

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

March 2018
104 West Main Street, Stafford Springs, Connecticut 06076



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The medieval French abbot Bernard of Clairvaux wrote, “What we love, we shall grow to resemble.”

You’ve probably heard it said or thought for yourself that old couples start to look alike. Even of good friends you may have noticed you begin to talk the same way, or act the same way. Often people unconsciously pick up each other’s laughs or other mannerisms over the years. This is much more than just the fact that you started up together because you think similar things. Rather it’s a sign of a deep connection that you begin to reflect one other.

Our relationship with God is no different. You may remember the words from a post-communion prayer I use: “...that we, partaking in our Lord’s own life, may be transformed into his image and likeness.” These words come from Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians (3:18): “And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory.”

To love Jesus in such a way that we become like Him involves contemplating Him, Paul says. When we love Jesus, we contemplate Him—meaning we look at Him, consider Him, think on Him. This looking and considering and thinking in love is no different than the way we look at our friend or partner whom we love. It's how we naturally absorb their quirks and mannerisms. With God, it is how we come to reflect Jesus.

When we reflect Jesus in this way it's a lot like the moon reflecting the light of the sun to become a lesser light in the night. The moon has no light of its own, but it reflects the brightness of the Sun. How? Because of its line of sight. Even when we cannot see the sun, the moon still does and reflects its brightness to us. Likewise, we are to reflect Christ and share in His likeness — His brightness. How do we accomplish this? Simply by being in love with God. The moon makes no effort to reflect the sun. It simply is illuminated by it. And as the moon shares the light of the sun with people from whom the sun is hidden until morning, so Christians who reflect the light of Christ are to let their light shine, to show Christ to those from whom He is

now hidden. For us this ought not be work. Contemplating the Lord's glory, we ought not be able to help but reflect Him!



This contemplation, looking, seeing, and loving mean recognizing God where He is. We contemplate God and see His glory when we see Him where He has promised to be. In the waters of Baptism. In the Bread and Wine and Word. In our neighbor. In the least of our brothers and sisters. In the forgiveness of our sins on Calvary's cross. As this Lenten season continues, our challenge is to strip away those things that

prevent us from seeing God where He is. To strip away those things that we may love the most, but which keep us from loving God. To see Christ's love for us on the blessed cross, and to let that love transform us with ever-increasing glory.

Peace and joy,

Pastor Tom

Pastoral Care

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Pastor Tom will be on sabbatical.

During this time, he will return messages left to his phone (860-806-2440) and email as quickly as possible.

In the event of an immediate need or emergency, you may contact Pastor Ryan or Pastor Kathleen Mills (Holy Trinity Trumbull) at (203) 903-8352, or the synod office at (860) 482-6100.

It you'd like to write Pastor Tom via snail mail,

his address during this time is:

Revd. Thomas S. Droben
Selwyn College, Cambridge University
Grange Rd
Cambridge CB3 9DQ
United Kingdom

Officers of HTLC

Part of the agenda for the February Council meeting was election of Officers per the Constitution.

As you can read below, the officers were all reelected for another 1-year term

Members of the Council are:

Rev. Thomas S. Droben
President – Andrew Fisher
Vice-President – Walter Kovaciny
Treasurer – Catherine Lichanec
Secretary – Amelia Hinchliffe
Melissa Fisher
Leonard Lichanec
Michael Marvonek
Patricia Marvonek

(Non-Council position)

Financial Secretary – Leigh Maxa

Service Teams

† Worship & Music Team: Leigh Maxa

† Property Team: Andrew Fisher,
Michael Marvonek, Adam Tremblay and
Michael Welch

† Learning & Youth Group Team:

Rev. Thomas Droben, Melissa Fisher,
Walter Kovaciny, Cathy & Leonard Lichanec

Shut-in Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Attn: Mrs. Barbara Bulick

Brookdale

1715 Ellington Rd. Room # 212

South Windsor, CT 06074-2702

Ms. Shirley Kaba

7 High St.

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-1215

Attn: Ms. Barbara Kovaciny

Evergreen Health Care Center

205 Chestnut Hill Rd., Room # 1101

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-4005

Mr. Paul C. Kovaciny

242 East St.

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-3923

Ms. Anna Mandak

21 Old Monson Rd.

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-3343

Mrs. Tonia Marvonek

Evergreen Health Care Center

201 Chestnut Hill Rd., Rm. # 2107

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-4005

Easter Lilies

The price of the Easter Lilies is the same as last year, \$7.00 each. The order blank is part of this newsletter. If you need additional order forms, please see Walter Kovaciny.

March

Birthdays

01 – Amelia Hinchliffe
01 – Lauren Markell
03 – Paul Kovaciny
06 – Michael Welch
07 – Al VanDyk
10 – Christine Gaulin
11 – Andrew Hlobik
11 – James Schraffenberger
13 – Betty Mottes
16 – Neil Hoss
18 – Toni Marvonek
28 – Aidan Cooley
28 – Ian Cooley

Anniversaries

We aren't aware of any Anniversaries during the month of March. If that information is incorrect, please let Pastor Tom and Walter Kovaciny know. Thanks



Palm Sunday Brunch

Please join us for a Palm Sunday Brunch!

Sunday, March 25th after worship.

Tickets are \$8 for Adults, \$5 for Children.

The **menu** will include: Sausage, Onion & Pepper Omelettes, Mushroom and Squash Omelettes, or Scrambled Eggs. Home Fries, Carrot and Banana Gluten Free muffins. Roast Asparagus and Mushroom Salad. Carrot Ginger Soup and Tarragon Roasted Chicken. Orange Juice & Coffee/Tea are included.

Please sign up in advance in the narthex, if you know you'll be coming, but walk-ins will be welcome! Help spread the word and invite family, friends, and neighbors, to worship with us as we begin Holy Week and to enjoy fellowship and good food together afterwards on this special day.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 The Third Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:20 a.m. Social Hour	5	6	7 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	8	9	10 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
11 The Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Church Council meeting Daylight Savings Time begins	12	13 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	14 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer	15	16 Deadline for submitting articles for the April newsletter	17 Patrick, Bishop & Missionary
18 The Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Deadline for ordering Easter Lilies.	19 Joseph, Guardian of our Lord	20 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	21 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer	22 WIC 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	23	24 9 a.m. -12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
25 Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Brunch	26 Holy Monday	27 Fig Tuesday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer	28 Spy Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	29 Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m.	30 Good Friday 7:30 p.m.	31 The Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 p.m.

March – April Service Schedule

These readings are from Series B and can be found in the front of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

Tellers

Ushers

Worship Assistants Reader

March 4, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Third Sunday in Lent – Purple

Exodus 20: 1 – 17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25; John 2: 13 – 22

Amelia Hinchliffe

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Mike Marvonek

Pat Marvonek

March 11, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fourth Sunday in Lent – Purple

2 Kings 2: 1 – 12; Psalm 50: 1 – 6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3 – 6; Mark 9: 2 – 9

Michael Welch

Walter Kovaciny

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Sheila Welch

Cathy Lichanec

March 18, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fifth Sunday in Lent – Purple

Genesis 9: 8 – 17; Psalm 25: 1 – 10; 1 Peter 3: 18 – 22; Mark 1: 9 – 15

Cathy Lichanec

Daniel Lichanec

Cathy Lichanec

Cathy Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

March 25, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday – Purple

Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 – 16; Psalm 22: 23 – 31; Romans 4: 13 – 25; Mark 8: 31 – 38

Melissa Fisher

Walter Kovaciny

Cathy Lichanec

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

A Volunteer

March 29, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday – White

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14; Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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Walter Kovaciny

Cathy Lichanec

Mike Welch

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Pat Marvonek

March 30, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. – Good Friday – No paraments

Isaiah 52: 13 to 53:12; Psalm 22: 1 – 23; Hebrews 4: 14 – 16, 5: 7 – 9; John 18: 1 to 19: 42

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Cathy Lichanec

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March 31, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. – The Great Vigil of Easter – Easter White

1st lesson Romans 6: 3 – 11; Psalm John 20: 1 – 18

~~~~~ Walter Kovaciny

~~~~~ Sheila Welch

~~~~~ Mike Welch

~~~~~ A Volunteer

Genesis 1: 1 to 2: 4 Cathy Lichanec

Genesis 7: 1-5, 11:18 Cathy Lichanec

Exodus 14: 10 – 31 Leonard Lichanec

Isaiah 55: 1 – 11 Sheila Welch

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 Mike Welch

Daniel 3: 1 – 29 Daniel Lichanec

April 1, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter White

Acts 10: 34 – 43; Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24; 1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11; Mark 16: 1 – 8

Amelia Hinchliffe

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Mike Marvonek

Pat Marvonek

Attention all Lay Assistants and Volunteers that help with services

This includes Council Members, (Tellers), Ushers, Worship Assistants and Readers.

Please let me know dates and days of when you aren't available to serve in your position. It's much easier to find a replacement (when available) prior to typing the Monthly Service Schedule rather than finding a replacement after the schedule is typed or you just don't show up.

You can hand me a piece of paper when we see each other at church; or send me an email at walterkovaciny@cox.net or send me the information via snail mail. Just don't tell me verbally. Thanks to everyone for their assistance for this. Walter Kovaciny, Part of the newspaper team.



Easter Lilies

The members and friends of Holy Trinity are encouraged to donate Lilies each Easter to give Glory to God and beautify our sanctuary during the Easter liturgies. Those who donate the Lilies may take them after the 10:00 a.m. liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 1st. The cost of each Lily is \$7.00

Your Name: _____

Given in honor of (for the living) _____

OR

Given in memory of (for the dead) _____

Return this form to Walter Kovaciny, (don't put in the offering plate), with the exact amount, by Sunday, March 18th. If paying by check, make the check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please write Flowers on the "For" line on the check. All the flowers will be White Lilies, no colors. Please indicate the amount of Lilies ordered _____.

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***** Coming Events *****

March

- 4 – Social Hour – 11:20 a.m.
 - 7, 14 & 28 – Troop 81, Cub scouts – 6:30 p.m.
 - 10 & 24 – Safe Net Distribution – 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
 - 11 – Daylight Savings Time begins
 - 11 – Council meeting – 11:15 a.m.
 - 14 – Evening Prayer – 7:00 p.m.
 - 16 – Deadline for Submitting Articles / Information for April newsletter
 - 18 – Deadline for ordering Easter Lilies
 - 21 – 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper – 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
 - 25 – Palm Sunday Brunch – 11:30 a.m.
 - 27 – Fig Tuesday Morning Prayer – 10:00 a.m.
 - 29 – Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion – 7:30 p.m.
 - 30 – Good Friday worship – 7:30 p.m.
 - 31 – The Great Vigil of Easter worship starts outside with a new light – 7:30 p.m.
- April**
- 1 - The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

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Address Correction Requested Slovak Zion Synod – ELCA

