



Saint Paul's
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2026 EPISTLE

Happy
October

**LIKE A BOUNTIFUL
HARVEST, MAY
GOD'S BLESSINGS
OVERFLOW THIS
MONTH.**

OCTOBER 2026

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

I marvel at God's hand in the beauty of nature. I love seeing the changing colors of the leaves, and even the falling of those leaves. At times, I need to be reminded of the beauty that exists in the changing of the seasons. Welcome to Autumn!

The annual Congregational Picnic will be October 3 at 4pm. Please remember to sign up on the whiteboard and bring a side or dessert to share.

Our St. Francis Pet Blessing service will be on October 4th at 4:00pm this year. I invite you to bring your pet, a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal to be blessed during the service that day.

Please don't forget to wear **RED** on Reformation Sunday, October 25. We will remember Martin Luther, who nailed the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Church door that began the Protestant Reformation. We will have the next installment of the life and times of Martin Luther with a skit from the St. Paul's Players. If you would like to join the St. Paul's Players, please let me know. We will begin practicing for those who are interested soon.

I'm giving thanks for the ways that we continue to share the love of God with others. Keep being the people that God created you to be! Keep answering God's call and sharing the story of your faith!

Wishing you Peace and Blessings,
The Rev. Elizabeth A Cummings

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.

OCTOBER GOSPEL READINGS

October 4th: Matthew 21:33-46

October 11th: Matthew 22:1-14

October 18th: Matthew 22:15-22

October 25th: John 8:31-36
Reformation Sunday



**WEAR RED FOR
REFORMATION DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**



FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE **NOVEMBER EPISTLE** are due by **October 18th**.

Please send your article to me exactly the way you would like it to appear to Lorraine at:
office@stpaulswethersfield.org

Thank you!

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

October PICNIC

Join us for our annual Church Picnic

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

4:00 - 6:00pm

371 Wolcott Hill Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109



www.stpaulswethersfield.org

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Please feel free to bring a photo of your pet or a stuffed animal if you are not able to bring your pet in person. We'll see you there!

ST. FRANCIS PET BLESSING

October 4, 2026 at 4:00pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*371 Wolcott Hill Road
Wethersfield, CT*



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FOR YOUNG ADULTS

FALL SCHEDULE

GATHER
connecticut

THURS.
SEPTEMBER
24

LAST THURSDAY: 7PM
@ PARKVILLE MARKET

food and fellowship the last Thursday of the month

SUN.
OCTOBER
11

APPLE PICKING: 12:30PM
@ LYMAN ORCHARDS

with LuMin at Yale and Bethesda Lutheran Church

THURS.
OCTOBER
29

LAST THURSDAY: 7PM
@ PARKVILLE MARKET

*food and fellowship the last Thursday
of the month*

with Bishop Piphó!



SAT.
DECEMBER
5

FOOD PACKAGING: 9-11:30AM
@MIDWEST FOOD BANK

*volunteer to pack and sort food donations
join us for brunch after!*

RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/A6Dh5mv3RCQsuRiN8>





Everyone is invited to come and make a request for continuing, increasing or decreasing existing church spending for specific needs, and making a request to start a new church program or to make a request for church financial participation in a cause or activity you believe the church can benefit from or support you.

The following dates and times that are open for the 2027 Budget Meetings for any church member to attend and discuss our budget:

- **Sunday, October 11th, 11:30 am to 12:15 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 20th 4:30pm to 5:30 pm**

All meetings will be in the Connector Coffee Lounge Area.

If you are unable to make it to any meeting, please do not hesitate to e-mail or call me.

Thank you!

Tom Grottke, Treasurer

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FOR YOUNG ADULTS



2027 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING

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Minneapolis, MN

MYLE and the tAble: June 26-28, 2027

Main Event: June 28 - July 2, 2027

Youth Gathering Info Session

Hartford Conference of the NE Synod

Sunday, October 11th

12 noon

at Emanuel Lutheran, Hartford

OCTOBER 2026

COME JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF GREAT MUSIC

Jazz BENEFIT CONCERT

FREEWILL OFFERING BENEFITTING
THE ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY



FEATURING
CAMERON CHEYNEY & DAVID WINTERS DUO
OCTOBER 25, 2026
4:00PM



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371 WOLCOTT HILL ROAD
WETHERSFIELD, CT



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For the month of **October**, the pantry would appreciate donations of:

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



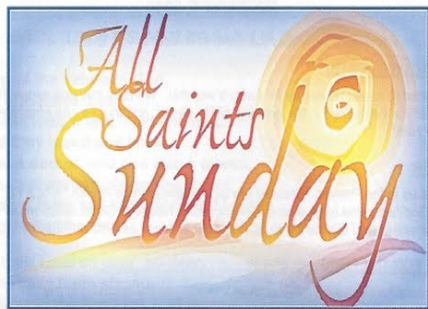
Hi Fellow Members of St. Paul's,

It's that time again to start thinking thoughts of Christmas. Yikes! I know it's too soon! But not for the Adopt A Family Program. St. Paul's will once more adopt a family through The Salvation Army program and make a needy family's Christmas a time of love, peace and joy. Look for this years flyer which will be in the November Epistle and on our bulletin board in our social area in early November.

Thank you in advance for your amazing generosity.

Prayers and peace,
Joan Kratzer

November 1st is All Saints Sunday, a Service in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away and we will be ordering white long-stemmed roses for those that wish to purchase them. Last year, The Flower Box provided beautifully wrapped long-stemmed white roses with a sprig of baby's breath.



Each rose was set in a water vial to enjoy for several days. **The cost of each rose is \$6.50 and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 25th. Forms will be available for you to fill out with your name and the person's name the rose is in memory of.** If you have any questions, you can contact Deb Howe by e-mail; Deborah.howe@snet.net; or my home phone number 860-529-8583.

2026 All Saint's Day Memorial - White Rose Order Form

Please print name(s) exactly as you want it (them) to appear:

Given in memory of _____

By _____

White Rose price with a sprig of Baby's Breath set in a water vial.

\$6.50 Quantity _____ Total Amt. _____



Orders and payment need to be in the church office by **Sunday, October 25th.**
Any questions, contact Deb Howe via email at: Deborah.howe@snet.net or by phone at 860-529-8583.

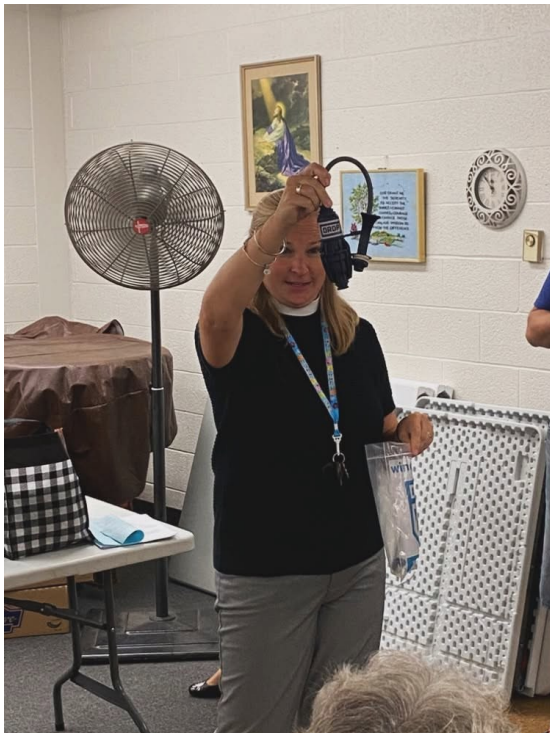


YTD INCOME THRU AUGUST 2026

Revenue Report For		Jan 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026
400 Revenues	Actual	Budget
401 Weekly offering	\$89,602	\$107,829
406 Special envelopes	\$2,738	\$1,851
407 Loose plate offerings	\$1,360	\$2,366
409 Eternal Candle	\$20	\$0
410 Flowers Income	\$1,566	\$1,377
411 Food Pantry	\$8,462	\$7,742
412 Rental Income	\$8,001	\$7,480
415 Miscellaneous Income	\$2,080	\$1,491
416 BehlerFund-Pastor's	\$0	\$167
417 Youth Group	\$257	\$402
435 Dividends and Interest	\$17,643	\$11,719
Total 400 Revenues	\$131,728	\$142,425

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**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH IN
NEWINGTON. WE WORKED TOGETHER TO ASSEMBLE CAUSE
KITS FROM THRIVENT AND PRAYER BEAD BRACELETS. ON
THIS DAY 17 BOXES OF SOLAR LIGHTS AND WATER PURIFI-
CATION KITS WERE DROPPED OFF AT THE POST OFFICE TO
GO TO THOSE IN NEED. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
MADE THIS GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY A SUCCESS!!!!**



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**IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW....
SOME INFO FROM THE WETHERSFIELD HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

"The religious community grew as the town grew. Saint Paul's Lutheran Church was founded in 1942, when the charter members met for worship in a vacant store at the corner of Clearfield and Wolcott Hill Roads. The next year they purchased the F. A. Griswold property at the corner of Wolcott Hill Road and Westway, using the house as a meeting place until 1958, when the present church was built."



#371 Wolcott Hill Road

This house owned and occupied for many years by the family of Frederick A. Griswold was probably built about 1780 by William Wolcott father of Horace Wolcott.



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COLORFUL FALL MUMS AT ST. PAUL'S TO WELCOME THE NEW SEASON!!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 10AM - 1 PM FOOD PANTRY 6:30 pm SECURITY MTG.	2	3 4 pm Church Picnic
4 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 4:00 PM ST. FRANCIS PET BLESS-	5 Pastor at Synod Convocation	6	7 CHOIR 7:00	8 10AM - 1 PM FOOD PANTRY	9	10 10 am Baptism
11 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 11:30 AM CHURCH	12 	13 WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG. 4:30 pm 6:30 PM PARISH ADMIN MTG	14 CHOIR 7:00	15 10AM - 1 PM FOOD PANTRY	16	17
18 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH MTG 11:15AM	19	20 4:30 PM CHURCH BUDGET MTG. 5:30 PM PROPERTY MTG. 7:00 PM COUNCIL MTG.	21 GET TOGETHER GROUP 10AM CHOIR 7:00	22 10AM - 1 PM FOOD PANTRY	23	24
25 REFORMATION SUNDAY—WEAR RED 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 4 PM JAZZ CONCERT	26	27 11:00 AM REJOICING SPIRITS SVC.	28 CHOIR 7:00	29 10AM - 1 PM FOOD PANTRY	30	31 

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - OCTOBER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

OCTOBER 4TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Matt Perry
READER: Matt Perry
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Carol Bruce
COUNTER: Heather Christensen
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Name** _____

OCTOBER 11TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen
READER: Joy Hansen
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker
COUNTER: Mary Procyk
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Name** _____

OCTOBER 18TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: **Name** _____
READER: Joan Kratzer
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: Matt Perry
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Name** _____

OCTOBER 25TH: REFORMATION SUNDAY - PLEASE WEAR RED

ASSISTING MINISTER: **Name** _____
READER: Rory Cummings
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppar, Martial Roy & Sophia
ALTAR: George & Deb Howe
COUNTER: Rory Cummings
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Name** _____

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH



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