

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISTLE



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Cathy Evans

## SAFE CHURCH UPDATE

In the last edition of our *Epistle*, we mentioned that St. Paul's has formally adopted a "Safe Church Policy." Much work was done to make this possible and it is important to thank Linda Anderson and Bill Fischer, Jr. for helping to get the "ball rolling" and being instrumental in guiding the formation of our policy to its conclusion.

Now comes the hard part—putting it into effect. One important step toward full compliance will be to *strongly* encourage anyone who will be working with children and youths to take one of the upcoming Safe Church Training sessions. The following Comprehensive (Basic) Safe Church Training Sessions are scheduled for this coming fall:

- 9/14/13: St. James' Church, 3 Mountain Rd., Farmington
- 9/21/13: Holy Trinity Church, 383 Hazard Ave., Enfield
- 9/28/13: St. David's Church, 284 Stoddards Wharf Rd., Gales Ferry
- 10/5/13: Christ Church, 527 Pomfret St., Pomfret
- 11/2/13: St. Peter's Church, 175 Old Tannery Rd., Monroe
- 11/2/13: St. Paul's Church, 661 Old Post Rd., Fairfield
- 11/16/13: St. Peter's Church, 59 Main St., Cheshire

Anyone who would like more information on Safe Church Training or who would like to attend a training session are encouraged to talk with Pastor Hugh.

Over the next few months, as we develop a Safe Church Advocacy Team, more details as to how this policy will be implemented will be published.

Anyone who would like a copy of the policy are encouraged to ask for one at the church office or to access a copy online at [www.stpaulswethersfield.org](http://www.stpaulswethersfield.org) and click on the "Downloadable Resources" link.

*Pastor Hugh*

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sundays at 8 and 10:30 AM**  
(Starts September 8)

# HAWKWING SUMMER READING CAMP

by Erica DeBlois

Ever since I joined Girl Scouts I've had a drive to help people. When it became time to choose a project to earn my Girl Scout Gold Award I knew where I wanted to start, Hawkwing. Hawkwing is an organization that helps those on the Lakota Sioux Cheyenne River Reservation that are living in impoverished conditions. I first worked with Rochelle Ripley, founder of Hawkwing, while earning my Girl Scout Silver Award. When I met with Rochelle we discussed what I could do for Hawkwing and came up with the idea of a summer reading camp.

I started in April collecting gently used and new books. Through the generosity of many people, including our congregation, over 2,000 books were collected. The books were trucked ahead along with other needed donation for the reservation. We (Carol Farley, Margaret, Roxanne, and Erica DeBlois) arrived at the reservation on June 22 joining other Hawkwing volunteers. The camps were a complete success. A lot of the children couldn't believe we were giving them books that they didn't have to give back. One of the places where the camp was held was a rundown community center, in one of the poorest areas of the reservation. We had the biggest turnout due to the fact that some of the older children just showed up for lunch. We had prepared for 20 children and 44 showed up, but no one left with an empty stomach (a great example of the loaves and fishes story).

While we were there, Roxanne and I got to help some construction volunteers put up the donated green house. We had an opportunity to attend a naming ceremony where we received gifts just for being there. One of Rochelle's good friends Raymond, who owns a ranch, took us out to see his horses that he lets roam free. It was an amazing experience to be able to feed wild horses. Some of us were lucky enough to hand feed them while others just fed them from buckets. While we were out on the ranch we got to experience the sun setting and the moon rising at the same time. The view was spectacular. Overall this wasn't just a project; it was an eye opening, cultural experience. There was never a dull moment, if

you weren't doing anything you were put to work. We always ate all our meals together as a group. At our last dinner together we were blessed with the presence of some of the elders, who shared stories of past and told us how much they appreciate all our help for their people.

Rochelle Ripley is coming to St. Paul's on September 29, 2013. She is an amazing woman that loves her people. Come join us!

For more information about Hawkwing go to [www.hawkwing.org](http://www.hawkwing.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mark your calendars now.**

*Saturday, September 14th 9 AM*  
**Mom2Mom/Plant and Bake Sale**

*Sunday, September 15th Noon*  
**St. Paul's Picnic and 70th Anniversary Celebration**  
If you would like to help with set up, clean up or by bringing a dish, there is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

If you wish to invite someone, there are extra invitations in the fellowship hall.

*Sunday, September 22, Noon*  
**Holiday Fair planning meeting**  
If you are interested in helping with the fair please try to attend this meeting.

Volunteers will be needed for all events.

*Saturday, October 26*  
**Greater Hartford Conference Day of Service**  
Exact times and service project information to be posted soon.

*Saturday, November 23, 9am-3pm*  
**St. Paul's Holiday Fair**  
*(This year all proceeds will be used to support the ministries of St. Paul's)*

# NEWS & NOTES



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
ST. PAUL'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY  
WITH AN

## OLD FASHIONED PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013  
12:00 PM  
371 WOLCOTT HILL RD.

COME SEE OLD FRIENDS  
AND MEET NEW ONES.

R.S.V.P. DEBBIE VIOLA  
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### ONLINE CALENDAR

After many years of trying to find the best way to post all of our many events in a way that keeps them available and current, we have discovered Google Calendar and its ability to be inserted into our website.

For the latest and greatest, please consult our online calendar. Go to our website and click on "Interactive Calendar".

Please note: If there is an event, meeting or other calendar item that is either missing or needs changing, please pass this on to Karen, our office manager.

### GREATER HARTFORD CONFERENCE DAY OF SERVICE EVENT

Please hold the date of Saturday, October 26th to join with Lutherans in the Greater Hartford Conference to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ELCA. We will spend the day sharing our gifts in a Day of Service, followed by a celebration worship service and reception.

### Offerings† received through July 2013

Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget	Annual Budget
73,259	90,237	-16,978	154,700.00

† Offerings include Weekly offerings, special offerings, loose plate, and Sunday School

# etceteras...

## CHURCH CHAPTERS

St. Paul's Book Club is starting our third season of reading! We meet the second Tuesday of each month so our first meeting is Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 at Sue Agne's home.

We will be reading the book, *Midwives*, by Chris Bohjalian. The books are available at the church office for pick up to read. Our October title is the book, *Room* by Emma Donoghue.

Please join us for an evening of great conversation! Let Sue know if you are able to take part:

860-573-3181 or

susanagne@yahoo.com

We hope to see you there!!

## COMPUTER UPGRADE

Thanks to John Pytel for donating a new computer to St. Paul's. Our old one was getting to be so slow that it would take nearly a half hour for it to be ready to use. The new one is blazing fast and brings a smile to the faces of those who use it. John also spent numerous hours transferring data and programs from the old to the new, and then being available to help us iron out any problems. Thanks, John!

## FOOD NEEDED for our FOOD PANTRY.

Our Food Pantry is running a little low, right now. When you go shopping, it would be a

tremendous help if you would consider grabbing an extra item or two to help restock our pantry. Items needed are:

- Canned meats and fish, such as tuna, chicken, etc.;
- Food kids might like to eat, such as spaghetti O's;
- Tomato or spaghetti sauce
- Meals in a can, such as beef stew, chili, etc.
- Coffee

Any help you can give is extremely welcome. All

donations may be placed in the blue plastic bin in the coat area opposite the women's restroom.

## AMERICAN FLAG

At our June 25th Council meeting, the question was raised as to why St. Paul's didn't have an American flag displayed in the church. After some discussion, the consensus was that it would be both appropriate and a sign of our gratitude for the good gift of our country that a flag be displayed in our Fellowship Hall. Walter Ruppap offered to make the purchase and donate a American display flag to St. Paul's. This flag was dedicated during the worship service on July 7 and may be found on



display in our Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Walter.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

What ever happened to our pictorial directory? We are still working on getting these published as soon as possible. While we had the best of intentions back in January, we didn't realize that we were responsible for doing the majority of the layout (computer work) to get it published. Several of us have taken a stab at figuring out the program that the directory company gave us, but we are at present at an impasse. We hope to overcome this soon.

## WANTED: LECTORS

We have a group of very devoted persons who take part in the worship service each week by reading the lessons. Thank you to all of them.

I encourage you to consider becoming a lector. You will be asked about 5 times a year to serve. The lessons will be sent to you ahead of time so that you may practice reading them aloud at home. I call about a month ahead of time so you can choose a date that is convenient.

This fall we are losing five of our present lectors. We will miss them, and thank them for their contributions in the past.

Lillian Doerschler  
860-529-1939

## MOM2MOM and PLANT/BAKE SALE

Saturday, Sept. 14

Our Fall Mom2Mom sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14th. We still have room for more sellers. Please share our flyer (available in fellowship hall) with your family and friends. We also need volunteers to help with setup on Friday (day and/or evening), day of event tasks such as, St. Paul's table, food sales, large equipment area, and clean up.

Please contact Cathy Evans for more details. 860-478-6918 cathyfevans@hotmail.com.

In addition to the Mom2Mom sale will be a Plant and Bake Sale. We are still looking for Bakers! Please find the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall. For more info about the plant or bake sale, talk to Carol Farley (860-828-5306).

Note from

### EMILY LOURIGAN:

Dear friends, If all goes according to plan my last day in Connecticut (except for visits) will be August 17th. I am moving to New Jersey to be closer to our daughter Michele and our three grandchildren.

I thank each and everyone of you for your love and support and friendship over these many years, both to Les and to me. I will miss you all more than I can say.

It will be a big change as you can imagine but I will take the memories of my time with you

My address will be 70 D Chelsea Drive, Whiting, NJ 08759 and my cell phone number is 860-331-1607

I was told by a dear friend that when I leave the house for the last time I must go into each room and announce in a loud voice "Les, I am moving and you can't find me here anymore" so that he won't "bother" the new owners. I am not sure if I believe that but I guess it won't hurt. (he has "visited" a couple of times, I think)

I will be renting a room from a friend for a few months while I look for a small apartment. It's amazing how much I have discovered I can live without.

In October i am planning a cross-country train trip to take time to absorb all the changes that have happened over the last several months and the when I reach the West Coast, I will fly to Hawaii where I will stay for a month and then come back to New Jersey.

I hope to spend a lot of time writing and maybe taking some classes at a local college.

Those are my plans and I will wait and see if they are also God's plans. Please remember how much you have all meant to me and know you will all continue in my prayers.

God bless and keep you all.

Emily

Pray for peace

[Note: Emily's plans *did* go as she had planned and is in Whiting, NJ. She is being missed already.]

### WANTED: ASSISTING MINISTERS

FOR BOTH 8 AND 10:30 AM

Over the past few years our pool of assisting ministers has grown smaller. Recently, with Emily

Lourigan moving away, we have lost another talented minister. Anyone who would be willing to help us in this way, or who would like to know more, is encouraged to contact Pastor Hugh.



### SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

The Thursday Morning Group will be purchasing items needed for our donation to the Christmas-at-Sea project. If you care to make a monetary donation please see Winnie Sawrun.

The packets will contain:

- One sweatshirt  
hooded or unhooded (size L-XL)
- Three pairs of socks  
thermal or white gym
- One casual pullover T-shirt  
(size M-L)
- One knit cap.
- One can of nuts or a chocolate bar
- A Christmas card from you!

Some of our ladies are knitting caps and scarves. More information is in our Summer Epistle. Make sure to pick one up.

St. Paul's MEMBERS IN SERVICE for

SEPTEMBER 2013

ACOLYTES:

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**Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 860-659-4094**

- Sept 1 - None.....9:00 AM
- 8 - Celia Cheyney.....10:30 AM
- 15 - Cameron Cheyney....10:30 AM
- 22 - Jared Christensen.....10:30 AM
- 29 - TBD .....10:30 AM

ALTAR GUILD:

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**Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 860-659-4094**

- Sept 1 - Debbie Howe
- 8 - Bob Bowman & Bill Fischer, Jr.
- 15 - Patty Bengtson
- 22 - Jennie Dotts & Maryann Mead
- 29 - Winnie Sawrun & Ann French

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

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- Sept 1 - Jim Newmark .....9:00 AM
  - 8 - Bill Fischer, Jr.....8:00 AM
  - Mike Coyle.....10:30 AM
  - 15 - TBD .....8:00 AM
  - Jerry Vaillancourt .....10:30 AM
  - 22 - Patty Bengtson .....8:00 AM
  - Mary Procyk.....10:30 AM
  - 29 - Art Bruce.....8:00 AM
  - Kathy Coyle.....10:30 AM

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

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**Sue Agne, Coordinator, 860-563-0776**

- Sept 1 - Lillian Doerschler .....9:00 AM
- 8 - Joan Kratzer.....10:30 AM
- 15 - Dick Agne .....10:30 AM
- 22 - Sue Agne .....10:30 AM
- 29 - Carole Hughes .....10:30 AM

TAPING:

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**Jan Pergande, Coordinator, 644-2888**

- Sept - Grace Durkin

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS:

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**Winnie Sawrun, Coordinator, 860-529-7588**

- Sept 1 - Carol & Art Bruce
- 8 - Pat Granger & Alan Niederfringer
- 15 - Mary Procyk & Pam Speno
- 22 - Amanda & Debbie Viola
- 29 - Amanda & Debbie Viola

FINANCE:

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**Mary Procyk, Coordinator, 860-257-4793**

- Sept 1 - Dick Agne
- 8 - Bob Bowman
- 15 - Debbie Viola
- 22 - George Howe
- 29 - Heather Christensen

LECTORS:

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**Lillian Doerschler, Coordinator, 860-529-1939**

- Sept 1 - Carol Bruce .....9:00 AM
- 8 - Lillian Doerschler.....10:30 AM
- 15 - Sue Agne .....10:30 AM
- 22 - George Howe.....10:30 AM
- 29 - Kathy Coyle.....10:30 AM

USHERS:

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**Brian Beckwith, Coordinator, 8AM, 860-563-4066**

- Sept - Brian Beckwith

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**Louise Lostocco, Coordinator, 10:30AM, 860-529-3079**

- Sept 1 - Bill Fisher Sr.& Bill Fisher Jr.....9:00 AM
- 8 - Curt Leonard & Dick Kratzer...10:30 AM
- 15 - Curt Leonard & Bob Bowman
- 22 - Curt Leonard & TBD
- 29 - Curt Leonard & TBD

PLEASE NOTE:

Regular Worship Schedule begins Sept. 8.  
Early service: 8 AM. Late service: 10:30 AM

# SEPTEMBER 2013 | EVENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>1 15th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Family Sunday</b>  Holy Comm. 9 AM	<b>2</b>  <b>Labor Day</b> CA 7:30 PM	<b>3</b>  Outreach 7 PM OA 7:30 PM	<b>4</b>  AA 10 AM Russian school 6 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM <b>Choir Starts</b> 7:30 PM	<b>5</b>  Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thursday Group 10 AM AA 8 PM Cub Scouts 8 PM	<b>6</b>  <i>Hammonasset Campout</i> AA 10:00 AM	<b>7</b>  <i>Hammonasset Campout</i> AA 7:30 PM
<b>8 16th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <i>Hammonasset Campout</i> Holy Comm. 8 AM Holy Comm. 10:30 AM Sunday School begins 10:30 AM	<b>9</b>  CA 7:30 PM	<b>10</b>  Church Chapters 6:30 PM Stewardship 6:30 PM OA 7:30 PM	<b>11</b>  AA 10 AM AA 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM	<b>12</b>  Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thursday Group 10 AM AA 8 PM	<b>13</b>  AA 10:00 AM Mom2Mom set up 12 PM	<b>14</b>  Mom2Mom /Plant Sale 9 AM - 1 PM AA 7:30 PM
<b>15 17th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Epistle Deadline</b> Holy Comm. 8 AM Holy Comm. 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM <b>Church Picnic 70th Anniversary</b> <b>Celebration 12 PM</b>	<b>16</b>  CA 7:30 PM	<b>17</b>  OA 7:30 PM	<b>18</b>  AA 10 AM AA 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM	<b>19</b>  Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thursday Group 10 AM AA 8 PM	<b>20</b>  AA 10:00 AM	<b>21</b>  AA 7:30 PM
<b>22 18th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  Holy Comm. 8 AM Holy Comm. 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holiday Fair Meeting 12 PM Sun. School Parents' mtg. 12 PM	<b>23</b>  CA 7:30 PM	<b>24</b>  Parish Admin. 6:30 PM Ch. Council 7:30 PM OA 7:30 PM	<b>25</b>  AA 10 AM AA 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM	<b>26</b>  Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thursday Group 10 AM AA 8 PM	<b>27</b>  AA 10:00 AM	<b>28</b>  AA 7:30 PM
<b>29 19th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  Holy Comm. 8 AM Holy Comm. 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Hawkwing presentation 12 PM	<b>30</b>  CA 7:30 PM					

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