



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

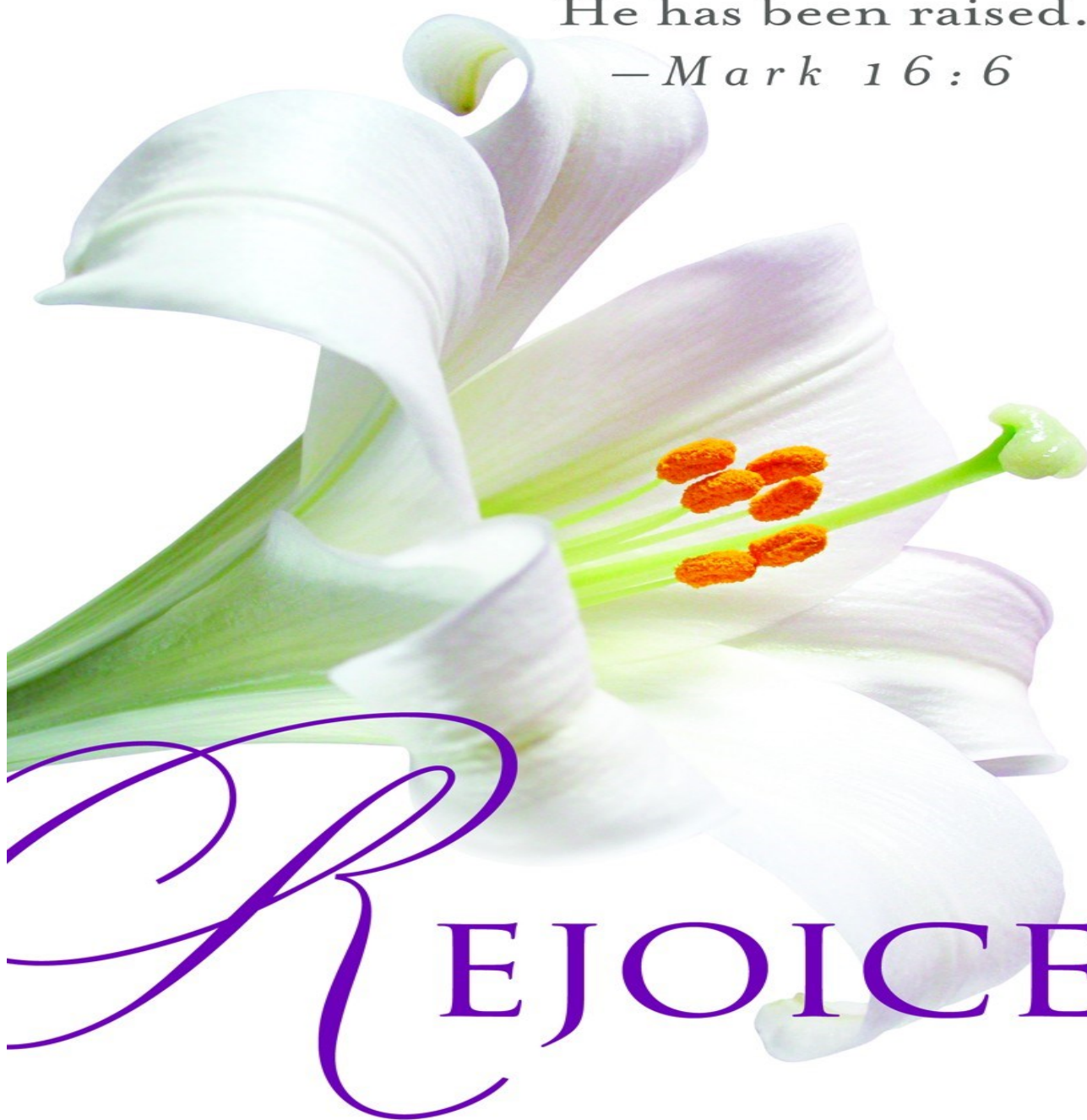
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He has been raised.

— *Mark 16:6*



*Re*JOICE!

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Christ is (still) Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

We continue to celebrate the 50 days of Easter in our worship services even though it seems that society has moved on to the next thing. In our worship service, we will continue to begin with a remembrance of baptism, a tangible way for us to be washed with the waters of forgiveness. A way for us to be reminded of our adoption into God's family of faith and our connection to one another.

The season of Easter concludes on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 this year. I invite you to wear RED on that day. We will also hear the Acts lesson read in multiple languages and voices. Please sign up to help us experience scripture in this rousing way on the white board with the language of your choice. Thank you in advance for helping and being a part of our service in this way.

Coming up on June 2- the Council suggested that we have "Bring a friend" Sunday. Please invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member to join us for our 10:00am worship service on that day. We want to share the love of Christ with those who are in our midst, and this is a great way to share your faith in the community.

We will move to our summer worship schedule of a 9:30am service on June 9 and keep that time through Labor Day weekend.

Wishing you Peace and Blessings,

The Rev. Elizabeth A Cummings

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MAY GOSPEL READINGS

- May 5th: John 15:9-17
May 12th: John 17:6-19
May 19th: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
(Pentecost Sunday - remember to wear Red)
May 26th John 3:1-17



SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

We are happy to offer Sunday morning coffee fellowship. **If you would like to host on a Sunday morning, there is a sign-up sheet hanging on the white board in Fellowship Hall.** All Sundays are available. Jerry Hansen will help you make the coffee and there are goodies available for your use or you may provide your own. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Lundin.



Flower Calendar

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE ETERNAL CANDLE ON THE CHART IN THE HALLWAY NEAR THE COATS - THERE ARE MANY SUNDAYS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

REMINDERS!

May 2nd - National Day of Prayer

May 19th - Pentecost Sunday
Remember to wear Red

June 2nd - Friendship Sunday
Bring a friend, neighbor or co-worker to visit our church

June 9th - September 2nd
9:30 am Worship
Service Time Change

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Wednesday Morning Get-Together Group

The Wednesday Morning Get-Together has been enjoying classes by Debbie LaHaie on learning to do “Quilling.” “Quilling” is an art form using strips of paper that are rolled, shaped and glued together to create a figure or design. It has been fun seeing each design or picture as they come out.

Come and join in the fun time the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. It’s always fun to learn something new. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1st.



On June 8th from 10 to 12 we will be having an inside cleanup at St. Paul's and we need your help. It will involve organizing the boiler room, cleaning up the stairways in the P.E. building, doing some kitchen organization, washing out garbage receptacles, etc. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. It's only a couple hours of your time and many hands make light work. Coffee and goodies will be provided. Thanks for your consideration.

Your Property Committee



May 2024 Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry has been very busy. Each week the Pantry is welcoming new clients. St. Paul's Congregation can be very proud of the way we are helping and serving the community in which we live.

We are very thankful to our members who have always come through when the need is there. Connecticut Food Share isn't getting the donations from the food company;

therefore the local food pantries have to rely on their donors. A lot of food is being sent overseas.

Our Food Pantry has passed two inspections by Connecticut Food Share and by a government agency TEPA. Elaine Strecker and Jerry Hansen are working with a representative of Connecticut Food Share to change the company's way of keeping track of the clients who use Foodshare.

We are staying grateful to our Congregation and our volunteers for the work they do in serving the people in need in our community!



Welcome to the Bloomin' 4 Good Program!

A Program to Benefit **St. Paul's Food Pantry**
Let's Fight Hunger Together. One Bouquet at a Time.

A Note from Stop and Shop:

Now it's time to enjoy the harvest! St. Paul's Food Pantry raised \$94 in the Bloomin' 4 Good Program during the month of March 2024.

On October 1st, a donation check will be mailed for the amount you have raised to:

St. Paul's Food Pantry
371 Wolcott Hill Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109



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FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE EPISTLE are due by May 19th.

Please send your articles to me exactly the way you would like it to appear to:
office@stpaulswethersfield.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.

NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER
MAY 2, 2024
noon

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
371 WOLCOTT HILL RD
WETHERSFIELD CT



UPDATING FIRST AID KITS

In the perspective of being stewards of God's profuse gifts, including our lives themselves, and our responsibility and blessing to be engaged in our own and our neighbor's opportunities for health, which open up the great panoply of promising possibilities for growth, service, and fulfillment for us:

We are taking to the small but important task of updating the first aid kits which stand at the ready for the congregation and others who use or visit St. Paul's building and grounds.

Assessment so far reveals that the current contents of the two kits are rather old and should be replaced. Some upgrades in content are also deemed worthwhile.

While we will focus on anticipating needs for occasional, accidental, small, superficial wound first aid and a few general symptoms of minor common ailments and illnesses, some thoughtfully chosen upgrades in the first aid kits' contents will also be made.

One proactive member who heard of the project just underway has generously offered to cover the cost of some of the first aid supplies, such as bandages, tape, sterile dressings, and antibiotic ointment we'll need to refresh the kits.

If others would care to make a monetary contribution to this project as well, it would be useful and much appreciated. Contributions to "St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church" with a memo line notation for "first aid project" will be put to good use for supplies to be at the ready, to enable us to be God's hands in a time of need.

Thanks for reading this and considering making a small donation if you are able.

Doreen Matteson



MAY 19TH



JUNE 2ND

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*The Wednesday Get-Together Group
and Food Pantry Volunteers!*



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EASTER SUNDAY
PICTURES



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EASTER PICTURES



**A VERY SPECIAL ST. PAUL'S THANK YOU
TO PATTY BENGTON**
for creating our beautiful new Easter Banners
showcasing the Alleuias written by some of our members.

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Hartford Wolf Pack Hockey Game Sunday, April 14th

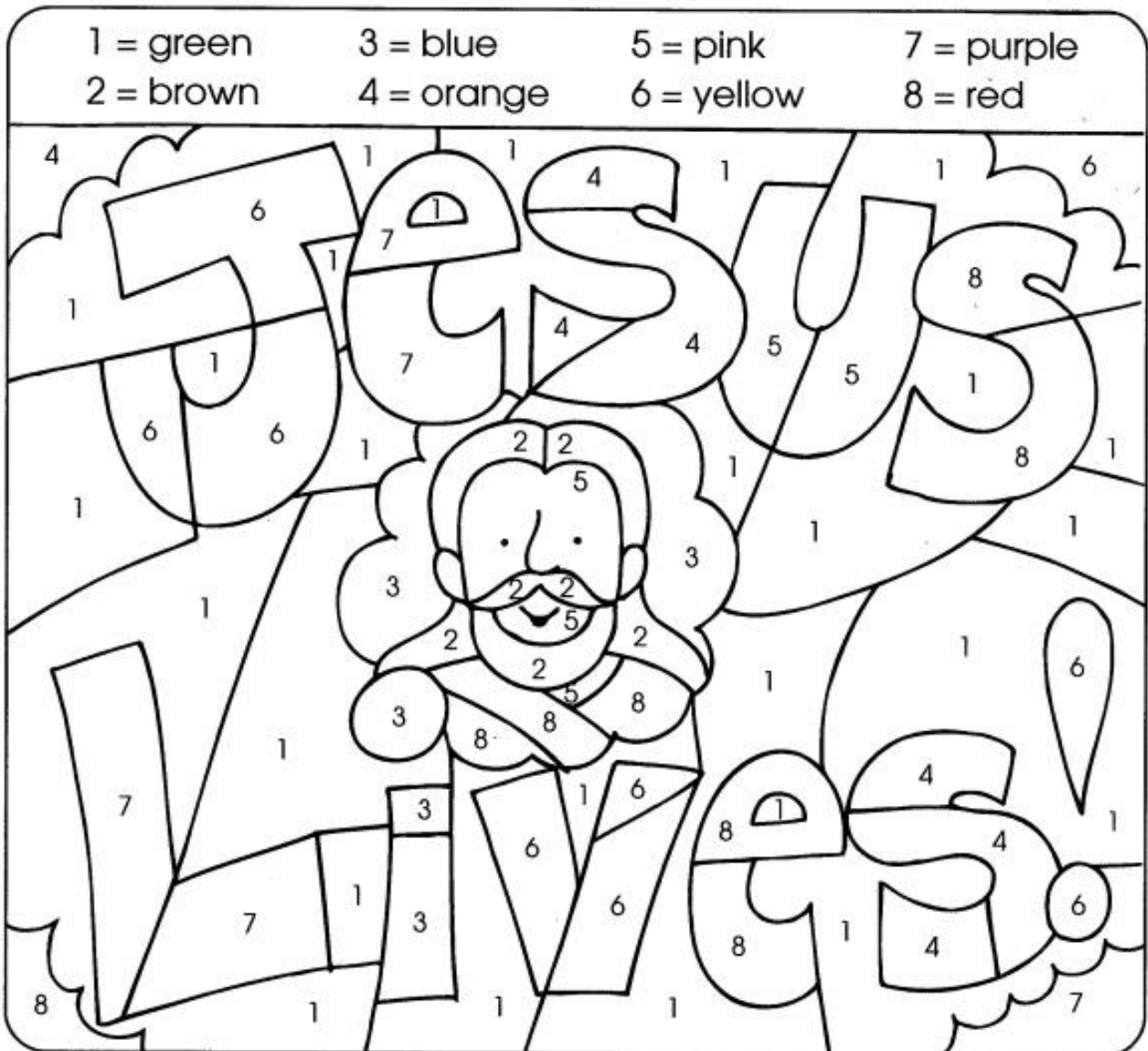


Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!



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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - MAY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

MAY 5TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Sue Agne
READER: Matthew Perry
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap & Sophia
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker
COUNTER: Heather Christensen
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Jerry Hansen & Judy Lundin

MAY 12TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Patty Bengtson
READER: Irene Braren
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap & Sophia
ALTAR: Patty Bengtson
COUNTER: George Howe
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Needed**

MAY 19th - PENTECOST SUNDAY:

ASSISTING MINISTER: Patty Bengtson
READER: Laura Speno
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap & Sophia
ALTAR: Patty Bengtson
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Pastor Elizabeth & Rory Cummings

MAY 26TH:

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen
READER: Joy Hnasen
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap & Sophia
ALTAR: Carol Bruce
COUNTER: Mary Procyk
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **NEEDED**

*In the last
days, God
says, I will
pour out my*

*Spirit
on all
people.*

Acts 2:17



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 GET TOGETHER WEDNESDAY GROUP 10 AM CHOIR 7:30	2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SVC 12 NOON FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	3	4 SALEM CHURCH
5 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7	8 CHOIR 7:30	9 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00 COMMUNICA- TIONS MTG 6:00 PM	10	11 SALEM CHURCH
12 MOTHER'S DAY 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 WORSHIP & MUSIC COM- MITTEE MTG 4:30PM PARISH ADMIN 6:30 PM	15 GET TOGETHER WEDNESDAY GROUP 10 AM CHOIR 7:30	16 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	17	18 SALEM CHURCH
19 Pentecost Sunday—Wear Red 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM	22 CHOIR 7:30	23 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	24	25 SALEM CHURCH
26 10 AM WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	27 OFFICE CLOSED 	29	29 CHOIR 7:30	30 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	31	

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