

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

June 2019  
104 West Main Street, Stafford Springs, Connecticut 06076



**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

Throughout the Easter season we have heard many stories from the Gospels about how Jesus appeared to his disciples following the resurrection. With each appearance, Jesus shows himself to the disciples who at first are scared, then perhaps confused, but throughout are trying to make sense of what happens next. They know that things will never be the same. But what exactly will their lives be like?

Jesus at first passes through the locked doors of the upper room and greets the disciples who fear for their lives after watching Jesus be taken away to be killed. Each time he appears before them he greets them by saying, 'Peace be with you.' Jesus has said this many times before. Whenever they were anxious, whenever they were riled up, Jesus instructs the disciples to be at peace. 'You believe in God. Believe also in me.' The brave women ventured out to honor Jesus' body with myrrh and spices that first Easter morning, and were not disappointed! Now Jesus goes to the men who were afraid they might meet the same fate as their crucified Teacher and shows them there is no need to hide behind locked doors.

When the disciples begin to venture out, life goes on it seems. Things will never be the same, but still the disciples go back to their work. They return to something familiar. Perhaps to help them cope, perhaps simply to pay the bills, but nevertheless, they go back to their boats and cast their nets. It is here that Jesus meets them again. At first the disciples think that they are seeing a ghost. But Jesus comes to them and speaks to them. Good on them for getting out from behind those locked doors, but now Jesus lets them know that they're not crazy. They're not hallucinating in their grief. Things will never be the same.

The news that Jesus is alive changes everything for the disciples. This Jesus is who he promised. And if this man has power over death itself, what is there left for them to be afraid of? The new life the disciples begin after the resurrection doesn't happen all at once. They doubt, they hide, they struggle, and are afraid. One moment they seem fearless, but the next

they're back to the mundane—

mending their fishing nets. And that is okay. Jesus doesn't call them, or us, to some escapist life. Ours is not meant to be a life locked away from the world or a faith behind the safety of our doors. Rather, Jesus having burst open the tomb proceeds to open the doors we shut ourselves behind. He follows us into our homes, into our workplaces, into every place we go. This



Worshippers at the traditional site of the Upper Room

same Jesus who conquered Hell, visits his disciples at work, and blesses their catch. This same Jesus who banished death, is happy to sit at breakfast on the shore and remind his disciples of his love for them.

In the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, we read 'surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...' But this translation, as poetic as it is, doesn't capture what's really going on here. The Hebrew says that goodness and mercy 'chase after me.' Goodness and mercy don't follow like a puppy dog, but they gallop after us. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, pursues us. He chases after us so that he might be near us, bless us, and love us where we are. Let us see him with us everywhere we go, and gladly let him bless our work and our play, so that we might one day follow him to where he is, as well.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Tom

## **Pastoral Care**

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## **Members of the Council are:**

Rev. Thomas S. Drobena  
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 Drobena, Melissa Fisher, Cathy  
& Leonard Lichanec

## **Shut-in Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

Attn: Barbara Bulick  
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Ms. Shirley Kaba  
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Stafford Springs, CT 06076-1215

Ms. Anna Mandak  
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Mrs. Tonia Marvonek  
Evergreen Health Care Center  
201 Chestnut Hill Rd., Rm. # 2107  
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## **June**

### **Birthdays**

11 – Elizabeth Murray  
15 – Cathy Lichanec  
17 – Gary P. Brown  
17 – Cassandra ‘Cassie’ Tremblay  
26 – Barbara Hoffman  
28 – Dianne Pallo

### **Anniversaries**

03 – Bob & Judy Titus  
22 – Leonard & Cathy Lichanec  
Happy 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## June – July Service Schedule

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

Tellers

Ushers

Worship Assistants Reader

### June 2, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – Ascension of Our Lord – Easter White

Acts 1: 1 – 11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1: 15 – 23; Luke 24: 44 – 53

Amelia Hinchliffe

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

Patricia Marvonek

### June 9, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – The Day of Pentecost – Red

Genesis 11: 1 – 9; Psalm 104: 24 – 34, 35b; Acts 2: 1 – 21; John 14: 8 – 17 [25 – 27]

Sheila Welch

Walter Kovaciny

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Welch

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### June 16, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – The Holy Trinity – White

Proverbs 8: 1 – 4, 22 – 31; Psalm 8; Romans 5: 1 – 5; John 16: 12 – 15

Catherine Lichanec Daniel Lichanec

Daniel Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec Leonard Lichanec

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### June 23, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – The Second Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Isaiah 65: 1 – 9; Psalm 22: 19 – 28; Galatians 3: 23 – 29; Luke 8: 26 – 39

Melissa Fisher

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

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### June 30, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – The Third Sunday after Pentecost – Green

1 Kings 19: 15 – 16, 19 – 21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25; Luke 9: 51 – 62

Walter Kovaciny Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Marvonek

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### July 7, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Isaiah 66: 10 – 14; Psalm 66: 1 – 9; Galatians 6: [1 – 6] 7 – 16; Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 – 20

Amelia Hinchliffe Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Marvonek Pat Marvonek

This symbol, \_\_\_\_\_, means a volunteer is needed as an Usher, Lay Assistant or Reader.  
Please consider offering your talents and volunteer. Thanks.

## June *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 Ascension of Our Lord</b>  <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</b>  <b>11:20 a.m. Social Hour</b>	3	4  Bible Study at Parsonage: Herod the Great  7:00pm	5	6	7	8  9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>9 The Day of Pentecost</b>  <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</b>  <b>11:20 a.m. Council meeting</b>	10  The deadline for submitting information for the July / August newsletter	11  <b>Barnabas, Apostle</b>	12	13  <b>Basil, Gregory, and Gregory, Bishops</b>  7:30pm Vespers	14	15
<b>16 The Holy Trinity</b>  <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</b>	17	18  Bible Study at Parsonage: Pharaoh  7:00 pm	19	20	21	22  9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>23 The Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</b>	<b>24 Nativity of John the Baptist</b>  7:30pm Vespers	25	26	<b>27 Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop</b>	28	<b>29 Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b>
<b>30 The Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</b>						

## Coming Events \*\*\*

### June

- 02 – Social Hour – 11:20 a.m.  
4 – Bible Study at the Parsonage: Herod the Great – 7:00 p.m.  
8 & 22 – Safe Net Distribution – 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
9 – Council meeting – 11:20 a.m.  
13 – Basil, Gregory and Gregory, Bishops, Vespers – 7:30 p.m.  
18 – Bible Study at the Parsonage – 7:00 p.m.  
24 – Nativity of John the Baptist, Vespers – 7:30 p.m.

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