

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2018

104 West Main Street, Stafford Springs, Connecticut 06076



**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

I'll share with you that this is the second funeral I have had this week of a child who has predeceased his parents. And I've said and heard more times than I can remember, 'this isn't the way it's supposed to be.' But the truth is that death is never the way it's supposed to be. Whether the person is 5, or 45, or 105. Death was never the plan. Death was never God's intention. And we need to hear that because at times death seems like the most natural thing in the world. We all die. Chemistry and physics and biology as we understand them are entirely fueled by death and decay.

And so our readings, our Gospel, our good news that God gives us is that somehow, somehow, things are not what they seem. We gather to give thanks for a life well-lived, but also to give thanks for an eternal life forever lived. And in doing so we defiantly say to our culture, to our world, to the circumstances which cause us suffering and grief that this is not what God desires for us. And that God has done everything in Christ to reverse this terrible curse. To restore us to glory out of love.

Our Lord does not say he came so that we might suffer a little less. He does not say that he came so that we might scrape and squeak by. He says that he came so that we might have

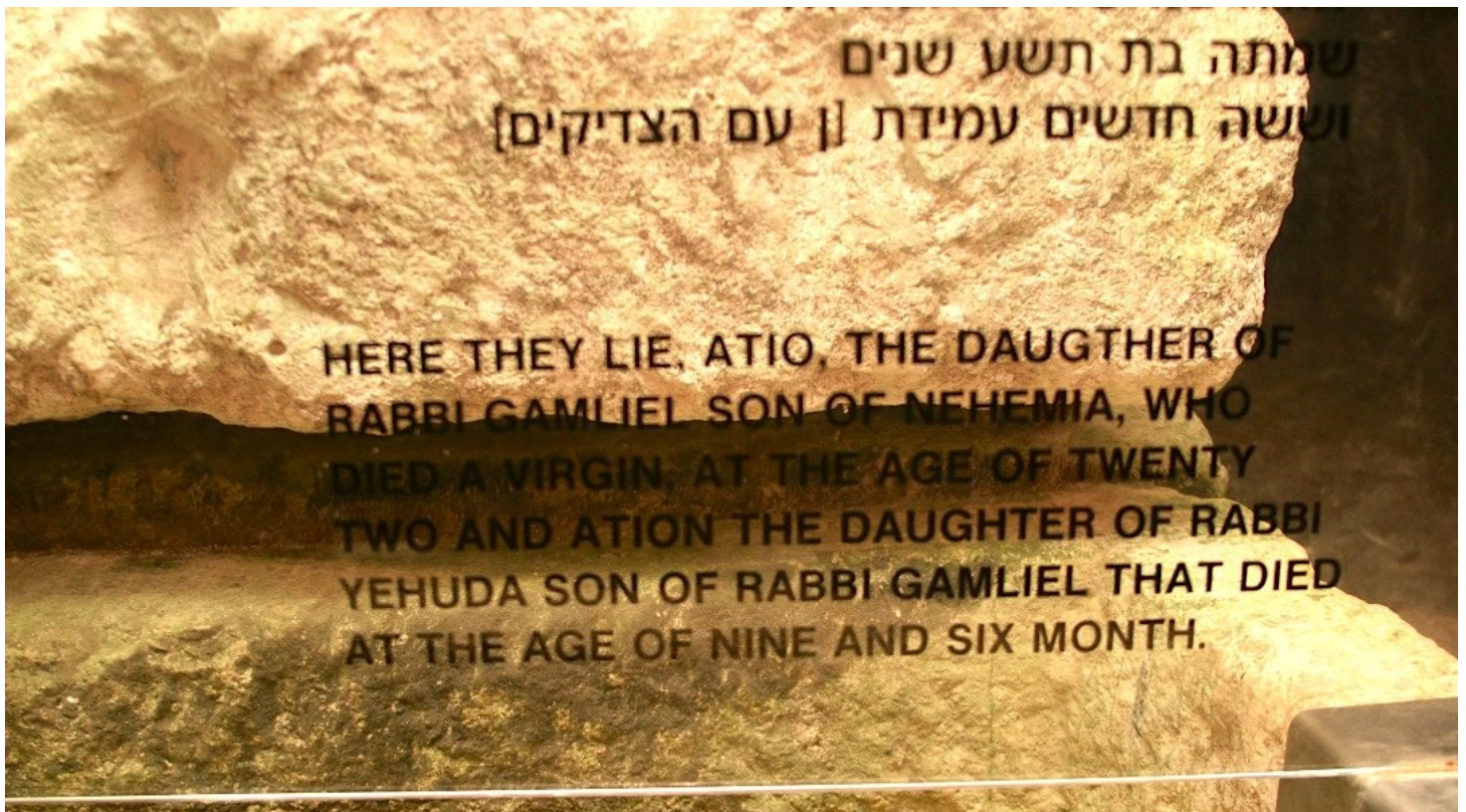


life, and have it abundantly. This is what Jesus has promised. This is what Jesus gave everything for. And there's no way an abundant life given by the God of all ends here. God keeps his promises.

Let us always boldly proclaim that our God makes all things new. And let us be strengthened by His Holy Spirit, that we might not be timid or fearful, but live together and love one another sure that He has destined us for great things, and for a future together.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Tom



**Inscription: Here They Lie, Atio The Daughter Of Rabbi Gamliel Son Of Nehemia, Who Died A Virgin At The Age Of Twenty Two And Ation The Daughter of Rabbi Yehuda Son Of Rabbi Gamliel That Died At The Age Of Nine And Six Month**

Our cover photograph depicts a view of the Temple Mount across the Kidron Valley from the Mount of Olives. In the foreground is a graveyard containing over 150,000 monuments that hold the bones of millions. To the left is a seismic fault line that will rend the mountain in two on that great and notable day when our Lord returns. This is also known as the Valley Of Jehoshaphat, where the graves shall open and the dried bones will come forth and put on new flesh. The Photograph above tells an age old story. The heart break of a parent over a lost child. This tragedy happens without regard to class or station in life, rich or poor and is no less a painful and life altering event. Above is a sarcophagus, a stone coffin, that once held the remains of the children of Rabbi Gamaliel who were survived by their parents. The bible



records that Paul was a student of Rabbi Gamaliel, and it was he who warned the Sanhedrin not to persecute the followers of Jesus, because they might find themselves fighting against God.

How is it that so many have sought this final resting place. How is it that they have been able to cope with such devastating tragedy? These two resting places along with all the rest are evidence in the hope of the eternal life promised by are Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and our reuniting with them in His eternal kingdom. For the jew when the Messiah comes for the Christian upon His return. While we morn the absence we rejoice the reunion.. Click The Link below for a short video of the Mount Of Olives. **By Michael Welch**

[https://youtu.be/jZuN.IJTbbSs.](https://youtu.be/jZuN.IJTbbSs)

## Great Picnic!!! Many new faces!!!



## **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. Drobená  
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Grange Rd  
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## **Members of the Council are:**

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

## **Shut-in Members**

Attn: Mrs. Barbara Bulick  
Brookdale  
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Ms. Shirley Kaba  
7 High St.  
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Attn: Ms. Barbara Kovaciny  
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205 Chestnut Hill Rd., Room # 1101  
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Ms. Anna Mandak  
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Mrs. Tonia Marvonek  
Evergreen Health Care Center  
201 Chestnut Hill Rd., Rm. # 2107  
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## **September Birthdays**

07 – Pat Kovaciny  
11 – Nan Hayden  
12 – Pauline Valery  
13 – Caleb Tremblay  
15 – Stacy Fisher  
15 – Luke Hoss  
16 – George Pallanck  
19 – Shirley Pufahl  
30 – Donna Palacko

## **September Anniversaries**

01 – James & Diane Bulick  
02 – William & Elizabeth Mottes  
04 – Neil & Terry Hoss  
09 – Gary & Cynthia Brown  
13 – Adam & Jamie Murray  
19 – Tim Mercier & Amelia Hinchliffe  
28 – Bryan & Leigh Maxa  
29 – James & Carol Schraffenberger

## September – October 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

#### **September 2, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Green**

Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 2, 6 – 9; Psalm 15; James 1: 17 – 27; Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23

Amelia Hinchliffe      Walter Kovaciny      Leigh Maxa      Daniel Lichanec

Michael Marvonek      Pat Marvonek

#### **September 9, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Green**

Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a; Psalm 146; James 2: 1 – 10 [11 – 13] 14 – 17; Mark 7: 24 – 37

Mike Welch      Walter Kovaciny      Sheila Welch      Daniel Lichanec

Sheila Welch      Cathy Lichanec

#### **September 16, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Green**

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a Psalm 116: 1 – 9; James 3: 1 – 12; Mark 8: 27 – 38

Cathy Lichanec      Daniel Lichanec      Cathy Lichanec      Cathy Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec      Leonard Lichanec

#### **September 23, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Green**

Wisdom 1: 16 to 2: 1, 12 – 22; Psalm 54; James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7 – 8a; Mark 9:30 – 37

Melissa Fisher      Walter Kovaciny      Cathy Lichanec      Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

#### **September 30, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Green**

Numbers 11: 4 – 6, 10 – 16, 24 – 29; Psalm 19: 7 – 14; James 5: 13 – 20; Mark 9: 38 – 50

Mike Marvonek      Walter Kovaciny      Leigh Maxa      Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

#### **October 7, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Green**

Genesis 2:18 – 24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1: 1 – 4; 2: 5 – 12; Mark 10: 2 – 16

Amelia Hinchliffe      Walter Kovaciny      Leigh Maxa      Daniel Lichanec

Michael Marvonek      Pat Marvonek

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  10:00 a.m. Holy Communion  11:20 a.m. Social Hour	3	4 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	5 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	6	7	8 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>9 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Church Council meeting	10 Deadline for submitting articles / information for the October newsletter	11 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	12 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	13	14 <b>Holy Cross Day</b>	15
<b>16 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	17	18 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	19	20	21 <b>Matthew, Apostle</b>	22 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>23 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	24	25 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	26 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	27	28	29 <b>Michael and all the Angels</b>
<b>30 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  10:00 a.m. Holy Communion						



# Harvest Sale

The date for this year's Harvest Sale is Saturday, October 13, 2018. Let us all work together to support this event!!!

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