



Saint Paul's

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2026 EPISTLE



*He is
risen!*

MARK 16:6

MAY 2026

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

We find ourselves in the midst of the Easter Season which lasts for 50 days culminating on the day of Pentecost. We continue to celebrate the resurrection each week during our worship services with our prayers, scripture, and music. You might notice that the Pascal candle is burning each week, a reminder of the Light of Christ. And we will continue to use the Thanksgiving for Baptism at the beginning of each service. On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, please remember to wear Red, and let the office know if you can help with our Acts reading in various languages that morning.

This year, the National Day of Prayer, will be hosted by NewLife Christian Fellowship on May 7 at noon. Please feel free to stop by and join the churches and leaders of Wethersfield as we pray together during this time.

You are invited to join me at the Annual Mosaic Partners in Possibilities luncheon on May 19. This is their annual fund raiser and is an opportunity to hear more about their mission and the various ways they are helping people in the community.

The New England Synod Assembly will be held June 4-6 at The DCU Center in Worcester. If you are interested in attending as a voting member from St. Paul's, please let me or Matt Perry know so we can get you registered soon.

I'm also excited for Vacation Bible Camp being planned for June 22-25 at St. Paul's. We are partnering with Our Savior's, Newington once again this summer. Please consider helping with the various stations or offering to provide dinner one of the nights, and telling your family, friends, and neighbors about this wonderful opportunity.

Wishing you Peace and Blessings in this Easter Season!

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.

REMINDERS!

May 7th at 12 Noon
National Day of Prayer
New Life Christian Fellowship Church,
1155 Silas Deane Hwy., Wethersfield

May 24th-Pentecost Sunday —
Wear Red

Vacation Bible Camp —
June 22, 23, 24, 25 & from
5:15 - 7:30 pm

Summer Worship time will stay at 10 am
thanks to our A/C.



If you know of any Seniors graduating High School or College, we would love to honor their accomplishment during worship on **June 21st.**

Please send an email to Lorraine at: office@stpaulswethersfield.org and we will include their name in our June 21st worship bulletin.

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MAY GOSPEL READINGS

- May 3rd: John 14:1-14
May 10th: John 14:15-21
May 17th: John 17:1-11
May 24th: John 20:19-23
May 31st: Matthew 28:16-20



SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

We are happy to offer Sunday morning coffee fellowship. **If you would like to host on a Sunday morning, there is a sign-up sheet hanging on the white board in Fellowship Hall.** All Sundays are available. 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.



PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE ETERNAL CANDLE ON THE CHART ON THE WHITEBOARD. THERE ARE MANY SUNDAYS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.



The National Day of Prayer is held on the first Thursday of May each year (May 7, 2026 at 12 Noon), and is meant to anchor us to the true source of liberty — Jesus Christ.

The National Day of Prayer also reminds us that no matter who sits in the seats of power, or what crisis we face, God is in control.

This year it will be held at NewLife Christian Fellowship Church, 1155 Silas Deane Hwy., in Wethersfield.

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The Food Pantry is in dire need of the following items for the month of **MAY**:

1 lb. Coffee, Canned Soups, Canned Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Pasta, Mac-n-Cheese & Ramen Noodles

THE
Wednesday
GROUP

The Wednesday Get-Together Group will meet on May 20th and June 3rd at 10 am. We will be working on some new projects. Please bring your own lunch!

Judy and Debbie

BAKE SALE/COOKIE WALK REPORT

We sold 63 boxes of cookies, a great variety of baked goods plus Easter crafts fashioned by Patty Bengtson and Joy Hansen.

Despite a late Friday Night Championship Basketball game and a 'No Kings' march on Saturday, sales topped \$1,000 and additional sales on Sunday morning were the 'Icing on the cake' giving us a grand total of \$1302.00 for the Food Pantry.

Kudos to all who generously volunteered their time and talents. We can't do this without you!



FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE **JUNE** EPISTLE are due by **May 24th**.

Please send your articles to me exactly the way you would like it to appear to:

office@stpaulswethersfield.org

Thank you!
Lorraine

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**EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S
APRIL 5, 2026**



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Special thanks to Jan Pergande for organizing the beauty of the Easter Cross and to all who brought flowers on Easter morning.



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**SPRING CLEANING AT ST. PAUL'S
APRIL 21, 2026**



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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - MAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

MAY 3rd

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen
READER: Joan Kratzer
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker
COUNTER: Mary Procyk
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Jerry Hansen

MAY 10th

ASSISTING MINISTER: Sue Agne
READER: Sue Agne
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **NAME** _____

MAY 17th

ASSISTING MINISTER: Jerilyn Roy
READER: Jerilyn Roy
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: **NAME** _____
COUNTER: Rory Cummings
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

MAY 24th:

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen
READER: Joy Hansen
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Carol Bruce
COUNTER: George Howe
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **NAME** _____

MAY 31st:

ASSISTING MINISTER: **NAME** _____
READER: Carol Bruce
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: **NAME** _____
COUNTER: Judy Gerken
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **NAME** _____

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	4	5 12 NOON CLERGY MTG. WORSHIP & MUSIC COM- MITTEE MTG. 4:30PM	6 CHOIR 7:00 Bible Camp Mtg. 6 pm	7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SVC 12 NOON FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 Retired Pastor's Mtg. 12 Noon	8	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	11	12 PARISH ADMIN MTG. 6:30 PM	13 CHOIR 7:00	14 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	15	16
17 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	18	19 PROPERTY MTG. 5:30 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM	20 WEDNESDAY GROUP 10 AM CHOIR 7:00	21 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	22	23
24 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	25 	26	27 CHOIR 7:00	28 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 SECURITY TEAM MTG. 6:30 pm	29	30
31 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP						

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