



# ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

APRIL 2025

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*The earth shook with the news.*  
**HE IS NOT HERE;**  
**HE IS RISEN!**

And in that moment,

*joy* REPLACED DESPAIR

*hope* PUSHED PAST FEAR

*life* CONQUERED DEATH

not just that day, but for eternity.

We celebrate the *resurrection* **of Christ**

for what it meant then and  
what it means for us every day;

*a sacrifice*  
that brings

**FORGIVENESS, RENEWAL, AND PEACE**

to any of us  
who put our *faith* **in Jesus.**

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ELIZABETH

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

This month we continue to journey through the season of Lent. Gathering for Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:00pm followed by a service of evening prayer in our slightly darkened sanctuary at 7:00 pm. New to us this year is a musical arrangement of The Lord's Prayer that was introduced to Missy and me when we went to the dedication of St. Paul's old organ at St. John's Lutheran Church in Stamford.

This year, holy week begins with our Palm Sunday worship service on April 13. We will gather in the sanctuary with our palms and parade around shouting "Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." We will hear The Passion according to St. Luke and come together at the Lord's Table to celebrate Holy Communion.

The Great Three Days begin on Maundy (Holy) Thursday, April 17. During this service we are reminded of Jesus' last meal with his disciples and how he humbled himself by washing their feet. There will be an opportunity for the congregation to have their feet washed during this service. We will also see the altar stripped in preparation for the continuation of worship the next day.

Good Friday's worship on April 18, is a Tenebrae service. The empty sanctuary is reminiscent of the tomb, and we will hear the account of The Passion according to St. John. After each reading, a candle will be extinguished.

It is powerful to see the light being snuffed out only to be brought back on Easter Sunday. The day of Resurrection, the day when we gather to celebrate Christ being raised from the dead and bring back the Alleluias that have been buried for the past six weeks. I look forward to celebrating Christ's resurrection with you on April 20<sup>th</sup> at our 10:00am service.

I continue to keep you all in my prayers as you travel through the wilderness of Lent. Remember, you belong to God and were marked with the cross of Christ forever in your baptism.

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.

# HOLY WEEK

APRIL 13 - APRIL 20

APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY 10:00 AM

APRIL 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM

APRIL 18

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM

APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM



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# APRIL 2025

## APRIL GOSPEL READINGS

- April 6th: John 12:18
- April 13th: Luke 22:14-23:56  
Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 20th: Luke 24:1-12  
Easter Sunday
- April 27th: John 20:19-31



## SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

If you would like to host on a Sunday morning, there is a sign-up sheet hanging on the white board in Fellowship Hall. Check the list on the Whiteboard for availability. Jerry Hansen will help you make the coffee and there are goodies available for your use or you may provide your own. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Hansen.



## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

THIS MONTH THERE IS A NEED FOR COFFEE, CANNED TUNA, BROWN & WHITE RICE, CANNED WHITE & BLACK BEANS, CANNED PINTO AND BAKED BEANS



THIS YEAR WE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HAVING OUR FRESH FLOWER CROSS FOR EASTER SUNDAY. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A FRESH FLOWER TO CHURCH ON APRIL 20TH!!

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**Saint Paul's**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# COOKIE WALK & BAKE SALE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2025**  
**9 AM - 1 PM**

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

**All proceeds will be donated to St. Paul's Food Pantry**



## WHAT'S MISSING??

Most of the preliminary work has been completed...articles written, newspaper and radio advertising arranged, flyers printed, signage in place, volunteers signed on, table arrangements planned and to alleviate health concerns, we have a frame to shield the cookies which was built by Jerry Hansen and Martial Roy!

Now we need your help in filling the tables with homemade baked goods for the Cookie Walk/Bake Sale on Saturday, April 12th from 9 am to 1 pm. The proceeds will be donated to St. Paul's Food Pantry. There is also a sign-up sheet posted on our Whiteboard.

We will be accepting baked items at the Church on Friday, April 11th from 10 am to 6 pm.

Hope you will be able to participate in baking and joining us on the day of the sale!!

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# DINNER and GAMES

**GATHER Connecticut**

**DINNER FROM DORO MARKETPLACE**

**SAT. APRIL 5TH**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

At St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
371 Wolcott Hill Rd, Wethersfield

Sign up here!



<https://tinyurl.com/GatherCT>

GATHER  
connecticut



# APRIL 2025

## VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE DURING APRIL THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### APRIL 6th

ASSISTING MINISTER: Patty Bengtson  
READER: Joan Kratzer  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia  
ALTAR: Patty Bengtson  
COUNTER: Heather Christensen  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

### APRIL 13th - Palm Sunday

ASSISTING MINISTER: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
READERS:

Narrator	Pastor Elizabeth
Servant	NAME _____
Jesus	NAME _____
Witness	NAME _____
Peter	NAME _____
Pilate	NAME _____
First Criminal	NAME _____
Centurian	NAME _____
Second Criminal	NAME _____

USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia  
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker  
COUNTER: George Howe  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

### APRIL 17th - Maundy Thursday

ASSISTING MINISTER:  
READER: Joan Kratzer  
USHERS: NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ALTAR: NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan

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## VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE DURING APRIL THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### APRIL 18th - Good Friday

READERS:

JOHN 18:1-11

Joan Kratzer

JOHN 18:12-27

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 18:28-40

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 19:1-7

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 19:8-16a

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 19:16b-22

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 19:23-30

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 19:31-42

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

USHERS:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTER:

Dave Hourigan

### APRIL 20th - Easter Sunday

ASSISTING MINISTER:

Carol Bruce

READER:

Matt Perry

USHERS:

Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia

ALTAR:

Patty Bengtson

COUNTER:

Mary Procyk

### APRIL 27TH

ASSISTING MINISTER:

Joy Hansen

READER:

Joy Hansen

USHERS:

Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia

ALTAR:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTER:

Judy Gerken

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Alice Ruppap & Sophia



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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will host a National Day of Prayer Service with other Church Leaders from the community on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 12 Noon.

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation."

There will be more information coming in the Weekly Emails in April!



FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE **MAY** EPISTLE are due by **APRIL 21st** .

Please send your article to me exactly the way you would like it to appear to: [office@stpaulswethersfield.org](mailto:office@stpaulswethersfield.org)

Thank you!  
Lorraine

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## **Organ Dedication Concert a Huge Success!**

St. Paul's held a dedication concert for our new organ Sunday afternoon, March 23. Organists Melissa Cheyney, Mark Child and Bruce Henley played a varied program designed to demonstrate all four digital organs. The program included selections from the German Baroque, French Classic, Jazz, English Romantic and French Symphonic styles, with a surprise light classic piece by American Leroy Anderson as an encore. We even used a special organ stop that replicated thunder!

To enhance the concert, a giant screen was used, which projected the image of the organists so the audience could watch them while they were playing. Speaking of audience, we had well over 80 people in attendance, including members, family and friends of St. Paul's, members of local churches, and area organists.

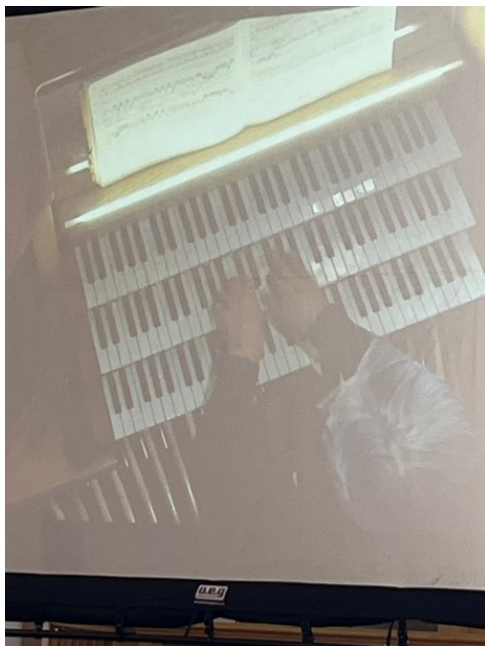
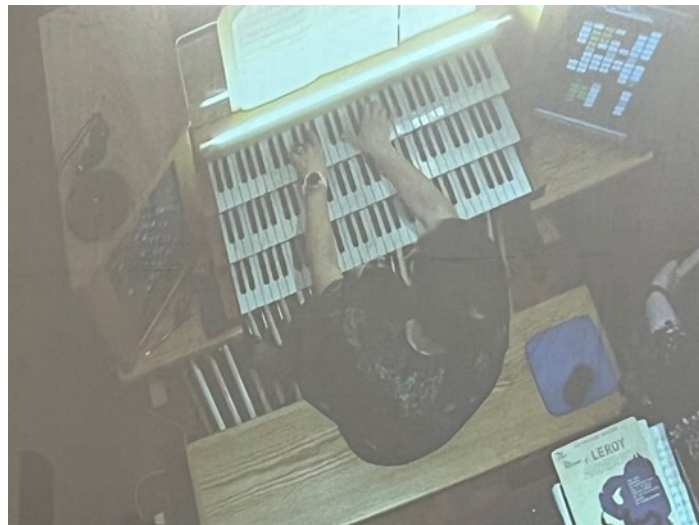
The concert was followed by a delicious reception organized by Carol Bruce, where we were able to enjoy fellowship with all the attendees. In addition to Carol, we would like to thank the many special people who helped with this concert including: Mark Child, Bruce Henley, Pastor Elizabeth, Russ and Patty Bengtson, Lorraine Gianakos, Larry Hansen, Jan Pergande, Matt Perry, LeeAnn Power, Jeanette Serafine, Laura Speno and Jerry Vaillancourt. Our apologies if we missed anyone else who helped.

We sincerely appreciate the support we have received for the music program at St. Paul's Church.

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**AS SEEN RECENTLY AROUND ST. PAUL'S**

**LOIS WOY MEMORIAL ORGAN  
DEDICATION CONCERT  
MARCH 23, 2025**



**HERE ARE SOME COMMENTS ABOUT THE  
ORGAN CONCERT:**

**FANTASTIC, THANK YOU FOR SHARING  
YOUR TALENTS!, DOBEEDO!, AMAZING,  
WOW!**

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WUNDERBAR!! THANKS TO MISSY AND HER COHORTS FOR A WONDERFUL CONCERT - ESPECIALLY THE ENCORE - IT WAS A HOOT!!  
ANNE D.

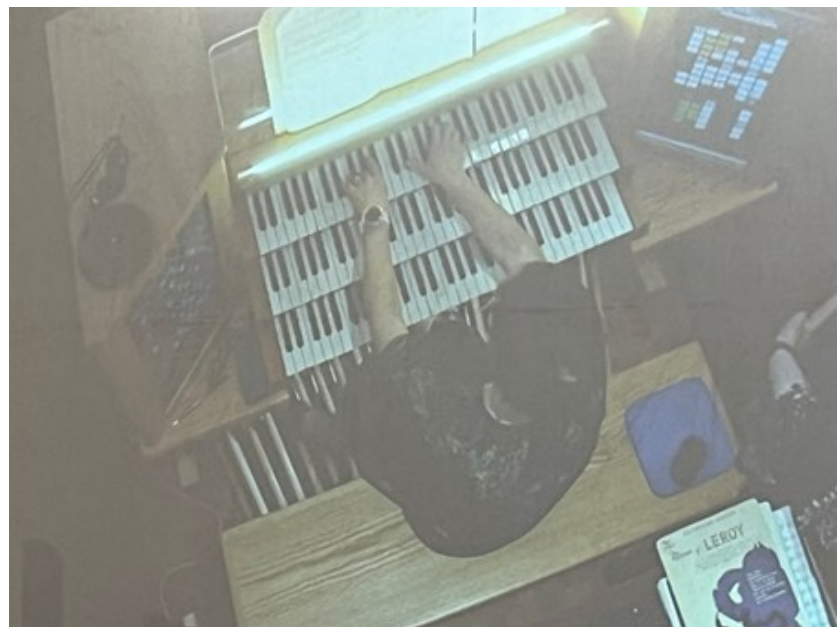
GREAT JOB TO ALL THE ORGANISTS AND IT WAS AN ENJOYABLE CONCERT!  
RUTH

CONGRATS — YOU ROCK MISSY!!  
LINDA B.

THANK YOU MISSY, MARK & BRUCE!  
LOVED LEARNING SOO MUCH ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE PIECES OF THE ORGANS —WHAT A TREAT!

MISSY — THANKS SO MUCH FOR ORGANIZING AND PLAYING. WHAT A CONCERT!  
CAROL

THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS. I AM IN AWE OF THE STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY AND DEDICATION TO PLAY THE ORGAN. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS!  
BECCA



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**AS SEEN RECENTLY AROUND ST. PAUL'S**

**LOIS WOY MEMORIAL ORGAN  
DEDICATION CONCERT  
MARCH 23, 2025**



**TO THE ORGANISTS:  
THANK YOU FOR OPENING OUR EYES TO  
THE MAGESTRY OF THE 4 ORGANS. YOUR  
SKILLS ARE AMAZING!  
BRAVO!!**



# APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG 4:30 PM	2 Get Together Group 10:00am PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY 6:00PM EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 pm CHOIR REHEARAL	3 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	4	5 GATHER CT 6 PM - 8 PM
6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP	7	8 PROPERTY MTG. 5:30 PM PARISH ADMIN 6:30PM	9 PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY 6:00PM EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30PM	10 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	11	12 COOKIE WALK/BAKE SALE 9 AM - 1 PM
13 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP VBC MTG. 11:15 AM	14	15 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM	16 Get Together Wednesday Group 10:00am	17 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30PM	18 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP	21	22	23 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30PM	24 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 COMMUNICATIONS MTG. 6:00 PM VBC MTG. 7:00 PM	25	26
27 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP OUTREACH MTG. 11:15 AM	28	29	30 CHOIR REHEARAL 7:30PM			

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