying as they enter school anymore. It took exactly four weeks for them to feel comfortable leaving the safety of their caregivers and to trust the teachers. This is a great accomplishment, and we owe our staff a great deal of gratitude for not giving up!

We have been outside most of the days and using the outdoor classroom to the max! We are taking advantage of the beautiful weather we have been having. Our field trip to Ruwet Farm to pick pumpkins took place during the third week of October. This is a fun little trip close to school and although pumpkin picking is the why we go, the highlight of the trip for most of the students is riding a big school bus. We had several parent chaperones, and we could not thank them enough for the help.

We took time to honor one of our teachers who is a three-year survivor of breast cancer with a "Pink OUT," we all dressed in pink to show support for those fighting, surviving and those who lost their battle with cancer. This is a worthy cause but let's face it, we love to dress up in Preschool!

Thank you for your support with our Fall spice sale fundraiser. Orders will be delivered mid-November just in time for Holiday baking and cooking.

Hilltop will have our family "feast" this November. Our families and students will enjoy a meal together. Families will be asked to help with donations and preparations. We look forward to this opportunity to be together.

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

AROUND THE CHURCH

Gift Cards with Purpose at St. Paul's!

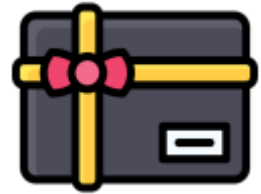
Looking for a simple way to support St. Paul's Church?

We will be selling gift cards every Sunday, to your favorite retailers – and a percentage of every sale goes straight to St. Paul's, and helps the general fund and mission and ministries of our church!

Whether you're buying groceries, filling up your gas tank, shopping for birthdays and holidays, or shopping online, using these gift cards turns your everyday spending into meaningful support for the work God is doing through St. Paul's.

Choose from top brands. Some of the most popular are:

Grocery Stores - Stop & Shop, Shop Rite
Gas Stations – Gulf, Mobile, Shell
Restaurants – Applebee's, Panera, 99's
Retail shops - Walmart, Target, Lowes, Home Depot



And many more! Over 500 retailers to choose from.

Cards will be available after the worship service in the Narthex.

Pay with cash, check, or card.

No extra cost to you

Cards for everyday use or gift-giving

A great way to give back while you shop!

Favorite cards are in stock, for purchase on Sunday. Additional cards can be ordered.

Buy gift cards. Support our Church. Be a blessing.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul's.

ANGEL PROJECT 2025

Fruit Baskets – for families who have lost a member of their immediate family (cash donations toward the purchase of fruit)

Assembly of Fruit Baskets – 12/12 at 12pm

Gift Preferences out on 11/23 and due back by 12/14 (wrapped with angel attached)

Hat & Mitten Tree – up for most of November and into December.

Hats, ear muffs, gloves, scarves, mittens, slipper socks, etc.!



Save the Date! Part I

December 14, 2024 11: 00 am

Women of the ELCA



Meet on November 24th

We are making three Thanksgiving baskets for members in need. Anything you might find on holiday menu at home is acceptable. The families have children so treats are also great (maybe some cookie mix and cookie cutters or decorations or candy!) Fresh produce is invited also since Thanksgiving is just a couple of days away. Karen Marciano and Kathy Olkowski are hostesses.

We will also be making an angel that night to keep with tradition!

December 1st @ 5:30pm (or when you can make it!). Trim the Chrismon Tree, Party, and Yankee Swap. All are invited to help! Bring a wrapped gift (\$10-15 average) to exchange. Anything goes! Gift cards, edibles, seasonal gifts, etc.!

Cookies!

For elderly, sick & shut-in members and college students. Should have homemade cookies here on Sunday, November 30th, by 9 am for packaging.

Help with delivery by the congregation will be greatly appreciated! No tree nuts, peanuts, or peanut butter, please. We have allergies!



Fellowship Committee News

Thanks to all who attended the September Roast Pork Fellowship Dinner. After minimal expenses, the approximately \$1,800 has been gifted to the church's treasury.

Our next project is the Super Bowl of Caring Grinder, Chef Salad, and Chili Sale in early February, the Saturday before the "Big Game!" Please watch for more details and order forms.

The Fellowship Committee is looking for new members to help with these events. Most of us are in our 70's and we need some younger help! See June Seiser or any member of the committee (Casaundra Abeling, Ralph Boscarino, Gabbie Dziedic, Pam Ewing, Wendy & John Iannelli, Pamela Little, Karen Ness, Susan Racloz, Linda & Gary Rosa, Paula Rosenbeck).

Thank You!

Socktober and the Reformation 508 Food Drive

Thanks to all who contributed to our efforts in October. All items will be distributed through local Social Service agencies!

Free Thanksgiving Meals

A collaboration between the Knights of Columbus & St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Delivery of a limited number of meals is first come first serve. Please call 860-482-3555 to get on the list. If a message is left include your name, phone number, address, and the number of meals needed. If you would like to eat in, please go to the Columbia Club, no reservations needed. Volunteers needed to deliver the meals on Thanksgiving morning, please email keekee97@optonline.net to volunteer. Members of St. Paul's are asked to provide pies to be included with delivery. Details to follow.

Columbia Club— Knights of Columbus 152 Litchfield St. Torrington, CT

For information, call the club 860-482-6462

A CAPPELLA CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Can you carry a tune?

St. Paul's a cappella choir is always looking for new members for all parts. We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the choir room with a second, informal, practice on Thursday mornings at 11:00. for anyone interested. There's no application process; all you have to do is show up and be ready to sing.

Although it's a plus if you can read music, it's not a necessity as each part of every anthem is recorded individually (for the most part) and sent to the members via email. If you have questions, you can call the director, Bonnie, at 860-485-1166 or email her at airfluffy@charter.net.



The Congregational Care Committee ministers to members who need meals or rides or sometimes just someone to sit with them for a while. Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to make and deliver to someone with an illness or a new baby for instance? This is a good ministry for you.

Likewise if you like to drive. It's not a committee that requires much time; you might only be called on to volunteer once or twice a year. For more information, you can call Bonnie at 860-485-1166.



Men's Breakfast
Wednesday
November 19
A/C Eatery
South Main St.
Torrington

Women's Breakfast
Wednesday
November 19
George's Restaurant
East Main St.
Torrington



2026 New England Synod Assembly

And the Word became flesh - living the story of Jesus

The New England Synod Assembly will take place on June 4-6, 2026 at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. under the theme of 'And the Word became flesh - living the story of Jesus'. To encourage congregations to plan to send their pastor, deacon or LLM and voting members, we are providing the dates of assembly for your planning calendars and the registration rates to be included in your 2026 budget calculations.

\$275 - Early Registration \$200 - Early Registration for People of Color & Youth/Young Adult
\$375 - Regular Registration *meals may be purchased for an additional fee

More information related to next year's theme, workshops and other activities will be shared in the new year. You may expect registration information during the month of February.

GARDEN OF MEMORIES

St. Paul's garden is truly a beautiful and peaceful place to sit, relax and reflect. Visit prior to the first snowfall.

Putting the Garden to Bed

The blooms bow low, their colors fade,
Cool shadows stretch where sunshine played.
I tuck the roots in earth's warm keep,
And whisper, rest now, time to sleep.

The spade grows still, the air turns clear,
Frost's breath draws gently, winter's near.
Yet under soil, in silence deep,
The promise stirs—it does not sleep.

Information about the Garden of Memories, whether it about interment or to volunteer to help with maintenance, please contact Lisa Bodnar 860-491-6342 or bodnar983@gmail.com





November 1st

Anthony Boscarino
Dominic Boscarino

November 2nd

Jane Yurgalevicz
Sherrie Battistoni

November 4th

Vinni Carey

November 6th

Elijah Shapiro
Zac Boutot

November 9th

Richard Sawitzke
Sal Barbieri

November 10th

Ava Newkirk

November 12th

Janice Capolupo
Kevin Brewster

November 14th

Marilyn Killingbeck

November 15th

Lenni Lee Nilsson

November 16th

Heinz Roller
Elizabeth Klebe

November 18th

Bruce Magyar

November 20th

Midge Rosenbeck

November 22nd

Arielle Newkirk

November 24th

Kristine Murdick

November 25th

Liz Falls

November 26th

Marlen Battistoni

November 20th

Lindsay Ferrucci

**Tai Chi
Wednesday
Mornings 11:00**

**Drop in whenever
the mood strikes.
Free to all!**

Charles & Beth Brower

11-03-2001

Mark & Linda Gryniuk

11-06-1992

Martin & Michelle Thompson

11-06-1995

Jacquelyn and Tom Wassik

11-19-1994



**The 24th great
grandchild of
Emily Decker!**

Beckham Michael Edward Kelsey was born on October 11, 2025 to Kristopher & Ashley S. Kelsey. Grandmother is Lucille Kelsey and great-grandmother is Emily Decker.



**Friends and Family of
Fred George
Bob Watkins
Doris Fenn
Robert Marracino
Kathleen Patterson**

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Sacred Harp Presented by Marcie Swift
Saturday, November 22, 2025 1:30—3:00

In today's climate of turmoil, change, and stress, we may find ourselves distracted from our true source. This program invites you to detach from darkness and to remember the beauty, joy, and wonder of life itself. Marcie Swift will enchant us with her healing, sacred harp, hypnotic guided imagery and stories, and light-hearted humor. Allow yourself to be bathed in the golden glow of therapeutic vibrations as we join hands to celebrate our life and all its possibilities.

COST | \$30

Marcie Swift is a Psychologist, Certified Therapeutic Musician of the Harp and Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator. She is known for creating sanctuaries of sound with her magnificent Celtic harp, coupled with enchanting storytelling. Dr. Brandon Nappi, former Director of Cooper Beech Institute, described her as having a "superpower to transform pain and suffering." Marcie has recorded two CD's : Thread of Life and The Heart is True. Marcie Swift, M. Ed CMP recently released her book, Whimsies & Wonders: Finding Joy

Call 860-567-3163 or visit their website to register for this program.

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Coat Drive ending soon!

In conjunction with FISH and other local supporters, coats will be collected for distribution to our neighbors in need in November. Please bring new or gently used warm coats to St. Paul's until November 10th . Please remember, no stains, holes, broken zippers etc. and coats only.

Thank you for your support!



Blood Drives @ St. Paul's

Nov. 4 or 25

Make an appointment today on their website to give the gift of life.



**American
Red Cross**

30 Day Thankfulness challenge

Write Or Draw Something You Are Thankful For Every Day

Day 1 	Day 2 	Day 3 	Day 4 	Day 5 
Day 6 	Day 7 	Day 8 	Day 9 	Day 10 
Day 11 	Day 12 	Day 13 	Day 14 	Day 15 
Day 16 	Day 17 	Day 18 	Day 19 	Day 20 
Day 21 	Day 22 	Day 23 	Day 24 	Day 25 
Day 26 	Day 27 	Day 28 	Day 29 	Day 30 

KID'S COLORING PAGE

EVERYONE IS
WELCOME AT OUR
CHURCH



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).



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