



St. Paul's Lutheran Church The Good News!



Sunday Services

November

- 1st All Saints Day**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
Sunday School 11:00 am
- 8th Pentecost 24**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
Sunday School 11:00 am
- 15th Pentecost 25**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
Sunday School 11:00 am
- 22nd Christ the King**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
SS/Advent Project 11:00 am
- 29th First Sunday of Advent**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
Sunday School 11:00 am

December

- 6th 2nd Sunday in Advent**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
Sunday School 11:00 am
- 13th 3rd Sunday in Advent**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
Sunday School 11:00 am
- 20th 4th Sunday in Advent**
Worship and Communion
Christmas Pageant
10:00 am
- 20th Blue Christmas Service**
3:00 pm service
- 24th Christmas Eve**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
Evening Worship Time TBD



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A Stewardship Mention

Stewardship Thoughts from Pastor

Friends and Members of St. Paul's...

On the next page is a commitment sheet for 2027. Please fill it out. The information on it will allow us to plan more effectively for programs during the year.

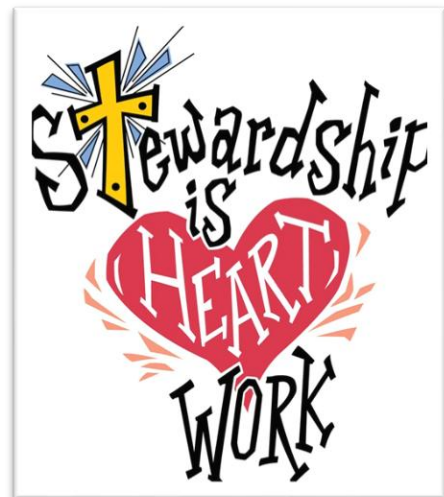
Most importantly, we need to know that we have enough households and members to carry on the ministries of St. Paul's. The dollar number on the sheet is not the most important part, though, of course, those who are in good financial shape are always encouraged to consider an increase in their monetary offering. Virtually all the committees and groups of the church benefit when new energy, ideas, and attention become available as new people join a project. The added benefit is that as people share a common task, they get to know each other in ways that can build up the cohesiveness of the parish. In the end, it's all about developing a generous spirit in the Body of Christ. We who have received so much from God can find deep joy from giving back in time, talent, or treasure.

Please return the sheet either in the offer on Sundays in November or mail it to the office. Thank you in advance for your participation in our common life as the People of God.

Peace,

GSCady

Pastor Scott Cady



Commitment Sheet for 2027

Name _____

Best Phone Number _____ Email _____

Do you have any prayer requests?

Are there committees, programs, events, or activities at St. Paul's that you'd like to help with in 2026?

Please share your plans for offerings for 2027

I plan to give to the general operating fund \$ _____ weekly _____

monthly _____ Other _____

I would like to sign up for automatic electronic giving _____ (forms are in the narthex)

Other charitable causes you support, either through St. Paul's or another agency or organization. For example, you might write Red Cross, World Hunger, Camp Calumet, Angel Project, Building Fund, etc.

This form can be put in the offering plate, dropped off in the office, or mailed to the office anytime during the month of November.

Thank you very much for your participation in our common mission!



A Word from Pastor Cady

November 2026

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

In November we have three pivotal days. One is **All Saints' Day** on November 1. This is the day that Christians commemorate those who have died. We recall and celebrate their lives and acknowledge their passing. Importantly, we also remember and celebrate the promise of grace, mercy, and new life that they were offered by God in our Savior, Jesus.

Thanksgiving

A second day is not officially a church holiday but is celebrated as if it were. We are not just grateful for family, food, freedom, and other blessings, but are called to be attentive to the source of all blessings. It is, of course, this year on November 26. We are conscious of the abundant grace that has flowed to us from the hand of the God who has come to us in the person of Jesus. We will be able to observe this holy time with our ecumenical friends at a service hosted by Center Congregational Church on Tuesday, November 24, time TBD. When we gather at that service, or at our family tables, let us lift grateful prayers for God's steadfast love.

The third day is November 29, which is the **first Sunday of Advent**. This is the beginning of a new liturgical year. It beckons us into a preparation for, and reflection on, the coming of Christ into our broken world. After four weeks of such preparation, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, not just for his own people, or in that specific place, but for all people in all places. His life, teachings, deeds, death, burial, and resurrection open for all of us a portal into the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

We can notice the common theme of celebration in all these. While the Christian faith recognizes sorrow and strife in our lives, it is essentially a hope-filled, joy-filled life. I invite all of you to look for all the reasons to cling to hope and find occasions for joy in our daily journey through this life. May your observances of these sacred days ground you ever more fully in the promises of Christ, and the comfort of God's mercy.

On a side note, thank you to all those that came to Fellowship last Sunday and helped me celebrate my birthday, it was a nice surprise with cake, cards and love too! Thanks again.

Peace to you all.

GSCady

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Scott Cady



IN MEMORY OF ALL (2026) SAINTS

Kay Ackley	Lucille Merati
Betsy Anderson	James Murdock
Helene Berlinski	Peggy Hilton Murphy
Jamel Bonello	Dennis Nalette
Felicia Brown	Frank Nania
Jaxon Chambers	Giovannia Nania
Ken “Doc” Cheney	James Price
Carol Cianciolo	Robert “Rob” Rakyta
Sigrid Devita	Tom Rakyta
Doris Falls	Paul Roberts
Margaret Franzi	Judy Schaller
Keith Friday	Gerri Seitz
Leroy Gangell	Diane Skarupa
Stephen Halpin	Arlene Soja
Glenn Hornfischer	Arnold Staire
Kathleen Kelly	Dana Steele
Bernice Kibble	Carrie Stetson
Eleanor Klonoski	Kyle Wagner
Howard Kreidwise	George Winslow
Caterina Madia	Jim Wolfinger
Ernest Marquard	Bruce Young



FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Dear Congregation:

Moving forward, Council has addressed concerns regarding the roof and solar. I'm happy to report on the project that is moving forward. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Greg Weingart at weingartfamily@yahoo.com.

Our attempt at the Pumpkin Patch fundraiser has been a HUGE success for the church and I can't wait to see what next year brings for us! A HUGE thank you to the volunteers who have worked the patch. We see you! Our success was solely on YOUR efforts! Thank you for your help!

Interested in serving the Lord and our church? Contact a committee chairperson for those committees you may be interested in. Our committees are always looking for additional members!

A reminder that if you feel that Council needs to be aware of anything, please reach out to me at vrg164@hotmail.com or by 860-921-7856. I will make sure your concerns are addressed.

While I haven't been to church due to my illness, I am available by email, text or phone call to discuss your concerns. Wishing you and yours a very joyous and Happy Thanksgiving!

Vinni Carey, President
Church Council

FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

When you come to church Sunday morning and have communion, do you ever wonder who sets this up? It is done by the wonderful women of the Altar Guild. A few years back we had 18 women on this ministry, we are now down to 7 with one taking a temporary medical leave.

We need more volunteers to step up and lend a hand. All that is required is to come in on a Saturday for about an hour to water the plants, fill the oil candles and set the altar for communion. Then on Sunday after the service, it takes less than 15 minutes to clean up. Right now, we are on a rotation of every 4 weeks, however, with more people it would be less. Any new volunteers will train with us for the remainder of 2026 until they are comfortable to be on their own and paired with a partner. Please consider being in this much needed ministry.

Current members are *Bonnie Schaff, Lisa Bodnar, Dana O'Brien, Angela DiSefano, Liz Falls, Vinni Carey* and *Jeanette Richard*, Ministry Chair.

Please feel free to speak with any of our members to find out more about Altar Guild and contact me if interested in joining us.

FROM THE OFFICE

Hello and Happy November!

Well, little did I know that when I brought up the suggestion of “*can we do a pumpkin fundraiser here at St. Paul’s Church, there would be such a great turnout!*” I knew it would work but am pleasantly surprised to see how many people devoted their time and talents to making this such a fun and very profitable event for the church.

Our final dollars will be announced mid-November; however, we have exceeded what we did at the Woodbury church that I was previously working at. I was happy to see when Pastor asked in church on Sunday, “do you think we should do this again next year?” LOTS of hands went up instantly! I hope we can count on all those hands to help next year. (Don’t worry, we didn’t take pictures or write names down). Just ask any of the volunteers from this year, I’m sure they’ll tell you how they kept busy during non-sale times. This was an extreme community outreach that everyone enjoyed. Thank you again to all that supported this effort in any way.

Now that we are going into the month of November and Thanksgiving time, let us take a few minutes out of our days and be thankful for the “little things”. Learning to be thankful for the “little things” in life, because sometimes those little things are the biggest blessings. A peaceful moment, a genuine smile, good health, love, and the people who make life beautiful. Happiness isn’t always about having everything we want but appreciating everything we already have. *Every little blessing matters!*

With that in mind, I am thankful for my role in the office and am always happy to help. The next few months will be busy for our church, so please do not hesitate to let me know if I can help in any way.

Blessings to all,

Kathy

Kathy Craig,
Office Administrator



FROM FINANCE

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here we are in the fourth quarter of 2026 already! As fall is upon us, so is budget season.

A reminder to all committees: Budgets are due to the church bookkeeper no later than October 16, 2026. Please email them to bookkeeper@stpaulstorrington.com.

As soon as September is closed out, I will email each committee a detailed breakdown of its spending. I will also include a comparison of actual spending to the 2026 budget so you can see how your committee is doing for the year.

Please keep these important dates in mind:

October 16, 2026 — Committee budgets are due to the bookkeeper.

November 4, 2026 — The Finance Committee will review submitted budgets and make recommendations to the Council.

November 9, 2026 — The Council will review the proposed budget and make recommendations.

November 22, 2026 — The budget packet will be available for congregational review.

December 17, 2026 — Part 1 of the Congregational Meeting will be held to approve the budget.

When preparing your budgets, please keep expenses as low as reasonably possible while accurately reflecting your committee's needs. This will help us build a budget that meets our church's needs and demonstrates good stewardship of our resources.

If you have questions about your spending or need help preparing your budget, please contact me. Thank you.

Your Sister in Christ,

Pamela

Pamela Little,
Treasurer and Chair of Finance

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" – Matthew 25:21

HILLTOP CHRISTIAN ELC



For November 2026 Newsletter

How is it November already! We have had a busy couple of months. Classrooms are getting used to the routine of school.

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.

Last May, I was offered the opportunity to write a grant from the Office of Early Childhood for facilities improvement. At an annual state licensing visit it was determined that our current playground was not suitable for our two-year olds. This grant offered the opportunity to purchase a new playground in addition to the one we have that our two's will be able to use their gross motor muscles on. Having two play areas helps when the weather is nice so more than one classroom can be outside at a time. We had to give up some of the "butterfly" garden, but we hope we still attract the monarch to come to other areas of the outside play space. The total award was almost \$41,000 dollars with new fencing included. We are extremely fortunate to have church members with big machines to help clear and prep the site for installation. Thank you to Anton Dziedzic for your donation!

Our students picked pumpkins from the St. Paul's Pumpkin Patch. Many families also purchased pumpkins to aid the fundraising efforts of the church.

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

Hilltop will have our family "feast" on November 13th. 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.

As always, keep us in your prayers. We could use a few more "littles" to aid our own budget.

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

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP REMINDERS



Men's Breakfast
8:30 AM - Wednesday
November 18th
A/C Eatery
South Main Street
Torrington

Women's Breakfast
8:30 AM - Wednesday
November 18th
George's Restaurant
East Main Street
Torrington



AROUND THE CHURCH



Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets at the Fall Fair. There will also be tickets available for the "Comfort of Psalms" quilt created by Judy Ludwig and donated to the fair. Thank you, Judy, for your beautiful creation, we hope it brings in lots of sales.



Available for sale in the Narthex after worship and order forms are available at any time in the office. Get your shopping done with ease and help the church at the same time.

Cards for restaurants, department stores, discount stores and outlet stores, electronics, entertainment, fast food, gas and auto, grocery, home improvement, sporting goods and even universal prepaid cards! Don't see one on the list that's available – just ask.

If you are thinking "ahead of the holidays", put your list together and see the people at the gift card table. You not only save yourself time going shopping but the church also gets a % of your sales.

Still time to donate
If you have any extra coats, etc.

New of slightly used
will be accepted.



Hat & Mitten Tree – up for most of November and into December. Hats, earmuffs, gloves, scarves, mittens, slipper socks, etc.! Watch for more info.

Angel Project

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

Assembly of Fruit Baskets – 12/11 at 12pm

Gift Preferences out on 11/22 and due back by 12/13
(wrapped with angel attached)



Cookies! For elderly, sick and shut-in members and college students. Should have homemade cookies here on Sunday, November 29th, by 9am for packaging. Help with delivery by the congregation will be greatly appreciated! No tree nuts, peanuts, or peanut butter, please. We have allergies!



Meet on November 23rd

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 7th @ 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.!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Thanks to all who attended the **October Roast Pork Fellowship Dinner**. Thanks, also, to all who helped make the dinner possible, despite some key players being sick. June Seiser, our chief cook and bottle washer, managed to pull it off, yet again! Thank you, June!

Thank you to all that brought in canned and non-perishable foods to donate to the **Reformation 509 Food Drive**. We surpassed the goal as **737** items were counted. All the items have been donated and picked up by the Friendly Hands Food Bank in Torrington, CT.



Due to calendar conflicts, we will be celebrating Mardi Gras with a **Muffaletta Sandwich** sale on Saturday, February 6th, 2027, rather than our typical Super Bowl Grinder Sale. Muffalettas are large sandwiches, popularized in the south and are served mostly during Mardi Gras. Main ingredients in the dense homemade bread are Mortadella and other cold cuts, cheeses, and a homemade olive salad. Please watch for more details and order forms.



Veterans Day Service and Celebration

FIELD OF FLAGS TRIBUTE

Presented by the Northwest Hills Exchange Club
Honor. Remember. Unite.

Sometime during the next week, a few members of the Exchange Club will be working to install a historic field of 26 U.S. Flags from 250 Years of American History.

Members of the NW Hills Exchange Club and St. Paul's congregation will gather in the parking lot around the Christmas tree around noon on November 11th for a short program as our way of honoring veterans for all they have and continue to sacrifice for our freedom.

Why does this matter? It shows our veterans the respect they deserve, it inspires civic pride and unity across generations, it educates others on the legacy of our flag, and we celebrate our Nation's 250th Anniversary.

Join us in a powerful display of patriotism and remembrance as we host a Field of Flags installation across Northwest Connecticut. Each flag represents a story, a sacrifice, and the enduring spirit of American freedom. We invite you to honor the legacy by visiting a Field of Flags – a powerful tribute to our Nation's flag and the enduring values it represents.

Be part of this living message: Freedom is never free!



If you would like more information on this display or the Exchange Club, contact Kathy Craig @ kcexchange97@gmail.com or (203) 558-01467.

IN HONOR OF VETERANS' DAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

OUR MILITARY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above All Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn

Eric Beuis

Dominic Boscarino

Ethan & his Marine Unit

Major Zachary Fulton

Brandan Holbrook

Jonathan Connell

Tom Gregg, Fr.

Eric Bremer

Peter Hutchinson

Ben Speaker

Noah Braatz

Christian Braatz

Aiden Avenia

Sydney Craig & her Army unit



BELLS OF HOPE

Remembering Children Waiting for Families

HONORING NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH



Annie C.

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. Across Connecticut, faith communities are uniting through **Bells of Hope** to remember the children and youth in the Connecticut Heart Gallery who are waiting for permanent, loving families.

A bell is a symbol of announcement, a call to gather, to listen, and to recognize a moment in time. When a bell rings, we take notice. Through Bells of Hope, its sound calls our attention to children who are waiting, inviting us to pause, remember them, and consider how we might help.

Beginning Sunday, November 1, faith based communities will ring bells, offer prayers, and share children's stories as a reminder that every child deserves to be seen, valued, and surrounded by love. As a community of faith, we are called to open our hearts and consider how we can support children and the families who care for them.

Please join us in praying for waiting children, that they may find the belonging, security, and lasting connections every child deserves.

Bells of Hope is a collaborative partnership between the Connecticut Department of Children and Families and the Annie C. Courtney Foundation.

To learn more about foster care and adoption in Connecticut and view the Heart Gallery, visit our website:

https://portal.ct.gov/dcf/foster-care-and-adoption/adoption?language=en_US

To learn about foster care and adoption informational sessions in Connecticut, call **1-888-KID-HERO**.



CT FOSTERS

St. Paul's will be taking part in this statewide initiative and will welcome a guest speaker into worship on Sunday, November 8th for a brief overview of this project. Feel free to check out the featured children on the Heart Gallery poster that will be in the narthex to coincide with the Nov. 8th event.

A bell will toll as each child's name is read,
"*The Bell of Hope*" that each child receives their "*forever home*".

CONGREGATION CELEBRATIONS



November 1st

Anthony Boscarino
Dominic Boscarino

November 2nd

Jane Yurgalevich
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 Nelson

November 16th

Heinze 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 30th

Lindsay Ferrucci

Charles & Beth Brower

11/03/2001

Mark & Linda Gryniuk

11/06/1992

Martin & Michelle Thompson

11/06/1995

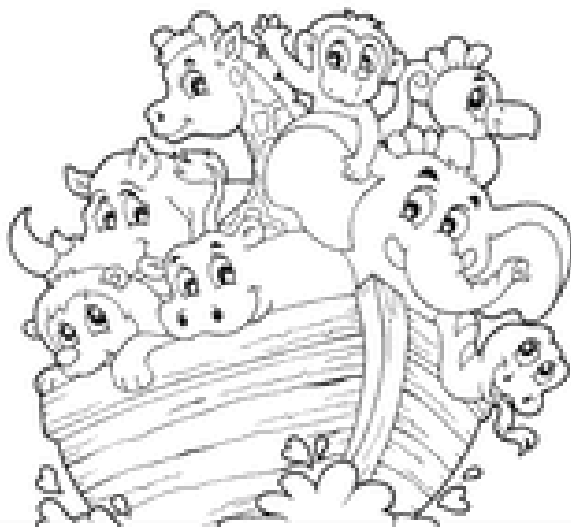
Jacquelyn & Tom Wassik

11/19/1994



BIBLE WORDSEARCH

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A F A I T H R O J X
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WORD LIST

ADAM	FAITH
ANGEL	GOD
ARK	HOLY
EDEN	LORD
EVE	NOAH

KID'S COLORING PAGE





**The holidays are
challenging when you're
grieving a loss.**

Grief & Share®

Surviving
the *Holidays*

provides encouragement, support, and valuable
tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Location

Trinity Episcopal Church
220 Prospect Street
Torrington CT 06790

Date & time

Sunday, November 15
3pm -5pm

Contact info

Naomi Cardello
860-482-6027

griefshare.org/holidays

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November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 10am SS 11 am K. Church 1 pm	2 CCF noon Christian Ed 6:30 pm	3 Election Day  Tai Chi 10am	4 Bible Study 10am Tai Chi 11am Quilters 1pm Finance 6pm	5 Prepping for Craft Fair	6 Prepping for Craft Fair Vendor Set Up Time	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d4edda; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Holiday Craft Fair 9am-3pm </div>
8 S. Kitchen 10am Worship 10am SS 11 am K. Church 1 pm	9 NWHills Exchange 8:00am CC-6:30 pm	10 Tai Chi 10am CYC—7pm	11 Bible Study 10am Tai Chi 11am Veterans Program 12pm Toastmasters 7pm	12 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-7 Hilltop Adv Zoom – 4:45	13 Hilltop Family Feast 8am-1pm	14
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Time Sensitive Material

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