

# *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*

## *July, August, 2022 Newsletter*

**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

Since early this year we have been supporting ministry among the many refugees fleeing war in Ukraine. While we mourn such needless conflict in any land, this humanitarian crisis struck many Americans as especially distressing because of how close Ukraine and Eastern Europe seems to home for many people. After several months our bishop was able to visit with some of the congregations and some of the very people that our financial support helped resettle.

Two such people, of the many tens of thousands that our congregation and our partner churches have supported, were two sisters, now single mothers, who arrived in the mountains of Slovakia with nothing but the clothes on their back and their small children. These two sisters have had to restart their lives in a new place, learn a new language, and try their best to keep in contact with their family and friends

who are still in Ukraine, unable to leave, or who have fled to other countries. Although they are Orthodox, they have found a new family in the Lutheran congregation that welcomed them. For many, this time of crisis has become one of appreciating the reality that Christians are one family. We support each other, pray for each other, and even if are separated by a great distance, we can rely on one another.



Perhaps because of how casual our relationships often are (or how fortunate we are to have support systems and safety nets) it's easy to forget that hospitality and care for those in need isn't just charity, it's part of who we are. We truly are one family, welcoming one another and loving one another the way Jesus has welcomed and loved us. One of the earliest Christian letters outside the New Testament speaks about how dear to the Christian's heart the plight of migrants is. We are supposed to know better than anyone what it's like to be "but a stranger here," because as the old hymn continues, "heaven is my home." A student of the apostles writes, "Christians dwell in their own countries, but simply as sojourners. As citizens, they share all things with others, and yet endure all things as if foreigners. Every foreign land is to them as their native country, and every land of their birth is a land of strangers (Epistle to Diogenetus 5, 1.5).



Christians thus took to heart the commandment of God in Leviticus (19:34): "Treat the stranger among you as a native and love him as yourself. For you were strangers in the land of Egypt, and I am the Lord your God." Because of how complicated our world has become, and how formal borders and categorizations are, it's easy to shrug off our responsibility to one another. We become like the lawyer in the Gospel who tried to justify himself by asking "but who is my neighbor?" when Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus then told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to explain that our neighbor isn't only the person who lives next to us, or only the people we like, but our neighbor is everyone who is in need.

The earliest Christians took this very seriously. Saint Paul tells us not just to show hospitality to those who come knocking, but actively offer hospitality to those who are less fortunate than us (Romans 12:13). A commentary on Romans from the second century

explains, "When it says we should be solicitous in hospitality, it doesn't mean only that we should receive guests who come to us, but also that we should seek them out... that we examine and inquire diligently everywhere, lest by chance there be a guest in a public square who would have to sleep without a roof."



Saint John Chrysostom writes, “Think of this then, about Christ. He is wandering and a pilgrim, needing shelter; and you spend your time adorning the floor, the walls, and the capitals of the columns... all these treasures can be taken away... what you can do for your brother who is hungry, and immigrant, or naked, not even the devil himself can take away from you.” We often acknowledge all the things we “can’t take with us,” but forget that our neighbor is the one thing we can.

Often, we are challenged to give of our time, or our financial resources, to help those in need. But Jesus calls us to give our whole selves to one another, the same way he has given his whole self to us. We do not just give because we are in a comfortable position and able to give, or because we feel bad for someone else, but because we want to share our lives with them. We would share our home, we would share our bread, and in a large world where our hearts are turned to those who we maybe cannot invite in, we share our wealth. But we also continue in prayer for them. Through the ministry of our friends and coworkers in the Gospel, and through visits like our bishop’s, our hearts are delivered to those in need as well. So that they do not feel like simply recipients of charity, but like sisters and brothers who are loved.

Let us pray that we would also be transformed by these encounters, by the invitation of our Lord to seek out stronger relationships with our brothers and sisters, to help each other get to the Kingdom of God, and to whether we are giving or receiving, to open our hearts to each other and experience Christ’s love in the sharing of all God has given us.

Peace and joy,

Pastor Tom





## Join us for our Summer Barbecue Dinner July 24th

with pick-up between 5 and 6 pm. The menu includes a mix of barbecue chicken, country barbecue pork ribs, fresh bread, coleslaw, and homestyle baked beans, and a lemon square for dessert. Tickets are \$15 per person. To place your order in advance, please call or text 860-806-2440 by July 22.



## **Pastoral Care**

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Rev. Dr. Thomas Drobena

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

Rev. Thomas S. Drobena

President – Walter Kovaciny

Vice-President – Michael Marvonek

Treasurer – Sheila Welch

Secretary – Amelia Hinchliffe

Andrew Fisher

Leonard Lichanec

Patricia Marvonek

(Non-Council position)

Financial Secretary – Leigh Maxa

## **Service Teams**

† Worship & Music Team: Leigh Maxa

† Hospitality Committee: Amelia Hinchliffe and  
Jennifer Welch

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

† Learning & Youth Group Team:  
Rev. Thomas Drobena, Cathy & Leonard  
Lichanec

## **Shut-in Members**

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Mrs. Anna Mae Hockla  
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Stafford Springs, CT 06076

Attn: Ms. Shirley Kaba  
Douglas Manor  
103 North Rd.  
Windham, CT 06280

Ms. Anna Mandak  
21 Old Monson Rd.  
Stafford Springs, CT 06076-3343

Attn: Vera Marko Room #219  
The Buckland Court  
432 Buckland Rd.  
South Windsor, CT 0607

Mr. George Pallanck  
8 Park St.  
Stafford Springs, CT 06076

Mrs. Olga Panciera  
10 Franklin Woods Dr.  
Somers, CT 06076

Mrs. Pauline Valery  
24 Holburn Ave.  
Cranston, RI 02910

## **July Birthdays**

08 – Anna Mandak

20 – Carl John “Jack” Mercier

23 – Melanie Mordasky

## **Anniversaries**

28 – Michael & Patricia Marvonek

*Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

## **August Birthdays**

05 – Madeleine E. Mercier

07 – Adam Tremblay

23 – Cynthia Brown

27 – Judy Titus

## **Anniversaries**

31 – Donald & Barbara Hoffman

*Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Thanks to William 'Bill' Sevcik for the purchase and setup of a computer. Bill heard about the need and used his COLA increase to make this purchase. He gave out of his abundance and will be blessed. Thank you from the Church Council.

**Keep an eye out for info on  
upcoming church picnic in August**

## July Service Schedule

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

### Tellers

### Worship Assistants

### Reader

#### **July 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost – Green**

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

Amelia Hinchliffe

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance: 576 Hymn of the Day: 656 Communion: 468, Closing: 547**

#### **July 10, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost – Green**

Deuteronomy 30: 9 – 14; Psalm 25: 1 – 10; Colossians 1: 1 – 14; Luke 10: 25 – 37

Jennifer Welch

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Welch

Hymns – **Entrance: 729 Hymn of the Day: 522 Communion: 715, Closing: 679**

#### **July 17, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost – Green**

Genesis 18: 1 – 10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1: 15 – 28; Luke 10: 38 – 42

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

Hymns – **Entrance: 520, Hymn of the Day: 769 Communion: 492 Closing: 754**

#### **July 24, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost – Green**

Genesis 18: 20 – 32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2: 6 – 15 [16 – 19]; Luke 11: 1 – 13

Amelia Hinchliffe

Sheila Welch

Michael Welch

Walter Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance: 533 Hymn of the Day: 790 Communion: 742 Closing: 886**

#### **July 31, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Green**

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14, 2: 18-23; Psalm 49: 1-12; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Hymns – **Entrance: 705, Hymn of the Day: 542 Communion: 496 Closing: 655**

## August – September Service Schedule

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

### Tellers

### Worship Assistants

### Reader

#### **August 7, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost – Green**

Genesis 15: 1 – 6; Psalm 33: 12 – 22; Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, 8 – 16; Luke 12: 32 – 40

Amelia Hinchliffe

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance: 624 Hymn of the Day: 856 Communion: 485, Closing: 765**

#### **August 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost – Green**

Jeremiah 23: 23 – 29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11: 29 to 12: 2; Luke 12: 49 – 56

Jennifer Welch

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Welch

Hymns – **Entrance: 504 Hymn of the Day: 779 Communion: 592 Closing: 805**

#### **August 21, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost – Green**

Isaiah 58; 9b – 14; Psalm 103: 1 – 8; Hebrews 12: 18 – 29; Luke 13: 10 – 17

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Tremblay

Daniel Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

Hymns – **Entrance: 858 Hymn of the Day: 807 Communion: 471 Closing: 537**

#### **August 28, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost – Green**

Proverbs 25: 6 – 7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13: 1 – 8, 15 – 16; Luke 14: 1, 7 – 14

Amelia Hinchliffe

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec Walter

Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance: 532 Hymn of the Day: 522 Communion: 462 Closing: 547**

#### **September 4, 2022 – The Thirteen Sunday of Pentecost – Green**

Deuteronomy 30: 15 – 20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1 – 21; Luke 14: 25 – 33

Amelia Hinchliffe

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance: 685 Hymn of the Day: 803 Communion: 474 Closing: 772**

## **2022 REGISTRATION FORM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8PM**

First United Methodist Church, 8 Church St, Stafford Springs, 860/684-2468

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: (NAME & NUMBER) \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: _____	DATE OF BIRTH: _____	AGE: _____
What grade will your child be <b>ENTERING</b> in the Fall (CIRCLE)	K    1    2    3    4    5    6	
ALLERGIES: _____		
SPECIAL NEEDS: _____		

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ALLERGIES: _____		
SPECIAL NEEDS: _____		

\*\*\*\*\*Permission to PUBLISH Child's Picture on webpage, Facebook, Church Newsletter, Reminder, etc.

\_\_\_ YES, I give permission to have my child's picture published. Only first name will be used to identify picture.

\_\_\_ NO, I do NOT want my child's picture published. Signature \_\_\_\_\_

VBS is FREE —thanks to Stafford Clergy Association ☺

2022 VBS Facilitator: Andrea Broer cell: 860/576-5440



# July *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
<b>3 The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	<b>4 Thomas, Apostle</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Pastor Toms day off</i>	<b>6 Jan Hus, Reformer &amp; Martyr</b>	7	8	<b>9</b> 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>10 The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Council meeting	11	<b>12</b> <i>Pastor Toms day off</i>	13	14	15	<b>16 Ruth, Matriarch</b>
<b>17 The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	18	<b>19</b> <i>Pastor Toms day off</i>	20	21	<b>22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles</b>	<b>23</b> 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>24 The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	25	<b>26</b> <i>Pastor Toms day off</i>	27	28	<b>29 Mary, Martha, &amp; Elizabeth of Bethany,</b>	30
<b>31 The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion						

# August *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*     2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Pastor Toms day off</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	<b>8</b> <b>Dominic,</b> <i>Renewer of the Church</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Pastor Toms day off</i>	<b>10</b> <b>Lawrence,</b> <i>Deacon and Martyr</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Claire of</b> <b>Assisi,</b> <i>Renewer of the Church</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>14 The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	<b>15</b> <b>Mary,</b> <i>Mother of God</i>  7:00 p.m. Vespers	<b>16</b> <b>Maximillian</b> <b>Kolbe,</b> <i>Martyr at Auschwitz</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Pastor Toms day off</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Bernard,</b> <i>Abbot &amp; Hymnwriter</i>
<b>21 The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Pastor Toms day off</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Bartholomew,</b> <i>Apostle</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>28 The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	<b>29</b> <b>Decollation</b> <b>of John the</b> <b>Baptist</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Pastor Toms day off</i>	<b>31</b>			

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