

# ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

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## ***A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS***

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

*"As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known." (ELW 522)*

During the month of November, the focus of society will be on the Thanksgiving Holiday. On the gathering together of family and friends and sharing a meal to give thanks. Not all that different from the reasons we come together on Sundays for worship. This month, our Sunday worship services will be bookended with **All Saints Sunday** at the beginning and **Christ the King Sunday** at the end of the month. We welcome you to join us in person or via our live stream each week as we gather together.

Please mark your calendars as we honor the veterans in our congregation on **November 12** as part of the worship service. **I also invite you to join me on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> following the worship service for Bible Study.** We will gather around the conference table for Scripture reading from 1<sup>st</sup> John and engage in conversation. I invite you to bring your own Bible or feel free to use one of the ones in the bookshelf that were graciously gifted to our congregation.

**Additionally, the Holiday Outreach Fair will be held on November 18. Invite your friends and neighbors! And we will decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas following the service on November 26. Please plan to stay and help if you can.**

Giving thanks to God for you, your faith, and your willingness to answer God's call to be modern day disciples. May the Lord bless you and keep you!

Peace and Blessings,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A Cummings



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## ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT:

We of St. Paul's Lutheran Church believe in God's grace given to us freely. We are called to faithfully follow God's Word, sharing in the good news of this grace. We are to be God's hands helping those in need—those we know, and those we do not know.

When we say, "Here I am Lord," we express our desire to become disciples of Christ, accepting the mission to do what is asked of us. Our prayer on this journey is to walk with faith, to love one another, to share God's love and to be the hands of God.

## NOVEMBER GOSPEL READINGS

NOVEMBER 5TH: Matthew 5:1-12

NOVEMBER 12TH: Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 19TH: Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 26TH: Matthew 25:31-46



November 5th

November 26th



December 3rd

FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*



FULLY WRITTEN  
ARTICLES FOR  
THE DECEMBER  
EPISTLE are due by  
**November 19th.**

Please send your article to me  
exactly the way you would like it  
to appear to Lorraine at:

[office@stpaulswethersfield.org](mailto:office@stpaulswethersfield.org)

Thank you!



DAYLIGHT  
SAVING  
TIME INFO

*Fall Back*  
November 5, 2023  
at 2:00 am

- Set your clocks back one hour.
- Check and replace smoke detector batteries.



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FOOD PANTRY  
A MINISTRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

We really have had a busy and productive fall season. The Food Pantry is very grateful for the support we get from Connecticut Food-Share and our church members for their support.

With the holidays fast approaching and the Food Pantry account very low, we are looking for gift cards in the amount of \$15 or \$20 for purchasing food.

If you have any questions, please see Jerry Hansen.

OUR FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF  
COFFEE, CEREAL, RAMEN NOODLES  
AND PASTA



Bloomin' 4 Good Program



**St. Paul's Food Pantry** has been selected to receive \$1 from every Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of November at this Store:

**Stop & Shop**  
**1380 Berlin Turnpike,**  
**Wethersfield CT**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## NOVEMBER 2022

### Community OUTREACH



The Outreach Committee has decided to send a donation of \$500 to Chrysalis Center in Hartford. In addition, we will be collecting items that they have requested for their clients. Chrysalis Center helps individuals and families in the area living in poverty, veterans, and men, women and children struggling with mental health, addiction, HIV/AIDS, those returning from incarceration and homelessness. They need food for their food pantry, socks, gloves along with hats and toiletries. There will be a collection box in the coat rack area.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Your Outreach Committee

### ATTENTION ALL BAKERS FOR OUR HOLIDAY FAIR - NOVEMBER 18TH!!



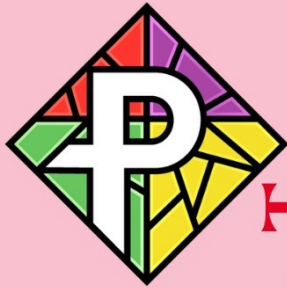
We are trying something a little different this year!

If your baked items include cookies, we would appreciate receiving them at the church on Thursday, November 16th between 9am - 5 pm. This will allow us more time to box the cookies.

All other baked goods will be accepted on Friday, November 17th between 9am - 6 pm.



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## HOLIDAY OUTREACH FAIR

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**FREE ADMISSION!!**

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD  
DONATIONS WELCOME!**

HANDCRAFTS, FAITH GARDEN, HOLIDAY  
BOUTIQUE, JEWELRY, GRANDMA'S ATTIC,  
BAKERY, KID'S KORNER, COUNTRY STORE,  
& CAFE LUNCH

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Nov. 18th, 2023**

**371 Wolcott Hill Road,  
Wethersfield, CT 06109**

PROCEEDS GO TO:  
WETHERSFIELD FUEL BANK/  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
MY SISTER'S PLACE  
ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY



# NOVEMBER 2023

My Dear St. Paul's Family,

We are once again participating in The Salvation Army's 'Adopt-A-Family' Christmas program. I am confident that we will continue to give generously to help a family have a joyous Christmas, which otherwise may not happen due to circumstances beyond the family's control. Please see the flyer below and read the short bio about the family's circumstances at the very bottom.



There are two differences from previous years:

- 1) There are **NO GIFT CARD PURCHASES**
- 2) If you wish to make a purchase online, and you want it sent directly to church, please see me or call me and I will give you the specifics.

I will have a sign-up poster on the board where we congregate for coffee by November 5th so purchases can be brought to church by the deadline of Sunday, December 3rd.

Peace and Love   
Joan Kratzer  
860-529-3504 Home



## ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2023 WISH LIST

Family Number: DOT 9840

Child's First Name:	Autumn
Gender:	Female
Age:	3
Shirt/Sweater Size:	6/7
Pants Size:	5T or 6
Coat Size:	6
Underwear size:	5
Sock size:	11
Sneakers/Shoes Size:	11
Toy Wish #1	Puzzles
Toy Wish #2	Coloring items
Toy Wish #3	Barbies

Child's First Name:	Jackson
Gender:	Male
Age:	6
Shirt/Sweater Size:	8
Pants Size:	6
Coat Size:	8
Underwear size:	7
Sock size:	1 or 2
Sneakers/Shoes Size:	1 or 2
Toy Wish #1	Paw patrol things
Toy Wish #2	Anything Avengers
Toy Wish #3	Remote control car

Child's First Name:	Layla
Gender:	Female
Age:	8
Shirt/Sweater Size:	10/12
Pants Size:	10
Coat Size:	10/12
Underwear size:	10/12
Sock size:	4 or 5
Sneakers/Shoes Size:	4 or 5
Toy Wish #1	Arts and crafts
Toy Wish #2	Barbie head (hair to style)
Toy Wish #3	Twin bed comforter/sheet set

Child's First Name:	Daniel
Gender:	Male
Age:	11
Shirt/Sweater Size:	12/14
Pants Size:	12
Coat Size:	12/14
Underwear size:	12/14
Sock size:	6
Sneakers/Shoes Size:	6
Toy Wish #1	Anything Pokémon
Toy Wish #2	Game for Nintendo Switch
Toy Wish #3	Twin bed comforter/sheet set

Adult #1 Name:	Kaitlin
Household Item #1	Area Rug (9x6)
Household Item #2	Bed Set (Full)

Adult #2 Name:	
Household Item #1	
Household Item #2	

**A brief story about the family:** Kaitlin is a single mom of 4. She is a nurse but was recently laid off because her place of employment is closing. She wants her kids to enjoy the holiday but has been struggling financially with 4 children for a while. She does not have a lot of family around her, but she wants to make sure her kids feel loved and happy every day.

### For Office Use Only

Alias Name: Kaitlin's Family

Worker Initials: LK

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You are invited to join Pastor Elizabeth on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> following the worship service for Bible Study. We will gather around the conference table for Scripture reading from 1<sup>st</sup> John and engage in conversation. You can bring your own Bible or feel free to use one of the ones in the bookshelf that were graciously gifted to our congregation. We look forward to seeing you there!



## OUR HOLIDAY OUTREACH FAIR RETURNS!!

NOVEMBER 18TH 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

HELPING HANDS ARE NEEDED FOR SET-UP, THE DAY OF THE FAIR AND FOR CLEAN UP!



## DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 26TH TO PREPARE THE SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT



Our families thank St. Paul's members for their thoughtful prayers for our Sister Elaine and Lanny on his recent passing.

Love and Blessings,  
Carole & Gary Hughes



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*AS SEEN RECENTLY AROUND ST. PAUL'S*

BLESSING OF THE  
ANIMALS  
OCTOBER 14, 2023



# NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 GET TOGETHER	2 FOOD PANTRY	3	4 SALEM CHURCH
5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM COFFEE HOUR BIBLE STUDY AFTER WORSHIP	6	7 WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG 4:30 PM	8 GET TOGETHER GROUP 10 AM CHOIR 7:30	9 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 COMMUNICA- TIONS MTG 5:30 PM	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY SALEM CHURCH
12 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM COFFEE HOUR BIBLE STUDY AFTER WORSHIP	13	14 PARISH ADMIN 6:30 PM	15 GET TOGETHER GROUP 10 AM CHOIR 7:30	16 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	17	18 SALEM CHURCH HOLIDAY OUTREACH FAIR 9 AM-2 PM
FAIR SET-UP ALL WEEK						
19 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM COFFEE HOUR	20	21 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM	22 GET TOGETHER GROUP 10 AM CHOIR 7:30	23 Happy Thanksgiving 	24	25 SALEM CHURCH
26 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM COFFEE HOUR DECORATE FOR ADVENT	27	28	29 GET TOGETHER GROUP 10 AM CHOIR 7:30	30 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00		

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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - NOVEMBER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### NOVEMBER 5TH

ASSISTING MINISTER:	Carol Bruce
READER:	Joan Kratzer
USHERS:	Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar & Sophia
ALTAR:	Carol Bruce
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	<b>Need</b> _____
COUNTER:	Heather Christensen

### NOVEMBER 12TH

ASSISTING MINISTER:	Patty Bengtson
READER:	Patty Bengtson
USHERS:	Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar & Sophia
ALTAR:	Elaine Strecker
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Alice Ruppar & Sophia
COUNTER:	Bob Bowman

### NOVEMBER 19TH

ASSISTING MINISTER:	Mary Procyk
READER:	Mary Procyk
USHERS:	Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar
ALTAR:	Mary Procyk
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	<b>Need</b> _____
COUNTER:	George Howe

### NOVEMBER 26TH

ASSISTING MINISTER:	Joy Hansen
READER:	Joy Hansen
USHERS:	Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar
ALTAR:	Patty Bengtson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	<b>Need</b> _____
COUNTER:	Judy Gerken





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## BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Let us come before  
His presence with  
Thanksgiving  
and make a  
joyful noise unto  
Him with psalms  
Psalms 95:2





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