

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISTLE



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### A SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITY

There's an insurance company whose tag-line is: "Life comes at you fast." It's usually announced right after a sudden and dramatic accident is portrayed. At times life *does* come at us fast. Recently, life came at me fast in a good way, through the sudden availability of a long-prayed-for opportunity.

Seven years ago I was granted a three-month sabbatical by St. Paul's. (ELCA policy suggests pastors receive one after every four years.) Since that time it was clear to me that we would never have the financial resources to pay for another one. Seven years ago the cost to the congregation for Pastor Lundin to cover for me was just over \$7,000. Today it would be around \$7,500. The chances of finding an extra \$7,500 when we are trying to balance our budget seemed close to nil. Though I have increasingly felt the need for another sabbatical, I have felt obliged to put that idea out of my head.

Then a miracle happened—and suddenly. Through a series of conversations with several people out side of St. Paul's, it became clear that I was in need of a sabbatical break—and soon. And just as suddenly, these conversations lead to the identification of an anonymous funding source that would cover all costs of a sabbatical. Normally one would prepare for six months to a year before taking a sabbatical. With things coming together as fast and unexpectedly as they have, I find myself in the enviable position of having less than seven weeks to prepare.

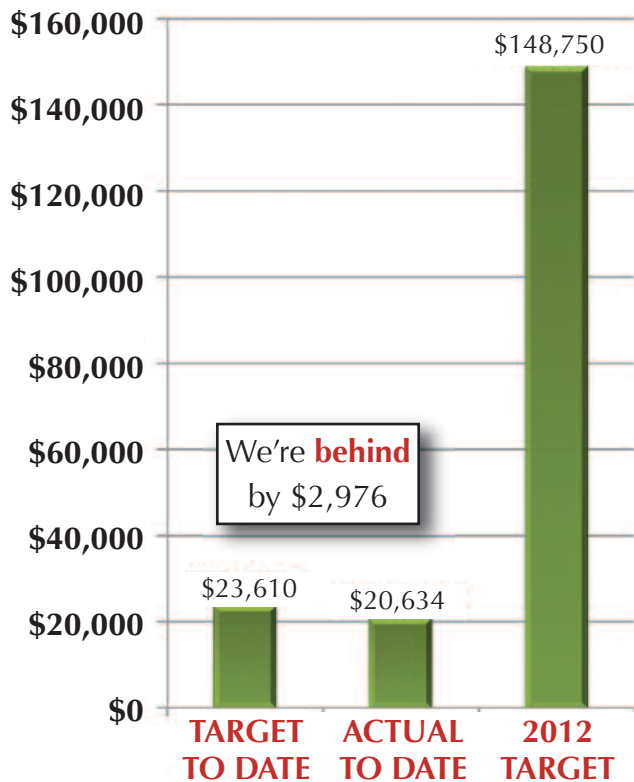
Here's the short version of my plan: Starting May 14th, I will begin a three-month sabbatical. I will be back in the office on Monday, August 14. The New England Synod and our Council are all in support of this. While I'm gone, there will be an "Acting Pastor" who will cover worship, preaching, pastoral care and visitations, an any unforeseen emergencies—much like Pastor Lundin did seven years ago. While we are almost certain who this will be, it will be a few weeks before we can officially announce the name. And, most importantly, *this won't cost St. Paul's anything!*

Since this is coming together as fast as it is, the exact details are presently in flux. As soon as it is possible, I'll be happy to share what I can about my plans. In the meantime, I am grateful beyond words to those who have made this dream a reality.

*Pastor Hugh Haffenreffer*

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** 8:00 & 10:30AM ♦ Adult Ed. at 9:15AM ♦ Sunday School at 10:30AM

## INCOME THROUGH FEBRUARY 2012



## EASTER BREAKFAST

Time just flies by, seems like Christmas was just last week. Well, Easter is right around the corner and once again we'll be sharing breakfast here at St. Paul's.

Please join us for a hearty breakfast and fellowship as we celebrate Easter together.

**Easter Sunday, April 8**

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Good will offering accepted.

Please check the Fellowship Hall for sign-up sheets.

## WATER AND SODA BOTTLES NEEDED

St. Paul's Youth is asking everyone to consider donating water and soda bottles. Proceeds go to help defer the cost of the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Bottle Drive**

Bottles can be left down stairs located near the outside double doors.



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

St. Paul's will hold it's **Maundy Thursday** service on Thursday, April 5, at 7PM.

**Good Friday Noon to Three:** St. Paul's will be open for prayer and meditation from 12 - 3 PM on Good Friday, April 6. Silence will be observed during these hours in the sanctuary with scripture readings on the half hour. Our **Good Friday Tenebrae** service will be held that evening, April 6 at 7PM.

**Easter Sunday** is April 8: We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at 8 and 10:30AM!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THANK YOU ALL !!

I would like to say thank you to everyone who made our St. Patrick's Day Dinner such a success. We had a wonderful turn out, new faces, good food and a good time. I hope our future meals are met with such enthusiasm.

I would also like to say a "Thank You" to all those hard working folks that toiled in the kitchen and dining room to bring this meal to you.

Keep an eye out for what we're cooking up for you next!!

Thank you again,

*Brian Beckwith*

## Women of the ELCA 2012 Spring Gathering DISCIPLESHIP

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." *John 13:35*

### Greater Hartford, Central & Eastern Connecticut Conferences

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Faith Lutheran Church • 1120 Silver Lane, East Hartford

860-569-2037

Workshops: Connecticut Children's Place—Michelle Sarofin

Bible Study—Pastor Julie Reuning-Sherer

**Registration: \$16 in advance (by April 20); \$20 at the door**

Registration forms may be found in Fellowship Hall



## BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

- 1 Pam Speno
- 2 Jennifer Lohmann
- 6 Barbara Bonds
- 7 Ken Schultz
- 9 Judy Gerken
- 10 Robert Durkin
- 11 Timothy Malinguaggio
- 12 Lillian Doerschler
- 13 Louise Stoezner
- 13 Tracy Newmark
- 18 Arthur Bruce
- 21 Melissa Cheyney
- 21 Christine Intravia
- 22 Christopher Anderson
- 23 Cara Christensen
- 27 Robert Pierce
- 28 Kurt Evans
- 30 Mary Baumgartel



## Hop on Down To Saint Paul's Church

When: Saturday April 07, 2012

Time: 11 AM – 12 PM

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Three age groups:**

Pre K, K – 2nd & 3rd – 5th



## ST. PAUL'S GIVING TREE



Look for the new St. Paul's Giving Tree sprouting in the Fellowship Hall beginning April 1st. We all know that we have many budget areas this year where funding has been decreased or changed to a \$0.00 line item. The branches of ministry on our Giving Tree where our financial support is needed include Children and Youth, Worship and Music, Office and Administration, Building Up-keep, Synod Participation and Evangelism/Stewardship.

We can all help to pay for these necessary items by taking a leaf off the tree and designating your dollars to go towards one of our church needs. It is easy to do! Just follow these simple steps to contribute:

- Find a branch on the tree for one of St. Paul's ministries.
- Choose a leaf for the donation you would like to make to help fund our budget items.
- Take an envelope from the table near the tree.
- Include in the envelope the leaf and your cash or check made out to St. Paul's Church so your funds can go to your chosen branch.
- Place the envelope in the Sunday offering.

This is another way we can all work together to support our congregation and its work. For questions about our St. Paul's Giving Tree, please contact Julie Perry, Council President.

“Like the roots of a tree so we support each other  
Like the trunk of a tree so we stand as one  
Like the leaves of a tree so we renew each other  
Like the branches of a tree so we hold together the spirit of our lives”  
*Anonymous*

## EASTER CROSS

Your assistance is needed in decorating the large cross in the sanctuary on Easter morning. Each family is invited to bring a single fresh flower to place on the cross to help transform it into a beautiful symbol of the resurrection.

A special thanks to Jan Pergande for coordinating this tradition.



## ST. PAUL'S NEWS OF PEOPLE IN THE PEWS



Charisma Rose Newmark, 9-year old granddaughter of Jim & Tracy Newmark was a recipient of the Waterbury 2011-12 "100 Best Young People Award" held in February at the Palace Theatre. Over 200 nominations were submitted for young people ages 3-21. This recognition is a positive celebration of youth who are working hard to become healthy, caring, responsible individuals. Charisma received an award plaque and a citation from

the Honorable Neil O'Leary, Mayor of Waterbury.

Needless to say, Papa & Grandma are beaming with pride!

Send me news, please and have a wonderful Easter. [emilyandles@cox.net](mailto:emilyandles@cox.net), 860-563-5581 or see me at church.

PRAY FOR PEACE, EMILY

A promotional poster for the 29th Annual Foodshare Walk against hunger. The top half shows a crowd of people gathered for the event, with a large archway of red, white, and blue balloons. The text on the poster includes: "29th ANNUAL FOODSHARE Walk against hunger", "Presenting Sponsor THE HARTFORD" (with a red deer logo), "Sunday May 6, 2012", "HARTBEAT PARK", "140 Garden Street, Hartford", "Check-in 1:00 p.m. • Walk steps off at 2:00 p.m.", "Free Event Parking to remain at The Hartford!", and a red starburst graphic that says "NEW Kick Off Location".

## CHURCH



## CHAPTERS

Our book club meeting for this month will take place on Tuesday, April 10th at the home of Lois Woy-18 Westbrook Road, Rocky Hill. We will meet at 6:30 for dessert and to discuss the book, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie. Copies of the book are available for pick-up at the Wethersfield Public Library under our church name. Upcoming titles include:

- Sarah's Key by Tatiana DeRosnay
- The Fauna and The Family by Gerald Durrell
- Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian
- Pudding Head Wilson by Mark Twain

We hope you can join us for our next meeting! All are welcome!! Please let Sue Agne know if you will be able to join us. (860-563-0776 or [susana23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susana23@sbcglobal.net)) We hope to see you in April.

# St. Paul's MEMBERS IN SERVICE for APRIL 2012

## ACOLYTES:

*Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 659-4094*

- Apr. 1 - Jared Christensen  
 5 - Erica DeBlois *Maun. Thurs 7 PM*  
 6 - Cameron Cheyney *Good Fri 7 PM*  
 8 - Celia Cheyney 8:00  
 Angela Mihalick 10:30  
 15 - Kaitlin Anderson  
 22 - Jared Christensen  
 29 - Cameron Cheyney

## ALTAR GUILD:

*Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 659-4094*

- Apr. 1 - Debbie Howe  
 5 - Linda & Kaitlin Anderson  
 6 - Linda & Kaitlin Anderson  
 8 - Linda & Kaitlin Anderson 8:00  
 Mary Procyk & Debbie Howe 10:30  
 15 - Jenny Dotts & Sue Sonstrom  
 22 - Winnie Sawrun & Ann French  
 29 - Patty Bengtson

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

- Apr. 1 - Jim Newmark 8:00  
 William Fischer, Jr. 10:30  
 5 - Emily Lourigan *Maun. Thurs 7 PM*  
 8 - Art Bruce 8:00  
 Jerry Vaillancourt 10:30  
 15 - Jim Newmark 8:00  
 William Fischer, Jr. 10:30  
 22 - Emily Lourigan 8:00  
 Mary Procyk 10:30  
 29 - Patty Bengtson 8:00  
 Jerry Vaillancourt 10:30

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

*Sue Agne, Coordinator, 563-0776*

- Apr. 1 - Carole Hughes  
 5 - Lillian Doerschler *Maun. Thurs 7 PM*  
 8 - Joan Kratzer & Sue Agne  
 15 - Curt Leonard  
 22 - Mary Procyk  
 29 - Jim Newmark

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS:

*Winnie Sawrun, Coordinator, 529-7588*

- Apr. 1 - Helen Peterson & Mary Procyk  
 8 - Easter Breakfast  
 15 - Lillian Doerschler & Pam Speno  
 22 - Kaitlin & Linda Anderson  
 29 - Patty & Russ Bengtson

## FINANCE:

*Mary Procyk, Coordinator, 257-4793*

- Apr. 1 - Art Bruce  
 5 - George Howe *Maun. Thurs*  
 6 - George Howe *Good Fri*  
 8 - Lillian Doerschler  
 15 - Heather Christensen  
 22 - Alice Ruppap  
 29 - Helen Peterson

## LECTORS:

*Lillian Doerschler, Coordinator, 529-1939*

- Apr. 1 - Mary Procyk  
 5 - Judy Gerken *Maun. Thurs*  
 6 - Emily Lourigan *Good Fri*  
 8 - Vicki Anderson 8:00  
 Sue Agne 10:30  
 15 - Jeanette Serafine  
 22 - Carol Bruce  
 29 - Kaitlin Anderson

## TAPING:

*Jan Pergande, Coordinator, 644-2888*

- Apr. Heather Christensen

## USHERS:

*Brian Beckwith, Coordinator, 8AM, 563-4066*

- Apr. Brian Beckwith

*Louise Lostocco, Coordinator, 10:30AM, 529-3079*

- Apr. 1 - Dick Agne & Dick Kratzer  
 8 - May Ann Mead & Dick Kratzer  
 15 - William Fischer, Sr. & Walter Ruppap  
 22 - Mark Olson & Art Bruce  
 29 - Mark Olson & Dick Agne

# APRIL 2012 | EVENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>1 Palm Sunday</b> Holy Comm. 8 & 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 9 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM No Sunday School Lent Program 12:30 PM	<b>2</b> Scouts PE 7:30-9 PM	<b>3</b> Outreach Comm. Meeting 7 PM OA 7:30 PM	<b>4</b> AA 10 AM Bible Study 10 AM <b>No Confirmation</b> AA 7 PM <b>No Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>5 Maundy Thursday</b> Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thur. Grp 10 AM Maundy Thurs. Service 7 PM Choir Reh. 8:15 PM AA 8 PM	<b>6 Good Friday</b> AA 10 AM Prayer & Meditation 12 - 3 PM Tenebrae Service 7 PM	<b>7</b> Easter Egg Hunt 11 AM - 12 PM AA 7:30 PM
<b>8 Easter Sunday</b> Easter Breakfast 8:30 - 10:30 AM Easter Services 8 & 10:30 AM	<b>9</b> Book Club 6:30 PM OA 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> Bible Study 10 AM Confirmation 6 PM AA 7 PM Choir Reh. 7:30M	<b>11</b> AA 10 AM Bible Study 10 AM Confirmation 6 PM AA 7 PM Choir Reh. 7:30M	<b>12</b> Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thur. Grp 10 AM Scouts PE Downstairs 6-7:15 AA 8 PM	<b>13</b> AA 10 AM Family Movie Night 7 PM	<b>14</b> AA 7:30 PM
<b>15 Epistle Deadline</b> Holy Comm. 8 & 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 9 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> OA 7:30 PM	<b>18</b> AA 10 AM Bible Study 10 AM <b>No Confirmation</b> AA 7 PM Choir Reh. 7:30M	<b>19</b> Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thur. Grp 10 AM AA 8 PM	<b>20</b> AA 10 AM <b>Registration Deadline for WELCA Spring Gathering</b>	<b>21</b> AA 7:30 PM
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<b>29</b> Holy Comm. 8 & 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 9 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Outreach Fair Meeting 12 PM	<b>30</b>	<b>Reminders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm Sunday, April 1 • Maundy Thursday Service, April 5 at 7 PM</li> <li>• Good Friday, April 6 : Prayer and Meditation, 12-3 PM; Tenebrae Service at 7 PM</li> <li>• Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 7 from 11 AM - 12 Noon</li> <li>• Easter Sunday, April 8: Services at 8 and 10:30 AM; Easter Breakfast from 8:30-10:30 AM</li> </ul>				

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