



Saint Paul's
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2026



*Blessings for the
New Month*

May your Month ahead be
filled with: Good Health,
Strength, Friendship,
Kindness, Compassion, and
Love. May God Bless you
and your Loved ones and
keep you safe.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

I pray that you had an enjoyable summer and had time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate. I enjoyed some vacation time, had the opportunity to attend my niece's baptism in New Jersey, and enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of summer by the water (either pool or ocean).

Our Summer Lunches during June, July, and August increased in attendance each month. Thank you for joining me! I enjoy trying new places and I look forward to continuing this tradition next summer.

On September 13, we will once again join with Our Savior's Lutheran Church from Newington for "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. We will worship together that morning at 10:00 am in our sanctuary and following the combined service, we will gather downstairs for lunch and the opportunity to participate in a few service projects. This is a tangible way for us to carry out our baptismal calling by being the hands and feet of God in our community.

Our Congregational Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 at 4:00 pm. I hope you will be able to join us on the front lawn for a time of fellowship and good food. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

On Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 pm we will do the our annual Blessing of the Animals. Please print a photo or a stuffed animal if you are not able to bring your animal..

*Wishing you 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.



EPISTLE articles for October are due by **September 20TH**. Please send your article to Lorraine exactly the Way you would like it to appear at:
office@stpaulswethersfield.org

Thank you!

SEPTEMBER GOSPEL READINGS

Sept. 6th - Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 14th - Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 21st - Matthew 20:1-16

Sept. 28th - Matthew 21:23-32



Altar Flowers

There are a few weeks available from September to December for flower donations. Please consider choosing a Sunday. The Avenue Florist supplies the flowers. The bouquets are \$25 for 1, \$30 for 1 Single Center Bouquet and \$50 for two bouquets per week and can be shared by multiple donors. Please call Debbie Howe at 860-529-8583 if you have any questions.



Coffee Fellowship

Many thanks to Jerry Hansen for hosting our after service coffee hours for many months. We are looking for people to sign up to host the coffee hour.

If you are interested or have any questions, see Jerry.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH FAIR
SATURDAY, NOV. 21ST
9 AM - 2 PM

We will once again have our Tag Sale at our Church Fair on **November 21st. NOW WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!**

Please start gathering your "slightly used treasures" this month to donate. We will have drop off days and times in October.



Our next Outreach Meeting is
Sept. 20th after worship.

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God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

It is our turn to host with Our Savior's in Newington on Sept. 13th for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. At 10am we will join together to worship followed by lunch and work on a few Service Projects. We look forward to seeing you there!



Congregational Church Fall Picnic -
Saturday, October 3rd, 4:00pm -
6:00pm

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun! Burgers, Hot Dogs and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

There is a sign up sheet on the Whiteboard in the Fellowship Area. Please let us know how many people are coming so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!

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The Wednesday Get-Together Group is back after a few months hiatus. We will resume on **Wednesday, September 2nd**. We are currently working on group projects for our upcoming Church Fair. **We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 10 am—1 pm. Please come and join us!!**



September 12, 2026 10:00 - 4:00 Rain or Shine

The Wethersfield Cornfest is a beloved Community event held each year in September. The festival will be at Cove Park (between Solomon Welles House and the DMV). Admission is free for this community event featuring local corn from Anderson Farms, live music performances (including the Connecticut Belles), food vendors, crafters, a business expo and cornhole.

There's something for everyone - lots of fun activities for kids and plenty of local vendors to browse and support. Don't miss out on this festive celebration of community and harvest!



THRIVENT FINANCIAL ACTION TEAMS

Are you a Thrivent member? Did you know there are grants available that could help us with our **Church Fair in November**? The process is simple - any Thrivent member can request \$250 to be used to meet some of the needs of the fair.

In past years, we have used action team funding to cover the cost of ingredients for goodies for the bake sale, food for the Kitchen Café, items for the country store, and much more. The possibilities are endless!!

If you would be willing to apply for an Action Team for the church fair, please come to the Outreach Meeting on Sept. 14 so we can coordinate the various areas that we can use this seed money. If you have any questions or need assistance with the process, please contact Pastor or Carol Bruce.

Thank you so much!!

YTD INCOME THRU JULY 2026

For everyone's information here is a summary of YTD Income thru July.

We will be publishing an income summary monthly going forward.

Jan 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026		
400 Revenues	Actual	Budget
401 Weekly offering	\$ 82,481.66	\$ 94,350.69
406 Special envelopes	\$ 2,738.00	\$ 1,619.31
407 Loose plate offerings	\$ 1,268.00	\$ 2,070.25
410 Flowers Income	\$ 1,480.85	\$ 1,205.19
411 Food Pantry	\$ 6,681.60	\$ 6,774.25
412 Rental Income	\$ 7,111.00	\$ 6,545.00
415 Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,901.00	\$ 1,304.94
416 Behler Fund-Pastor's	\$ -	\$ 145.81
417 Youth Group	\$ 257.00	\$ 351.75
435 Dividends and Interest	\$ 17,452.56	\$ 10,254.44
Total 400 Revenues	\$121,371.67	\$ 124,621.63

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For the month of September, the Pantry would appreciate donations of:

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

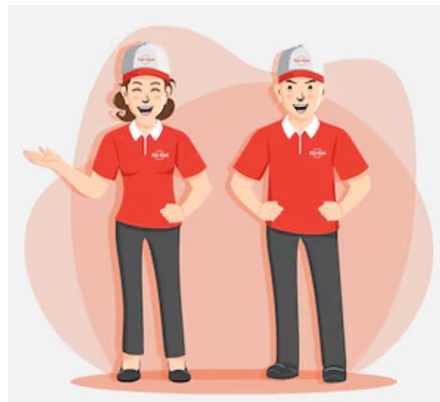
We also need egg cartons at this time.

Thank you for all the donations!



The St. Francis Blessing of the Pets will be held at St. Paul's on Sunday, October 4th at 4:00 pm. People are encouraged to bring a photo of their pet or a stuffed animal if they are not able to bring their pet in person.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD CREW HOLIDAY FAIR — NOVEMBER 21, 2026



It's time to channel your inner Dagwood! Our Annual Church Fair fast approaches, and the food crew needs you! Every year the festival serves a great variety of food, including fresh delicious sandwiches. The food crew needs volunteers to help prepare sandwiches the night before. We also need one brave soul to backup Mary Baumgartel as an official food steward. It is quite the prestigious honor, and Mary is happy to tell you all about it. Food prep happens Friday night before Thanksgiving. Please volunteer. It's a great fundraiser for us and a very fun team event. See Mary for details!

Pastor's Lunch - August 18th
Lucky Lou's, Wethersfield, CT



Thank you to all for coming and making our last Summer Lunch with the Pastor a delicious and successful one!



September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 GET TOGETHER GRP 10:00 AM	3 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	4	6
6 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	7 	8 WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG. 4:30 PM PARISH ADMIN 6:30 PM	9 CHOIR 7:00 PM	10 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	11	12 WETHERSFIELD CORNFEST 10AM-4PM COVE PARK (NEAR DMV)
13 10 AM WORSHIP 11:30 GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS PRO- JECT W/ LUNCH COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	14	15 PROPERTY MTG. 5:30 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 7 PM	16 GET TOGETHER GRP 10:00 AM CHOIR 7:00 PM	17 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	18	19
20 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH	21	22	23 CHOIR 7:00 PM	24 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	25	26
27 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	28	29	30			OCT. 3RD CHURCH PICNIC 4-6 PM

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - September THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 6TH - 10:00 AM

ASSISTING MINISTER:
READER: Carol Bruce
USHERS: Jerry Hanse, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Carol Bruce
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

SEPTEMBER 13TH -10:00 AM

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

SEPTEMBER 20th - 10:00 AM

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen
READER: Joy Hansen
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker
COUNTER: George Howe
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

SEPTEMBER 27TH -10:00 AM

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



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As the sun says
goodbye to
summer, we say
hello to the
blessings of
autumn. Have a
wonderful
September.



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