

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

OCTOBER 2024

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ALL THINGS
for *Good* work together
to them that
LOVE GOD
to them who are called
according to his purpose.
ROMANS 8:28

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Now that Fall has officially begun, I can see God's hand in the changing of the temperatures, the bright colors of the leaves, and even in the falling of those leaves as they create a blanket of coverage over the once green grass. At times, I need to remind myself of the beauty that exists in the changing of the seasons.

I am excited to partner with Our Savior's in Newington (1655 Main St.) for our St. Francis pet blessing this year. We will worship together in a joint service on October 6 beginning at 10:00am. Please bring your pet, a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal to be blessed during the service that day.

Don't forget to wear **RED** on **Reformation Sunday, October 27**. We will remember Martin Luther who nailed the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Church door that began the Protestant Reformation. Worship and Music has some new and exciting things planned for that day. If you would like to join the St. Paul's Players for a skit, please let me know. We will begin practicing for those who are interested soon.

I'm giving thanks for the ways that St. Paul's continues 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

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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.

OCTOBER GOSPEL READINGS

October 6th: Mark 10:2-16

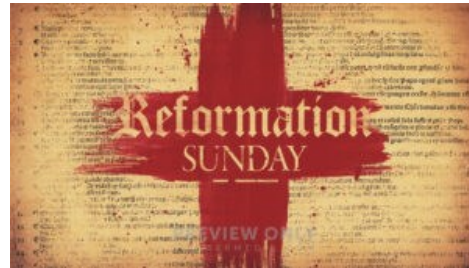
October 13th: Mark 10:17-31

October 20th: Mark 10:35-45

October 27th: John 8:31-36
Reformation Sunday



**WEAR RED FOR
REFORMATION DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**



FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER EPISTLE are due by **October 20th**.

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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St. Francis Blessing of the Animals Service will take place at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 1655 Main St., Newington on Sunday, October 6th at 10 am. as part of the combined worship service.

Feel free to bring a chair for this outdoor service!



The Blessing of the Animals

Join us on Sunday October 6 at 10am on the church lawn for our annual Blessing of the Animals service. We look forward to welcoming leashed pets (like dogs and cats), caged pets (like hamsters and rabbits), pictures of pets who can't travel, and stuffed animals. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1655 Main Street
Newington, CT



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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 are open 2025 budget meetings for any church member to attend and discuss our budget:

- **Tuesday, October 8th, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**
- **Monday, October 14th, 5 pm to 6 pm**
- **Sunday, October 20th, 11:30 am to 12:30 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
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Wethersfield, CT 06109
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For the month of **October**, the pantry would appreciate donations of:

Cereal, Coffee, Peanut Butter, Ramen Noodles and Pasta

St. Paul's Food Pantry

The month of September has sure been a busy one for our food pantry! The work of picking up donated items from local grocery stores continues every Wednesday. Freezers are organized with a wide variety of donated meats. Desserts, breads, fresh produce and dairy items are sorted and ready to be given out on Thursday mornings.

We have been averaging close to 60 patrons each week and one week this month we were close to 75 people, a new record. The need continues to grow and the team works very hard to meet these needs each week. As fast as our shelves are stocked and full, they are just about empty every Thursday at closing time.

We thank all of our St. Paul's family for the many donations you continue to give to this important and ever-growing ministry.

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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

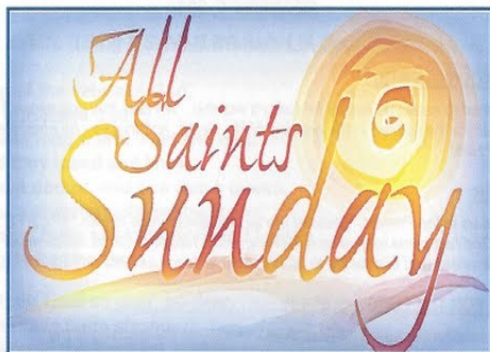
St. Paul's Church Fair Update & Highlights:

Will be held Saturday **Nov. 23rd 9 am -2 pm**

- **100% of proceeds will go toward the fight against HUNGER.**
 - 80% will benefit St. Paul's Food Pantry
 - 20% will go to ELCA World Hunger
- **Our church sanctuary** will be open for guests to visit during the time that Missy practices at the organ.
- **Kitchen café** will have some NEW menu items plus old favorites ***Jerry Hansen** Fair volunteers will ***EAT FOR FREE!!!***
- **Country Store** will have a brand new look but don't worry-the familiar friendly faces will be there to assist you in your purchases. ***Margaret DeBlois**
- **Inspiration Garden** has some big surprises in store for everyone- sure to delight and inspire. ***Joy Hansen**
- **The Christmas Boutique** will be stock piled and skillfully displayed with plenty of items for home decorations or for gift giving. ***Debbie LePage**
- **Handcrafted Items** will have a wide variety of beautiful created treasures -
***Judy Lundin**
- **Baked Goods** staff needs all of us!! Be ready to help! Start preparing, planning and freezing now!! Pie fillings can be made ahead and frozen! Then easily popped into crusts to bake prior to the day of the fair. Pies are always a big seller and very popular. ***Jan Pergande**
- **Bob's Cookies-** will be back and will undoubtedly sell out quickly. No pre-orders will be accepted. ***Bob Bowman**
- **Tag Sale/Grandma's Attic-** truckloads are arriving daily. Well, almost. There will be a huge inventory for this popular booth. ***Heather Christensen**
- **Jewelry:** donations of items *in good condition will be accepted. Can we "borrow" a jewelry box to use for display? Thanks! We promise to be careful and will return in good condition.* ***Jeannete Serafine**
- **Fabric Room-** this new booth will offer for sale some vintage fabrics and a wide selection of many other types. Quilters will appreciate this special new area so please spread the word to anyone who may be interested. Reasonable prices!
***Booth chair needed**
- **Quilt Raffle:** For only \$1 you can buy a chance to win an antique quilt handcrafted over 100 years ago – photos available at church. Winner will be selected following worship on November 24. (Winner need not be present, but presence would be appreciated.) ***Booth chair needed**

**Stay tuned for more updates and information. See *Booth Chairs to volunteer
Sue Agne or Patty Bengtson Fair co-chairs**

OCTOBER 2024 - Upcoming Events!!



November 3rd is All Saints Sunday, a Service in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away. A 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 22nd. 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.

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## 2024 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 22nd**. Any questions, contact Deb Howe via email at: [Deborah.howe@snet.net](mailto:Deborah.howe@snet.net) or by phone at 860-529-8583.



*Thank You...*

We sincerely thank the Fellowship Hosts, especially Debbie & George Howe, for the surprise reception they prepared in honor of our "73rd Wedding Anniversary" on August 25th. Everyone enjoyed the delicious decorated cake and Edible chocolate covered strawberries. We appreciate the congratulations received and are most thankful for being part of St. Paul's Family

Chuck & Jennie Dotts

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all so much for your comforting words, continued love and support, and overall kindness expressed to me during this very difficult time.

I truly appreciate all the prayers said on Bud's behalf; first for his comfort, and then for his peaceful passing. Your kindness will always be remembered!

Blessings always,  
Jeanette



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*AS SEEN RECENTLY AROUND ST. PAUL'S*

We made many Blessing Bags that were delivered to town agencies to be given to people in need on Sunday, September 8th with Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



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**AS SEEN RECENTLY AROUND ST. PAUL'S**

**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
WITH OUR FRIENDS AT  
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWINGTON**



**Pastor McGarry  
shared a childrens'  
message and gave  
the sermon on that  
Sunday.**





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*AS SEEN RECENTLY AROUND ST. PAUL'S*

Wethersfield Corn Fest September 14<sup>th</sup>  
St. Paul's had a table at the Cornfest this year, the first held in town since 2019. We had many folks stop by and say hello. Our special visitor was this beautiful dragonfly that stayed for over an hour!!



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AS SEEN RECENTLY AROUND ST. PAUL'S



Behind the doors of our new freezer and refrigerator (which we purchased with a grant from FoodShare) can be a wide variety of foods for our patrons that can include frozen meats, pizza, lunch meats, eggs and whatever else we are fortunate to get from our donors.

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| SUN                                                                                            | MON                              | TUE                                                                                                      | WED                                                | THU                                                                      | FRI | SAT |
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|                                                                                                |                                  | 1                                                                                                        | 2<br>GET TOGETHER<br>GROUP 10AM<br><br>CHOIR 7:30  | 3<br>FOOD<br>PANTRY<br>10:00-1:00                                        | 4   | 5   |
| 6<br>10:00 AM<br>WORSHIP AT<br>OUR SAVIOR'S<br>CHURCH W/PET<br>BLESSING                        | 7                                | 8<br>WORSHIP & MUSIC<br>MTG. 4:30 PM<br><br>BUDGET MTG.<br>5:30 PM<br><br>PARISH ADMIN<br>MTG<br>6:30 PM | 9<br><br>CHOIR 7:30                                | 10<br>FOOD<br>PANTRY<br>10:00-1:00<br><br>Communications<br>Mtg. 6:00 PM | 11  | 12  |
| 13<br>10:00 AM<br>WORSHIP<br><br>COFFEE<br>FELLOWSHIP                                          | 14<br><br>BUDGET MTG.<br>5:00 PM | 15<br><br>COUNCIL<br>MTG. 7:00 PM                                                                        | 16<br>GET TOGETHER<br>GROUP 10AM<br><br>CHOIR 7:30 | 17<br>FOOD<br>PANTRY<br>10:00-1:00                                       | 18  | 19  |
| 20<br>10:00 AM<br>WORSHIP<br><br>COFFEE<br>FELLOWSHIP<br><br>BUDGET MTG.<br>11:30 AM           | 21                               | 22                                                                                                       | 23<br><br>CHOIR 7:30                               | 24<br>FOOD<br>PANTRY<br>10:00-1:00                                       | 25  | 26  |
| 27<br>REFORMATION<br>SUNDAY—WEAR<br>RED<br><br>10:00 AM<br>WORSHIP<br><br>COFFEE<br>FELLOWSHIP | 28                               | 29                                                                                                       | 30<br><br>CHOIR 7:30                               | 31<br>FOOD<br>PANTRY<br>10:00-1:00                                       |     |     |

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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - OCTOBER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### OCTOBER 6TH WITH PET BLESSING

ASSISTING MINISTER: At Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
READER: At Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
COUNTER: Bob Bowman

### OCTOBER 13TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
READER: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap & Sophia  
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker  
COUNTER: Mary Procyk  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

### OCTOBER 20TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Carol Bruce  
READER: Joan Kratzer  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap & Sophia  
ALTAR: Carol Bruce  
COUNTER: Heather Christensen  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Jerry Hansen & Judy Lundin

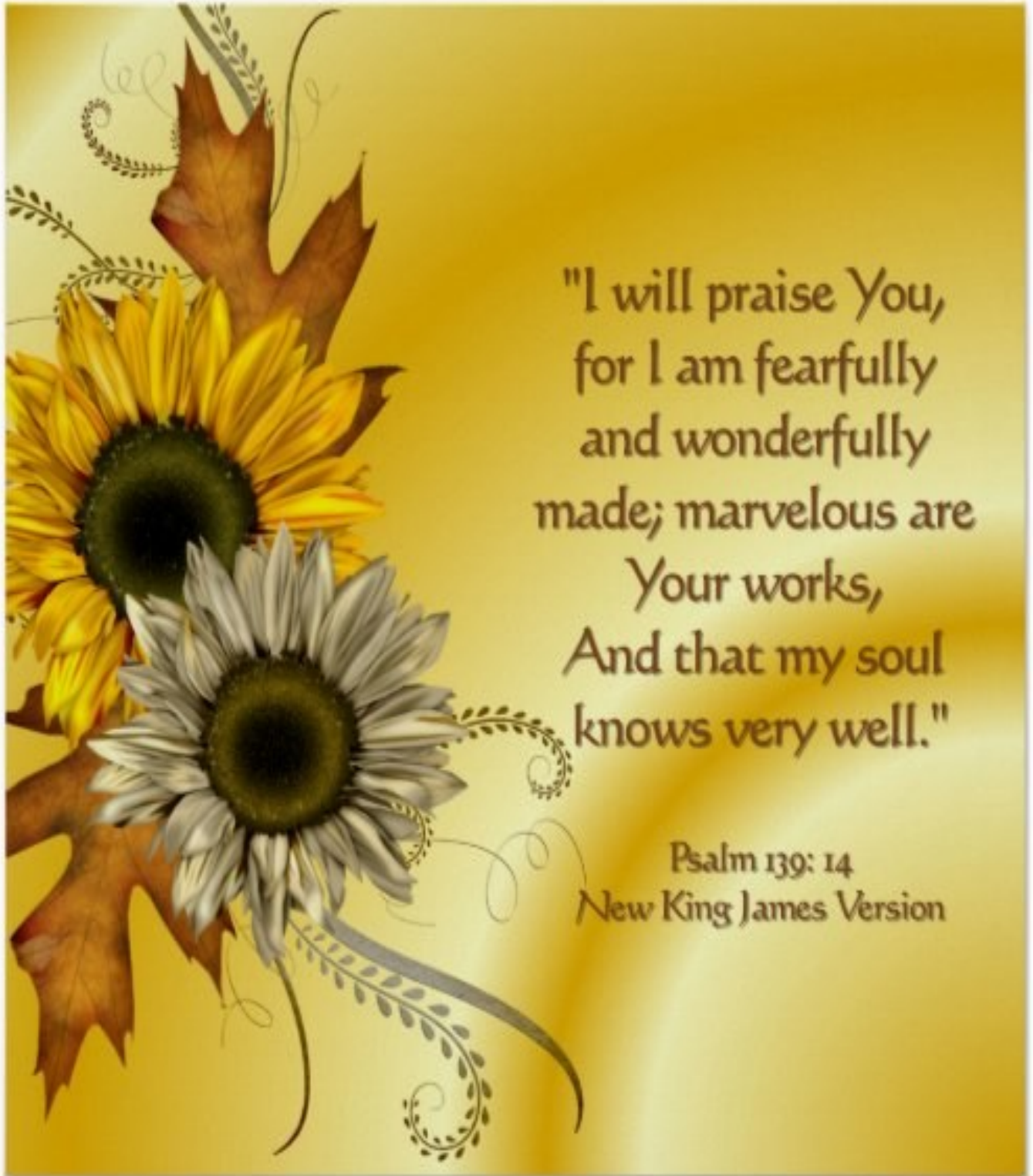
### OCTOBER 27TH:

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen  
READER: Joy Hansen  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap & Sophia  
ALTAR: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **Name** \_\_\_\_\_



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## ***BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH***



"I will praise You,  
for I am fearfully  
and wonderfully  
made; marvelous are  
Your works,  
And that my soul  
knows very well."

Psalm 139: 14  
New King James Version



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