



**Saint Paul's**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**NOVEMBER 2024 EPISTLE - VOL. 10**

## **WELCOME NOVEMBER**

**New month, new chapter,  
new page & new wishes. May the  
month give you courage, strength,  
confidence, patience, self love and  
inner peace. May everyday of  
November fill your days with Hope,  
Love, Sunshine and New Energy.  
Let there be Joy, Fun, Peace  
and Laughter.**

**KELLY'S  
TREEHOUSE**

## **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS**

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15-17)*

The month of November always urges us to be thinking about how thankful we are in our lives. I am thankful for this church community and how active we are as I look ahead to all the things we have going on this month at St. Paul's.

We begin with our All Saint's Day worship on November 3, where we will lift up the names of those in our congregation who have joined the church triumphant during the last year. We will also remember the saints who surround us as part of the great cloud of witnesses.

We will recognize the veterans in our congregation on November 10. Giving thanks for them and their military service. If you are a veteran and not able to be present that day, please let me know. I will be sure to add your name to the prayers on that morning.

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***A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS***

The annual Outreach Fair on November 23 will afford us the opportunity to open the doors of our church to our neighbors. Welcoming them into the building and showing them hospitality. I am excited to share our church with the community in this way. I am proud of our congregation and the way we are helping to combat food insecurity both locally and globally with this fair. Thank you to all the volunteers who are working so hard to prepare and all those who will make the day run smoothly.

I will be involved with the community Thanksgiving service hosted by Wethersfield United Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 26. More information will be available in the weekly emails as we get closer to that date. I hope you will be able to attend.

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.

## NOVEMBER GOSPEL READINGS

NOVEMBER 3RD: John 11:32-44

NOVEMBER 10TH: Mark 12:38-44

NOVEMBER 17TH: Mark 13:1-8

NOVEMBER 24TH: John 18:33-37



November 3rd

November 24th



December 1st

FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*



FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE **DECEMBER** EPISTLE are due by **November 24th.**

Please send your article to me exactly the way you would like it to appear to Lorraine at:

[office@stpaulswethersfield.org](mailto:office@stpaulswethersfield.org)

Thank you!



## FALL BACK

✓ Change Your Clocks Back ✓ Check Smoke Detector Batteries

# NOVEMBER 2024



FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, OUR  
FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF

**COFFEE, CEREAL, RAMEN NOODLES,  
CANNED CHICKEN NOODLE AND  
VEGETABLE SOUPS**



*Altar  
Flowers*

## **NEW Opportunity for Altar Flowers**

You may now sign up to provide a beautiful arrangement of altar flowers for Sunday Worship for only \$25.

We are hoping to see the natural beauty of flowers grace our Sanctuary more frequently. The hope is that the reduction in cost will allow for members to participate more often.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. For anyone who wishes to have two arrangements or share with someone else, the cost will remain \$50. Please indicate this when you sign up: one bouquet (\$25), two bouquets (\$50).

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**EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY IN OCTOBER!**



All of the hard work done each week by our food pantry team has been recognized! Just last week, our pantry was inspected by a representative from "TEFAP": The Emergency Food Assistance Program. This is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Program (USDA) which helps supplement the diets of people that qualify for assistance. They felt our pantry was well organized and in excellent condition. **WE PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS!**

We continue to serve as average of 60-70 families per week. We are thankful for the donations from our congregation and the weekly food that is donated and picked up by our team from two Shop and Stops, Aldi's, Big Y and Target. Below are some pics showing how our shelves looked when we opened one week and what the shelves looked like when we closed for the day. The need is great.



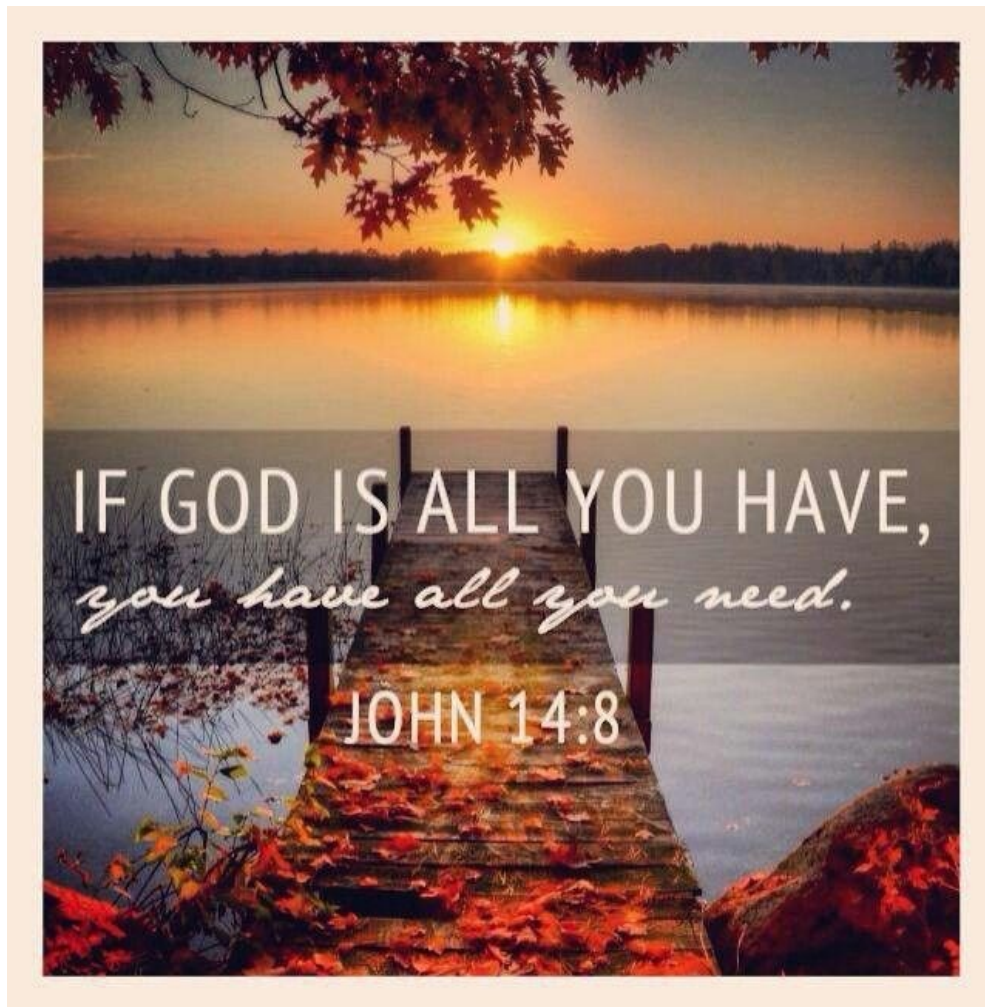


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**EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY IN OCTOBER!**

We are thankful and count our blessings for such a dedicated team who work on multiple days each week to provide this needed service to our community. Each job is so important - our welcome desk, our ladies who escort our patrons around the table of donated goods, those who fill the orders from our shelves and freezers, those who open the plastic bags so they are ready for filling and then those that bag the orders and deliver them to the waiting patrons. We can **ALWAYS** use additional volunteers!

**THE FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING  
ON NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>.**



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**YARN COLLECTION BOX  
HELP A NEEDY CHILD OR ADULT KEEP WARM  
THIS WINTER!!!**



We will be collecting yarn to make winter hats for needy children and adults. The box will be near our coat rack.

Anyone who has yarn balls, skeins, or scraps of yarn and will not use them, please consider donating to keep a very special volunteer happy knitting and crocheting.

There was a very special non-member who has donated over 100 knitted Kleenex holders to clients at our Food Pantry already this year.

If you have any questions, please see Judy Lundin.



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**ATTENTION ALL BAKERS FOR OUR  
HOLIDAY FAIR - NOVEMBER 23RD, 2024!**



**BAKER'S CHALLENGE**

If six people would bake two kinds of cookies (3 dozen of each kind), we will be able to fill about 20 boxes of cookies. And while the oven is hot, why not mix up a quick bread, a coffee cake, cupcakes, a pie or surprise us with one of your special recipes!

A sign-up chart is posted on the Whiteboard in Fellowship Hall.

If your contribution includes cookies, we would appreciate receiving them at the church on Thursday, November 21st between 9am - 5 pm so that we have time to box them on Friday morning.

All other baked goods will be accepted on Friday, November 22nd between 9am - 5pm.



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## A THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

**Please join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving with an Interfaith Service and Reception at Wethersfield United Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Marion Ryan Hubbard will be delivering the sermon.**

There will be wonderful, seasonal music, led by our Music Director, Mike Gowdy.

If your church would like to join us, please feel free to come. All are welcome! Some of the participating houses of worship are First Church of Christ, Wethersfield; Newington United Methodist Church, Newington; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wethersfield; and Trinity Episcopal Church, Wethersfield.

At the close of the service, we will have a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

*Wethersfield*  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**NOVEMBER 2024**



**CHURCH FAIR**

**Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

***St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
371 Wolcott Hill Road  
Wethersfield***

**Bakery, Kitchen Café,  
Country Store,  
Holiday Booth,  
Handmade Crafts,  
Grandma's Attic, Jewelry,  
and Inspiration Garden**

**80% of proceeds will benefit St. Paul's Food  
Pantry**

**20% will go to ELCA World Hunger**

**Raffle on a 100 Year Old Quilt for \$1.00**

**Winner will be selected on November 24th.**

**For more information or directions, please call 860-529-5397  
or visit our website: [www.stpaulswethersfield.org](http://www.stpaulswethersfield.org)**



# NOVEMBER 2024

## IT'S TIME FOR OUR CHURCH FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD 9:00-2:00

We have been planning for months and now our fair will be here in just 23 days! Our booths will be filled with a large variety of items. We are still looking for lots of help so please take a look below and see where you are able to jump in! Remember: all the proceeds from the fair will benefit our own food pantry and ELCA World Hunger. Any questions?? Please contact fair chairpersons Patty Bengtson (860-721-9080) or Sue Agne (860-573-3181)

### CAN YOU BE A "FLOATER" THE DAY OF THE FAIR?

Our booth chairpersons will all need to have breaks during the day-are you able to fill in for someone so they can grab a bite to eat or take a walk around the fair? Please speak with Patty or Sue.

### TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOUR HOUSE-DO YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CAN DONATE TO OUR GRAMMA'S ATTIC TAG SALE?

We will be accepting items until November 15th to give us time to set up and price the items. Drop off can be Tuesday-Friday from 9-1. Lorraine will open the room for you. If you can't make it during those times, please call Heather Christensen (booth chair), Patty B. or Sue A. to arrange a drop off time. Thanks!

TABLE SET-UP WILL BE  
AFTER CHURCH ON  
NOVEMBER 17TH  
PLEASE! Stay for awhile  
after church and help us get  
tables in place in Fellowship  
Hall. WE NEED YOU!

WE NEED A BOOTH CHAIR FOR THE  
FABRIC ROOM AND THE  
ANTIQUÉ QUILT RAFFLE  
WE HAVE ENVELOPES OF 10 RAFFLE  
TICKETS EACH-SEE PATTY IF YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO SELL TICKETS BEFORE  
THE DAY OF THE FAIR.

### BAKERS NEEDED FOR THE BAKE SALE

Can you bake one or two items? Pies are always a huge hit the week before Thanksgiving!

FOR OUR JEWELRY BOOTH, items in good condition will be accepted. Please see Jeanette Serafine.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU  
AT THE FAIR!!

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Below is a list of the chairpersons for each of the booths at the fair. Please contact any of them if you are willing to help with set-up before, help the day of the fair, or with clean-up after the fair. Each of them will really appreciate it:

Kitchen Café—Jerry Hansen, Martial Roy and Rick Seip  
Country Store -Carol Farley and Margaret DeBlois  
Inspiration Garden—Joy Hansen  
Christmas Boutique-Debbie Lepage  
Handcrafted Items-Judy Lundin  
Baked Goods-Jan Pergande  
Grandma's Attic/Tag Sale-Heather Christensen  
Jewelry-Jeanette Serafine  
Fabric Room-**NEEDED**  
Quilt Raffle-**NEEDED**

## SO.. STILL LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP??

- ◆ We can use help putting signs up around town in early November.
- ◆ Help with set-up on November 17th after church, November 21st after 1:00 and November 23rd after 2:30—Do you know some high school kids that might be looking for community service? Please let them know we can use their help!
- ◆ Speak with Patty or Sue

**THE SUCCESS OF OUR FAIR DEPENDS ON THE TIME AND TALENTS OF ALL OF US! THANK YOU!**



# NOVEMBER 2024

Dear St. Paul's Friends,

Below is the note and flyer for the Adopt a Family Program for our Christmas giving this year! Please familiarize yourself with the five family member's wishes. A poster will be out in the Social Room at the beginning of November for sign-up. Also included is a short bio of the family.

Two things:

- 1) Again this year **NO GIFT CARD PURCHASES ARE ALLOWED**
- 2) If you wish, you can buy something off the list that would be useful such as toiletries, towels, bedding.



**Please prayerfully consider giving to the best of your ability. Let's make this family's Christmas joyful!**

**If you are homebound and would like to participate, call and we can figure something out. I'm happy to help!**

Peace and Love   
 Joan Kratzer  
 860-529-3504 Home



## ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2024 WISH LIST

<b>Child's Name</b>	Mylie	<b>Child's Name</b>	Kylie
<b>Gender</b>	Girl	<b>Gender</b>	Girl
<b>Age</b>	8	<b>Age</b>	11
<b>Shirt size</b>	8	<b>Shirt size</b>	10/12
<b>Pant size</b>	8	<b>Pant size</b>	10/12
<b>Coat size</b>	8	<b>Coat size</b>	10/12
<b>Shoe/sock size</b>	2-2.5	<b>Shoe/sock size</b>	3
<b>Underwear size</b>	8	<b>Underwear size</b>	10/12
<b>Toy wish #1</b>	Baby dolls/stroller	<b>Toy wish #1</b>	American girl like doll
<b>Toy wish #2</b>	Dramatic play kitchen items	<b>Toy wish #2</b>	Arts/crafts
<b>Toy wish #3</b>	Coloring books/crayons	<b>Toy wish #3</b>	Board games
<b>Child's Name</b>	Kadin	<b>Child's Name</b>	Logan
<b>Gender</b>	Girl	<b>Gender</b>	Girl
<b>Age</b>	12	<b>Age</b>	15
<b>Shirt size</b>	Women's Small	<b>Shirt size</b>	Women's Medium
<b>Pant size</b>	0-2 Womens	<b>Pant size</b>	Women's Medium
<b>Coat size</b>	Women's Small	<b>Coat size</b>	Women's Medium
<b>Shoe/sock size</b>	6.5-7 womens	<b>Shoe/sock size</b>	9 womens
<b>Underwear size</b>	Women's Small	<b>Underwear size</b>	Women's Medium
<b>Toy wish #1</b>	Loves press on nails	<b>Toy wish #1</b>	Board games
<b>Toy wish #2</b>	Purses/pocketbooks	<b>Toy wish #2</b>	Paint by number/crafts
<b>Toy wish #3</b>	crafts/drawing/bracelets	<b>Toy wish #3</b>	Books (booktok)

<b>Adult #1 Name</b>	Tashona	<b>Adult #2 Name</b>	
<b>Household Item #1</b>	Bath towels	<b>Household Item #1</b>	
<b>Household Item #2</b>	Pots/pans	<b>Household Item #2</b>	

**Family Background:** Tashona is a single mother raising children who are not her own. She is the adoptive mom to 4 amazingly bright young girls. Two of the girls lost their parents (Tashona's brother) and without hesitation, Tashona adopted them immediately. Similarly, the mother of the other two girls does not have the means to raise children. Tashona is incredibly selfless and hard working. She works 2 jobs and still finds time to take the girls to church, the park and school activities. She is so hopeful that their trauma is just a small wrinkle in their life stories and wants to continue making positive memories with them in any way she can.

**Family Name:** Tashona's Family



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AS SEEN RECENTLY AROUND ST. PAUL'S

BLESSING OF THE  
ANIMALS  
OCTOBER 6, 2024





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REFORMATION  
SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 27, 2024



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



**REFORMATION  
SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 27, 2024**





# NOVEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<p>3 <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b></p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</p> <p>10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>11:00 AM COFFEE HOUR</p>	4	<p>5</p> 	6	7	8	9
			CHOIR 7:30	<p>FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00</p>		
<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM WORSHIP WITH VETERAN RECOGNITION</p> <p>11:00 AM COFFEE HOUR</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC MTG. 4:30 PM</p> <p>PARISH ADMIN</p>	13	14	15	16
			CHOIR 7:30	<p>FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00</p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS MTG 5:30 PM</p>		
<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>11:00 AM COFFEE HOUR</p>	18	19	20	21	22	23
		<p>CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM</p>	CHOIR 7:30	<p>FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00</p>		<p>CHURCH FAIR 9 AM-2 PM</p>
<p><b>FAIR SET-UP ALL WEEK</b></p>						
<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>11:00 AM COFFEE HOUR</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
		<p>THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT WETH. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 7:00 PM</p>	CHOIR 7:30	<p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>  <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	

# NOVEMBER 2024

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - NOVEMBER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### NOVEMBER 3RD— ALL SAINT'S DAY

ASSISTING MINISTER: Patty Bengtson  
READER: Joan Kratzer  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia  
ALTAR: Patty Bengtson  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Jerry Hansen & Judy Lundin  
COUNTER: George Howe

### NOVEMBER 10TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen  
READER: Joy Hansen  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia  
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Jerry Hansen & Judy Lundin  
COUNTER: Judy Gerken

### NOVEMBER 17TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: Sue Agne  
READER: Matt Perry  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia  
ALTAR: Deb & George Howe  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Jerry Hansen & Judy Lundin  
COUNTER: Bob Bowman

### NOVEMBER 24TH - CHRIST THE KING

ASSISTING MINISTER: Carol Bruce  
READER: Irene Braren  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy & Sophia  
ALTAR: Carol Bruce  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Jerry Hansen & Judy Lundin  
COUNTER: Mary Procyk





NOVEMBER 2024

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH**

Let us come before  
His presence with  
Thanksgiving  
and make a  
joyful noise unto  
Him with psalms

Psalms 95:2





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