

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

November 2022 Newsletter



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

There is a story about Joseph Heller, the author of the novel “Catch-22,” being invited to a party at a billionaire’s house. Heller was informed by a friend that their host, a hedge-fund manager, made more money that day than the successful author made in his entire life perhaps. Heller responded to his friend, “that may be, but I have something he’ll never have.” “What’s that?” the friend inquired. Heller responded, “I have enough.”

Very often we are like Heller’s friend. Impressed by the wealth or the prestige or size or other worldly measures of success. But as Christians, we are given something so much more than the world or our efforts can provide: Enough. This is the heart of believing we are saved by grace and not by our works. To be saved by grace means that God’s favor and forgiveness is enough for us, and that we can be sure that the God who loves us so much that He gave his own Son as a ransom for us, will give us everything we need to support this body and life. After all, if God has so wonderfully provided for our spiritual, eternal needs, how much more capable is he of ensuring that our bodily needs are met. Often we forget that God takes care of the whole person. We think (or at least act as if) living by grace and faith only has to do with our spiritual lives. We thank God for saving us and forgiving us and loving us, but still feel compelled to get more and more material things. Like the rich fool in Jesus’ parable, we tear down our barns to build bigger ones and take pride in the things we have accumulated

(Luke 12:18). By doing so we show ourselves what we really rely on, or at least what we put our trust in from day to day.

Meanwhile, however, Jesus says, “Consider the birds of the air...” (Matthew 6:26-34). They don’t toil, they don’t plant, they don’t have a savings account. And yet, God provides for them just fine. That’s not to say that having a job, making a living, having passions and saving money aren’t good things. The good things God has given us are there to support a good life. But we have to remember that they’re not what makes a life good. But this isn’t just a Christian or even a religious concept. We all have heard the proverb, “money can’t buy happiness.” But we forget that the adage isn’t there to tell people who have nothing that they should be content. Like several of Jesus’ own parables, the adage is there to remind people who are doing pretty good or very good in the ways of the world that that will not make them happy.

The idea of having enough—whether we have been blessed with plenty or little—helps us to keep the main thing the main thing. When we struggle to try and keep up with the Joneses, or live up to expectations, or fill a void we feel within us, God says to us, “My grace is enough for you” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

It is hard to realize we have enough. And to realize that being satisfied with what we have and who we are is the greatest gift and the greatest freedom we can have. As our nation celebrates its day of Thanksgiving, we might take note of whether with our hustle and bustle and rush to Black Friday Sales, we actually know what it means to be thankful for what we have, and to say that God has given us more than enough. But as Christians, we remember that our whole life is meant to be one of true thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:18), true contentment, and that in giving thanks we confess that we have so many wonderful things to be thankful for, and that everything we need God has promised to provide.



Peace and joy,
Pastor Tom

Pastoral Care

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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 of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Attn: Barbara Bulick
The Ivy at Ellington
123 West Road Apt 115
Ellington. CT 06029-5730

Mrs. Anna Mae Hockla
38 Park St.
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 06074

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

Mrs. Olga Panciera
10 Franklin Woods Dr.
Somers, CT 06071

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

November

Birthdays

04 – Kim Valery-Pickar
05 – Shirley Kaba
06 – Diane Bulick
15 – Walter Kovaciny
15 – Leigh Maxa
18 – Jean Palacko
19 – Jenny Baarck

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries known. If this is incorrect, please let Pastor Tom and Walter Kovaciny know.

A Huge Thank you..... To everyone who helped to make our annual Harvest Sale a success.

Turkey Dinner To Go!

**Sunday, November 20th
Curbside Pick Up
5 pm to 6pm**

**Order by calling or texting
860-806-2440**

**All orders need to be placed by
Thursday, November 17th at 5pm**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
104 W Main St Stafford Springs Ct
Green St Entrance**



**Herb Roasted Turkey
Stuffing and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables
Cranberry Sauce
Dessert**

\$15 for Individual Dinner

**\$50 for a Large Family Meal
(feeds 4 to 6 people)**

Christmas Bake Sale

Cookies and Kolach

Friday, December 23, 2022

Order with attached form

**All orders need to be placed by
Tuesday December 20th**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
104 W Main St Stafford Springs
Green St Entrance**



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Check One:

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Payment at Pick Up

Mail Orders to: HTLC

104 Main St

Stafford Springs CT 06076

Or Drop in Mail Slot at the Converse St Entrance

Cookie Platters

An Assortment of Cookies

Chocolate, Molasses, Oatmeal, Fudge, Lemon,
Spritz, Pizzelles, Double Chocolate, Sugar,
Gingersnap, Peanut Butter

Kolach

Sweet Raised Bread Roll filled with walnuts,
cranberry-nut, poppy seed, or apricot

Orders must be received by Tues., Dec. 20

Item	Quantity	Price Each	Total Price
Sm Cookie (24)		\$10.00	
Med Cookie (36)		\$15.00	
Lg Cookie (60)		\$25.00	
Full Nut Kolach		\$15.00	
Half Nut Kolach		\$7.50	
Full Cran Nut Kolach		\$15.00	
Half Cran Nut Kolach		\$7.50	
Full Poppy Kolach		\$15.00	
Half Poppy Kolach		\$7.50	
Full Apricot Kolach		\$15.00	
Half Apricot Kolach		\$7.50	
		Grand Total	

Jam Gift Sets

Also Available - The perfect hostess gift, holiday wrapped

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November – December 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

November 6, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – All Saints Day – White

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

Amelia Hinchliffe

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance:** 414, **Hymn of the Day:** 422 **Communion:** 632 **Closing:** 873

November 13, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost – Green

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

Jennifer Welch

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Welch

Hymns – **Entrance:** 796 **Hymn of the Day:** 790 **Communion:** 785, **Closing:** 781

November 20, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – Christ the King Sunday – White

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

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

Hymns – **Entrance:** 855, **Hymn of the Day:** 408 **Communion:** 471 **Closing:** 634

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

November 27, 2022 – 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

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance:** 436 **Hymn of the Day:** 259 **Communion:** 715 **Closing:** 244

December 4, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Second Sunday of Advent – Blue

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 9-13; Matthew 3: 1-12 – Blue

Amelia Hinchliffe

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance:** 264, **Hymn of the Day:** 249 **Communion:** 240 **Closing:** 254

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Oct. 31 Pastor Tom's day off	1 All Saints Day 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer	2 5:30 – 7 p.m. Safe Net Distribution	3	4	5
6 All Saints Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	7 Pastor Tom's day off	8 Bible Study 7 p.m.	9	10	11 Martin, Bishop of Tours	12 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
13 The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Council meeting	14	15 Pastor Tom's day off	16	17 Elizabeth, Princess & Renewer of Society	18	19
20 Christ the King Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	21 Pastor Tom's day off	22 Bible Study 7 p.m.	23 Clement, Bishop of Rome	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
27 The First Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	28	29 Pastor Tom's day off	30 Andrew, Apostle			



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