

April

2023

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

Sunday Services

April

- 2 **Palm Sunday**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
No Sunday School
- 6 **Holy Thursday**
Worship & Communion
7:00 pm
- 7 **Good Friday**
Worship & Communion
7:00 pm
- 9 **Easter Sunday**
Worship and Communion
Sunrise 6:00 am
10:00 am followed by Easter
Egg Hunt
- 16 **Easter 2**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 23 **Easter 3**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 30 **Easter 4**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

May

- 7 **Easter 5 Rachel's Day**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 14 **Easter 6**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 21 **Easter 7**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 28 **Day of Pentecost**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
Church Picnic

**Sunday School is at
11:00 am weekly thru
May 21st**

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A Word from Pastor Cady



Greetings Beloved,

April brings us to Holy Week and the festive Easter season. For any who might like a reminder of the meaning of these powerful and central events, I'll offer a summary. First we note that, unlike Christmas, Easter is determined by a lunar calendar. It is on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. Our Jewish neighbors' Passover festival is similarly on a lunar cycle, so Passover and Easter are often celebrated close to one another. Passover this year is April 5. Our Eastern Orthodox Christian neighbors use a slightly different calendar, too, so they will observe Easter on April 16, one week after we do.

Palm/Passion Sunday is April 2 this year. On this Sunday we recall two central stories of Jesus' last days. We open the service with a blessing of palm branches and hear the story of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Of course Jesus was Jewish, so he had come to the holy city to celebrate Passover that year, probably about 30 A.D. Then the service shifts to a reading of the Passion of Christ, this year from Matthew. Passion here means "suffering." It covers the entire set of scenes from his arrest to his burial. Usually in this service we divide up the long Gospel reading so that members read the various parts, which also gives a somewhat more dramatic feel to the text.

In America, churches do not usually gather for worship on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. But Maundy Thursday is a very popular service. Maundy comes from the Latin word "mandatum," meaning "commandment." At this service we do several things. One is that we pronounce a strong Absolution that brings to a conclusion the Confession we spoke on Ash Wednesday. Another is that we offer foot washing. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet. While most members do not choose to participate, those who do find it a moving and tender gesture that well communicates the humble service Christ calls us to do for one another. We celebrate communion, as directed by Christ, and we close the service with a stripping of the altar. In this ritual, the altar represents Christ. As all ornamentation is removed, we recall the part of the Passion in which Jesus is stripped of his garments before being flogged and crucified. We leave the darkened church in silence.

On Good Friday there are a variety of services offered by churches such as Seven Last Words - the sayings uttered by Christ on the cross, usually offered midday. There are also often evening services on Good Friday, sometimes referred to as Tenebrae - from the Latin for Darkness. Good Friday is called Good because, even though it was a horrible death for Jesus, Christians believe that in that act, Christ defeated the powers of death and sin and won our eternal salvation. St. Paul's will have a Tenebrae at 7pm while our Methodist neighbors will offer a noon service. Our Tenebrae will include a reading of the Passion according to John, an extended time of prayer for all kinds of people in the world, an opportunity to come forward to touch or kneel before a rough cross, and a solo of Were You There. The tone is solemn and reflective as we contemplate our Lord's death and burial.

On Saturday some churches hold a service called the Vigil of Easter. This is a very extended service, sometimes lasting 2 or 3 hours. It begins in the evening with a "new fire" outside, a procession into the church, a series of readings from the Old Testament about God's mighty acts of salvation or promises of redemption. There is a baptismal affirmation, flowing into a festive Eucharist - a Greek word meaning Thanksgiving - more commonly known as communion. We do not offer this service, but if you find one, it's a beautiful experience.

Here at St. Paul's we will begin our Easter festivities at 6am with a lay-led Sunrise Service in our Memorial Garden that will include communion. Later, at 10am, we will have our traditional festive communion to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord from the grave. This service begins a 7-week season of Easter, focusing on the central event in our spiritual journey - the victory of life over death in and through the person and work of Jesus Christ.

The bodily resurrection from his tomb, followed by his appearances to the disciples forms the core of our faith that the words and deeds of Jesus are truly of divine origin. His rising to new and eternal life are a kind of pledge that through God's grace we, too, can share in his unending life in blessedness.

Let us rejoice in this holy season and cling closely to the promise we have in and through our Lord!

Yours in Christ,



Pr. Scott Cady



Meet Me in the Garden

The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord; for He laid its foundation on the seas and established it on the rivers. Psalm 24:1-2

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also**”
Matt 6:19-21*

*28...as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ he said, “Is not this the great Babylon **I** have built as the royal residence, by **my** mighty power and for the glory of **my** majesty?”*

³¹ Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³² You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.” Daniel 4:28-32

Are you conscious of the fact that when we give, we are giving a thank offering to the Father Himself?

Your giving can be an act of love. It can be a response to His love and acknowledgment that all that we have is from Him. We are just temporary stewards of his treasures, time and talents. Knowing this, we may see a pleasure in giving, and see the benefits as they help build the body of Christ.

You may wonder why I included Daniel 4:28-32. This is about King Nebuchadnezzar's pride. He did not give God the glory for all that he had; he gave himself the glory. “I did this, I worked for this, it was my intelligence that did this, my talent, and so on...” Ever heard that? Ever thought that? That is pride! Now pride in the right place is good. I am proud of my children and my grandchildren. But God is the one who has provided and it is right to give **Him** the glory for what we have and for what we have accomplished. Nebuchadnezzar took credit for all that he had and his pride took him down! He did not give God the Glory!

Let us, at St. Paul's, give God the glory for all that He has given each of us by generously giving back to Him. God does not need your money but He wants your heart, and where your treasure is, there is your heart. (Matt. 6:21)

Are you really giving in proportion to the material blessings that the Lord has given you?

The Bible teaches that Christian giving should be done in accordance with our means. Paul is quite clear on this: "For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Corinthians 8:12). Put another way Paul is saying that you should give in proportion to what God has given you. He said it this way in 1 Corinthians 16:2, "each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper." This means at least two things: (1) since we are all supposed to give proportionately, those who have more money are expected to give more [we who are particularly blessed materially must remember this], and (2) the Lord never asks us to give what we do not have, or contribute beyond our means.

Prayerfully decide on how you plan to implement God's desires and ask to be a better steward of all the relationships, time, talent, money and resources in your life, remembering what Christ did for us on the cross because of His amazing love for us. Peace to all.

Betty Hilton

Summer Concert Series 2023



St. Paul's Lutheran Church



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Date	Band
May 20	Muddy Boots
June 17	South Road
July 15	Thunder Road
August 19	Robert Werme
September 16	The Ebbas
October 21 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall	Robert Fullerton

**Tickets available Mon.—Fri. at the church office,
Sunday mornings prior to the service or at the door.**

\$10 for 13+ \$5 for 6-12 under 6 are free

All shows begin at 5:30 pm Light refreshments available for purchase
or bring a picnic.



Chris. Ed.



Teacher Appreciation will be Celebrated on Sunday, May 7th

Encourage your child to draw a picture or write a note to their teachers thanking them for their dedication to teaching the Word of God to them!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENDS ON SUNDAY, MAY 21st

Children in the two elementary classes will take part in the worship service,
which begins at 10am.

Sunday School end of year festivities begin at 11am

Followed by St. Paul's Church Picnic

More details to follow but please SAVE the DATE!!

Fun for All!!!



Festive Worship @ 10am

He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

No Sunday Classes on Easter

Easter Egg Hunt for Children through 6th grade – following worship
Outside, weather permitting, or downstairs in educational wing

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School 2023 “Break Out”

Sometimes our ordinary life can make us feel trapped. We can feel trapped by our worries, our doubts, our fears, and our sin. Sometimes we just wish we could break out and be free from these struggles. Through this escape room-themed VBS, kids will not only solve fun puzzles throughout the week, but will also learn that only God has the power to come in and break us out of the ordinary to lead us to the extraordinary.

August 7-11, 2023 9am – 12pm

For all children ages 4 (by 12/31/2023) – Grade 6

Registrations available soon keep an eye on our website!



hilltopelc

The weather is ever changing! We hope the SNOW is over for this year! We look forward to opening our outdoor classroom again in early to mid April.

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 had a visit from Country Quilt Llama farm on March 20th. It is so nice to allow visitors into the program once again!

April includes Easter, we will be including the story of the Resurrection in our devotion time in the preschool classes. We also will have our typical April break. Our school readiness classroom is hatching baby chicks! It's so exciting to have the children experience this life cycle.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 19, from 5:30-7 p.m. we are planning to hold our "Art Show" in person. We will display the children's artwork, as well as silent auction and raffle items. We will have snacks for sale too! The art show this year is based on the works of famous artists i.e.:

Van Gogh, Matisse, Monet, and Picasso. If you are interested in donating a raffle item or to the silent auction, please reach out to me at director@hilltopchristianelc.com.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is in process and filling up! Please keep referring your friends and families to Hilltop. Once classes are filled, we maintain waiting lists for all classes, so continue to send folks our way. Our program choices include:

2-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-11:00am

3 & 4-year-olds meet 3 days a week. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30am-12:00pm.

New for Fall, Full Day 3 & 4-year-olds – Monday through Friday, 9:15am-2:45pm.

School Readiness is our publicly funded class for preschool children who live in Torrington and fit within 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





Around the church



Tai Chi Wednesday Mornings 11:00

Drop in whenever the mood strikes.

Free to all!

For more information

karen.trippodi@gmail.com

Come quilt with us!

Experience is not necessary; we have some master quilters who are very willing to lend a hand!

We meet most Wednesdays from 1pm – 4pm.



**Save the Date! October 21st 2023
St. Paul's Car Show Fundraiser
to benefit
St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

NEW ACOLYTES BEGIN TO SERVE

A new group of acolytes was recently trained to begin serving. These young people will be mentored by the five seasoned acolytes currently serving. Please be patient as they “learn the ropes” of serving in this capacity. This is another step in their Christian Education and service to God and His Church. We welcome: Maverick Abeling, Mason Ferrucci, Lucas Rosenbeck, Jeremy and Kyle Thurlough.



**Save the Date! May 5th 2023
Cinco de Mayo Beer and Wine Tasting
at Elk's Pond!
Fundraiser to benefit
St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

Spring Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, April 15, 2023

5:15pm – Fellowship 6:00pm - Dinner

Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggie, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Adults - \$15.00

Children – ages 5-10 - \$8.00

Children Under 5 – Free

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!



COFFEE HOUR

A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We have a consistent group enjoying the fellowship after service, but few volunteers. As a volunteer you need to set up, make coffee, provide a simple snack and clean up. Please consider this opportunity to serve your fellow members.



Applications are available in the Narthex, Applications are due April 23, 2023 .Please remember to leave time for Pastor to fill out his section. Thanks and good luck!



Women's Breakfast
Wednesday,
April 19 8:30 am

George's Restaurant
East Main St. Torrington

Men's Breakfast
Wednesday,
April 19 8:30 am

A/C Eatery
South Main St. Torrington

NAUGATUCK VALLEY CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA
SPRING GATHERING 2023
"WOMEN OF HOPE"



PLACE: ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 837 Charles St., Torrington, CT 06790
DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023
TIME: 8:30AM - 1:00PM

(We will begin with registration [8:30-9:00am] and morning coffee, refreshments, & fellowship)

COST: \$15.00 per person (includes luncheon)
SPEAKER: Rev. Abby Johnson, St. James, Southbury, CT

Please Bring:

ANOTHER SISTER IN CHRIST

Invite someone to join you! Mother, daughter, sister, friend! We always have a fun day together!

IN KIND/LOVE OFFERING

Women are invited to bring In Kind Gifts/Love Offerings** (children's multi-vitamins and school supplies) for Hope Academy.

MONETARY OFFERING

The monetary offerings will be equally divided between New England Women of the ELCA and Hope Academy, a school in Antigua, Guatemala.

PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers are needed to serve as our Conference Co-Conveners, Recorder, & Financial Secretary.

DIRECTIONS TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (address above):

From Rte. 8 North: Take exit 45 (Kennedy Drive). At end of the ramp take a Right onto Kennedy Drive. Continue to the top of the hill. At first traffic light take a Right and then a Right into the church parking lot. Use main church doors to enter.

Contact phone # is (860) 485-5321.

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:

Paula Rosenbeck, Registrar, 356 Torrington West St. #313, Torrington, CT 06790

(860) 485-5321 or teetee108@yahoo.com

Detach Form Below & Return by April 15, 2023.

NAME: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

STREET

CITY/STATE/ZIP

CONGREGATION: _____ CITY: _____

A WORD ABOUT OUR DAY TOGETHER

Women will gather informally for registration and morning coffee and fellowship, hosted by the women of Grace, Naugatuck and Immanuel, Oxford. This is always a fun time to greet old friends and meet new ones! In-kind/love offerings** may be placed on the altar as you enter the main church doors and personal and church projects♥ can be displayed on the pews and the altar rail.

We will begin the day with devotions led by the women of Cross of Christ, Waterbury. Brief business will include a Roll Call of attendees, a word from the Synodical Board President, Marilyn Pearson and Board member, Jeanne Minasian, election of officers (we need to elect co-conveners, a recorder, and a financial secretary), and a word from our churches on special events.

We will hear from Pastor Abby Johnson (St. James, Southbury) about her recent trip to Guatemala and her work with Hope Academy. Pastor Abby will also speak about a mission trip opportunity to Guatemala in 2024.

**In-Kind/Love Offerings will benefit students at Hope Academy. Items being collected include Children's Multi-Vitamins and School Supplies (lined paper, pens & pencils, pencil sharpeners, Crayola® broad-tip markers, Crayola® crayons, scissors, Elmer's glue sticks, spiral notebooks, construction paper, etc.). When possible, please place your items in a re-useable bag.

Women from the Naugatuck Valley are invited to display their personal & church projects♥ (quilts, afghans, prayer shawls, artwork of any sort, prose, poetry, photography, or anything else you make). It will be interesting to hear how these projects are used in your missions and ministries.

The luncheon, provided by St. Paul's, Torrington, will include assorted quiches, tossed salad, and rolls. Desserts will be provided by St. James, Southbury.

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 women and rejoicing in our ability to come together once again!

There will be a Quilt(s) Drawing that day as well (for those women wishing to participate), proceeds of which will directly benefit the students of Hope Academy, Antigua, Guatemala.





Around the community



Trinity Episcopal Church, Connecticut Wonderful,
Our Culture is Beautiful, and Howard's Bookstore present

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Headliner



Adelaide PUNKIN!

Please join us for spoken word and music! All forms of creative expression are welcome!

APRIL 15, 2023 7:00 PM, FREE!

Donations welcome - Light refreshments provided

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By Water, Air & Fire:
Artists Explore Environmental Issues
APRIL 1-MAY 19 | 2023
TIMOTHY MCDOWELL
JOSEPH SMOLINSKI
Artist Talk and Gallery Opening |
Saturday | April 22nd | 2:00-4:00PM
Marie Louise Trichet Art Gallery at the
Wisdom House 229 East Litchfield Rd.
Litchfield , CT 06759



Our Lady of Calvary
RETREAT CENTER

31 Colton Street
Farmington, CT 06790

There's a New Spirit at OLC! Here's what's happening! For more information about any program, visit www.OurLadyofCalvary.net. or call 860-677-8519.

Wellness Day May 13 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm \$80

Join us for a day of **workshops, activities, and a delicious lunch** that will help you to re-energize and rebalance your life. The day will include: a morning Workshop on Ways to Improve Your Immunity, and an afternoon Dance Movement class. Mothers and daughters, friends and classmates often arrange to attend this day together. Invite your group now for a fun filled day that helps you to improve your body while having fun.

**The Spiritual Purpose of Relationships May 17 @ 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
\$40 includes lunch**

Why does that obnoxious person continue to be in your life? Relationships are God's way of helping us become our best selves. Find out why God puts some people in our lives to love and affirm us and others to bring our issues to light in order to heal them. JoAnne Ceccarelli-Egan LCSW will examine our relationships with God, self, loved ones, and those "challenging others"



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May Friday

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Brooklyn Newkirk

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Denise Gammon
Tom O'Brien

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Gerri Seitz
Mark Rose

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Gloria Thibault
Dane Deleppo

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John Thurlough

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Gerda Hoehne
Marie Barbieri

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Sigrid Smitley
Donald Bruno
Tricia Wolfinger
Sarah Clavette

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Marlene Parker

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Fredrick George

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Marissa Magyar

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William Skibesky

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Michelle Richards

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Alan Seitz
Karen Marciano
Wendi Johnston
Sandra Sawitzke

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James Wolfinger
Otto Schibi

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Fred Rakyta
Jeremy Thurlough

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



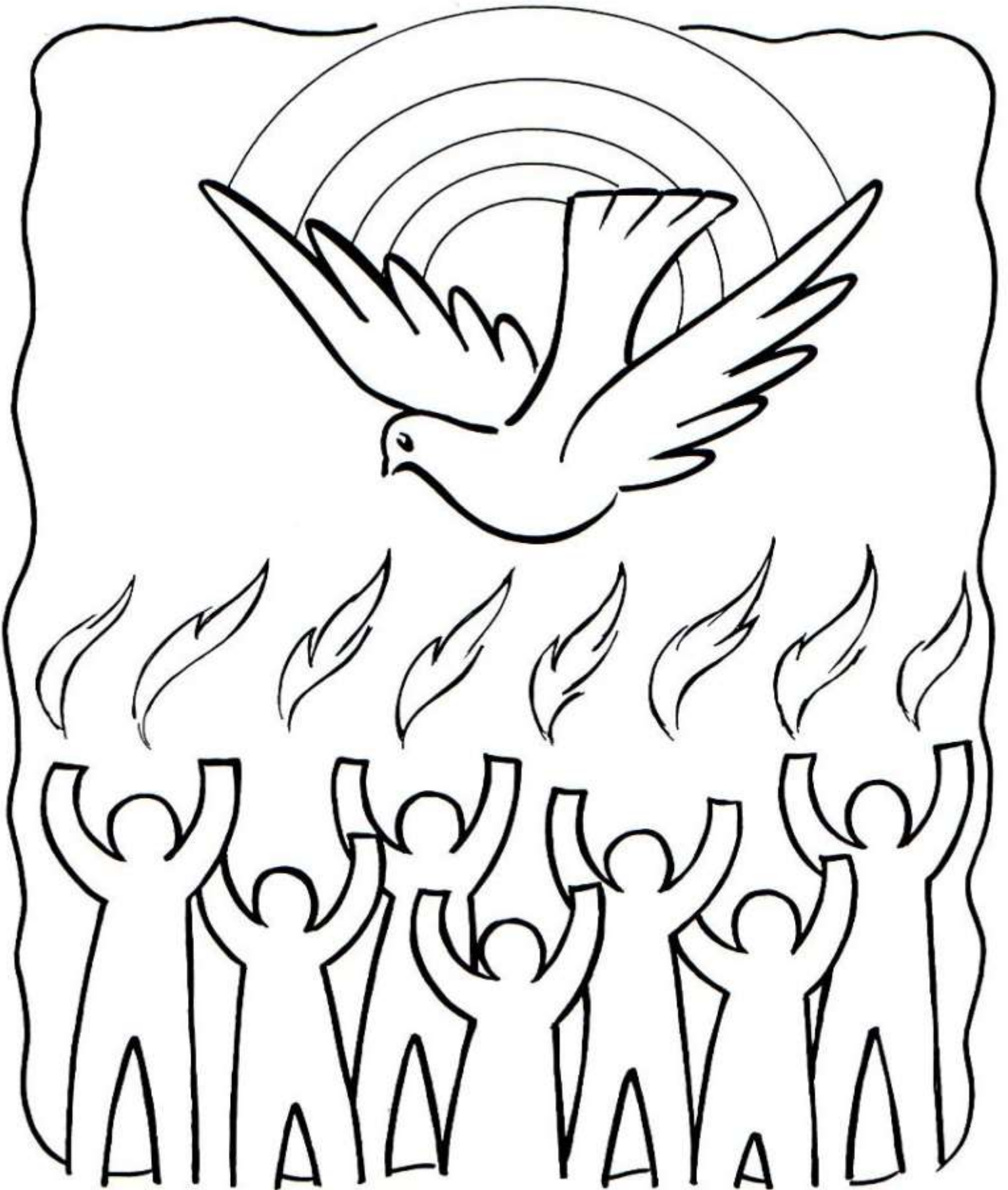
To the family and friends of

**Alexis Heintz
Terry Heintz
Anita Henderson**



If you have any questions or concerns that you would like addressed, feel free to contact Mark Rose, council president. He can be reached at 860-978-5857 or emailed at markwrose@icloud.com

Kids Page!



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