

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

OCTOBER 2025



I can do all things through

Christ

which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Now that Fall has officially begun, I marvel at God's hand in the beauty of nature. I love experiencing the changing of the temperatures, the changing colors of the leaves, and even the falling of those leaves as they create a blanket of coverage over the once green grass. At times, I need to be reminded of the beauty that exists in the changing of the seasons.

Our St. Francis pet blessing service will be on October 4th at 4:00pm this year. I invite you to bring your pet, a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal to be blessed during the service that day. Please don't forget to wear **RED** on **Reformation Sunday**, October 26. When we will remember Martin Luther who nailed the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Church door that began the Protestant Reformation. We will have the next installment of the life and times of Martin Luther with a skit from the St. Paul's Players. If you would like to join the St. Paul's Players, please let me know. We will begin practicing for those who are interested soon.

I'm giving thanks for the ways that we continue to share the love of God with others. Keep being the people that God created you to be! Keep answering God's call and sharing the story of your faith!

Wishing you Peace and Blessings,
The Rev. Elizabeth A Cummings

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.

OCTOBER GOSPEL READINGS

October 5th: Luke 17:5-10

October 12th: Luke 17:11-19

October 19th: Luke 18:1-8

October 26th: John 8:31-36
Reformation Sunday



**WEAR RED FOR
REFORMATION DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**



FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER EPISTLE are due by **October 19th**.

Please send your article to me exactly the way you would like it to appear to Lorraine at:
office@stpaulswethersfield.org

Thank you!

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St. Francis Blessing of the Animals Service will take place here at St. Paul's on Saturday, October 4th at 4 pm.





Everyone is invited to come and make a request for continuing, increasing or decreasing existing church spending for specific needs, and making a request to start a new church program or to make a request for church financial participation in a cause or activity you believe the church can benefit from or support you.

The following dates and times are open 2026 Budget Meetings for any church member to attend and discuss our budget:

- Sunday, October 5th, 11:45 am to 12:45 pm
- Tuesday, October 14th, 5 pm to 6 pm
- Tuesday, October 21st, 5 pm to 6 pm

All meetings will be in the Connector Coffee Lounge Area.

If you are unable to make it to any meeting, please do not hesitate to e-mail or call me.

Thank you!
Tom Grottke, Treasurer

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For the month of **October**, the pantry would appreciate donations of:

Cereal, 1 lb. Coffee, Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Mac-n-Cheese and Ramen Noodles



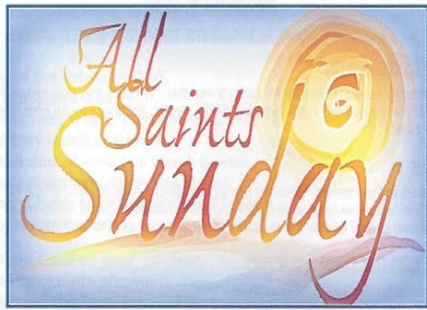
Hi Fellow Members of St. Paul's,

It's that time again to start thinking thoughts of Christmas. Yikes! I know, it's too soon! But not for the Adopt A Family program. St. Paul's will once more adopt a family through The Salvation Army program and make a needy family's Christmas a time of love, peace and joy. Look for this years flyer which will be in the November Epistle and on our bulletin board in our social area in early November.

Thank you in advance for your amazing generosity.

Prayers and peace,
Joan Kratzer

OCTOBER 2025- Upcoming Events!!



November 2nd is All Saints Sunday, a Service in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away and we will be ordering white long-stemmed roses for those that wish to purchase them. Last year, The Flower Box provided beautifully wrapped long-stemmed white roses with a sprig of baby's breath. Each rose was set in a water vial to enjoy for several days. **The cost of each rose is \$6.50 and the deadline for ordering is Sunday**

October 26th. Forms will be available for you to fill out with your name and the person's name the rose is in memory of. If you have any questions, you can contact Deb Howe by e-mail; Deborah.howe@snet.net; or my home phone number 860-529-8583.

2025 All Saint's Day Memorial - White Rose Order Form

Please print name(s) exactly as you want it (them) to appear:

Given in memory of _____

By _____

White Rose price with a sprig of Baby's Breath set in a water vial.

\$6.50

Quantity_____

Total Amt. _____



Orders and payment need to be in the church office by **Sunday, October 26th.** Any questions, contact Deb Howe via email at: Deborah.howe@snet.net or by phone at 860-529-8583.





Gary and Carole Hughes would like to thank the members of St. Paul's for your continued prayers during Henry's illness. Henry passed away on September 19th. His wife Patty and their two children appreciated your kind thoughts and prayerful support.

Thank you to our Prayer Chain for your many prayers!!

Gary & Carole

Dear Church Family,

I want to express my sincere thanks for the wonderful send-off ceremony Sunday, August 10th. Your warm words, heartfelt prayer, and beautiful music truly touched me and provided such comfort as I begin my next chapter.

In making my decision to move to Florida, my biggest struggle was leaving St Paul's after 38 wonderful years. St Paul's will always have a special place in my heart. On August 10th, the Choir gathered in my honor and we sang "Love Grows Here". It was beautiful. I love all of the music we sing, but this one has special meaning for me. It has been a blessing to have had all of you touch my life in different ways, for so many years. I am truly grateful for all of you.

My new address is:
Jeanette Serafine
17389 SE 122nd CT
Summerfield, FL 34491

May God's blessings be with you all!

Peace,

Jeanette

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**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH
IN NEWINGTON**



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VETERAN'S WALL IN WETHERSFIELD SEPT. 10TH - SEPT. 14TH



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 GET TOGETHER GROUP 10AM CHOIR 7:00	2 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 12 Noon -2 pm Central CT Retired Pastors Mtg.	3	4 ST. FRANCIS PET BLESSING 4:00 PM
5 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 11:45 AM BUDGET MTG.	6	7 12 Noon Clergy Meeting	8 CHOIR 7:00	9 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	10	11
12 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	13	14 WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG. 4:30 pm BUDGET MTG. 5:00 PM PARISH ADMIN MTG 6:30 PM	15 GET TOGETHER GROUP 10AM CHOIR 7:00	16 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 COMMUNICA- TIONS MTG. 6:00 PM	17	18
19 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH	20	21 BUDGET MTG. 5:00 PM COUNCIL MTG. 7:00 PM	22 CHOIR 7:00	23 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	24	25
26 REFORMATION SUNDAY—WEAR RED 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	27	28	29 CHOIR 7:00	30 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	31	1 ALL SAINT'S DAY

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - OCTOBER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

OCTOBER 5TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Patty Bengtson
READER: Irene Braren
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Patty Bengtson
COUNTER: George Howe
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Jan & Judy

OCTOBER 12TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: **Name** _____
READER: Jerilyn Roy
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker
COUNTER: Judy Gerken
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Linda & Mary

OCTOBER 19TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen
READER: Joy Hansen
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Matt Perry
COUNTER: Mary Procyk
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Alice Ruppap & Sophia

OCTOBER 26TH: REFORMATION SUNDAY - PLEASE WEAR RED

ASSISTING MINISTER: Carol Bruce
READER: Matt Perry
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Carol Bruce
COUNTER: Heather Christensen
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Name** _____

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*The grass withers and
the flowers fall, but
the word of our God
endures forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

forever

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