

St. Paul's Lutheran Church The Good News!

Sunday Services

July

- 7 **7 Pentecost**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 14 **8 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 21 **9 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 28 **10 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
Informational on ratification of
the Constitution and By-laws



August

- 3 **11 Pentecost**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 11 **12 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 18 **13 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 25 **14 Pentecost**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 28 **Meeting of the Congregation**
Wednesday 7pm
Vote on ratifying Constitution
and By-laws

**VBS August 5 thru 9
9 am to noon**



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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

As most of you are aware by now, we have an ongoing Capital Campaign in place. Some of you may not know the reason we are doing this.

The reason is simple: to meet our most basic obligations, we need a significant boost to our flow of income. We have two specific needs. The first is increased income to meet our regular expenses without draining our investments, and second, we need to find the resources to do some major and necessary repairs to our building.

I hope we can think of this as a legacy. In the late 1800's a group of German Lutherans gave unsparingly to create St. Paul's in downtown Torrington. They envisioned a community of faith rooted in God's grace to bless their own families and any who would come after them. In the late 1960s the congregation had outgrown their building, and they had no room to expand. So again, without reserve, they labored and donated to build our present facility. Their expansion was spurred by growing families and a major influx of immigrants from Europe in the 1950s. Once again, they saw an opportunity to build upon the foundation that had been bequeathed to them by the original members of St. Paul's. They erected this prominent and beautiful space to worship, study, and join in fellowship. Besides these basic functions of a parish, the design and location of the new building stood, and stands, as a striking witness to the presence and power of our Lord.

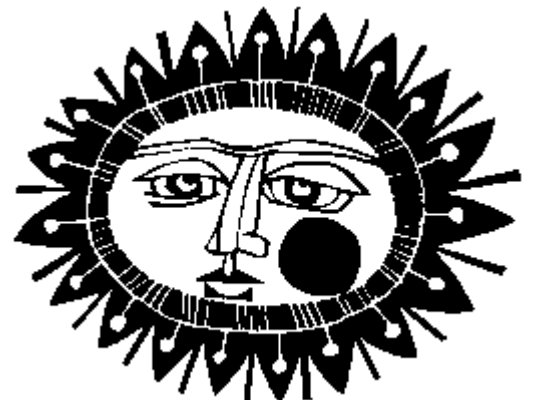
Now it is our turn. We treasure and need this property for the ministries we share, including our own worship needs, our Christian Education obligations, our Fellowship gatherings, our Hilltop ministry, our hospitality to the Farmers' Market, Friendly Hands Food Bank, the Sharing Garden, the Korean Church, the Connecticut Yankee Chorale, the Red Cross, and more. We are known all around the Torrington area as an active and caring Christian congregation. May it ever be so.

But we have old plumbing, some leaks in the roof, some barely functional AC and some newer needs like updated security and tech needs. Lawn care, snow plowing, staff salaries and general utilities and insurance are all obligations we must meet. If the Capital Campaign – our request of the membership to do what they can to boost our income – does not yield our goal, we will have only a few less attractive options. One would be to draw down our investments. If we continue to do that, we will run out of money in about 6 years. After that, our future is dismal. Or we could take out a loan, which, of course, would need to be repaid, adding to our expenses.

Let us be like those who sacrificed to found St. Paul's, and those who responded again to build our present space. Let us look to the future with confidence and trust, and a commitment to being a flourishing community of grace for our own families and our wider neighbors. Let us see this as a time to establish a strong and faithful legacy in the name and Spirit of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady





Finance



Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to take this opportunity to review our shortfall and how it is calculated. We take our budgeted Sunday offering plus what is needed from investments to balance the budget. This is the needed amount reflected on our Sunday slide. We then show what was actually received in our Sunday offerings. This figure is deducted from the budgeted figure. As reported on Sunday, June 16, we are showing a shortfall of approximately \$40,000. We reflect it this way because in reality, our Sunday offerings should be sufficient to cover our expenses. As you can see, it does not.

Fortunately, due to the generous giving of our committees, some members, and our contracts with the cell tower and parking lot, we have been able to offset the shortfall. As of Sunday, June 16th, we have received the following:

Capital Campaign \$8724.14	Thrivent Choice \$207
Fellowship committee \$1667.20	Cell tower \$7305
Grinder sales \$1749.21	Parking Lot \$4598
Hilltop bingo fundraiser \$690	Festival Offerings \$2370
WELCA (Penny Auction) \$1138	Other Income \$7305
Sharing Garden \$250	Use of Facilities \$7160

The above amounts equal \$43,163.55. It is because of the efforts of the above committees and members of our congregation that have given to the Capital Campaign, or donated in other ways, that we have not had to take any funds out of investments so far this year. We should all be very thankful for their efforts and praise God for their commitment to his Church.

As we are all aware, the Capital Campaign is not producing the monies for which we had hoped. If you recall, at the budget meeting, we agreed to a Capital Campaign of \$200,000. \$100,000 was to offset the deficit and the other \$100,000 was for the buildings much needed repairs. To date, we have only raised \$8724.14. I ask that we all pray mightily for the success of the campaign.

I also want to share with you that we now can accept credit/debit cards for purchasing fundraising tickets such as the fellowship dinners, concert series, items for sale, and so forth. We will be utilizing the Square that committees will have access to when running a fundraiser or selling tickets. If interested in using the Square, please see Rachel in the office. To pay for the initial units, we would like each committee to donate towards the cost. It comes to just over \$100 per committee. The money will come from the 25% the committee donates to the operating budget after a fundraiser. If your committee does not want to participate in using the square, please let me know and we will not charge your committee.

If you have any questions regarding our finances or are interested in serving on the finance committee, please contact me.

Your Sister in Christ,
Pamela Little, Treasurer/Finance Committee

2024 Concert Series



@ St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles Street
860-482-3555



Torrington, CT 06790



stpaulstorrington.com

Date	Band
July 13	South Road
August 10	Stay Tuned Band
September 14	Brother Other
October 12	Potter's Field
November 9	Maximum Dosage

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

\$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.



Fall Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, September 29, 2024

6:00 pm – Dinner bell rings

🎃 \$15 – Adult 🎃 \$9 Kids (ages 5-10) 🎃

🎃 Under 5 Free 🎃

Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, applesauce, sauerkraut, pies and beverages.

For Tickets or Questions:

860-482-3555

www.stpaulstorrington.com

FALL FAIR

Saturday, November 2nd

9:00am – 3:00pm

Handmade Crafts,
Artisans Market
Soup & Sandwich Lunch,
Bake Sale, Theme Baskets
and More!

For info: 860-482-3555

**OCTOBER
19TH**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
presents their
**8th Annual
Car show**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Rain date: Sat. October 26, 2024

Registration fee \$10

Food + 50/50 Raffle + Music

For more info.

St. Paul's: 860-482-3555

or Steve: 860-601-1691

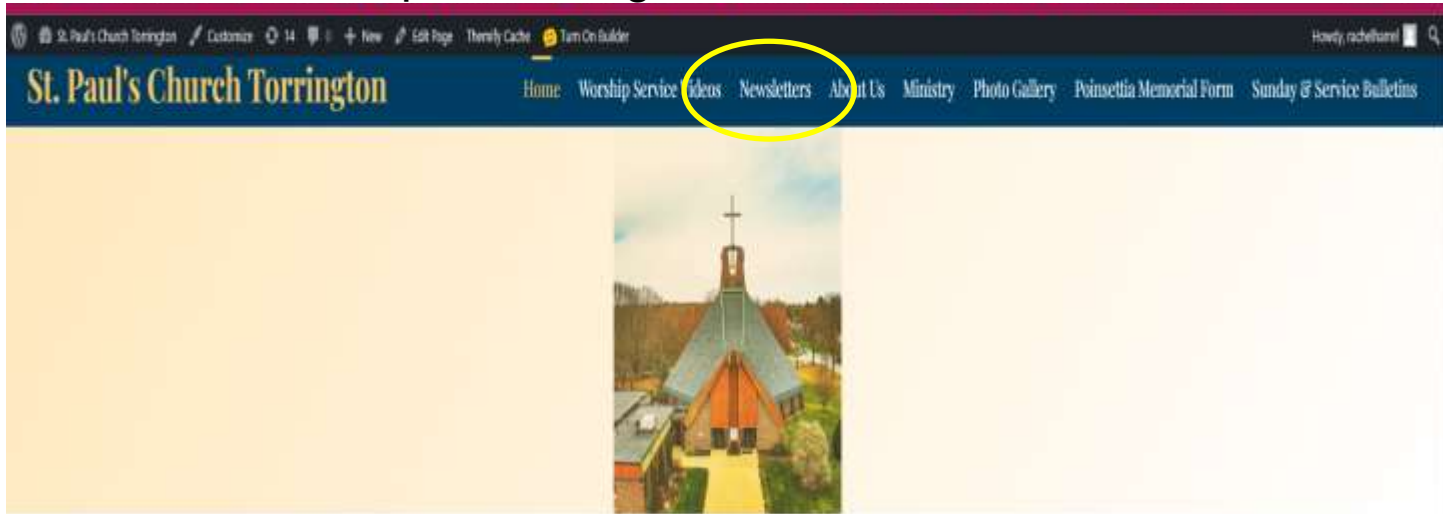




Website Update



Newsletters can be found in that Narthex on Sunday mornings or on the website www.stpaulstorrington.com:



We are updating the website! What would you like easier access to? What information would you like to see on the website? Any comments or suggestions can be submitted to secretary@stpaulstorrington.com.



We need a favor !

**Members and Friends of St. Paul's
We're looking for some very specific help.**

Our website is way out of date and needs updating, both in content and useability.

Is there someone out there who is skilled in working with websites, either to update an old one or even create a better new one? This would entail working closely with Will Siss and Rachel in the office to refine our on-line presence. Our own members would find this very helpful, and seekers who find us on-line would have a easier and better experience learning about St. Paul's.

If you do not have these skills, but know someone who does, you can also let us know that so we can reach out to that person.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Pastor Scott Cady

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Breakfast Buffet on June 23rd possible. Forty-eight members (including 7 children) enjoyed the buffet that included pancakes, Deb Millum's hash brown casserole, bacon, sausage, breakfast strada, assorted quiche, muffins, donuts, and fresh fruit salad. Part of the proceeds will benefit St. Paul's Angel Project. The Angel Project is in its 37th year whereby those families who have experienced the loss of a family member are remembered with a fruit basket and individuals and families experiencing financial hardships are given gifts to make the season a bit easier for them. The Angel Project is one of the only projects that is solely an in-house effort. The Fellowship Committee is comprised of June Seiser, Wendy Iannelli, Linda and Gary Rosa, Pamela Little, Pam Ewing, Karen Ness, Susan Racloz, Casaundra Abeling, and Gabrielle Dziedzic. Everyone one of us worked hard to set-up, cook/bake, serve, and clean-up the breakfast. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your dedication to this committee.



Thanks, also, to all those who supported the breakfast.

The Garden of memories

SUMMER!



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

As we look ahead to the fall, we are hopeful for more part day students. The full day classrooms are almost full, saying the change we made last year to add another full day classroom was successful. 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.

In all things we trust that God will carry us through!
I pray you have a safe and restful summer!

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





Chrised



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching! We can always use a bit more help of teenagers and adults and of course, we need kids! Guidelines are: age 4 by 9/1/2024 through those entering grade 5. One of the things children enjoy in VBS is the craft session each day. We try to come up with things the children can relate to and that relate to the lesson each day. We can use some help with craft supplies and recyclable items. We can use: clean cardboard egg cartons, pink spray paint, very narrow elastic, orange, red, and yellow feathers OR a multi-pack of colored feathers, Yellow and brightly colored craft foam sheets, brown twine/jute in a roll, heart shaped buttons (3/4"-1"), small flat pink buttons (3/8"-1/2"), bright yellow acrylic paint, wildflower seed packets, assorted colored construction paper, googly eyes, 5/8"-7/8" gingham ribbon on a roll, craft glue (Tacky© type), Crayola© markers, Sharpie© markers, and glue sticks. A basket will be in the Narthex for donations. Thanks in advance for helping to make this a great week of fun for our little saints.

Equally enjoyed by kids are the games and outdoor activities that are played during the week also. Some of the items needed for games include hula hoops, multiple small balls – tennis-size through playground-size, 5-gallon buckets, pool noodles. Bill and Michelle Skibesky have already gotten some squeaky rubber chickens that I know the children will really enjoy!

A VBS Prep Day is set for Thursday, July 18th from 3pm – 6pm. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for helping to make VBS a wonderful and creative !

Forms are available in the Narthex and on the website!

Confirmand Update: Ethan Schaller, a recent confirmand of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Torrington, CT delivered Blessing Bags, personal care products, food, and snacks to the Community Soup Kitchen and to the Gathering Place, both in Torrington. His senior confirmation project, with the help of the congregation, was to put together bags that included water, snacks, personal care items, flashlights, socks, and more for individuals in need within the community. Shown in the pictures with Ethan is DJ, executive director of the Soup Kitchen, and Nancy Canavo, director of the Gathering Place, along with his Mom, Kelli Schaller.





Around the church




**BE A TRAIL ANGEL
IN SHEFFIELD, MA**

APPALACHIAN TRAIL MINISTRY
SPONSORS
CHRIST TRINITY CHURCH
1ST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- 6-10 people needed to direct kindness & generosity to hikers
- Food, equipment, fuel, and more provided by sponsors
- Contact May Friday at 860-489-7448 or mayffriday@gmail

Hours Update!
**The Church office will
 be closed on Fridays
 in
 July!**
**Hours will be
 Monday—Thursday
 8:30 to 3:30.**



St. Paul's Quilters
are sewing on
Wednesdays!

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

**We meet most Wednesdays
from 1pm – 4pm.**



Tai Chi Wednesday Mornings 11:00

Drop in whenever the mood strikes.

Free to all!

For more information
karen.trippodi@gmail.com



**Women's Breakfast
Wednesday,
July 10, August 21**

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

**Men's Breakfast
Wednesday,
July 17, August 21**

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



1
Natalie Siss

3
Hunter Hayes

4
Leisa Radzins

5
Sylvia Stevens

8
Margita Stone
Valerie Vega
Carol Deleppo

9
Jennifer Ezzo
Amy Worthington-
Cady

10
Linda Magyar

12
Dawn Osterman

13
Dale Camara

15
Mark Dautrich

17
Laney Hayes

19
David Stewart

20
Jan Eucalitto

21
John Stewart

22
Rachel Harrel
Nick Canino
Joe Canino
Aurorah Muhl

23
John Iannelli

26
Carol Gesner
Mahaila Dickinson

27
Laura Roelofs

30
Eleanor Klonoski
Kristyn Stewart

31
Olivia Canino
Gigi Williams

Ignacio and Valerie Vega 7/11/1998

William and Michelle Skibesky 7/12/1986

Richard and Tina Hanusch 7/14/1984

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Betty Ebbeskotte

Jean Pitts

Mike Butler

Nancy Dautrich



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Tom Seitz

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Ethan Rosenbeck

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Max Harrel

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Richard Corey
Dixie Travis

8
Kathryn Depaoli

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Linda Richard

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Eric Begey

13
Gary Begey

14
Stevie DiStefano

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Larry Bielik

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Debora Sterling

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Meagan Clavette

20
Lydia Smith
John Stewart
Abby Nardine

23
David Ness

25
Liz Emmett

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Steve Grening
Janis Martin

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Ed Grening

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Cal Bensch

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Adrienne Weik

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David Stewart

June and Stephen Seiser 08/03/1985

Kathy-Ann & Andrew Campbell 08/04/1990

Ed and Anne Grening 08/05/1953

Gary and Linda Rosa 08/07/1982

John and Mary Quinn 08/10/1962

Donald and Brooke Crossman 08/11/2006

Ron and Dixie Travis 08/24/1963

Kurt and Kelli Schaller 08/25/2007

Casaundra & Scott Abeling 08/30/2008

**Litchfield County
Regional Fire School
2024 Graduates**



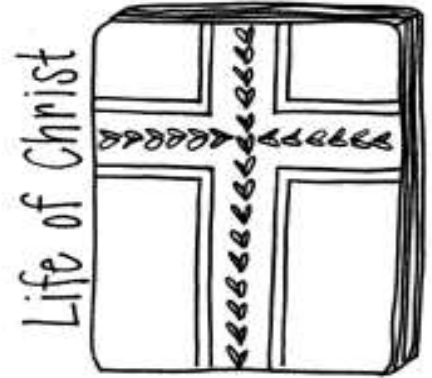
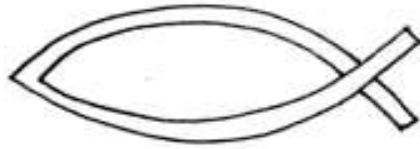
Sarah & Kevin Begey
of the Litchfield FD
The first married couple to
complete the course together!

Linnea Ludwig of the Winsted FD

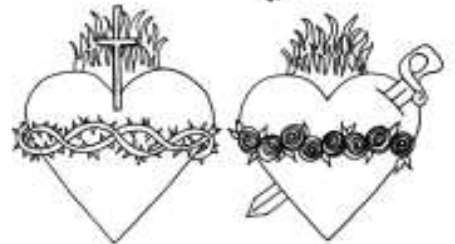
Garrett Grening of the
Torrington Volunteer Dept.



Kids Pages!



Ordinary Time



BIBLE WORDSEARCH

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O W R L A G I G G N
T C K F R H O L Y G
D O L O R D S E V E
R W B A P E B W R L
A D A M K E D E N P
A T J U M T Z N I Y
A F A I T H R O J X
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F M L G O D W H Q X



WORD LIST

ADAM	FAITH
ANGEL	GOD
ARK	HOLY
EDEN	LORD
EVE	NOAH



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Staff Directory 860-482-3555

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Rachel Harrel, Secretary
Jean Schlapfer, Bookkeeper
Marcia Newcome, Music Director
Lisa Bodnar, Custodian

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bookkeeper@stpaulstorrington.com

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Nicole Sears, Teacher
Monica Valente, Teacher
Christina Brzoska, Teacher
Nicole Waldron, Teacher
Melanie Beebe, Teacher
Teresa Guzman-Sanchez, Assistant Teacher
Tracy Sierdy, Assistant Teacher
Emily Jury, Student Teacher
Casaundra Abeling, Custodian

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