



Saint Paul's
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2026 EPISTLE



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. I'm holding you in my prayers and hope that 2026 brings you much 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.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our Congregational meeting on January 25 following our worship service. In preparation for the meeting, please send your 2025 reports turned into Lorraine in 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.

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.

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 4th: Epiphany of Our Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY 11th : Baptism of Our Lord
Matthew 3:13-17

JANUARY 18th: John 1:29-42

JANUARY 25th: Matthew 4:12-23



EPISTLE ARTICLES:

FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES
FOR THE FEBRUARY EPISTLE
ARE DUE BY JANUARY 18TH.
Please send your article to
Lorraine exactly the way you
would like it to appear at:

office@stpaulswethersfield.org

Thank you!

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.



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ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th AFTER WORSHIP

PLEASE HAVE ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO LORRAINE BY JANUARY 11TH.

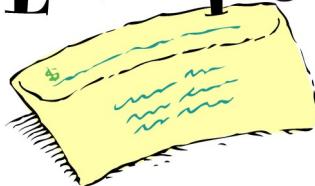


THIS MONTH OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

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

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



There are still a few more Offering Envelopes for 2026 on the conference table in Fellowship Hall that are ready to be picked up. If you cannot pick them up and would like them mailed to you just let the Church Office know.

Also if you would like to get envelopes but don't see your name, please contact Dave Hourigan at 860-838-1336 to receive them.

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We welcomed The Reverend Mark Lingle, Associate to the Bishop, who participated in the December 14 third Sunday in advent service!



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SECRET SANTA ORNAMENT EXCHANGE
DECEMBER 21, 2025



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Nativity displays around our church



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**Our Jazz Concert Series
For 2025**



**David Winters and
Cameron Cheyney
performed at
Holiday Jazz Concert
on Dec. 7th**

**Anthony DeMonte
Performed at
“A Charlie Brown
Christmas” Concert
On December 13th**



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CHRISTMAS EVE ALTAR
PICTURE



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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - NOVEMBER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

JANUARY 4TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Jerilyn Roy
READER: Carol Bruce
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar, Martial Roy and Sophia
ALTAR: Carol Bruce
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Name _____

JANUARY 14TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Name _____
READER: Name _____
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar, Martial Roy and Sophia
ALTAR: Elaine Streckner
COUNTER: Rory Cummings
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Name _____

JANUARY 18th

ASSISTING MINISTER: Carol Bruce
READER: Name _____
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar, Martial Roy and Sophia
ALTAR: Name _____
COUNTER: George Howe
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Name _____

JANUARY 25TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen
READER: Joy Hansen
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar, Martial Roy and Sophia
ALTAR: Name _____
COUNTER: Judy Gerken
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Name _____

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