

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

JANUARY 2024

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Happy
New Year

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto myself;
that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:3 KJV

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

A blessing for the new year; O God, you have been our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. As we welcome this new year, bless us with peace. Fill our days with the light of Christ and lead us on the path of life until we see you in our heavenly home. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that another year has passed. I pray that 2024 brings you much joy and you are enjoying the Christmas Season. I am looking ahead to all the wonderful ways we, the people of St. Paul's, will share the love of God with others in this new year.

We will take time to celebrate both Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord Sundays during the first 2 weeks of January.

On January 14, I invite you to bring a memento from your baptism. Perhaps you have a photo, your baptismal certificate or candle, maybe even the outfit you wore. We will have them displayed for others to see as a tangible way to remember that we have been marked with the cross of Christ forever in baptism.

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. My family and I are grateful to be part of such a kind and caring congregation. I treasure the ways we have journeyed together over the past year. The ways we have worshipped, the ways we have reached out into the community, the ways we have come together as the people of God and look forward creating lasting memories throughout the year.

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.

JANUARY GOSPEL READINGS

JANUARY 7th: Mark 1:43-51

JANUARY 14TH: Mark 1:14-11

JANUARY 21st: Mark 1:14-20

JANUARY 28th: Mar 1:21-28



WEEKLY EMAILS & EPISTLE:

Articles for the Weekly email need to be sent to Lorraine by **Tuesday of each week** if there is any information that you would like to have included.

The Epistle is also created through the church office. **FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY EPISTLE are due by JANUARY 22nd.** Please send your article to Lorraine exactly the way you would like it to appear at:

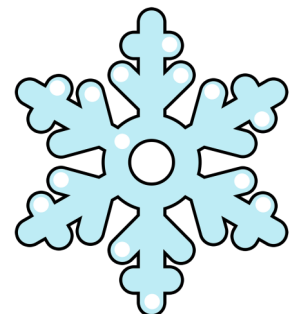
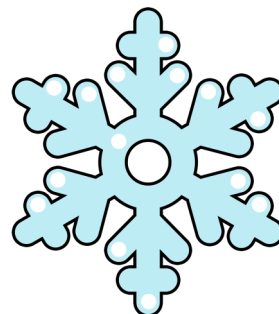
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Thank you!

WEDNESDAY GET-TOGETHER GROUP

Our Wednesday Morning Group will not be meeting in Fellowship Hall again until March. They are taking a break for the cold winter months!

We will look forward to their return as Spring approaches!



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ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 AFTER WORSHIP

SNOW DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY
28TH

PLEASE HAVE ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO LORRAINE
BY JANUARY 8TH.



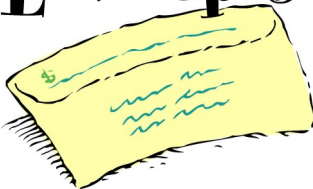
THIS MONTH OUR FOOD PANTRY
NEEDS:

HOT CHOCOLATE PACKETS
COFFEE
SOUP
RAMEN NOODLES

THANK YOU!

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



The envelopes for 2024 are on the conference table in Fellowship Hall. **The envelopes have been renumbered!** All contributions for 2023 must be in by December 31, 2023. If you are making a contribution toward your pledge for 2024, be sure to use the 2024 envelopes not the 2023 envelopes. Please pick up your new box of envelopes. If you cannot pick them up and would like them mailed to you, send me a request - mprocyk@stpaulswethersfield.org or call me at 860-257-4793.

If you need envelopes and do not find a box on the table, let me know and I will get you a box of envelopes.

The statements for 2023 will be out on the conference table around the second week in January.

Thanks for your cooperation,
Mary Procyk

JOIN OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS MINISTRY



We will use a Sign-Up Sheet on the Whiteboard to co-ordinate the volunteers needed during our worship service on Sunday mornings. Each week we have a dedicated group of people who serve as assisting ministers, readers, counters, ushers, acolyte and those who do altar care and host our weekly coffee hour fellowship.

St. Paul's Food Pantry December 2023 Recap

What an exciting and busy month of December we had at our Food Pantry. Our clientele increases every month due to the poor economy.

For December we helped 165 clients and they are so grateful to our Church and its membership for the help and kindness they have received.

We have had a few surprises. Doreen Leonard - a long time member - handmade 24 red stockings filled to the tops with candies and other goodies. The parents of small children were delighted to receive them for their families. Many thanks to Doreen for her gifts and kindness.

Another donor to the Food Pantry - Gary Girourd - who used to come once a month with boxes of food donations, sent our Food Pantry a check for \$250.00. He sold his house in August and moved to Florida and he still remembered the Food Pantry.

We are thankful to our church members and folks from the community for their super donations. Each and every donation is greatly appreciated and needed.

We are so thankful for our dedicated group of volunteers who come out each week and work. Our Food Pantry could not function without their help!

Thank You!
Jerry Hansen

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	1 	2	3 CHOIR 7:30	4 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	5	6 SALEM CHURCH
7 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	8	9 WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG 4:30 PM PARISH ADMIN 7:00 PM	10 CHOIR 7:30	11 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 COMMUNICATIONS MTG 5:30 PM	12	13 SALEM CHURCH
14 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	15	16 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM	17 CHOIR 7:30	18 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	19	20 SALEM CHURCH
21 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MTG 11:15 AM	22	23	24 CHOIR 7:30	25 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	26	27 SALEM CHURCH
28 10:00 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	29	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #fff9c4;"> ANNUAL MEETING SNOW DATE IS JANUARY 28TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP </div>		

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - NOVEMBER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

JANUARY 7TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: **Needed**
READER: Carol Bruce
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap and Sophia
ALTAR: **Needed**
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan & Mary Procyk
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Needed**

JANUARY 14TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Sue Agne
READER: **Needed**
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap and Sophia
ALTAR: **Needed**
COUNTER: Judy Gerken
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Needed**

JANUARY 21ST

ASSISTING MINISTER: Carol Bruce
READER: **Needed**
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap and Sophia
ALTAR: Carol Bruce
COUNTER: Bob Bowman
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Needed**

JANUARY 28TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen
READER: Joy Hansen
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap and Sophia
ALTAR: **Needed**
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Needed**

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