



Saint Paul's

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2026 EPISTLE



*So Very
Blessed*



Love

*the Lord your God
with all your heart
with all your soul
with all your mind &
with all your strength.*

Mark 12:30



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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

The month of February brings many reasons for us to come together to worship, learn, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Bishop Pipho from the New England Synod will be our guest during worship on February 1.

We will have a fun pancake breakfast after church on February 8. Thank you to Jerry Hansen and Martial Roy who volunteered to organize this for us. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18 this year. We will gather at 7:00pm for Holy Communion and imposition of ashes. On the Wednesdays following, the evening will begin at 6:00pm with Bible Study and evening prayer at 7:00pm.

St. Paul's will serve as the location for a few synod events this month as well.

- Thursday, February 12 we will host congregational leaders from the Hartford area to discuss various ministries opportunities as we move forward.**
- Gather CT, the group for young adults in our area, will meet on Thursday, February 26. The organizers like to use our space as it is centrally located and close to the highways.**
- Saturday, February 28 there will be a Thrivent Member informational session.**

As we continue to do the work that God calls us to do, I hold the people of our congregation in my prayers. And I give thanks as we journey together in the ways Christ calls us to be present day disciples!

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.

FEBRUARY GOSPEL READINGS

FEBRUARY 1ST: Matthew 5:1-12

FEBRUARY 8TH: Matthew 5:13-20

FEBRUARY 15TH: Matthew 17:1-9
Transfiguration of Our Lord

FEBRUARY 22ND: Matthew 4:1-11



FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR the **March Epistle** will be due by **February 22nd**. Please send your article to Lorraine exactly the way you would like it to appear.

Lorraine's email is:

office@stpaulswethersfield.org

Thank you!



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SPRING COOKIE WALK/BAKE SALE

After what seems like a very short break we're going back in the bakery business with plans for a Spring Cookie Walk/Bake Sale on Saturday, March 28th, 2026 in Fellowship Hall.

If there is any interest in joining this fundraiser with small crafts, baskets, etc., please contact Jan Pergande at 860-644-2888 before February 22nd, so that we can plan our promotion accordingly.

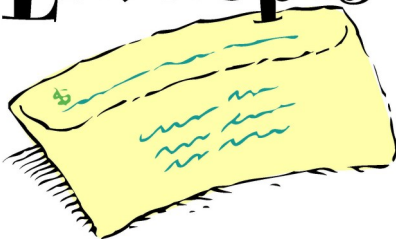


THIS MONTH OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

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

THANK YOU!

Offering Envelopes



2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE STILL WAITING FOR PICK UP!

The envelopes are on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your box and the box for anyone who lives with you or near you. Your envelope number is the same as last year. If you do not find a box with your name on it, see me and I will happily get you a box. Thank you for your patience!

JOIN OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS MINISTRY

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.

We are hoping to add more volunteers.

Please see the Worship List on the whiteboard for February and March to sign up.



Please join us for pancakes, bacon, sausage and other breakfast goodies on February 8th, immediately following our 10 a.m. worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the Whiteboard. And remember to bring your appetite!!

Also please bring a can of soup to help our Food Pantry for Soup-er Bowl Sunday!!



Ash Wednesday Worship February 18th, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Marks Beginning of Our Lenten Journey

Readings, quiet meditation, song, confession and prayer, along with the cross-shaped tracing of ashes on the foreheads of worshippers will mark the beginning of our Lenten journey at St. Paul's Church. Join us on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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There are still some 2025 Statements of Giving on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please remember to stop by and pick it up.

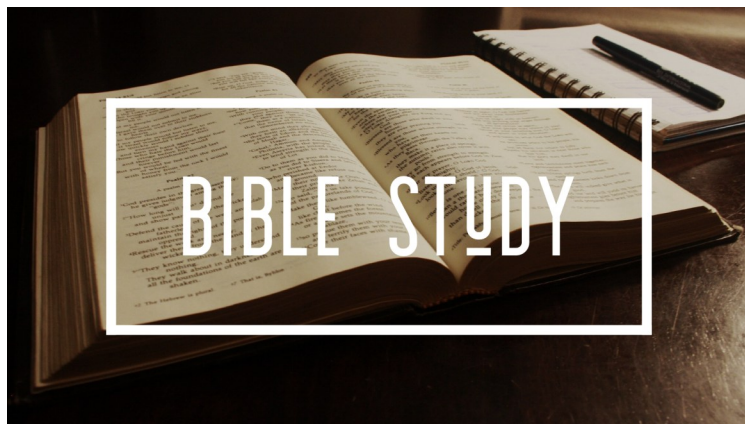
Thank you for your generous support!



Our Wednesday Morning Group will start up again on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, from March 4th to November 11th (weather permitting).

We also would appreciate if you could donate any unused and unwanted jewelry as we will start working on some crafts for the upcoming Bake Sale.

Looking for new members to come join us and bring any ideas you may have or items you think we might like to copy.



On five consecutive Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning February 25th, please join Pastor Elizabeth for Bible Study at 6:00 pm followed by a liturgy service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

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**THRIVENT BREAKFAST AND MEMBER UPDATE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 8:30 AM**

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The Thrivent Member Network - Northeast Region invites you to a gathering at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Wethersfield. You and other members from the area will enjoy a meal and an update on Thrivent, upcoming TMN events and activities, and the resources and benefits you can use to make an impact for your family, church, and community.

Saturday 2/28

St Paul's Lutheran Church
371 Wolcott Hill Rd
Wethersfield, CT 06109

SCHEDULE

8:30 - 8:45 Welcome & Opening Prayer
8:45 - 9:30 Breakfast
9:30 - 10:30 Member Update
10:30 - 11:00 Additional Questions

Inviting ALL Thrivent Members in Hartford, Tolland & Windham Counties CT

Copy and paste link below to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thrivent-member-gathering-wethersfield-area-tickets-1981807287947?aff=...>

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BLESSINGS FOR FEBRUARY

May You be happy.
May You be well.
May You be safe.
May You find comfort.
May You have strength.
May You have courage.
May You find healing.
May You have peace.
May You have joy.
May you be blessed.
May you be filled with

Love & Kindness
Today and Always.



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SOME PICTURES OF SNOWSTORM FERN
AROUND ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| <p>1 10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>11:00 AM Congregational MTG.</p> <p>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</p> | 2 | <p>3 12 NOON CLERGY MTG.</p> <p>7:00 PM COUNCIL MTG.</p> | <p>4 CHOIR 7:00 PM</p> | <p>5 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00</p> | 6 | 7 |
| <p>8 SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY</p> <p>10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>11:15 AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST</p> | 9 | <p>10 4:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG.</p> <p>6:30 PM PARISH ADMIN. MTG.</p> | <p>11 CHOIR 7:00 PM</p> | <p>12 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00</p> <p>6:00 PM HARTFORD MINISTRIES</p> | 13 | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY! |
| <p>15 10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</p> | 16 | <p>17 5:30 PM PROPERTY MTG.</p> | <p>18 7:00 PM ASH WEDNES- DAY SERVICE</p> <p>CHOIR 7:45 PM</p> | <p>19 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00</p> | 20 | 21 |
| <p>22 10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</p> | 23 | 24 | <p>25 6:00 pm LENTEN BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>7:00 pm EVENING PRAYER</p> <p>CHOIR 7:45 PM</p> | <p>26 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00</p> <p>6:00 PM GATHER CT EVENT</p> | 27 | 28 8:30 AM Thrivent Breakfast |
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - FEBRUARY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

FEBRUARY 1ST

ASSISTING MINISTER: Patty Bengtson
READER: Jerilyn Roy
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia
ALTAR: Matt Perry
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Mary & Linda
COUNTER: Heather Christensen

FEBRUARY 8TH - PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ASSISTING MINISTER: Mary Procyk
READER: Mary Procyk
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker
COUNTER: Mary Procyk

FEBRUARY 15TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Sue Agne
READER: Carol Bruce
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia
ALTAR: Carol Bruce
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Alice Ruppap
COUNTER: Heather Christensen

FEBRUARY 22ND

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen
READER: Joy Hansen
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia
ALTAR: Patty Bengtson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **NAME** _____
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan

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