



# Saint Paul's

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**JUNE 2026 EPISTLE**

You will  
receive power  
when the  
**Holy  
Spirit**  
has come upon you.

Acts 1:8

# JUNE 2026

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

June is here and we have many things planned in the life of our congregation.

The New England Synod Assembly will be held in Worcester on June 4-6. This is the annual gathering of our synod to conduct their business meeting. There are speakers, workshops, fellowship opportunities and festive worship. I invite you to consider joining me next year to represent St. Paul's.

On Sunday, June 21, we will celebrate our graduates during our worship service. Holding them in our prayers as they move on to the next big thing in their lives. After a successful re-launch last summer we will be hosting Vacation Bible Camp during the week of June 22-25. This year, we have invited 3 other area churches to join us for what is sure to be a fun time.

Starting in June, we will gather during the summer months at a local restaurant for Summer Lunch with Pastor Elizabeth. For our first lunch, we will meet at Vito's Restaurant (673 Silas Deane Hwy) on Tuesday June 9 at 12:30pm. There will be a sign-up sheet on the whiteboard which will allow us call ahead, so they are prepared for us. Please join me as we gather for food and fellowship.

I am looking forward to a wonderful summer and pray for your safe travels wherever the road may lead.

Peace and Blessings,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A Cummings



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## JUNE GOSPEL READINGS

June 7TH: Matthew 9:9-23, 18-26

June 14TH: Matthew 9:35-10:8[9-23]

June 21ST: Matthew 10:24-39

June 28TH: Matthew 10:40-42



Please remember to keep your pledges



FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE **SUMMER** EPISTLE are due by **June 21st**.

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

Thank you!  
Lorraine

## 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.



Worship  
Committee

Our next Worship and Music Committee Meeting will be June 9th at 4:30. We will meet in person at the church.



This month, the pantry would appreciate donations of:

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

**WE NEED EGG CARTONS!!**

THE  
*Wednesday*  
GROUP

The Wednesday Group will meet on June 3rd and 17th for the month of June. We will be working on items for our upcoming Holiday Fair in November. Come help make our next church fair a successful one!



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW  
COMMUNICATIONS SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANT  
RACHEL ABRAMS



Rachel Abrams is thrilled to join St. Paul's as their Communications Social Media Assistant.

Originally from Stockton, California, Rachel is happy to now call Connecticut home. She holds a Bachelor's degree in music from San José State University and a Masters in Music with emphasis in Vocal Performance from the University of Northern Colorado.

While still working actively as a professional singer and music teacher, she unexpectedly found her way into the world of social media marketing for arts organizations. Rachel also serves as the Marketing Associate and Social Media Manager for GMChorale in Middletown, the PanOpera artist collective in Massachusetts, and runs her own private studio teaching voice and piano lessons to a variety of students in the greater Hartford area.

She lives in West Hartford, Connecticut with her husband Benjamin, her twin toddlers Hannah and Noah, and their beloved elderly cat, Miss Moo Moo. To learn more about Rachel, visit her website: [www.rachelabrams.com](http://www.rachelabrams.com)

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# BIBLE CAMP

EXPLORE THE NATURE OF GOD

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

371 Wolcott Hill Road  
Wethersfield, CT

June 22-25 from 5:15-7:30pm

Kids Age 4 - Completed 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dinner will be served each evening  
with Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon,  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Newington,  
and Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

[www.stpaulswethersfield.org](http://www.stpaulswethersfield.org)



Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church  
Newington, CT



TRINITY  
Lutheran Church

*"Welcoming You to God's Table"*

EMANUEL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN THE CITY FOR GOOD

**JUNE 2026**

**CONGRATUATIONS GRADUATES!!!**

**Congratulations to Brenda DeBlois! She graduated from the University of Maine with a Masters of Arts in teaching with a specialty in secondary Social Studies. She is continuing on with her education pursuing another Master degree in Anthropology and Environmental Policy.**

**Congratulations to Julia Anne Procyk - Mary Procyk's granddaughter who graduated from UCONN on May 10, 2026 with a Bachelors Degree in Cognitive Science.**

**Congratulations to John Stephen Procyk - Mary Procyk's grandson who graduates from his program at Gengras Center on June 5, 2026.**

**Congratulations to Olivia DiBiase who graduates from Rocky Hill High School and will be attending Salve Regina College in the Fall.**

**Congratulations to Brayden Johnson will be graduating from Wethersfield High School and will be joining the Marines.**

**Congratulations to Marina Perry who graduated from CCSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.**

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# THE HOUSE OF BREAD



Spring 2026

Dear Friends:

It surely seemed as though Spring might never come this year, given the unrelenting gloomy days, frigid temps, and snow and ice storms of the past several months.

In many ways, the weather reflected the mood of the moment, capturing our shared worry about our people here in Hartford, across the country, and around the world.

For the House of Bread, this included extraordinary pressure on our budget. Last year, like all Americans, **we were walloped by unexpected jumps in food costs: 57% above budget and an incredible 84% higher than in 2024.**

But thanks to you, we have been weathering this storm: We've been able to absorb these costs and keep our promise to serve every person who came to our door. In 2025, we provided nutritious hot meals; ESL and citizenship-exam tutoring; showers, toiletries, and a change of clothes; and clean, safe housing to more than 1,000 people every day.

You were our Spring. You provided not only your financial support, but also your countless hours of volunteering, your enthusiastic advocacy, and your utter belief in our ability to persevere. You gave us the most important gift of all: Hope.

We invite you to renew that hope with a Springtime gift to the House of Bread.

Thank you for being the light that carries us through every season.

With deep gratitude,

Beth Boyle  
Co-Director

Tom Porell  
Co-Director

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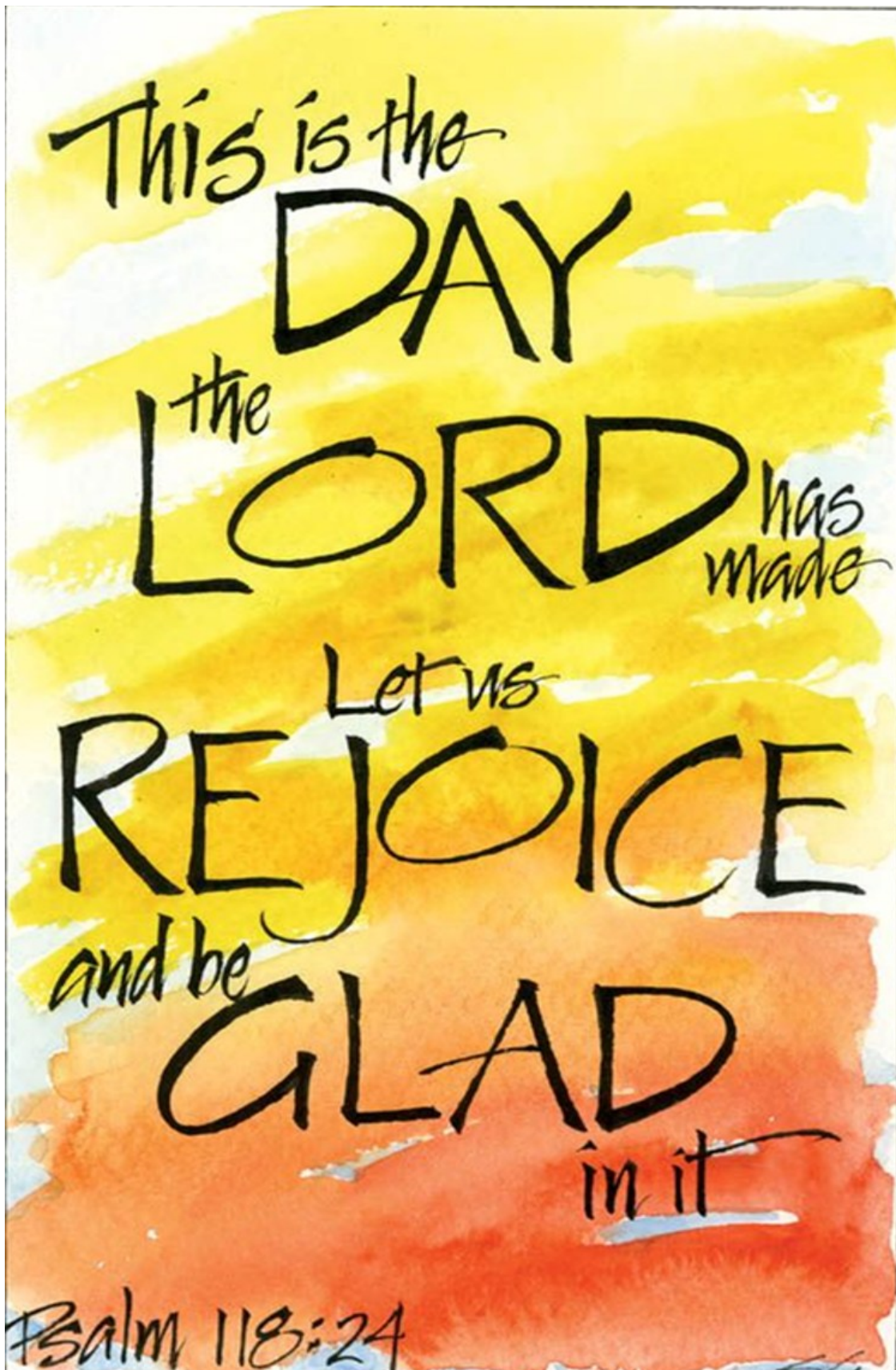
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FOOD, HOUSING, AND EDUCATION WITH COMPASSION, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT



**Donations to The House of Bread can be made directly to them or included in weekly offerings. Any offerings designated for The House of Bread will be accumulated by St. Paul's and forwarded to them.**

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH



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**Pr. Elizabeth serves as the clergy representative to the Wethersfield Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. On May 21st they hosted their Spring Event with speaker Patrick Smith from the Museum of CT History @thectmuseum. Patrick shared about different hikes he has led sharing about significant historical events in many CT towns. He is currently researching the opportunity to do a hike in Wethersfield in the future.**



**CHECK OUT OUR  
SHOES**


JUNE 2026

Mosaic's Annual Fundraiser Event, Partners in Possibilities was held on May 19th at 12 Noon.



## Leadership Donors

- Chester & Glenna Brodnicki
- Community Foundation Greater New Haven
- Danny Tobias
- David Prause
- DDN Consulting Services
- Emanuel Lutheran Church
- Hancock Pharmacy
- Irene Kerber
- Jay Rusgrove
- Jennifer Cavallaro
- Knights of Columbus #3733
- Laurel Fleger
- Rev. Larry Wogman
- Lois Glazier
- Nancy Vito
- Priscilla Stetson
- Rory Cummings
- Scrap it up Blue
- Stephen Strand
- St. Luke Lutheran Church
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church

 **MOSAIC** Real life. Real possibilities.



# June 2026

| SUN  | MON  | TUE  | WED   | THU   | FRI   | SAT |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|-----|
|  | 1  | 2  | 3<br>10:00 AM<br>THE<br>WEDNESDAY<br>GROUP      | 4<br>10:00-1:00 PM<br>FOOD<br>PANTRY<br><br>SYNOD<br>ASSEMBLY  | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>10 AM<br>WORSHIP<br><br>COFFEE<br>FELLOWSHIP                                      | 8  | 9<br>12:30 pm<br>LUNCH W/<br>PASTOR<br><br>4:30 PM<br>WORSHIP &<br>MUSIC MTG.<br><br>6:30 PARISH<br>ADMIN MTG. | 10  | 11<br><br>10:00-1:00 PM<br>FOOD<br>PANTRY<br><br>1 PM,<br>COMMUNICA-<br>TIONS MTG.  | 12<br><br>6:30 PM<br>VACATION<br>BIBLE CAMP<br>MTG. | 13  |
| 14<br>10 AM<br>WORSHIP<br><br>COFFEE<br>FELLOWSHIP<br><br>11:30 AM<br>OUTREACH<br>MTG. | 15   | 16<br>12:30 PM<br>CLERGY MTG.<br><br>5:30 P,<br>PROPERTY<br>MTG.<br><br>CHURCH<br>COUNCIL MTG<br>7:00 PM       | 17<br><br>10:00 AM<br>THE<br>WEDNESDAY<br>GROUP | 18<br><br>10:00-1:00 PM<br>FOOD<br>PANTRY   | 19  | 20  |
| 21<br>FATHER'S DAY/<br>GRADUATES<br><br>10 AM<br>WORSHIP<br><br>COFFEE<br>FELLOWSHIP   | 22<br><br>5:15pm to<br>7:30 pm<br>Vacation<br>Bible Camp | 23<br>11:00 AM<br>REJOICING<br>SPIRITS<br>WORSHIP<br>SVC.  | 24  | 25<br>FOOD<br>PANTRY<br>10:00-1:00 PM   | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>9:30 AM<br>WORSHIP<br><br>COFFEE<br>FELLOWSHIP                                   | 29   | 30   |   |   |   |     |

# JUNE 2026

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - JUNE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### JUNE 7th

ASSISTING MINISTER: **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
READER: **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia  
ALTAR: **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTER: Heather Christensen  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Carole & Gary Hughes

### JUNE 14th

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

### JUNE 21st

ASSISTING MINISTER: **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
READER: Rory Cummings  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia  
ALTAR: **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Rory Cummings

### JUNE 28th

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

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