



# Saint Paul's

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**JANUARY 2025 EPISTLE**

**VOLUME 13**

Happy  
New Year

And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again, and receive you unto myself;  
that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:3 KJV

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

A blessing for the New Year:

*O God, you have been our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. As we welcome this new year, bless us with peace. Fill our days with the light of Christ and lead us on the path of life until we see you in our heavenly home. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.*

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that another year has passed. I pray that 2025 brings you happiness and you are continuing to enjoy the Christmas Season. I am looking ahead to all the wonderful ways we, the people of St. Paul's, will share the love of God with others in this new year.

We will take time to celebrate both Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord Sundays during the first 2 weeks of January. I invite you to bring a baptism memento to be displayed on Sunday, January 12 as part of our worship experience that day. This could be a picture, a baptismal certificate, a baptismal candle, or even the outfit you wore. This becomes a physical reminder of the Holy Spirit that is given to us as a gift during our baptisms. A reminder that we are washed clean of our sins on a daily basis and forgiven of all our sins through this simple act of water and The Word.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Congregational Meeting on January 26 following our worship service. In preparation for the meeting, please be sure to have your 2024 reports turned into the office by January 12.

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. My family and I are grateful to be part of such a kind and caring congregation. I treasure the ways we have journeyed together over the past year. The ways we have worshipped, the ways we have reached out into the community, and the ways we have come together as the people of God. I look forward creating lasting memories with you in the New Year.

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.

## JANUARY GOSPEL READINGS

JANUARY 5th: Epiphany of Our Lord  
Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY 12TH: Baptism of Our Lord  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

JANUARY 19th: John 2:1-11

JANUARY 26th: Luke 4:114-21



## WEEKLY EMAILS & EPISTLE:

Articles for the Weekly email need to be sent to Lorraine by **Tuesday of each week** if there is any information that you would like to have included.

**FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY EPISTLE are due by JANUARY 19TH.** Please send your article to Lorraine exactly the way you would like it to appear at:

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

Thank you!



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ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th AFTER WORSHIP

PLEASE HAVE ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS  
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO LORRAINE  
BY JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>.



THIS MONTH OUR FOOD PANTRY  
NEEDS:

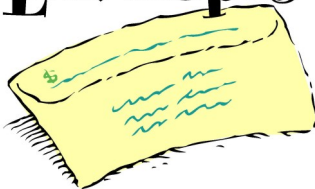
CEREAL, COFFEE, RAMEN NOODLES,  
CANNED CHICKEN NOODLE &  
VEGETABLE SOUPS, CANNED TUNA,  
BROWN AND WHITE RICE

THANK YOU!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2025 are on the conference table in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your new box of envelopes. Please pick up your new box of envelopes. If you cannot pick them up and would like them mailed to you, send me a request - [mprocyk.shopping@gmail.com](mailto:mprocyk.shopping@gmail.com) or call me at 860-257-4793.

**Offering  
Envelopes**



If you need envelopes and do not find a box on the table, let me know and I will get you a box of envelopes.

The statements for 2024 will be out on the conference table around the second week in January.

Thanks for your cooperation,  
Mary Procyk

## JOIN OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS MINISTRY



There is a Sign-Up Sheet on the Whiteboard to co-ordinate the volunteers needed during our worship service on Sunday mornings. Each week we have a dedicated group of people who serve as assisting ministers, readers, counters, ushers, acolyte and those who do altar care and host our weekly coffee hour fellowship.



**STOP&SHOP**  
Bloomin' 4 Good Program  
Save the date



St. Paul's Food Pantry will receive a \$1 donation for every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold **during all of January at:**

**1380 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield CT**  
**80 Town Line Road, Rocky Hill CT**

## **YARN COLLECTION BOX HELP TO KEEP A NEEDY CHILD OR ADULT WARM THIS WINTER!!**



The month of January we will be collecting yarn to make winter hats for needy families through our St. Paul's Food Pantry. A box by the coat rack.

Our mysterious lady who knits and crochets for the needy arrived at the church office with 40 hats and 40 tissue holders for Christmas giving at our Food Pantry. The hats and tissue holders were beautifully made. The clients were so happy to receive one to a family.

A special thank you to the members of our church who have contributed to the collection box so far. It is wonderful to see the beautiful creations this lady knits and crochets.

# GREAT ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTING THE OUTREACH FAIR IN DECEMBER'S ISSUE OF WETHERSFIELD LIFE

*Slice of LIFE* Photos by Lisa Brisson

**St. Paul's Church hosts a holiday fair**

1. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church offered three levels of holiday magic Nov. 23 as the congregation welcomed visitors to its annual Holiday Fair. Proceeds will go to the food pantry as well as the ELCA World Hunger effort. Jim Wild and Carol Bruce brave the chilly weather to direct the cars around parking lot. 2. Patricia Bengston, Pastor Elizabeth Cummings and Susan Agne hold a photograph of the late Bob Bowman, who was an integral part of the church's holiday fair. 3. Nancy Malinguaggio and Debbie LaPage keep an eye on the Christmas craft table. 4. Joy Hansen gets a hand from Katalina Kalisz, 12, in her holiday craft booth featuring beautiful holiday decorations made from repurposed items.

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5. Elle Bengston has been volunteering at the church's fair since the 1970s. 6. The late Bob Bowman was in everyone's hearts during the fair, as he played a big part volunteering for past fairs. He was well known and loved for his kindness and molasses cookies. 7. Bruce Cutler and Dick Agne staff the quilt raffle table. 8. The quilt raffle had many beautiful offerings for folks to aspire to own. 9. Elle Bengston donated a 100-year-old quilt to the fair's quilt raffle. 10. Working at the fair's bake shop are Jan Pergande, her niece Karla Pergande, and Elaine Strecker with her 2-year-old grandson Alex Bianchi. 11. The holiday kitchen relies on the volunteer help of local chefs including Jerry Hansen, Linda Dicioccio, Dr. Laura Miner, Janice Gengras and Marial Roy.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING WITH OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH ON DEC. 22ND



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CHRISTMAS DAY  
2024





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DECEMBER 29TH  
CHRISTMAS SWEATER PIC FOR  
LESSONS & CAROLS



# JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<sup>1</sup> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	<sup>2</sup> FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 CHOIR 7:30	3	4
5 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	6	7 WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG 4:30 PM	8 CHOIR 7:30	9 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 COMMUNICATIONS MTG 6 PM VBS 7:00 PM	10	11
12 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	13	14 PARISH ADMIN 7:00 PM	15 CHOIR 7:30	16 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	17	18
19 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	20	21	22 CHOIR 7:30	23 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	24	25
26 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MTG 11:15 AM	27	28 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM	29 CHOIR 7:30	30 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	31	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         ANNUAL MEETING SNOWDATE IS FEB. 2ND FOLLOWING WORSHIP                     </div>						

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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - NOVEMBER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### JANUARY 5TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen  
READER: Joy Hansen  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia  
ALTAR: Carol Bruce  
COUNTER: Rory Cummings, Tom Grottke, Mary Procyk  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Jerry Hansen

### JANUARY 12TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
READER: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia  
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker  
COUNTER: Rory Cummings  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

### JANUARY 19th

ASSISTING MINISTER: Carol Bruce  
READER: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia  
ALTAR: Carol Bruce  
COUNTER: Tom Grottke  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

### JANUARY 26TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
READER: Sue Agne  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia  
ALTAR: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTER: Mary Procyk  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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