

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter
April 2018
104 West Main Street, Stafford Springs, Connecticut 06076

HALLELUJAH!

He is not here for He is risen!!!



JESUS CHRIST DECLARED WITH POWER TO BE THE SON OF GOD
BY THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD *ROMANS 1:4*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are an Easter people! Alleluia is our song!

Knowing Christ risen and trusting the promise of His victory, every breath we take and action we take *can* and *should* and by the grace of the Holy Spirit *will* be one of praise!

Over 1600 years ago, Saint John Chrysostom explained it so eloquently to the Christians of Constantinople this way:

“Are there any who are devout lovers of God?
Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

“Are there any who are grateful servants?
Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

“Are there any weary with fasting?
Let them now receive their wages!

“If any have toiled from the first hour,
let them receive their due reward;

“Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!
First and last alike receive your reward;
rich and poor, rejoice together!
Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,
rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!

Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.

“Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith.
Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty,
for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again;
for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free.

“O death, where is thy sting?
O Hell, where is thy victory?
“Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!

Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!”

Christ has defeated every enemy of ours and bids us to live and live abundantly. Let us carry with us the joy of Easter throughout these 50 days in all we do and not fearing the enemy let us allow this joy to transform us into a new people, one truly and fully alive!

Peace and joy,

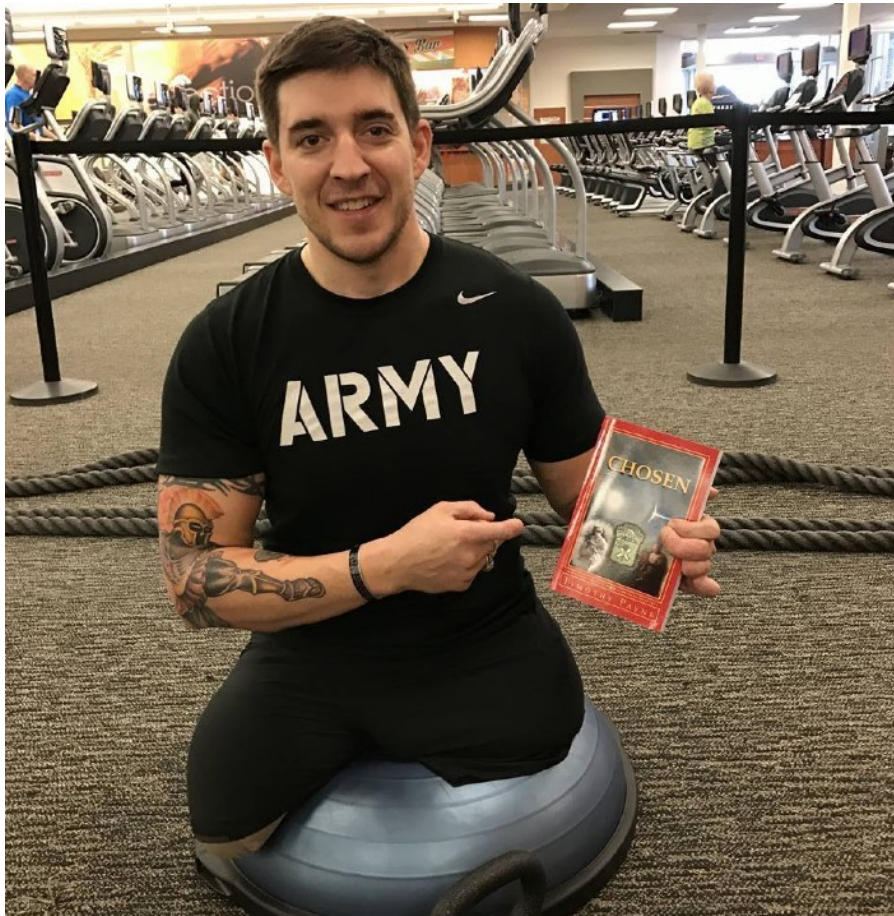
Pastor Tom

Here is a Youtube Link to a Video of the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem. The music is a chant from one of the Dead Sea Scrolls titled Rannanu (Sing For Joy) which is performed as it would have in the time of Christ. While the archaeological evidence favors the Church Of the Holy Sepulcher, I feel a peacefulness here and it helps me imagine what they found Sunday morning.

<https://youtu.be/yfjSXSCoUPQ>



Chosen



Retired Staff Sargent Timothy Payne, Motivational Speaker

He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior and now travels around spreading stories of hope & healing.

<http://chosenleadership.com/>

Join us at Saturday, May 12, 2018

At 1pm with a reception to follow his presentation.

At First United Methodist Church
8 Church Street, Stafford Springs, CT 06076

For more information contact Cathy Lichanec at 860.684.7894 or 860.336.7322

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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, when he is in the UK

his address during this time is:

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Service Teams

† Worship & Music Team: Leigh Maxa
† Property Team: Andrew Fisher,
Michael Marvonek, Adam Tremblay and
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April

Birthdays

03 – Hayden Verney
04 – Jevon Baarck
06 – James Bulick
18 – Phil Renn
20 – Timothy Mottes
21 – Jessica Cooley
22 – Ruth Boyles
24 – Derik Bauer
28 – Sheila Welch

Anniversaries

16 – Paul & Anna Mae Hockla

Happy 63rd Anniversary

22 – Steve & Tonia Marvonek

Happy 62nd Anniversary

27 – Adam and Cassandra Tremblay

Night Prayer from New Zealand

Lord it is night

The night is for stillness

Let us be still in the presence of God

It is night after a long day

What has been done has been done
what has not been done has not been done

Let it be

The night is dark

Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives rest in you

The night is quiet

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us, and all who have no peace

The night heralds the dawn

Let us look expectantly to a new day

new joys,

new possibilities

In your name we pray

Amen

(This prayer was found while sorting through
some old papers recently.)



Spring Dinner

Join us for an evening out with a gourmet meal this Easter season. Entrée options of **Roast Beef au jus or Herb Roasted Chicken**, with potato and vegetable, garden salad and choice of dessert. We'll be serving on two evenings – Wednesday, **April 25** and Thursday, **April 26** with continuous seating available between 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets are **\$14 for adults, \$8 for children**. Tickets are available at church or from **Jennifer Welch** at 860-458-9397

Click the Link

<https://youtu.be/mAAsb71uias>



– May 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

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

April 8, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Second Sunday of Easter – Easter White

Acts 4: 32 – 35; Psalm 133: 1 John 1: to 2: 2; John 20: 19 – 31

Michael Welch

Walter Kovaciny

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Sheila Welch

Cathy Lichanec

April 15, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Third Sunday of Easter – Easter White

Acts 3: 12 – 19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1 – 7; Luke 24: 36b – 48

Cathy Lichanec

Daniel Lichanec

Cathy Lichanec

Cathy Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

April 22, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Easter White

Acts 4: 5 – 12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 16 – 24; John 10: 11 – 18

Melissa Fisher

Walter Kovaciny

Cathy Lichanec

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

A Volunteer

April 29, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. - The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Easter White

Acts 8: 26 – 40; Psalm 22: 25 – 31; 1 John 4: 7 – 21; John 15: 1 – 8

Walter Kovaciny

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Tremblay

Daniel Lichanec

Mike Marvonek

A Volunteer

May 6, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Easter White

Acts 10: 44 – 48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1 – 6; John 15: 9 – 17

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The Resurrection of Our Lord 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	2 Bright Monday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer	3 Pastor's Day off	4 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	5	6	7 Tikhon, Bishop & Missionary to America
8 The Second Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Church Council meeting	9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martyr 7:30 p.m. Vespers	10 Pastor's Day off	11 George Selwyn, Bishop 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	12	13 Deadline for submitting articles / information for the May newsletter	14 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
15 The Third Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	16	17 Pastor's Day off	18	19	20	21 Anselm, Bishop
22 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	23 George, Martyr	24 Pastor's Day off	25 Mark, Evangelist 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts Spring Dinner 5-7 p.m.	26 Spring Dinner 5-7 p.m.	27	28 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
29 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	30 Catherine of Siena, Theologian					

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

April

- 1 - The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter
Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
- 2 – Bright Monday, Morning Prayer – 10:00
a.m.
- 2, 10, 17, 24 – Pastor Tom's Day Off
- 4, 11, & 25 – Troop 81 Cub Scouts – 6:30
p.m.
- 8 – Church Council meeting – 11:15 a.m.
- 9 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martyr – Vespers –
7:30 p.m.
- 14 & 28 – Safe Net Ministries food
distribution – 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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