

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

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



*"...Neither count I my life dear unto myself..." --Acts 20:24thers*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the days of the early church, Christians had to make a living even as you and I --some of them carved and gilded images for the pagans. They did not worship these images, of course, nor did they bow in their shrines, but they saw no harm in making and polishing images for sale. Their argument sounds familiar today: "After all, somebody will do it, anyway --and I

have to live." Tertullian, one of the great theologians of that day, answered such an argument with one question: "Must you live?"

A shocking question, isn't it? But Tertullian wants you, and me, dear Christian, to think seriously... what kind of a life is life without Christ? What kind of a life is a life without faith?

Every life has value. But for the



*"The usual complaint is, 'I have no other way of earning a living.' The harsh reply can be, 'Do you have to live?'"*

**Tertullian**

Christian, Jesus is what gives our life the greatest meaning. He is the measure of our joy, of our love, and of our hope. *'Must you live?'* Tertullian held that a Christian has only one "must" --she must be faithful to Jesus Christ, come what may, live or die. There were no ifs and reservations and alibis. One did not have to live; he had only to be true to the Master. *"We ought to obey God rather than men."* -- Acts 5:29

A lot of water has run under the bridge since Tertullian. On Sunday morning multitudes of Church members sing: "Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee till death." October ends and November begins with the remembrances of the faithful departed: All Saints and All Souls. We give thanks for their lives, for the faith they shared with us, and we pray that their memory might be a witness to us that Christ is our Lord and our all, in life, in death, and in the life of the world to come.

Peace and joy,

Pastor Tom





Below is a copy from a page of William Bradfords explanation of the First Thanksgiving. It is in the vernacular of the time. for example "ye" means "the". If you close your eye and imagine what a pilgrim looks like. You may have imagined someone wearing black and white, with a funny hat, if you did, you would be incorrect, that in fact is a Puritan. The (ye) Pilgrims were more akin to modern day Pentecostals who wore bright colors and cloaks with purple linings.

The year before they almost starved to death because their charter stated that everyone was to be given an equal share regardless as to how much labor they contributed. They then went against their financiers and assigned each family group a parcel of land, and basically said that what ever you raise you could keep. Thus socialism was ended in the colony, even at risk of their financing. He also

makes note that there were Indians (Native Americans) living amongst them Please take the time to reflect on it this Thanksgiving

"\*I may not here omite how, notwithstanding all their great paines & industrie, and ye great hops of a large cropp, the Lord seemed to blast, & take away the same, and to threaten further & more sore famine unto them, by a great drought which continued from ye 3. weeke in May, till about ye midle of July, without any raine, and with great heat (for ye most parte), insomuch as ye corne begane to wither away, though it was set with fishe, the moysture wherof helped it much. Yet at length it begane to languish sore, and some of ye drier grounds were partched like withered hay, part wherof was never recovered. Upon which they sett a parte a solemne day of humilliation, to seek ye Lord by humble & fervente prayer, in this great distrese. And he was pleased to give them a gracious & speedy answer, both to their owne, & the Indeans admiration, that lived amongst them. For all ye morning, and greatest part of the day, it was clear weather & very hotte, and not a cloud or any signe of raine to be seen, yet toward evening it begane to overcast, and shortly after to raine, with shuch sweete and gentle showers, as gave them cause of rejoyceing, & blesing God. It came, without either wind, or thunder, or any violence, and by degreese in yt abundance, as that ye earth was thorowly wete and soked therwith. Which did so apparently revive & quicken ye decayed corne & other fruits, as was wonderfull to see, and made ye Indeans astonished to behold; and afterwards the Lord sent them shuch seasonable showers, with enterchange of faire warme weather, as, through his blessing, caused a fruitfull & liberall harvest, to their no small comferte and rejoycing. For which mercie (in time conveniente) they also sett aparte a day of thanksgiveing. This being overslipt in its place, I thought meet here to inserte ye same. . . .



## Pastoral Care

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## Members of the Council are:

Rev. Thomas S. Drobena  
President – Andrew Fisher  
Vice-President – Walter Kovaciny  
Treasurer –  
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

Attn: Barbara Bulick  
The Ivy at Ellington  
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Ms. Shirley Kaba  
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Ms. Anna Mandak  
21 Old Monson Rd.  
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Mrs. Tonia Marvonek  
Evergreen Health Care Center  
201 Chestnut Hill Rd., Rm. # 2107  
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**Safe Net Ministries** - Many of our great volunteers graduated in 2019. They are moving on to college, new jobs and to serve in our military. We need to bring in new volunteers to fill our ranks and do God's work.

Volunteers are especially needed on the 2nd and 4th Saturday 8:30-1:00 pm for distributions each month, the 2nd and 4th Friday 10:30-12:30 pm for stocking and set up and the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings 8:30-10:30 for Food Share deliveries.

We pray for the success and safety of our graduates. We hope to see you when you are home for visits, holidays and "breaks."

***Want to help?*** Please contact us by calling and leaving a message at  
860-851-9987.tsd.11.19.doc



# November *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3 All Saint's Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	4	5  <i>Pastor's day off.</i>	6  5:00 p.m. Refuge Church Meeting	7	8	9  9 a.m. to 12:45 am. Safe Net Distribution
<b>10 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Council Meeting	11 Deadline for Submitting information for the December newsletter	12  <i>Pastor's day off.</i>	13  <b>Gulash and Hymns at Parsonage</b>  6:30 p.m.	14	15	16
<b>17 The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	18	19  <b>Elizabeth of Hungary, Confessor</b>	20  5:00 p.m. Refuge Church Meeting	21  8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. W.I.C.	22	23  <b>Clement, Bishop</b> 9 a.m. to 12:45 am. Safe Net Distribution
<b>24 Christ The King Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:00 p.m. Refuge Church Meeting	25	26  <i>Pastor's day off.</i>	27  5:00 p.m. Refuge Church Meeting	28  Happy Thanksgiving	29	30  <b>Andrew, Apostle</b>

## November – December 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

### November 3, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – All Saints Sunday – White

Daniel 7: 1 – 3, 15 – 18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1: 11 – 23; Luke 6: 20 – 31

Amelia Hinchliffe Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Marvonek Pat Marvonek

### November 10, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Job 19: 23 – 27a; Psalm 17: 1 – 9; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 5, 13 – 17; Luke 20: 27 – 38

Sheila Welch

Walter Kovaciny

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Welch

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### November 17, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Malachi 4: 1 – 2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6 – 13; Luke 21: 5 – 19

Catherine Lichanec Daniel Lichanec

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec Leonard Lichanec

### November 24, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – Christ The King – White

Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1: 11 – 20; Luke 23: 33 – 43

Melissa Fisher

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

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(We are starting Proper's / A Series now.)

### December 1, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – The First Sunday of Advent – Blue

Isaiah 2: 1 – 5; Psalm 122; Romans 13: 11 – 14; Matthew 24: 36 – 44

Amelia Hinchliffe Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Marvonek Pat Marvonek

This symbol, \_\_\_\_\_, means a volunteer is needed as an Usher for a specific service.  
Please consider offering your talents and volunteer. Thanks.

## Christmas Poinsettias

The members and friends of Holy Trinity are encouraged to donate poinsettias each Christmas in order to give Glory to God and beautify our sanctuary during the Nativity liturgies. Those who donate the poinsettias may take them after the 10:00 a.m. liturgy on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost of each poinsettia is \$7.00.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of (for the living) \_\_\_\_\_

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**OR**

Given in loving memory of (for the deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form to Walter Kovaciny with the correct payment, by Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The florist wants count on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If paying by check, it should be payable to the: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please indicate what color and quantity poinsettia(s) you would like, red \_\_\_\_\_ or white \_\_\_\_\_. **Instead of marking the color with a check mark or the letter 'x', please put the quantity in the area instead.** Hopefully that will prevent me from guessing. **Thank you.**

**\*\*\* Coming Events \*\*\***

**November**

- 3 – Social Hour – 11:15 a.m.
- 9 & 23 – Safe Net Distribution – 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- 10 – Council meeting – 11:15 a.m.
- 11 – Deadline for submitting information for the November newsletter
- 13 – Goulash and Hymns at Parsonage – 6:30 p.m.

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Address Correction Requested

