

SAINT PAUL'S EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MY SABBATICAL AND SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

By now it is common knowledge that starting May 14 I will be away for three months on a "non-stipendiary" (that is, not funded by St. Paul's) sabbatical. Many have asked where I am going and what I am going to do? I wish I could give you an answer to that question. What I do know is that my time away will be focused on spiritual and personal renewal. It will be a lot easier to say what I *did* when I return.

While I'm away, Pastor Maureen Hawksley will be the "acting pastor." (Her contact information can be found on page 6 of this *Epistle*.) That means that she will be leading worship on Sundays, doing hospital and home visits, being on call for any emergencies, etc. While she will be part-time, you can be sure that she'll give you excellent pastoral care. I've known her for over 30 years (we started seminary together). You will be in great hands. She's a gifted and loving pastor.

One question that has come up is what happens in the event of a death? Will I come back to do a funeral? My answer is simply, "Pastor Hawksley will be your pastor while I'm away." It would not be appropriate for me to make an exception for one family without doing so for all others. Plus the fact that doing so would set an unhealthy precedent. As I said, Pastor Hawksley will be the pastor *in all matters* while I'm away.

One request that I would make while I'm away, please keep me in your prayers. A sabbatical is also a time to search ones soul and seek to discern the will of God in a fresh new way. I've grown a little rusty in that area. A little prayer on your part will go a long way.

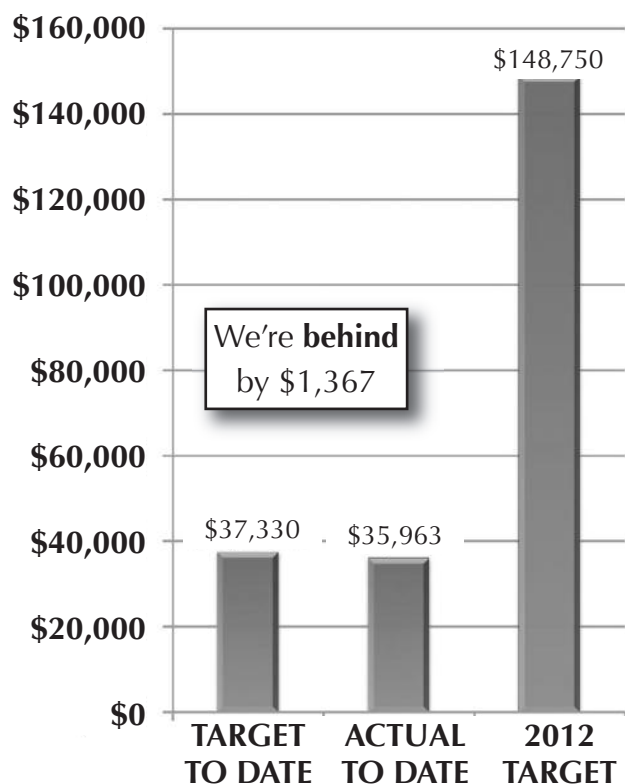
And one more, if I may: Would you do Pastor Hawksley a favor and wear name tags on Sundays? I know that is annoying for some, but it would also go a long way to helping her be your pastor.

God bless you all. See you in August!

Pastor Hugh

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: 8:00 & 10:30AM ♦ Adult Ed. at 9:15AM ♦ Sunday School at 10:30AM

INCOME⁺ THROUGH MARCH 2012



+ Income includes:

- Weekly envelopes (pledged and non-pledged)
- Special envelopes (Easter, Christmas, etc.)
- Loose plate offering
- Sunday Church School offerings

THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Just an expression of appreciation for the kind words, cards and prayers from so many of you following the recent passing of my mother. She lived a long healthy life well into her 92nd year. Her final days were peaceful and she had recently made it clear that she was ready to go home to the Lord. Nevertheless your caring made these days easier.

Thanks again.

Dave Bayek



Charlie (Russ) and I are very grateful for the loving messages, care, prayers and manna meals we received following my knee surgery on March 1st. We were overwhelmed!

St. Paul's members, our neighbors, friends and our own family, provided manna meals that lasted over a month!

Our thanks and love for your help!

Ellie B. and Charlie Bengtson

PRAYING IN COLOR

A WORKSHOP TO HELP YOU DRAW A NEW PATH TO GOD

Are you hungry to know God better? Maybe you are in the same dilemma as a lot of people that you just don't know how to pray. This workshop will teach you a new prayer form that will open your creative channels, quiet your mind and soothe your soul. Using simple drawing shapes and writing, you will learn how to tap into your inner child and make a deeper connection with God. Drawing is half the prayer, the other half is transporting the visual memory you created with you to pray throughout the day. No drawing ability required...just an open heart and mind.

Sunday, June 24 • 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Presenter: Priscilla Bengtson, owner of the The Healing in Harmony Center in Glastonbury, CT

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Linda Anderson at 860.659.4094

Supplies will be provided or bring your own favorite drawing implements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR FIRST MOM2MOM SALE RAISED \$650.00 FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES!

On Saturday, March 31st, St. Paul's held its first Mom2Mom Sale. Twenty moms sold new and gently used children's items to over 100 shoppers. Light breakfast and lunch goodies were available for purchase. Thank you to all our members who supported this fundraiser by renting tables, volunteering their time, donating items, as well as, advertising and shopping the sale. The feedback from everyone has been positive, so we are doing it again on Saturday, October 20th. See Cathy Evans for more details.



ST. PAUL'S VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 25 - 28

Dinner, Music, Games, Stories, Crafts,
Special Guests, & More ...

\$20 per child / \$35 per family

To sign up, please contact
the church office at (860) 529-5397

Join the Journey!



IN MAY

- 2 Jeremiah Bengtson
- 5 Bill Caughman
- 7 Louise Lostocco
- 7 Dot Vanturas
- 9 Russell Bengtson
- 9 AnneMarie Grottke
- 10 Linda Anderson
- 10 Harriett Fritsch
- 10 Helen Peterson
- 10 Jennifer Farley
- 15 Ruth Brown
- 12 Jacob Turek
- 21 Mark Olson
- 25 Lucas DeBlois
- 29 Robert Bowman
- 29 Joan Kratzer
- 30 Jerry Vaillancourt



CINCO de MAYO

Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, May 5th
from 6 to 9 PM

\$15 Adult, \$5 Child
\$35 Family (3 Children)

Salsa and chips, Camerones,
Chorizo, Chimichanga, Mexican
Rice, Refried Beans, Desert,
Coffee, Tea, Punch

For more information contact
Jim Newmark 860-432-2060
or Rick Seip 860-258-0636

EASTER EGG HUNT 2012

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was held on the front lawn of the church under sunny skies. Children from grades Pre-Kindergarten – 5th participated in the event. The children were placed into three groups: Pre-K, K – 2nd and 3rd – 5th grade before hunting for the brightly colored goodie filled plastic eggs. The highly sought after silver eggs were found by Ryan, Alex, and Autumn and each child was awarded a chocolate bunny. The event was capped off with the tradition of the children hiding the eggs on the Youth (which the children seem to have the most fun with). A big thank you goes out to our youth (Colin, Angela, Cameron, and Celia) for helping to fill one hundred plastic eggs and with guiding the children during the hunt. Also, thank you to all the parents who helped with the supplies, crafts and making this year's event so successful.



The children are trying to find an Easter egg that was hidden by Celia Cheyney—taped to her ankle! So *that's* what that lump was.



7TH ANNUAL LSS
OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT
Wachusett Country Club
187 Prospect St.
West Boylston, MA
www.wachusettcc.com

Registration 8:15 AM

Putting Contest Start: 9:30 AM

Shotgun Start: 9:30 AM

Format: Foursome, best ball
scramble

Other Activities: Putting Contest,
Drawings and Prizes, Hole-in-One
Car

Proceeds from the 7th Annual LSS Open Golf Tournament will benefit the Worcester programs of Lutheran Social Services in celebration of LSS's 140th year of serving and caring for people in New England. These programs include adoption, services for new Americans, refugee youth foster care, services for people with developmental disabilities, older adults and homeless teen mothers and their children.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, May 11 at 7 PM



LETTERS TO GOD

The story of what happens when one boy's walk of faith crosses paths with one man's search for meaning—the resulting transformational journey touches the lives of everyone around them.

Popcorn and refreshments will be served!



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING SPOTLIGHT

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. This year, ELCA youth will join together to do just that through the **100 Wells Challenge**.

ELCA's goal is to raise \$250,000 in 2012 to support the water projects of ELCA World Hunger where they are needed most. Just think, \$250,000 could mean 100 wells -- each one with the potential of bringing clean water to 500 families at a time.

St. Paul's youth will be accepting donations in June and July. The 30,000+ young people attending the ELCA 2012 Youth Gathering in July will bring their offering (individual or collective cash or checks) to New Orleans.

CHURCH



CHAPTERS

Our book club meeting for this month will take place on Tuesday, May 8th at Winnie Sawrun's home at 1011 Folly Brook Blvd in Wethersfield. We will meet at 6:30 for dessert and to discuss the book *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana DeRosnay. Copies of the book are available for pick-up in the church office. Please leave your name when you take a book. It's a GREAT book so read, enjoy and come discuss it with us. Upcoming titles include:

- *The Fauna and The Family* by Gerald Durrell
- *Pudding Head Wilson* by Mark Twain

Join us!! All are welcome!! Please let or Winnie Sawrun (860-529-7588 or w1034saw@netzero.net) or Sue Agne (860-563-0776 or susana23@sbcglobal.net) know if you can come. We hope to see you in May.

St. Paul's MEMBERS IN SERVICE for MAY 2012

ACOLYTES:

Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 659-4094

- May 6 - Celia Cheyney
- 13 - Angela Mihalick
- 20 - Kaitlin Anderson
- 27 - Jared Christensen

ALTAR GUILD:

Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 659-4094

- May 6 - Mary Procyk
- 13 - Jennie Dotts & Sue Sonstrom
- 20 - Linda & Kaitlin Anderson
- 27 - Mary Procyk

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

- May 6 - Emily Lourigan 8:00
- Mike Coyle. 10:30
- 13 - TBA 8:00
- Kathy Coyle 10:30
- 20 - Jim Newmark 8:00
- Mary Procyk. 10:30
- 27 - Patty Bengtson 8:00
- Jerry Vaillancourt 10:30

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Sue Agne, Coordinator, 563-0776

- May 6 - Mary Procyk
- 13 - Patty Bengtson
- 20 - Dick Agne
- 27 - Curt Leonard

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS:

Winnie Sawrun, Coordinator, 529-7588

- May 6 - LeAnn & Andrew Power
- 13 - George & Debbie Howe
- 20 - Joanne & Allen Piscitello
- 27 - Pat Granger & Alan Niederfringer

FINANCE:

Mary Procyk, Coordinator, 257-4793

- May 6 - Amy Federici
- 13 - Lois Woy
- 20 - Dick Agne
- 27 - Bob Bowman

LECTORS:

Lillian Doerschler, Coordinator, 529-1939

- May 6 - Eric Kjellberg
- 13 - Patty Bengtson
- 20 - Winnie Sawrun
- 27 - Lillian Doerschler

TAPING:

Jan Pergande, Coordinator, 644-2888

- May Grace Durkin

USHERS:

Brian Beckwith, Coordinator, 8AM, 563-4066

- May Brian Beckwith

*Louise Lostocco, Coordinator, 10:30AM,
529-3079*

- May Walter Ruppap & William Fischer, Sr.

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MAY 2012 | EVENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Notes: • Cinco de Mayo Dinner: May 5th • Pr. Hugh's sabbatical begins May 14	1 Outreach Comm. Meeting 7 PM OA 7:30 PM	2 AA 10 AM Confirmation 6 PM AA 7 PM Choir Reh. 7:30 Pm	3 Bible Study 10 AM Thur. Grp 10 AM AA 8 PM	4 AA 10 AM	5 Mercy House: Dinner Cinco de Mayo Dinner: 6 PM AA 7:30 PM	
6 Holy Comm. 8 & 10:30 AM Sasha Schake Baptism No Sunday School Youth Meeting 9 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM	7 Book Club 6:30 PM OA 7:30 PM	8 AA 10 AM Confirmation 6 PM last class this year AA 7 PM Choir Reh. 7:30M	9 Bible Study 10 AM Thur. Grp 10 AM AA 8 PM	10 AA 10 AM Family Movie Night 7 PM	11 AA 10 AM	12 AA 7:30 PM
13 Holy Comm. 8 & 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 9 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM	14 15 Epistle Deadline OA 7:30 PM	15 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM Choir Reh. 7:30M	16 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM LSS Golf 8:15 AM Bible Study 10 AM Thur. Grp 10 AM AA 8 PM	17 AA 10 AM	18 AA 10 AM	19 AA 7:30 PM
20 Last day of Sunday School Holy Comm. 8 & 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 9 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM	21 Parish Admin 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM OA 7:30 PM	22 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM Choir Reh. 7:30M	23 Bible Study 10 AM Thur. Grp 10 AM AA 8 PM	24 AA 10 AM	25 AA 10 AM	26 Mercy House: Lunch AA 7:30 PM
27 Holy Comm. 8 & 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 9 AM	28 Office Closed	29	30 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM Choir Reh. 7:30M	31 Bible Study 10 AM Thur. Grp 10 AM AA 8 PM	Mercy House: St. Paul's is serving a dinner (not preparing) at Mercy House on May 5th at 4:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers!	

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