



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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August 2010 Newsletter

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST

- August 1 – **10th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship, Communion, Baptism & Nursery Care
 9:00am
- August 7 – **Worship & Communion**
 4:00 pm
- August 8 – **11th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship, Communion & Nursery Care
 9:00am
- August 15 – **12th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship, Communion & Nursery Care
 9:00am
- August 21 – **Worship & Communion**
 4:00 pm
- August 22 – **13th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship, Communion & Nursery Care
 9:00am
- August 29 – **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship, Communion & Nursery Care
 9:00

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SEPTEMBER

- September 5 – **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship, Communion & Nursery Care
 9:00am
- September 11 – **Worship & Communion**
 4:00 pm
- September 12 – **15th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship & Nursery Care
 9:00am
- September 19 – **16th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship, Communion & Nursery Care
 8:15am & 11:00am
- September 26 – **17th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship, Communion & Nursery Care
 8:15am & 11:00am



September 19th

A word from
Pastor Mike



I'm sure that my front page article for the month of August will sound like the typical summer appeal for the people to remember when they are not our of town that we worship during the summer just as we do the other nine months of the year. Of course, its summer and people are traveling. But, I have noted the trend is for everyone to become busier with their lives no matter what time of year it is. It happens in the Millum household as well, and every time it does I ask myself how, how can we get even busier than we already are? Yet it seems to happen, and before we realize it almost every free moment is claimed, and most of the claims that are made on our time are beneficial and worthwhile.

I write this month to encourage you also to claim some time to take care of yourself. Many of you have memberships at a fitness spa and are *religious* about your physical well being through exercise and diet. I wish I could be more like you in that respect. However, we also need time to recharge ourselves spiritually, a discipline we are not nearly as apt to attend to when we have been away from the faith community for an extended period of time.

Whenever someone who has been very active in the worship and ministry of the congregation goes missing, I or Pastor Paul try to make a contact with them, and usually we are told, "Nothing is wrong, we have just been very busy," and during the course of that conversation they will admit that when they are absent from the worship and the fellowship of the church, something is missing.

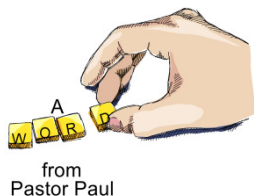
Know that, even as you are missing something, you are also missed. Each time a member of our congregation is away for an extended period of time a vital limb or organ of the body of Christ here at St. Paul's is absent and your spirit, your gifts, your presence is genuinely missed! Paul writes in the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians, "**if one member suffers, all suffer together..., if one member is honored, all rejoice together....**" I would add, if one of our members is missing, the entire congregation is diminished in some way.

Jesus misses you too!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Mike". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Mike

August, 2010



Some years ago, as a relatively new member of a small, struggling congregation, I helped to serve the coffee after a funeral of a life-long member. A pair of older men, also both life-long members, were having a chat, within listening range. The conversation went something like this:

“That was a good funeral if you have to have one.”

“Yes it was. But I haven’t seen you here since the last one.”

“That’s not true. I was here for my daughter’s wedding five years ago.”

“What’s it going to take to get you back here regular on Sundays?”

“What are you offering?”

“Just my bad singing, and a ride if you need one.”

It takes a little nerve to ask someone you respect and admire to come back to church after they’ve been away for a spell. But it’s a gesture of genuine affection, not a guilt trip, to tell someone they’ve been missed. It’s gesture of care, and compassion to let them know that you can call it church, but it just doesn’t seem the same church without them. It’s not about money, or doing jobs, or getting things done. It’s about being the body of Christ, and a body without one of its parts just doesn’t act right.

So if you’re reading this consider yourself among those whom Christ invites, because it just isn’t the same without you. If you’re a bit behind on your pledge, don’t be embarrassed. If you need a ride, let us know. If you’re angry about something, let us help you channel that someplace useful (angry people have made the best changes in churches in case you haven’t noticed.) If you are just plain indifferent, think of the ways in which the church has **made a difference**.

If you’re a little like me, then maybe the approaching school year causes you to alter your habits enough to come back. About now I get the urge to buy pencils. I like to buy the yellow ones with the little pink erasers that smell like cedar when you sharpen them. I have boxes and boxes of them which I usually wind up giving away, because I so seldom use pencils. I broke with the pencil-box habit a while back, but it’s still a temptation!

I hope and pray that you will find space in your heart to come to worship soon. It really is not the same without you.

What’s it going to take?

God’s blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Pastor Paul



- ❄ From Camp Hope for our donation of \$39.00.
- ❄ To Sharon Machuga – for taking on the dirty job of cleaning the choir robes and the fun job of spearheading a very successful St. Paul's 1st Annual Chili Cookoff and Family Picnic.
- ❄ To Matt Kandefer who continues to be a safety net and a fount of information whenever the office has technological glitches.
- ❄ To Carl Brolin for the taxing job of getting QuickBooks loaded on Jean's computer.
- ❄ To members of the Property Committee (Part 1) for addressing all the weirdness of our daily church problems – from mysterious smells to phones that go on strike to finding homes for wandering property items.
- ❄ To the members of the Property Committee (Part 2) who worked so hard these past months to secure contractors for restraining, painting and roofing our church.
- ❄ To the members of the Property Committee (Part 3) who have been determinedly working towards the completion of the storage building. It's harder to wrap up this project than anyone could imagine.



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MOVE OVER!!!

This news is a little outdated, but since the passing of this law blew right by me, I thought I should pass it along to you.

A **Move over law** is a law which requires motorists to move over and change lanes to give safe clearance to law enforcement officers on roadsides. Forty-seven U.S. states have passed "Move Over" laws, which were created in response to officer roadside fatalities in the line of duty.

Most Move Over laws require drivers to move over or slow down for emergency vehicles with their lights flashing. This includes police cruisers, Sheriff's or Highway Patrol vehicles, fire trucks and ambulances.

Currently Hawaii, Maryland, and New York are the only states, as well as Washington, D.C., that do not have a "Move Over" law. On June 17, 2009, Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell signed House Bill 5894, establishing a Move Over requirement in the state. Connecticut's Move Over law took effect on October 1, 2009.



Please sign up for GoodSearch if you surf the net or do online shopping. Each time you use it, St. Paul's gets money and it doesn't cost you anything.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

In the Book of Acts, a pastor once told me, our churchly habits, the way we “do church” was established. One of the things “deacons” did was to assure that widows and orphans, aka *the poor* were attended to. In our congregation, we don’t have deacons, we have council members. But we do have those among us whose needs are known to only a few, but whose troubles are many.

To assist these folks, we have a fund called the **Pastor’s Discretionary Fund**. At the discretion of the pastor, funds can be distributed to tide over a family or individual who is under employed or unemployed, someone with an unexpected, uncovered medical emergency, to buy a week’s groceries, or any other unusual need. No disclosure is made, preserving the dignity of the recipient.

Lately, because of hard times, the discretionary fund at St Paul’s has been tapped quite a lot, and because we are a generous and faithful church, the well has not gone dry. But it has come close. There are two ways which this fund is replenished. The first way is by your support of the regularly scheduled fellowship dinners. Part of the proceeds of this outreach ministry is distributed to the pastor’s discretionary fund and in addition to a gourmet dinner, you get to support a family in need, making your stomach and your heart full. Secondly, with your regular Sunday envelopes is a special envelope into which you can deposit a sum for this purpose.

At Christmas time, we choose an angel or two to adopt with special gifts. We are asked to defray the cost of Sunday School materials by adopting a child. These are great ways to help with the ministries we share. And with the pastor’s discretionary fund, you may be adopting a person who is facing economic, social or spiritual calamity. If you are fortunate enough to have the means to contribute to this fund, please be thankfully generous. If you are not, then know that you are a part of a community that takes its responsibilities seriously in that you will not go hungry.

As Jesus says, “As you provided for one of these, you have done it for me.”

Carl Brolin, for your Church Council

Mutual Ministry Committee

Our next step . . .

The Mutual Ministry committee is pleased to have settled on a personnel evaluation for St. Paul’s pastors and staff. The design of this review is laid out in the book Completing the Circle: Reviewing Ministries in the Congregation by David R. McMahill. We began this feedback review system for St. Paul’s pastoral ministry a year ago and then conducted several other sessions during the course of the past year.

As it is nearly impossible for a pastor to demonstrate ‘improved’ performance on an annual basis and we as members of the congregation are most interested in what the pastor’s ministry means to *me*, this review approach goes to the heart of each of these. Using periodic feedback sessions that are based on personal experiences shared in a group setting grounded by the use of standardized questions, the Mutual Ministry committee is better able to provide review comments to the staff of St. Paul’s. These responses will be based in members’ personal experiences of ministry.

Worship feedback is based on information presented in *Our Experience of Worship* (p 62). In following the features of the program, congregation members are chosen at random or self-selected to participate in one feedback session. Sessions are scheduled by the Mutual Ministry committee at times to encourage participation by a wide cross section of the members of St. Paul’s. Information that comes from each group is expected to be descriptive in nature.

It is our committee’s goal to hold a group session following a Sunday service in August. Sue Lemke and Allison Steeves from the Mutual Ministry committee will be present at the services. They will announce the need for volunteers who attended worship to spend 15 – 20 minutes answering questions about their worship experience. Participation is voluntary and greatly appreciated.

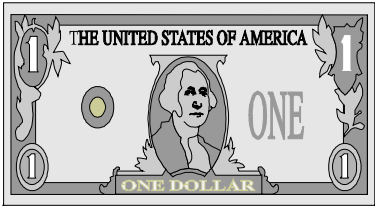
Previous reviews have provided invaluable information to the Mutual Ministry/Staff Support committee and the staff of St. Paul’s. Well over 50 people have participated in the past year. Will you please be next?

An example of the questions that might be asked:

- What was it like for you preparing to come to worship today?
- Was there any time in the service when you were especially aware of the love of God?
- What did you experience during the offering?
- How did you respond to the music used in the service?
- When we celebrate Holy Communion, what do you usually experience?

We hope that if you’re asked, you will participate in sharing your experience of worship at St. Paul’s.

THE TWENTY AND THE ONE



A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church..."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

Submitted by a church member



The 1969 Confirmation Picture is still missing since Pentecost Sunday. Marlene and Elsie use photos from the St. Paul's photo collections when they do their displays.

If you know of its whereabouts, or have the photo in your personal collection that we can reproduce, we would very much appreciate your assistance.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

For 7½ years St. Paul's has been involved in the Prayer Shawl ministry. Some women have been knitting or crocheting ever since! Others still have picked up along the way. We have other families and individuals who provide yarn for shawl. Whatever way by which you are involved, we are thankful. Countless individuals have benefited from the gift of a prayer shawl. Along with each shawl goes a meaningful prayer with the well wishes of our church family. Presently we have a nice supply of yarn for those who would like to knit or crochet. Please call the church office or see Paula Rosenbeck if you would like to get some yarn.

FALL FAIR

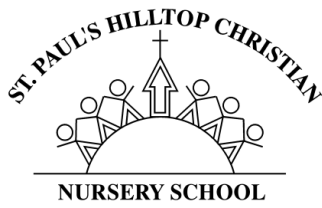
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are upon us! If you are looking for something to do why not start a project for the annual Fall Fair that is set for Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 9:00am – 3:00pm. All forms of arts and crafts are welcome – knitting, quilting, crocheting, sewing, crafts, woodworking, painting, etc.

For those wishing to make crafts as a group, craft sessions will begin on Wednesday, August 4 from 1:00-5:00pm and will continue each Wednesday in the fellowship hall (except on the 2nd Wed. of the month when we will meet in the parlor). Bring your project with you or we will get some projects together to work on.

Watch the newsletter and bulletins for further updates on our efforts to make the Fall Fair a congregation-wide event of which we can be proud to welcome the public!





The staff of Hilltop has been enjoying the summer with their families. The summer is flying by! We regret to say that Nikki Maccalous has given her resignation. She will miss us as much as we will be missing her! She had to find a job with more hours, and will be working for All-Star Transportation. That will also free up her child care issues because her twins can ride with her every day!

Enrollment is very low this year. The economy is sending some parents into the work force, requiring full time child care, while others may not feel private preschool is an affordable option this year. We still have openings for both three and four year olds. Also, don't forget that we are now offering a brand new concept with our afternoon Pre-K class! Older four year olds and young five year olds are eligible for this class. It will be modeled after a Kindergarten class, and provide these children with the gift of an extra year of preschool! Please pass the word on to those you know with young children, and send them our way!

We are all excited about returning to school to set up for a new school year. The staff returns during the week of August 30th doing much to prepare the classrooms and play areas for the start of a new year. We begin our school year with a Parent Orientation on September 7th at 7:00 p.m., followed by two Visiting Days September 8th and 9th. We are looking forward to meeting all the children and their families at Visiting Day.

The summer has kept me busy in the office keeping up to date on paperwork, and fielding phone calls. There were new State Regulations passed last fall which required extra work in the office, updating our own policies to align with the new regulations.

Ray has done a fabulous and efficient job waxing the floors, and washing the walls (including some touch-up painting) in this wing of the church. He does a great job!

We are still collecting Box Tops for Education, so please keep saving them for us! Last year, \$495.00 was added to our Enrichment Fund from Boxtops! We added this money to our enrichment fund and used it to fund our float in the Memorial Day Parade! Thank you to Lisa Proffitt for faithfully running this for us!

I am so looking forward to a great year at Hilltop!

In His Service,
Jan Sosnicki



There is still room in several of the 3 year old and 4 year old classes. Please see Michal in the church office if you would like to register your child for the 2009-2010 year.



The community garden is growing great. We have only had a few ripe tomatoes but the plants are loaded with blossoms so we will have a good, "organically grown" crop soon. All the other "organically grown" plants are doing well too. It will be very rewarding for all of us involved in this mission when we drop off our first harvest to the Food Banks. That should be very soon.

It has been a challenge to keep up with the watering needs during this dry spell but we have managed to do so as well as cover each other during summer vacations.

Thanks to all of you who donated hoses. We did need to purchase three more to reach the garden area. One of the hoses we have looks like it is about to spring a leak so more hoses are still on our wish list. We have one rain barrel but hopefully we will be able to obtain more and connect them to each other. Rain does seem to be in short supply lately but when it does rain, our barrel (s) will fill up.

We could use help with keeping the grass within the fence trimmed. If anyone is able to come in with a weed whacker once every two weeks or so, please get in touch.

If you are interested in helping with the garden or would like to donate funds to help purchase more of the items needed for the garden, you may contact Sharon at 860-482-9899 or email at (sharonmaziarz@yahoo.com). Or you can drop off donations at the Church office.

EXCITING UPDATE!!! I just wanted to let all of our gardeners know that today, July 21st, we achieved our goal of delivering produce to a Food Bank, for the first time. I know we will be delivering much more, but since today was our first, I think we should all give ourselves a "**pat on the back**".. It wasn't a huge delivery but what I did pick and deliver was beautiful. There were a few tomatoes, two Bell peppers and two yellow squash. I was given a thank you note from Friendly Hands Food Bank which I will leave at the Church for all to see.

I plan to deliver the next harvest to FISH and from then on, split it up between the two organizations.

Thank you all for making this possible.

God's Blessings!
Sharon Maziarz

1884 – 2009

125 YEARS

September 1919 - St. Paul's German Lutheran Church is this week observing its 35th anniversary. The exercises opened last night with a service followed by a reception by the Men's Club. A large congregation was present.

The preacher was Rev. Dr. Frederick H. Bosch, pastor of St. Paul's Church, West 123rd Street, New York City, and president of the New York Ministerium or Synod, with which the Torrington church is affiliated. His theme was "The Open Door", and his text was from I Corinthians XVI: 9; "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me." The address was masterly, virile and inspiring. The speaker pointed out wonderful possibilities of the Lutheran church at the present time, arising principally out of the merger of the three largest Lutheran bodies. This merger was effected on Nov. 16th of last year. The three individual bodies were the General Council, General Synod and the United Lutheran Church of the South. The three are now joined under the United Lutheran Church in America, which comprises 45 synods with a total of 800,000 communicant members.

The opportunities were never as promising as they are now, said Dr. Boach, and never before has the church had such great means at its disposal. He urged his hearers to make a big effort to put forth interests of the Lutheran church. The individual, he pointed out, expects a great deal from religion and should be willing to make sacrifices for that religion when opportunity offers.

On behalf of the synod he warmly congratulated the Torrington church and its energetic pastor, The Rev. Otto Seidenstuecker, upon the splendid showing which has been made here.

Special music added to the interest of the service. Among the numbers rendered was a solo by Mrs. Dautrich, with accompaniment by Walter Stoeckert, organist, John D. Sullo, mandolinist, and August Foth, flutist. The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion. At the close of the service there was a reception in the basement by the Men's Club. Addresses were made by several of the older members of the congregation. Refreshments were served.

The last day of the celebration services will be held in the morning, afternoon and evening. The morning service at 10:30 a.m. with Prof. Holthusen of Wagner College, NY as speaker. In the afternoon there will be a social gathering on the church grounds with music by an orchestra. Many friends from neighboring parishes are expected to attend this event. At 3:30 p.m. there will be an address by Rev. Mr. Heidenreich of Hartford who will bring the greeting of the sister congregations of St. Paul's parish. The evening service will be held at 7:45 p.m.. Rev. Mr. Kirsch will be the preacher. This service will be in English and the public is cordially invited.

1884 – 2009

125 YEARS

September 28, 1920 – The Connecticut Conference of the New York Ministerium of the German Lutheran Church is holding a two day session in Torrington. Eighteen congregations and two missions are represented by nineteen pastors and sixteen lay delegates. Rev. Paul A. Kirsch of Meriden is the presiding officer and Rev. E. F. Hingkeldey of Middletown, the secretary. This is the first time that the conference has ever met in Torrington and the fact that this place was selected was a distinct tribute to the Torrington congregation and its energetic pastor, Rev. Otto Seidenstuecker.

The delegates began arriving early last night and a pre conference service was held in the evening at St. Paul's Church. The business session opened at 9 a.m. The following pastors were present: Rev. A. Baum of Bristol, Rev. Paul Clemen of Southbury, Rev. Mart W. Gaudian of New Britain, Rev. O. E. Heydenreich of Hartford, Rev. E. F. Hingkeldey of Middletown, Rev. H. Hunzinger of Seymour, Rev. Paul A. Kirsch of Meriden, Rev. Arnold Keller of New Haven, Rev. F. W. Klein of Bridgeport, Rev. Martin Lorenz of Waterbury, Rev. Dr. R. Meckler of Naugatuck, Rev. Heinrich Mette of Terryville, Rev. Fred Otten of Rockville, Rev. O. Plagemann of Southington, Rev. H. Reumann of Collinsville, Rev. Otto Seidenstuecker of Torrington, Rev. H. Stippich of South Manchester, Rev. H. W. Voight of New Haven, and Rev. Paul F. Werth of Norwich. In addition to these pastors and the lay delegates, the following were present as guests of the conference: Rev. A. H. Holthusen, president of Wagner College, Staten Island, NY; Rev. Gustave Doering, of the Lutheran Orphanage at Jersey City, and the Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch of Jersey City.

The morning session was taken up with the reading and a discussion of the president's report. Two points were especially emphasized in this report. One was the need of introducing the practice of daily family devotions in the home. The other was the need of inducing more men to enter the ministry. President Kirsch called attention to the fact that although there are 15,000 Lutheran congregations in America, there are only 10,000 ministers. The need for additional workers is especially great in view of the fact that the church enrollment increased 10 per cent during the past year. More men are urgently needed to carry on the missionary activities of the church.

The conference coming to Torrington at this time is of particular interest as Rev. Otto Seidenstuecker, for over 20 years pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, is this week observing the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. In recognition of this anniversary, the Ladies Aid Society will serve a public supper from 4 to 7 p.m. tomorrow afternoon and evening; and a dinner to members of all Mr. Seidenstuecker's confirmation classes at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Rev. Seidenstuecker will preach his ordination anniversary sermon and on Monday, Dr. John Herschmann of Brooklyn, NY, who preached at the installation of Mr. Seidenstuecker as pastor of the Torrington church, will deliver an address in English.



SEWING GROUP

The summer is being enjoyed, but we are missing our sewing time together. There is a dire need for helpers as we have many unfinished robes to complete. If you can find it in your heart to join this labor of love, please reserve a Tuesday to offer this service to the Lord. The robes are comforting and warming to those in need. When we return in September, please come and enjoy fellowship and a brown bag lunch together.

In His Service
Gerd Sandrib

P.S. We extend our deepest sympathy to Emma Skarupa on the loss of her husband.



RETIREES

We enjoyed our annual indoor picnic as we took pleasure in the delicious food fest. Our good cooks continue to prepare foods that are a compliment to their cooking talents. Sincere thanks to those who shared their talents with us. Ice cream and wafers capped a delicious picnic fare. Sincere thanks to Elizabet for her home grown flower centerpieces. Not only did they grace our tables, but many Retirees took them home to be further admired.

With full stomachs we became engaged in conversation of a personal nature. **Norman Mailhot** had joined us, so we called upon him to offer prayer. Norman will soon be relocating to Florida to live closer to his immediate family. Norman, a pillar at St. Paul's, will be sorely missed.

Our sincere thanks to Marge Raspiller for the huge donation of pull tabs which were saved by her friends. We urge you all to continue to respond to this ongoing appeal for tabs, Campbell Code labels and the educational boxtops. Your response has been very gratifying, and we thank you.

Referring to our trip on July 15th, the bus ride to Newport was pleasant, but the accommodations on the Majestic boat were extremely disappointing. Stopping time on the wharves was not too favourable. Our next trip, on August 4th, will be to Chez Josef's in Massachusetts, where we will be enjoying a Lobster Fest and also a Country Show. The bus will depart from St. Paul's at 10:15am, but we encourage your earlier arrival.

With His Blessings
Mary Swienkowski
& the Retirees

P.S. We cannot stand still and serve the Lord. Our God is on the move.



MEMBERS CORNER

Everyone's gone Wonka!

Please join us in a hearty St. Paul's shout out to **Gabby Fitzgerald & Sharon, Mei Li and Cai Li Machuga.**

They are performing in the production of Willy Wonka at the Warner Theater on the following dates: July 31, August 6 & 7 at 7:30pm, August 1 & 8 at 2:00pm.

Although Sharon is in all the shows, the girls will only be in the Aug. 6, 7 & 8 shows, so if you can, get tickets for that weekend. This is a very family-friendly show with a great cast, beautiful singing and dancing and even some flying! Please contact the Warner Theatre Box Office at 860-489-7180 for tickets.



To My St. Paul's Family,

Thank you so much for your kind expressions of sympathy after my Dad's death. While my family and I find comfort in the promise of the Resurrection, my church family has been a blessing beyond adequate words. The calls, hugs, cards, food, memorial donations, and everything else are appreciated so much. From the men and women who coordinated the funeral reception, to the countless donations of food, to those who helped with the funeral service, and to all of those who given a reassuring word, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

God Bless you all!



Paula Rosenbeck



Congratulations to **Courtney Ives** on her graduation.

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The next step

Bristol Technical Education Center celebrates class of 2010

By FRESIA SINGHAM
STAFF WRITER

BRISTOL — As the members of the Bristol Technical Education Center Class of 2010 sat all dressed up and attentive for their certificate ceremony, state Sen. Tom Colapietro said they showed "it was well worth the fight."

This was the graduation that almost didn't happen, as several people noted both during and after the ceremony. Last year, Gov. M. Jodi Reil proposed closing the school in her budget cuts, but because of widespread support, the school stayed open.

"All of you are probably the best testament we can see for keeping the school open," Colapietro told the graduates.

Bristol TEC offers certificate programs in automotive technology; culinary arts technology; electronics technology; heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration; manufacturing technology and welding technology. Students attend their respective high schools for two years before enrolling in Bristol TEC, where they learn both their chosen technology and finish earning their high school diplomas. The school also offers classes to post-graduates.

The school presented 123 certificates on Thursday morning, with each graduate receiving a padded navy blue certificate holder with the state seal on it and a maroon Bristol TEC 2010 mug.

The ceremony also included several awards for excellence in both technologies and academics. Adam Schwartz, who earned a certificate in welding technology, was named student of the year.

TOM COLAPIETRO
State Senator speaking at Thursday's graduation

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Photo: David J. Strait
Courtney Ives her diploma during Thursday's graduation ceremony.



Congratulations to the following Active Members on their wedding anniversaries! It is our wish to share the many joys in the lives of our members; but if our records are incomplete or incorrect, please notify us so we can update them.

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| Stephen and June Seiser | August 3, 1985 |
| Andrew and Kathy-Ann Campbell | August 4, 1995 |
| Jared and Kristen Michalski | August 4, 2007 |
| Ed and Anne Grening | August 5, 1953 |
| Brian and Karen Kelleher | August 6, 1988 |
| Gary and Linda Rosa | August 7, 1982 |
| Michael and Lisbeth Baca | August 9, 2008 |
| John and Mary Quinn | August 10, 1962 |
| Donald and Brooke Crossman | August 11, 2006 |
| Ron and Dixie Travis | August 24, 1963 |
| Kurt and Kelli Schaller | August 25, 2007 |
| Christopher and Maria Bertrand-Severi | August 26, 1994 |



Schaller
Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the August 3rd 9:00am Worship Service is Ethan Jarem Schaller, son of Kurt and Kelli Schaller, born on May 12, 2010.



Weddings

St. Paul's Church announces the following couples propose to enter into the holy estate of matrimony. Let us remember them in our prayers that they may enter into these unions in the Name of the Lord, and be prospered in it.:

Daniel Tobin and Shawn Draczynski
on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 5:30pm

James Simmons and Theresa Wolf
on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 12:00pm



Our sincere condolences to the families of:



Thomas Skarupa
Paul Rosenbeck
Karen Showden

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Please let us know if your name is missing or under the wrong date. We will also respect your privacy. If you would like your name to stay off this list in the online newsletter, please contact us. We'll update our records.

- August 1st**
Thomas Eucalitto
- August 2nd**
Thomas Seitz
- August 3rd**
Joseph Eversole
- August 4th**
Megan Osanitsch
- August 5th**
Mary Quinn
Patricia Walsh
Alex Campbell
Melissa Walsh
- August 6th**
Lucretia Goodwin
Dixie Travis
Richard Corey
Patrick Schulze
- August 7th**
Drew Millum
- August 8th**
Heidi Thomas
Kaitlyn Carey
- August 9th**
Alex Gallagher
- August 10th**
Linda Richard
Donna Bardwell
- August 11th**
Ann Dzurilla
Michael Cox
- August 12th**
James Weber
Brittany Beyus
Zachary Chase
- August 13th**
Gary Begey
- August 14th**
Emily Devaux
- August 16th**
Lawrence Bielik
- August 17th**
Debora Sterling
Storm Pereira
- August 18th**
Linnea Nygren
Connor Quinn
Meagan Clavette

- August 19th**
Milda Lukstins
Terry Kern
- August 20th**
John Stewart, Sr.
Lydia Smith
Melissa Ives
Rachael Cox
Abigail Nardine
- August 21st**
Henry Roelofs
- August 22nd**
Janette Lockhart
Tyler O'Neil
Sloan Richardson
- August 23rd**
Elfrieda Roller
David Ness
Lauryn Stevens
Lauren Begey
Colin Baca
- August 24th**
Nathan Zimmerman
Abigail Hoekman
- August 25th**
Amy Paganini
Elizabeth Emmett
Michelle Knuth
Summer Walsh
- August 26th**
Ludwig Mueller
Janis Martin
Steven Grening
- August 27th**
Ed Grening
George Shank
Jonathan Lambert
Andrew Pannier
- August 28th**
Colby Drown
Calvin Bensch
- August 29th**
Adrienne Weik
- August 30th**
Kyle Thomas





It's not too early to start looking for deals on
back to school supplies!

Backpacks

Crayons

Rulers

Pencils

Notebooks

Markers

Erasers

Lined Paper

Copy Paper

Pencil Sharpeners

Ball Point Pens

Glue Sticks

School Glue

Pencil Cases

Highlighters

Construction Paper

Post-It® Notes

Stickers



July-September

Leave donations in the Narthex

There is no registration fee for Sunday School this year.
As you may be aware, a campaign to support a Sunday
School child has been ongoing since summer. Church members
have donated money to offset the Sunday School budget. If you still wish to
participate, please take a cross/info envelope from the tree in the Narthex.

2010 – 2011 ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

3-year olds - 6th Grade

REGISTRATION FORM

ALL BLANKS ARE TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO RETURNING FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (H) _____ (Cell Phone, in case of emergency) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

BIRTHDATE Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

BAPTISMAL DATE Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

GRADE ENTERING IN SCHOOL -- Sept. 2010 _____

New Student _____ Returning Student _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS (If different) _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS/ALLERGIES _____

COMMENTS: _____

I am willing to help with Sunday School in the capacity of: (please check appropriately)

Teacher _____ Substitute _____ Helper _____ Office Assistant _____

Special Projects (ie. baking cookies, Christmas play, etc.) _____

Family Ministry (intergenerational events that bring families together) _____

Blessing of Students & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 15th

9:00am Worship (with youth participation) &
Blessing of Students of All Ages!



Following Worship we will all gather in the
Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social hosted by the
Christian Education Committee.

It's always the "right" time for ice cream!!

Families are asked to bring an Ice Cream Topping of any kind (fudge,
caramel, butterscotch, fruits & berries, sprinkles, sauces, brownies,
crumbled cookies, nuts, cherries, chocolate chips)

Be Creative!

Ice Cream, whipped cream, and beverages provided

Please join us for worship and fellowship!



There is no registration fee for Confirmation this year.
As you may be aware, a campaign to support a Sunday School/Confirmation child has been ongoing since summer. Church member have donated money to offset the Sunday School budget. If you still wish to participate, please take a cross/info envelope from the tree in the Narthex. Thank you.

2010-2011 CONFIRMATION
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GRADE ENTERING IN SCHOOL -- Sept. 2010 _____

COMMUNICANT MEMBER YES _____ NO _____

ALLERGIES _____

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS (if different) _____

ON OCCASION WE ASK PARENTS TO HELP WITH SPECIAL PROJECTS.
WILL YOU BE WILLING TO HELP WITH SUCH THINGS AS LISTED BELOW?

Cookie Bake on Sunday afternoon, November 28, 2010 and subsequent delivery: _____

Reformation Birthday Party, October 31, 2010 between services (9th Grade project): _____

Packaging of non-perishable food that is donated on October 31, 2010: _____

"Soup"er Bowl of Caring Sunday, Sunday, February 6, 2011 (packaging non-perishable food): _____

Serving as a chaperone for scheduled youth events (i.e.; Hammonasset, 30-Hour Famine, etc.): _____

Preparing soup and serving at the Soup Kitchen, Sunday, March 13, 2011 (9th grade project): _____

Confirmation Reception for Ninth Graders – June 12, 2011 (an 8th grade family expectation): _____

August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10th Sunday after Pentecost 1 8:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Worship & Communion Schaller Baptism 10:15am Fellowship Hour 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	2 1:30pm Blood Drive 7:00pm Council	3 7:00pm Prayer Service 7:30pm Bible Study	4 1:00pm Crafts Workshop	5	6	7 5:30pm Draczynski/Tobin Wedding
11th Sunday after Pentecost 8 8:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Worship & Communion Guest Preacher, Rabbi Andrea Interfaith Power & Light 10:15am Fellowship Hour 4:00pm Puppetude/Creative Ministry 12:00pm Torrington Soup Kitchen 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	9 7:00pm Christian Ed.	10 7:00pm Prayer Service 7:30pm Bible Study	11 12:30pm Retirees 1:00pm Crafts Workshop 7:00pm Pack 50 Dist Mtg	12	13	14 4:00pm Worship & Comm.
12th Sunday after Pentecost 15 8:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:15am Blessing of the Students with Ice Cream Social Following 4:00pm Puppetude/Creative Ministry 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	16 6:00pm Tres Dias	17 7:00pm Prayer Service 7:30pm Bible Study	18 1:00pm Crafts Workshop	19 7:00pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm Hilltop Board Mtg	20	21 12:00pm Wolf/Simmons Wedding
13th Sunday after Pentecost 22 8:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:15 am Fellowship Hour 4:00pm Puppetude/Creative Ministry 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	23	24 7:00pm Prayer Service 7:30pm Bible Study	25 1:00pm Crafts Workshop	26	27 6:30pm Movie Night	28 4:00pm Worship & Comm
14th Sunday after Pentecost 29 8:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:15 am Fellowship Hour 4:00pm Puppetude/Creative Ministry 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	30	31 7:00pm Prayer Service 7:30pm Bible Study	Thursday, September 2: Thursday 1st Communion Classes Begin for children grades 3 and older Weekend, September 10-12: 32nd Annual Hammonasset Weekend for Middle/High Schoolers - "Loved to Love" Weekend, September 10-12: New England Women of the ELCA Convention "The Earth is The Lord's" Saturday, September 11: Saturday Worship Service at 4:00pm Sunday, September 19: Rally Day and 8:15/11:00 Worship Services Resume Sunday, September 26: Secret Angel Reveal Sunday, September 26: Confirmation Orientation Sunday, October 3: World Communion Sunday & 1st Communion is Celebrated			

SERVERS TABLE

August 2010

	August 1 st 9:00am	August 8 th 9:00am	August 14 th 4:00pm	August 15 th 9:00am	August 22 nd 9:00am	August 28 th 4:00pm	August 29 th 9:00am
Greeters	Charles Hilton Betty Hilton	John Iannelli Wendy Iannelli		Karen Kelleher	Carrie Kranz Keith Kranz		Charlotte Madia
Acolytes	Jack Wassik Kendra Madia	Jacob Magnoli Zachary Magnoli	Robbie Szabo Emily Szabo	Curtis Joseph Tanner Ness	Jacob Gasper Benjamin Compagna	Mahaila Dickinson Kelly Crossman	Tanner Braatz Garret Braatz Noah Braatz
Lectors	Meredith Winzler	Tom O'Brien	Linda Magyar	David Barone	Marty Thompson	Paula Rosenbeck	Kathleen Nilsson
Ushers	Curt Stone Harry Stone	Curt Stone Harry Stone		Curt Stone Harry Stone	Curt Stone Harry Stone		Curt Stone Harry Stone
Comm. Assistants	Pat Dupret Bruce Ejzak John Grunder Betty Hilton Norman Mailhot(alt) Dennis Walsh	Lisa Bodnar Norman Mailhot Kevin Ross Christy Schimanski Debora Sterling Dixie Travis	Linda Magyar Mary Quinn Jim Wolfinger (alt)	June Seiser (alt) Allison Steeves Carole Toce Joe Toce Karen Trippodi Dennis Walsh	Richard Corey Bruce Ejzak (alt) Faith Jones Lenni-Lee Nilsson Jeanette Richard Kevin Ross	Lois Garrison Linda Magyar (alt) Jim Wolfinger	Lisa Bodnar Barbara Clavette Jim Clavette, Sr. June DeMichiel John Grunder(alt) Norman Mailhot
Nursery Attendants	Mary Quinn Tarrie Marhefsky	Lois Nygren Amanda Nygren		Karen Kelleher Tim Kranz Carrie Kranz	Paul Hoekman Adrienne Hoekman Hanna Hoekman Molly Hoekman		Margaret Clavette Meredith Winzler Megan Beck
Altar Guild Workers	Helga Brose Pat Switzer	Sheila Shank Cheryl Corey		Lisa Bodnar Marie Barbieri	June DeMichiel Linda Samele		Alison LePage Marion Christopoulos

Attention Lectors: Sharon Machuga asks that those who are interested in remaining on the Lectors List to send her an email letting know – machugas@optonline.net

Attention Nursery Attendants: This is a good time to contact the office to restate your interest in helping in the Nursery. Also, please look at your schedules and let Michal know which Sundays you will not be available to help with coordination – secretary@stpaulstorrington.com



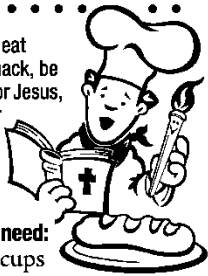
THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

BREAD painting

When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.



What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean artist brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter (optional)

What you do:

1. Decide how many colors you want to use, and set aside one cup for each color.
2. Pour about 1/4 cup of milk into each cup.
3. Add drops of food coloring until you get a bright color.
4. Using a brush, paint a picture or write words (such as a Bible verse) on the slice of bread. Make sure not to get the bread too soaked.
5. When you're finished painting, toast your bread. You can top it with a bit of butter. Enjoy!

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

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j k l m b r e a d n p o f q r l i f e
d H e e f g h i w h o j k l m n p q r
b c d f c o m e s g h i j t o k l m e
n w i l l o p q r s t u n e v e r v w
z y z b c a g o b c d e f g h i j k l
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Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV



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9:00am Sundays
4:00pm 2nd & 4th Saturdays
Nursery Care provided
Holy Communion - **EVERY SERVICE**

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH
Tuesdays - 7:00 PM - Worship Service of Prayer
Tuesdays 7:30 PM - Bible Studies

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