

June

2023

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## The Good News!

Sunday Services

### June

- 4 **The Holy Trinity**  
**Affirmation of Baptism**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 11 **Pentecost 2**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 18 **Pentecost 3**  
Worship & Communion  
10:00 am
- 25 **Pentecost 4**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am



### July

- 2 **Pentecost 5**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 9 **Pentecost 6**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 16 **Pentecost 7**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 23 **Pentecost 8**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am
- 30 **Pentecost 9**  
Worship and Communion  
10:00 am

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# A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

June has a couple important dates. The first that touches the lives of our own young members is Confirmation during worship on June 4, which is also the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Celebrating our youth on their journey of faith is a high privilege. Confirmation is an event with a double meaning. It is a confirming, or a kind of re-affirmation, of the promises made for these students when they were baptized. They were named as citizens of the Kingdom of God and siblings within the worldwide family of faith. It is also a public declaration by the youth of their own maturing commitment to be disciples of Jesus. We are deeply moved by both God's promise and their embrace of that promise.

It is also the beginning of the long green liturgical season of Pentecost. The church calendar is roughly divided into two halves. From the end of November to May there is a whole series of festivals. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and the seven-week Easter Season help us observe and commemorate the birth, death, and resurrection of our Lord. The second half of the year, known as the Season of Pentecost, is mostly focused on the teachings of Jesus and the responses of the disciples to his divine wisdom. We do well to hear these stories as if we were among those who were first hearing them. Christ's message is intended for every generation and is surely the most important guidance for all our lives.

June 18 is Fathers' Day. As the role of parents continues to evolve, both Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day are worthy of our reflection. Family life is a great blessing, but it is also challenging. Dads and Stepdads need lots of support to fulfill their roles well. The day also brings out all the emotions around our relationship to our own fathers, both good and difficult. Those of us who were blessed with good fathers do well to recall their best traits and the ways they shaped our lives. Those whose fathers were not up to the job will need to make sure they do not replicate the harmful patterns they were subjected to. And when we are aware of families in which there is no functioning father, those of us who are brothers, uncles, or even neighbors, might be able to offer occasional role modeling.

June 27 is the Observance of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession. For those not well informed about Lutheran history, this document is a critical part of our identity. Luther and his friends and followers had been critiquing and reforming many facets of church life for more than a decade when they finally had an opportunity to present their perspective in a formal statement to the secular and religious authorities. The meeting was held in the city of Augsburg at the end of June, 1530. It was tense. If those who were present were judged to be heretics, they could have been executed. It was too dangerous for Luther himself to be present, so a younger colleague of his named Philip Melancthon was the main author and presenter. The statement claims that nothing the reformers were teaching was opposed to the classic faith of the church. They believed that they were faithful Christians who should be allowed to make some changes that were not fundamentally unbiblical or damaging to Christian tradition. They intended to remain within the Roman Catholic Church while still being allowed to alter some practices. Their declaration was rejected, but the presenters were too well regarded to be put to death. So they were excommunicated. From that time, the movement they had been leading became a separated Christian community. After a time, despite Luther's opposition, the movement took the name "Lutheran." It quickly spread north to encompass what is now northern Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and parts of the Baltic nations. The Augsburg Confession remains today a classic statement of faith that all Lutherans around the world accept.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Scott Cady

# hilltopelc

Greetings!

Hilltop closes for the summer on June 16<sup>th</sup> and then we head into our summer schedule! The teachers will work extra time to clean up from the year, after the children finish, but then they get to rest up for the summer and boy do they deserve a rest!

I'm finishing my second full year at Hilltop. It's been extremely rewarding to come back to a small Christian program. It's where I began my Early Childhood journey 30 years ago! I can't say enough about the HILLTOP community and its kindness!

Though this year seemed a bit more challenging, with having to relocate to Kids Play as the church had renovations done. Thankfully, our staff along with the parents didn't have any concerns and the move went off without a hitch! This could not have happened without the strong staff we have in place. I'd like to take a moment to recognize this amazing team! Our Lead Teachers; Monica Valente, Melanie Beebe and Michelle Miller, the co-teachers; Christina Brzoska, Nicole Sears, and Nicole Waldron as well as our assistant, Teresa Guzman. I am grateful to have had them on my teaching team!. I'm happy to report that as of now, we will have this amazing team back with us next fall.

The Hilltop Advisory Committee is a real blessing. These committee members dedicate their time, not only for the monthly meetings, but also for other projects they take on! There are many challenges in supervising Hilltop, but they are always thinking only of the best for everyone! The Property Board is always quick to respond when Hilltop has a property need. Greg, Diane and the committee tackle our needs.

Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show/Auction was a success bringing in \$1000.00 to our tuition assistance fund. Thank you to all who donated items and participated in the event.

I would again like to thank Rachel and Jean for all the work they do for us! Whatever question or concern I have; they have an answer! Jean is a saint as she wrestles with the challenges the funded class brings her way! I cannot say enough about the way they continue to help me this year. Love you ladies!

As we look ahead to the fall, we are hopeful for more students. We changed one of our ½ classrooms into a full-day school year classroom for parents needing a longer day. Registration is ongoing through the summer. If classes fill up, we keep waiting lists. Please continue to spread the word about Hilltop and refer your friends and families to our program. We have spaces in all classes. Do not forget...we also have some slots for families from lower incomes in the School Readiness class.

In all things we trust that God will carry us through!

I pray you have a safe and restful summer!  
In His Service,  
Barbara Mazzei



# Summer Concert Series 2023



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church



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Torrington, CT 06790  
stpaulstorrington.com

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.



Rain or Shine!

Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
837 Charles St. Torrington  
8 am to 2 pm

Household items, jewelry, books,  
craft items, vintage, antiques,  
small furniture, and so much more!\*\*

*\*\*no clothes or shoes please!\*\**

*Items can be dropped at the office, pricing not necessary,  
Monday-Friday 9-3 or  
contact Lisa at 860-491-6342 or email bodnar983@gamil.com*

OCTOBER  
21<sup>ST</sup>

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
837 Charles Street  
Torrington



St. Paul's Lutheran Church presents their:  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Car show**

Saturday, October 21, 2023  
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Rain date: Sat. October 28, 2023

Registration fee \$10

**Food 50/50 Raffle Music**

For more info,  
St. Paul's: 860-482-3555  
or Steve: 860-601-1691

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Congratulations to the following members!!**

**What would this world be without caring and compassionate nurses and  
wonderful and inspiring teachers?!**  
**Great job Ladies!**

**Linda Gryniuk, RN - recipient of the Nightingale Award at Charlotte  
Hungerford/Hartford Healthcare**

**Lindsay Chepiga Ferrucci - Teacher of the Year at Southwest Elementary  
School**

**Christine Dickinson - Para-professional of the Year at Southwest  
Elementary School**



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](mailto:markwrose@icloud.com)



## Vacation Bible School 2023

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) to Grade 6 Registration forms on the website, in the office and in the Narthex!**



### VBS Help Needed, Please!

We are seeking adult and teenage help for our fun week of VBS. We need gamers, crafters, singers, storytellers, and all-around helpers! We anticipate having a number of 3-year olds through 6th graders who will need reliable helpers throughout the week. See Paula Rosenbeck, Pastor Cady, or any member of the Christian Education Committee if you can help in any way. It's always a fun week for those involved!

### CAN YOU HELP SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD?

As most of you are well aware, our Sunday School is quite small. However, the kids that we have coming are really energetic and love coming to church! At a recent meeting of the Christian Education Committee we realized that even though our numbers haven't grown by leaps and bounds, we are at a point in time where we have to plan another class to accommodate a group of young boys who are quickly outgrowing their class. Therefore, we need someone willing to take on the challenge to teach in a grade 5-6 classroom. At this point there are three children who would be in the class with the possibility of more to come! The Christian Education Committee has decided to try to a new lectionary-based curriculum for this class. Whirl is published by Media 1517, the ELCA's publishing house. The committee reviewed the materials and we are excited about what it offers.



Please see Paula Rosenbeck or any member of the Christian Education Committee with any questions you might have. To meet our Safe Church guidelines we need two adults/teens in the classroom at all times. It would be great to have someone lined up come September.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> four young adults will Reaffirm their Baptism through Confirmation. These teens have met the requirements as set forth by the Christian Education Committee through learning, service, and witness. Please welcome Laney Dave-Killeen Hayes, Ty Austin Hogan, Noah Riley Shapiro, and Lena Margaret Warner. Please uphold them in prayer as they assume adult responsibilities in the church.



## The Northwest Hills Refugee Resettlement Committee Welcomes a Refugee Family From Syria to Torrington, CT

Following the fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban in August 2021, a group of churches and individuals living in Litchfield County CT headed up by Pastor Sara Khrla, UCC Goshen CT and Pastor Scott Cady, St. Pauls' Evangelical Lutheran Church in Torrington, CT formed a group called the Northwest Hills Refugee Resettlement Committee (NWHRRRC) to bring refugees from Afghanistan to CT. About the same time several women of St. Paul's', who were quilters, came together to make quilts for the incoming refugees.

After many months of extremely hard work the NWHRRRC welcomed a refugee family of 7 from the Middle East, who had spent several years in a refugee camp in Lebanon, to Torrington, CT the first week in April. The family moved into its apartment around April 15, 2023.

Pictured here are the women of St. Pauls' and Pastor Cady holding the 7 quilts presented to the refugee family on the day they moved in. The women of the quilting group in the picture along with Pastor Cady are from left to right Laurie Chepiga, Cynthia Rose, Dixie Travis, Diane Boscarino, and Paula Rosenbeck. Not pictured are Kim DeDominics, Judy Ludwig, and Joyce Almstedt.



In addition to the refugee family, this very talented group of quilters has made approximately 75 lap quilts filled with the Lord's love and comfort that have been distributed to members of St Pauls' who are shut-ins, who are residents of local assisted living facilities, and several local nursing homes.



## Garden of Memories



In Spring our fancy turns to St. Paul's Garden of Memories. A place glorified by the beauty of nature. A place where serenity prevails. A place for remembering. A place for prayer. A place for all to enjoy.

This past month, the garden's memorial was updated with names of the recently interned. Mary and Joe Swienkowski, Ruth and Peter Roelofs, and Sharon Kowalski.

You are always welcome to visit the Garden of Memories and if you have never previously taken the opportunity come and experience what you have been missing.



God Bless,  
**Garden of Memories Committee**  
Lisa Bodnar, Jeanette Richard, Beth Brower,  
and Howard Kreidwise, member emeritus



# Women of the ELCA



## ST. PAUL'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA - ANNUAL BANQUET MONDAY, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm



On Monday, June 26th St. Paul's Women will gather for their Annual Banquet. After a couple of years having the banquet catered by Jimmy's, we decided to do it a bit differently this year. We will be ordering from the catering menu at daCapo's

Restaurant and having the banquet family-style here at the church. Those attending the May meeting selected the menu. We will have assorted salads, rolls & butter, and Chicken Parmesan, Penne a la Vodka, Lasagna, and Chicken Marsala. The cost per person is \$25, all inclusive. All women are welcome to attend but we need to know your intent by June 18th for ordering purposes. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's, earmarked Banquet. See Leah Seleman or Lisa Bodnar with your reservation and payment or place it in the offering plate.

At the Banquet we will reveal ourselves to our Secret Sister from the past year. New ones will also be selected for the coming year. A form is in this newsletter if you wish to participate. It is always a fun way to spread some cheer to a fellow Sister in Christ.

### PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a community of women **created** in the image of God,

**called** to discipleship in

Jesus Christ, and

**empowered** by the Holy Spirit,

We commit ourselves to

**grow** in faith,

**affirm** our gifts,

**support** one another in our callings,

**engage** in ministry and action, and

**promote** healing and wholeness,  
in the church, the society, and the world.

ALL women are invited and encouraged to participate as they are able. Some meetings are informative, some are hands-on activities, some are inspirational, but all are meaningful. The Sisterhood in Christ that we develop is the greatest gift of all.

A free-will offering is accepted at each meeting. One-half of the offering is given to our Synodical Women's Organization and the other one-half stays in our treasury. Some of the events/things we support are the Angel Project, local not for profit social service agencies, annual educational scholarship, and much more.





**2023 – 2024**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phones: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail:

Family Members:

Birthday:

Anniversary:

Favorite Color:

Favorite Flower:

Hobbies:

Collections:

What do you like to do in your free time?

Favorite Treat:

Anything else you can share?

- ♥ All women are encouraged to participate as a Secret Sister.
- ♥ This is meant to be a fun activity! You are encouraged to be creative in what you give to your Secret Sister. Hopefully the information she has shared will be helpful in choosing just the right gift for her. (If you need other ideas see an officer who might be able to help you.) Gifts need not be expensive, just thoughtful.
- ♥ Be sure to keep your identity a secret. Sometimes this might mean disguising your handwriting or having someone else write your card. Feel free to use the church address (837 Charles St., Torrington, CT 06790) as the return address.
- ♥ Please try to remember special occasions such as birthday, anniversary, and holidays. Perhaps you'd like to send her a card each month.
- ♥ Cards can be mailed or brought to the table outside the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen. Please be sure to clearly mark packages and gifts on the outside so your Secret Sister finds her special surprise!
- ♥ If, for whatever reason, you are unable to continue to serve as a Secret Sister during the year, please be sure you let an officer so know so we can re-assign your Secret Sister to someone else. We don't want anyone to be left out.
- ♥ You will reveal your identity to your Secret Sister next June. At the same time, new Secret Sisters will be selected. Have fun!

*If you wish to participate as a Secret Sister, please complete this form and return it to Leah Seleman or Lisa Bodnar by June 25<sup>th</sup>, or you may bring it to the end-of-the year banquet\* on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Call or e-mail Leah (860-307-7881 or [leahseleman@charter.net](mailto:leahseleman@charter.net)) or Lisa Bodnar (860-491-6342 or [bodnar983@gmail.com](mailto:bodnar983@gmail.com)) if you have questions.*

*\*See information on the end-of-the year banquet in the newsletter.\**



# Around the church



We recently had the Fire Marshal stop in to do a quick inspection. We were informed that items can not be stored in front of the electrical panels in any of the electrical closets. There must be 3 feet of clear space in the area of the panels for easy access. This is an OSHA standard.

**Cars cannot park on the cement area in front of the church doors.** It is an area of egress and must remain clear. The area is an egress to the sidewalks during an emergency. We understand this is a big change but we all need to comply with it.

A 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.



**The Farmer's Market  
Opens on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 10 a to 1p!  
The Tuesday market will begin on  
July 11 from 3p to 6p!**



**Women's Breakfast  
Wednesday,  
June 21st 8:30 am**

**George's Restaurant  
East Main St. Torrington**

**Men's Breakfast  
Wednesday,  
June 21st 8:30 am**

**A/C Eatery  
South Main St. Torrington**



# Around the community



Join Bishop Jim and Pastor Lisa Hazelwood on a trip to the Holy Land in Israel & Palestine, January 15-25, 2024.

This trip will be a chance to walk in the land of the Bible, see our faith come alive and meet our partners in the ELCJHL Lutheran Church. Highlights include:

- Three days in Galilee, Nazareth, Mount Tabor and the site of the Beatitudes
- Time in the Dead Sea area, including the Jordan River and Jericho
- Bethlehem and Jerusalem, including visits to area schools and churches of the ELCJH
- A chance to walk in the old city, Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Mount Zion
- Dancing, music and folklore celebrating Palestinian heritage
- This all-inclusive trip includes airfare from Boston, wonderful meals and accommodations, great conversation partners, lots of laughter, deep learning, singing and so much more. It truly is the trip of a lifetime.



For more information, you can ask the Bishop questions as he has been five times since 1980, and most recently just this past February. You may email Bishop Hazelwood with questions at [bishop@nesynod.org](mailto:bishop@nesynod.org)

**Juneteenth**  
**TORRINGTON**

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11AM - WALKING PARADE  
FROM COE MEMORIAL  
PARK TO CITY HALL

12:30 TO 2PM- JUNETEENTH  
CELEBRATION WITH MUSIC, ART,  
DRUMMING, FASHION SHOW, LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS AND JOHN BROWN  
PROJECT FILM.  
(LOCATION: TRINITY EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH ON PROSPECT STREET)

**MONDAY JUNE 19TH  
2023  
EVENT IS FREE**

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

**OPEN MIC  
@TRINITY**

Headliner! **Charlie Diamond!**

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

**JUNE 18, 2023 7:00 PM, FREE!**

Donations welcome - Light refreshments provided

220 Prospect Street, Torrington Questions? Email [conradsank@gmail.com](mailto:conradsank@gmail.com)



**June 1st**  
Chuck Odell

**June 16th**  
Brandon & Dale  
Osterman

**June 2nd**  
Kim Rakyta

**June 17th**  
Bonnie Schaff

**June 3rd**  
Bruce Ejzak

**June 18th**  
Leslie Langenheim

**June 4th**  
Mary Grening

**June 19th**  
Harry Stone

**June 5th**  
Karen Trippodi  
Shaelynn Holmgren

**June 23rd**  
Walter "Cookie" Joray

**June 9th**  
June Meyers

**June 25th**  
Kathy-Ann Campbell

**June 10th**  
Ralph Boscarino

**June 26th**  
Linda Gryniuk  
Kent Madia

**June 11th**  
Lynn Shuhi  
Caroline Quintal

**June 30th**  
Mark Langenheim  
Laura Barone

**June 12th**  
Bob Magyar

**June 13th**  
Sabra Rosenbeck



**June 14th**  
Gabrielle Vega  
Jaiden O'Meara

To the family and  
friends of

**June 15th**  
June Seiser  
Paul Winzler

Meta Mueller  
Gary Parker

Victor & Charlotte Madia	June 02, 1990
Alexander & Iris Barko	June 05, 1982
Kenneth & Judith Ludwig	June 10, 1972
Sal & Marie Barbieri	June 13, 1998
Paul & Catherine Winzler	June 18, 1994
Alan & Fran Seitz	June 20, 1964
Thomas & Linda Richard	June 20, 1981
William & Cynthia Muhl	June 23, 1990
Bruce & Kristy Ejzak	June 28, 1980



Tyler Josphe Rosenbeck was born on May 25, 2023 to Kyle and Jessica Rosenbeck. He is the baby brother of Lucas, Avery and Ethan Rosenbeck. Grandmother is Kendra Rosenbeck and great-auntie is Paula Rosenbeck.



# Kids Pages!



Thank You God, for everything.





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## Staff Directory 860-482-3555

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Lisa Bodnar, Custodian

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Christina Brzoska, Teacher  
Nicole Waldron, Teacher  
Melanie Beebe, Teacher  
Teresa Guzman-Sanchez, Assistant Teacher  
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