

St. Paul's Lutheran Church The Good News!

Sunday Services

April

- 2 **Maundy Thursday**
Worship and Communion
7:00 pm
- 3 **Good Friday**
Worship
7:00 pm
- 5 **Easter Day**
Worship and Communion
No Sunday School
Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 am
- 12 **2 Easter**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 19 **3 Easter**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 26 **4 Easter**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

May

- 3 **5 Easter**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 10 **6 Easter**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 17 **7 Easter**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 24 **Day of Pentecost**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 31 **The Holy Trinity**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

Sunday School 11:00 am most Sundays!

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A Word from Pastor Cady



April brings us to the Festival of the Resurrection - Easter Day and Easter Season!

It would not be an exaggeration to say that the event of Christ being raised from the dead is the most central teaching of the whole Christian Church. Of course, it is not an event in isolation from his birth - the Incarnation - nor from his Passion and death on the cross, nor from his sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. All these, taken together, form a powerful expression of God's intention for us and for the world.

Let us be clear. The rising of Christ from the tomb is not meant to be a single odd event that is his special reward for being faithful. It is intended to demonstrate to the world that God is able, indeed is determined, to restore life to the dead. What happened to Jesus is a dramatic, visible promise that shows what Jesus meant when he said "I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." EVERYONE! Not just Jesus. As mysterious as this sounds, this is the key to understanding what God's purpose has always been - to create life, both in the flesh and in the Spirit, and to restore that life when physical death comes. The Pharisees, and most regular Jewish people of Jesus' day, held the belief that "on the last day" there would be a general resurrection from the dead. The fact that Jesus has his resurrection before the "last day" is understood to mean that his is only the first of countless similar risings as the Kingdom of God comes into full view.

When we celebrate Christ's resurrection, we can also be reminded of what God has in store for us. We are heirs of the same promise of eternal life. May the joy of that promise shape our hearts and minds, and be reflected in our daily lives. As much as sorrow and loss seem sometimes to outweigh our feelings of joy, let us never be so forlorn that we forget whose we are, and what destiny awaits us.

May this holy season fill your life with all the blessings inherent in its message. As Christ said, "I go to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you may be also."

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady



EASTERTIME

FINANCE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your Finance Committee has been prayerfully and carefully considering opportunities that will strengthen the financial stability of our church and allow us to address important facility needs while safeguarding our long-term mission.

After thorough review, the committee is **recommending acceptance of two offers**, provided the following conditions are met:

1. **Land Sale Offer** – Accept an offer of **\$800,000** for approximately **five acres of land, contingent upon:**

- All zoning changes being completed **without any cost to the church**,
- All necessary permits being acquired **without charge to the church**, and
- Our **attorney's full review and approval** of the sale agreement.
- **Cell Tower Lease Buyout Offer** – Accept a **buyout offer of at least \$605,000 (or above)** for the current cell tower lease, **contingent upon:**
- All required permits being acquired **without cost to the church**, and

A **complete contract review and approval** by our attorney.

The finance committee **fully supports both of these offers** under the stated conditions.

If these transactions are approved by the congregation and successfully completed, total proceeds would amount to approximately **\$1.4 million**. We recommend:

- **Earmarking \$200,000** for *needed repairs and maintenance* to our facilities, with *specific repair expenditures to be approved by the congregation*.

Investing the remaining \$1.2 million. Based on a *conservative estimated annual return of 6%*, this investment would generate sufficient income to **cover our current annual budget deficit**.

These steps would ensure the long-term financial health of our congregation while maintaining our property and preserving resources for ministry and community impact.

With appreciation for your continued stewardship and partnership,

Your Sister in Christ,

Pamela Little

Treasurer/Finance Committee



HILLTOP ELC

Happy Spring!

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

March is one of our longest months for school days. We enjoyed a week of silliness when we celebrated "Read Across America" with our favorite Dr. Seuss books. Children and staff dressed for this special occasion. We wore green for St. Patrick's Day, because everyone is Irish on that day and had "lucky charms" for snack. We took a field trip to KidsPlay Museum on March 13th.

We will include the story of the Resurrection in our devotion time in the preschool classes. April break will be the 13th -17th. Our school readiness classroom will try again to hatch some baby chicks!

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 24, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to attend our annual "Art Show"/Auction and Raffle. We will display the children's artwork, as well as a silent auction and raffle items. The art show is based on the works of favorite authors.

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is in process. Please keep referring your friends and families to Hilltop. Once classes are filled, we maintain waiting lists for all classes, so please continue to send folks our way. Our program choices include:

- 😊 **2-year-olds** meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am
- 😊 **3 & 4-year-olds** meet 3 days a week. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30am-12:00pm. Also, 9:30am to 2:45pm for a full school day.
- 😊 **Full Day 4-year-olds** – Monday through Friday, 9:15am-2:45pm.
- 😊 **Early Start CT** our publicly funded class is for preschool children who live in Torrington and meet the financial guidelines for a LOW-COST preschool experience. This class meets Monday through Friday 9:00am-3:00pm.

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

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





Mother's Day Hanging Basket Fundraiser-Spring 2026



Proceeds to benefit the Outdoor Classroom Furniture

- 10" Hanging Basket Mixed Flowers for Full Sun
 - 10" Hanging Basket New Guinea Impatiens for Shade Areas
- Mail in with a check or drop in the offering plate!

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's and write "Flower Sale" on memo line

Name	Phone Number	# Full Sun Baskets \$30.00/ea.	# Part Shade Baskets \$30.00/ea.	Grand Total
	TOTALS			\$

**AN ASSORTMENT OF COLORS FOR EACH BASKET
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHOOSE FROM ON THE
DAY OF PICKUP**

**ALL ORDERS DUE BACK TO HILLTOP BY Wednesday, April 29th
for Delivery May 6th**

Women ^{of the} ELCA

NAUGATUCK VALLEY CONFERENCE (and beyond!) WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING GATHERING 2026

"Angels Among Us"

A WORD ABOUT OUR TIME TOGETHER

Women will gather informally at 10:00 - 10:15am for registration and morning coffee and fellowship. This is always a fun time to greet old friends and meet new ones! In-kind/love offerings** may be placed on the table in the gathering room. Following morning devotions, led by Father Leo, chaplain of the Lutheran Home of Southbury (LHS), we will hear reports on housekeeping, and brief business, which will include a Roll Call of attendees, a word from a representative of the Synodical Board, election of Co-Convenor and Secretary/Recorder and a word from our churches on special events.

We will have two sessions in which women will gather to create something to share with residents of LHS and one to keep, centered around our theme of "Angels Among Us." All supplies will be provided. We hope to be able to invite some of the LHS residents to join us for part of the day. There will also be an opportunity for small group tours of the lovely 136-bed community.

In-Kind/Love Offerings will benefit the Recreation Department of LHS. If women/churches wish to "pool" resources, the Recreation Dep't. needs a digital camera, an iPad, and two small CD players. Other less expensive items being collected include: Jigsaw Puzzles (500 pieces or smaller -large size pieces preferable), Yarn, Puzzle books (crossword, sudoku, activity, etc. - regular & large print), Colored pencils and markers, Blunt nose scissors, Glue sticks, Construction paper, tissue paper, and Baby dolls.

Morning Coffee and Lunch will be provided by the Lutheran Home/Ascentria. After lunch we will complete our project and then have brief closing devotions, along with Installation/Reaffirmation of NVC officers, led by the Synodical Board Representative. We will be on our way rejoicing at 2pm so LHS can clean up and prepare for their next meal.

Please invite women from your church, your family, and your friends to join you! This is an opportunity to gather as sisters in Christ and to engage in activities celebrating our ability to gather in His Name.

Back by popular demand is a "free" drawing for small gifts. If you have something you'd like to donate, bring it with you that day. (Last year we had a lovely hand-knit shawl, hand/skin care items, a handmade pillow, handmade jewelry, an afghan, mugs, candy, and other items. Be creative - anything goes!)

NAUGATUCK VALLEY CONFERENCE (and beyond!) WOMEN OF THE ELCA
SPRING GATHERING 2026
"Angels Among Us"



PLACE: LUTHERAN HOME OF SOUTHBURY
99 MAIN STREET NORTH/Rtes. 67 & 6, SOUTHBURY, CT 06488

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 TIME: 10AM - 2PM

(We will begin with registration [10 - 10:15am] and morning coffee, refreshments, & fellowship)

COST: \$15.00 per person (includes lunch and all supplies needed throughout the day)

Please Bring:

IN KIND/LOVE OFFERINGS**

Women are invited to bring In Kind Gifts/Love Offerings of items for the Recreation Department. **See list on back of form.** Cash donations will be directed to the Lutheran Home of Southbury Guild for recreational purposes. (If using a personal check, make check payable to NE/WELCA with memo, LHS Guild.)

MONETARY OFFERING

The monetary offerings will be divided between New England Women of the ELCA and the Churchwide Expression of the Women of the ELCA. (Checks payable to NE/WELCA.)

PLEASE NOTE: A volunteer is needed to serve as the Co-Convener and Recorder/Secretary (two-yr. term for each).

DIRECTIONS TO THE LUTHERAN HOME OF SOUTHBURY (address above):

From Route 8 South Take Exit 22 for CT-67 toward Seymour/Oxford. Follow CT-67 North (Bank Street/Oxford Rd.) for about 6-7 miles, then continue onto CT-67 North/Oxford Rd for another 6 miles, merging onto Main Street North in Southbury to reach your destination.

From Route 8 North Take Exit 22 for CT-67 toward Seymour/Oxford, turn left onto CT-67 South/Bank Street, continue to follow CT-67 South/Oxford Rd., then turn right onto Main St. North to reach your destination.

From I84 take Exit 15 for CT-67 North and follow above directions.

Contact phone # for the day of event is Lutheran Home of Southbury at 203-264-9135

Please use a separate form for each person. Make your check payable to NEW ENGLAND WOMEN OF THE ELCA.

Invite a friend to join you! Mail your completed form and check to:

Jeanette Richard, Registrar, 7 Victoria Street, Torrington, CT 06790

860-489-7140 or jeanetterichard@hotmail.com

Detach Form Below & Return by April 13, 2026.

NAME: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

STREET

CITY/STATE/ZIP

CONGREGATION: _____ CITY: _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

ST. PAUL'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

In her professional career as a Social Worker, Leah Seleman, has led workshops on Legacy Letter writing. Leah brings her expertise to us at St. Paul's during our monthly meeting on Monday, April 27th at 7:00pm. According to the University of Cincinnati, "A legacy letter is a personal statement that you write and share with people you choose either before or after the end of your life. A legacy letter offers an opportunity to reflect on your important life experiences and transmit your values and blessings to your children, grandchildren, or other loved ones. A legacy letter is a way for you to be remembered and for your life lessons to be shared and preserved for future generations. It also gives you an opportunity to express gratitude, request forgiveness, or to make amends. It is a wonderful gift to your loved ones and yourself." We will also be finalizing plans for Rachel's Day, which is May 3rd this year. All women are invited to attend and take part in this meaningful experience. Leah Seleman and Karen Ness will be hostesses for our meeting.

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Penny Auction & 50/50 Drawing

St. Paul's Lutheran Church invites you to a fun-filled evening!

Friday, May 8, 2026
Doors Open: 6:00 PM
Drawing Begins: 7:00 PM

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles St.
Torrington, CT

♥ *Bring your own snacks to enjoy during the event!* ♥

♥ Hosted by: *The Women of the ELCA*

*Join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, fun,
and prizes as we celebrate the special
women in our lives!*

For more information: 860-482-3555

AROUND THE CHURCH

Gift Cards with Purpose at St. Paul's!

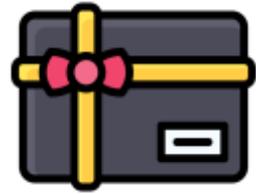
Looking for a simple way to support St. Paul's Church?

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.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles St., Torrington 06790

The Fellowship Committee presents
Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert



Saturday, April 18, 2026

Fellowship – 5:15pm

Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$16.00 – Adults

\$10.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays before & after service or @ Church Office

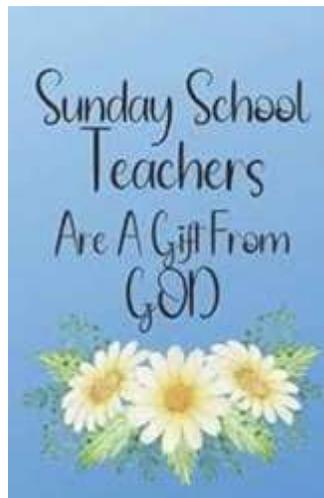
Save the Date for VBS 2026!

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce plans for Vacation Bible School 2026! The dates are August 3-7, 2026 from 9:00am - 12:00pm for children ages 4 – Grade 6. Our theme will center around “God’s Creation.” We are also seeking adult and teenage helpers for both the week of VBS as well as for planning and preparation for the fun week of Christian growth for our Little Saints.



TEACHER APPRECIATION TO BE CELEBRATED

We have a dedicated team of Sunday School Teachers who devote their time to educate our Young Saints each and every week here at St. Paul’s. Each year at the beginning of May, we invite children and/or their parents to remember their teachers with a card or picture thanking them for sharing their faith each week. This year our staff includes Michelle Skibesky (who has been teaching for over 40 years!), Hannah Winzler (teaching since her confirmation over 12 years ago!), Pamela Little, Casaundra Abeling, Gabbie Dziedzic (also teaching since her confirmation about 10 years ago), Diane Boscarino, and Pastor Cady. My sincere thanks for your dedication.



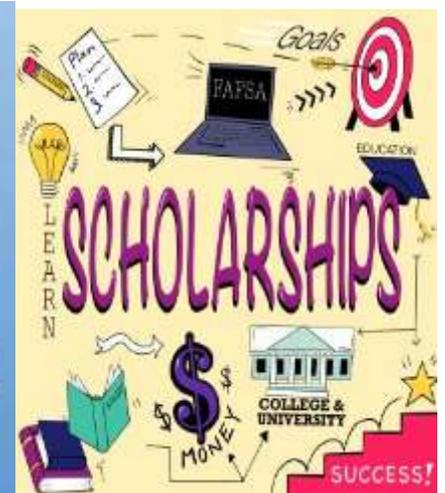
SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

While there will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for all children following 10am worship on Easter, April 5th. Please bring your own collection basket or bag and come and have a ball!



St. Paul’s Scholarship Application are available in the Narthex.

Applications are due April 30, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted. Please remember to leave time for Pastor to fill out his section. Thanks and good luck!



GARDEN OF MEMORIES

April slips into the garden softly,
Wearing rain like silver thread.
Tulips lift their sleepy faces,
Robins stitch the sky with red.

Earth exhales the scent of waking,
Roots remember how to rise.
Petals practice small beginnings
Under pale, forgiving skies.

And every leaf, still new and tender,
Holds a drop of borrowed light—
April teaching quiet branches
How to turn again to bright.



**Men's Breakfast
Wednesday
April 15
A/C Eatery
South Main St.
Torrington**

**Women's Breakfast
Wednesday
April 15
George's Restaurant
East Main St.
Torrington**

**If you would like more information on 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**

**Tai Chi
Wednesday
Mornings 11:00**

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

Prayer List– How it works

**The Prayer List in the bulletin has recently
been updated.**

Names that have been included for six months or longer have been removed at this time. If you would like someone to be added back to the Prayer List, please email the church office or write their name on a Prayer of Concerns form located on the stand up desk in the Narthex near the exit doors. It is best to use these two ways to communicate the need, asking others to tell the office is not ideal as people tend to forget and that can be frustrating. Thank you for helping us keep our Prayer List current and meaningful.



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(Rain Date May 16)

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

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Tune In, Tune Up! The Healing Power of Sound

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 9:30pm 1:30pm



Presented by Janet Kessenich. When the orchestra is in tune, the symphony sounds glorious. When your system - an orchestra of physical, mental/emotional, and spiritual elements is in tune, you move through life harmoniously, aligned, with ease. Join us for a day of exploration through inner dialogue and healing instruments including: drums, rattles, Tibetan singing bowls and tuning forks. Experience these instruments' power to heal and transform your system. Re-calibrated, you'll return to your life humming with wellness and well-being!

COST | \$50, lunch is included

Janet Kessenich M.M. is a workshop facilitator, sound healer, and Akashic Records reader whose work facilitates a deeper connection with one's personal essence – your best self – so that you can live and contribute from a fully integrated, empowered place of alignment and wellbeing. She is the author of Music Lessons for the Spirit, a collection of essays drawn from the spiritual/life lessons she learned as a pianist. As a sound healer, she brings the essence of music – calibrated vibration – into her work with clients and workshop participants.



229 East Litchfield Road Litchfield, CT, 06759

860-567-3163

The Joy of Easter: A Concert

Saturday, April 25, 2026

7:30 p.m.



Celebrate the beauty and joy of the Easter season at Holy Family. Our Easter concert features choir, chamber choir, instrumentalists, handbell choir and soloists. Reception follows.

We will also be offering a livestream of each concert, as an alternative for those who may not be able to join us in person.

Offering: \$50 in-person, \$25 online

register <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/easter-concert>

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

303 Tunxis Road
West Hartford, CT 06107
860.521.0440
info@holyfamilyretreat.org



Blood Drives @ St. Paul's

April 7th & 21st

Make an appointment today on their website





1 May Friday	24 Michelle Richards
2 Brooklyn Newkirk	26 Alan Seitz Karen Marciano Sandra Sawitzke
4 Denise Gammon Tom O'Brien	27 Otto Schibi
10 Gerri Seitz Mark Rose	29 Fred Rakyta Jeremy Thurlough
11 Pat Hamrok	
12 Gloria Thibault Dane Deleppo	
13 John Thurlough	
14 Gerda Hoehne Marie Barbieri	
15 Sigrid Smitley Sarah Clavette	
20 Jonas Layton	
22 William Skibesky	

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

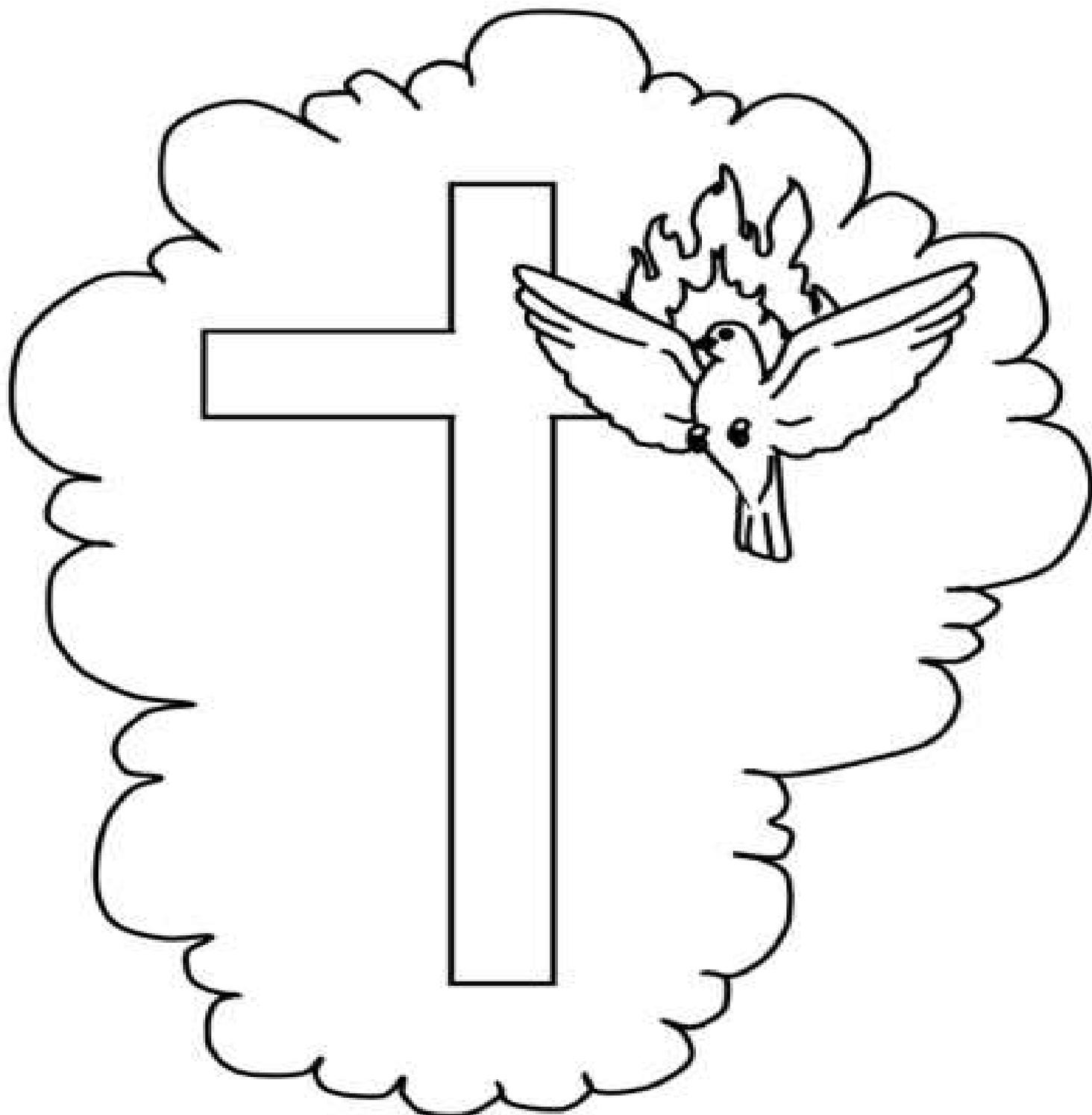
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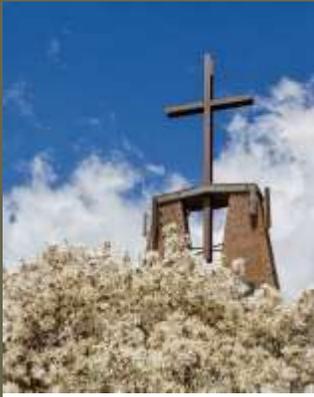
Friends and Family of

Arnold Staire
Leroy Gangell
Frank Nania
Glenn Hornfischer
Frito Kitty Harrel

KID'S COLORING PAGE

PENTECOST





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Torrington, CT
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Cynthia McPhee, Assistant Teacher
Casaundra Abeling, Custodian

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Church Council	2026
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