



# Saint Paul's

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**FEBRUARY 2025 EPISTLE**

**VOLUME 14**

Anyone who does  
not LOVE does not  
know God, because

**GOD IS  
LOVE**

1 John 4:8

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## ***A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CUMMINGS***

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

During the month of February, we find ourselves in the season after Epiphany. This is referred to as Ordinary Time. The time between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of the season of Lent leading up to Easter. You will notice that the altar paraments, the banners and cloth over the altar, as well as my stole, will be green to signify this time in the church year. You will also notice that the prayers and liturgy in our weekly services have been changed to enhance our worship during this time.

Next month, you will see things change again. This time to purple to signify Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5. As we have in the past, we will have a pancake fundraiser after church on March 2 to support Donate Life CT. Thank you to Martial Roy and Jerry Hansen for flipping the pancakes, sharing their stories, and bringing awareness to this ministry.

Continuing to hold the people of our congregation in my prayers as well journey together in this new year!

*Peace and Blessings,*

*The Rev. Elizabeth A Cummings*

# FEBRUARY 2025

## 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.

## FEBRUARY GOSPEL READINGS

FEBRUARY 2ND: Luke 4:21-30

FEBRUARY 9TH: Luke 5:1-11

FEBRUARY 16TH: Luke 6:17-26

FEBRUARY 23RD: Luke 6:27-38



FULLY WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR the **March Epistle** will be due by **February 16th**. Please send your article to Lorraine exactly the way you would like it to appear.

Lorraine's email is:

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

Thank you!



# FEBRUARY 2025

## Vacation Bible Camp Meeting

February 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm



Please join us if you are interested in Vacation Bible Camp at St. Paul's. We will hold our second meeting on Thursday, February 27th at 7 pm at St.

Paul's. We will continue to discuss timing, location, what potential campers may participate as well as ages. Also we will strategize to determine the best way to handle Bible camp.

Please spread the word about this meeting to anyone who might be interested and let me know if you can make the meeting. If you have any questions, please see Missy or Pastor Elizabeth.

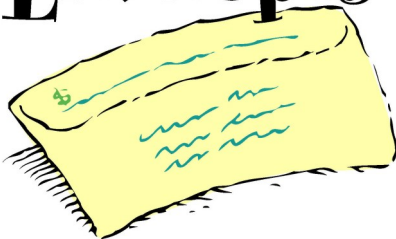


### THIS MONTH OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

CEREAL, COFFEE, RAMEN NOODLES, CANNED CHICKEN NOODLE AND VEGETABLE SOUPS, CANNED TUNA, BROWN AND WHITE RICE

THANK YOU!

## Offering Envelopes



### 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE STILL WAITING FOR PICK UP!

The envelopes are on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your box and the box for anyone who lives with you or near you. Your envelope number is the same as last year. If you do not find a box with your name on it, see me and I will happily get you a box. Thank you for your patience! Mary Procyk

## JOIN OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS MINISTRY



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.

We are hoping to add more volunteers.

Please see the Worship List on the whiteboard for February and March to sign up.



*Connecticut*



**On Sunday, March 2, 2025 we will have a Pancake Breakfast to support Donate Life after Church. All are welcome!!**

Donate Life Connecticut is dedicated to the purpose of public education and awareness for all Connecticut residents concerning the lifesaving benefits of organ and tissue donation. Organ donation provides a life-giving, life-enhancing opportunity to those who are at the end of the line for hope. Increasing the number of registered donors is critical to saving lives of so many on the waiting list.

Please save the date on your calendar and join us for this delicious breakfast and important discussion!!



## **Ash Wednesday Worship March 5th, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Marks Beginning of Our Lenten Journey**

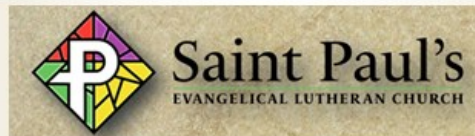
Readings, quiet meditation, song, confession and prayer, along with the cross-shaped tracing of ashes on the foreheads of worshippers will mark the beginning of our Lenten journey at St. Paul's Church. Join us on Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 2025**



There are still some 2024 Statements of Giving on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please remember to stop by and pick it up.

Thank you for your generous support!



## **New Organ Dedication Concert**

**Sunday, March 23, 2024**  
**4:00 pm**

*Featuring Organists:*

*Melissa Cheyney  
Mark Child  
Bruce Henley*



*Listen to digital samples from instruments from world class organbuilders:*

*Arp Schnitger - The Netherlands  
Johann Andreas Silbermann - Wasselone, France  
Cavaillé-Coll - Caen, France  
William Hill - England*

**Please join us and come hear our new organ!**  
**Newest Digital Technology**

**Free Admission and Refreshments!**

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# February Blessings

**F** Faithfully move forward.

**E** Enjoy time with your loved ones.

**B** Breathe. Just breathe.

**R** Relax and enjoy some down time.

**U** Utilize all new opportunities.

**A** Awesome things are on their way.

**R** Release all stress and anxiety.

**Y** ou will be blessed this month.

~Charity M. Richey-Bentley



# FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 10:00 AM WORSHIP  COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	3	4  WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG. 4:30 PM	5  CHOIR 7:30	6  FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	7	8
9 10:00 AM WORSHIP  COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	10	11  PARISH ADMIN. MTG. 6:30 PM	12  CHOIR 7:30	13 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00  COMMUNICA- TIONS MTG 6:00 PM	14  VALENTINE'S DAY!	15
16 10:00 AM WORSHIP  COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	17	18  COUNCIL MTG. 7:00 PM	19  CHOIR 7:30	20  FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	21	22
23 10:00 AM WORSHIP  COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	24	25	26  CHOIR 7:30	27 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00  VBC MTG 7:00 PM	28	

# FEBRUARY 2025

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - FEBRUARY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### FEBRUARY 2ND

ASSISTING MINISTER: Patty Bengtson  
READER: Rory Cummings  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia  
ALTAR: Deb & George Howe  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Rory Cummings  
COUNTER: Judy Gerken

### FEBRUARY 9TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
READER: Jeanette Serafine  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia  
ALTAR: Elaine Strecker  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTER: Dave Hourigan

### FEBRUARY 16TH

ASSISTING MINISTER: **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
READER: Matt Perry  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia  
ALTAR: Deb & George Howe  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Alice Ruppap & Sophia  
COUNTER: Heather Christensen

### FEBRUARY 23RD

ASSISTING MINISTER: Joy Hansen  
READER: Joy Hansen  
USHERS: Jerry Hansen, Walter Ruppap, Martial Roy and Sophia  
ALTAR: Patty Bengtson  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTER: Tom Grottke

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