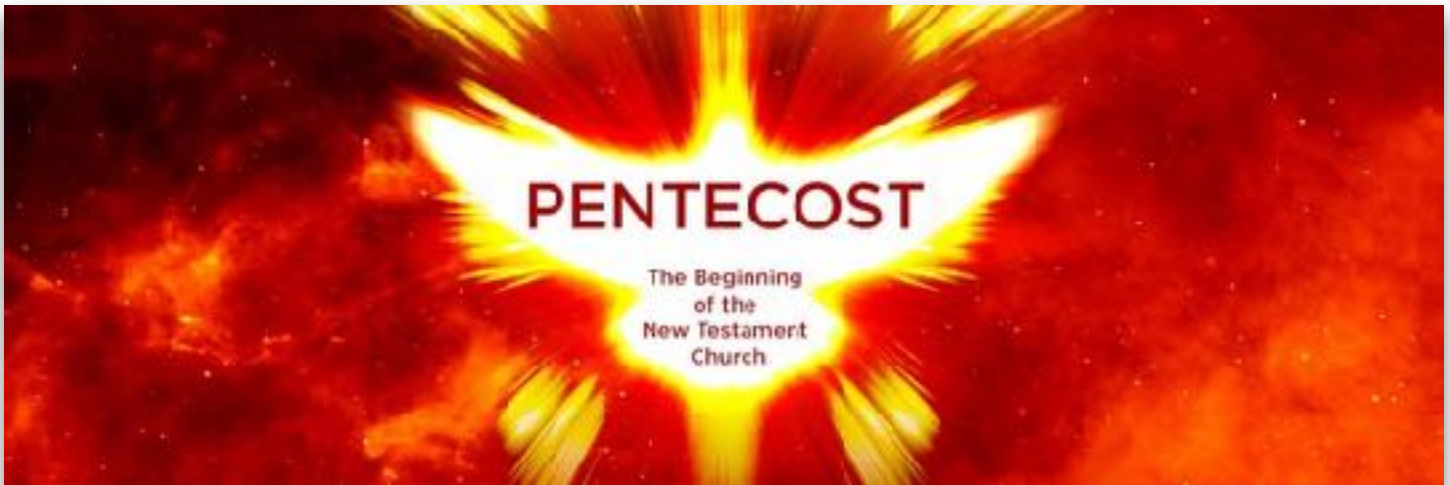


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

June 2018

104 West Main Street, Stafford Springs, Connecticut 06076



Greetings,

***Pentecost* has been called the birthday of the Church.** It was on this day that the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus. They were a grieving, confused and cowardly bunch, totally unable to understand all that been happening to them, and completely unable to respond to those events. Their leader had been crucified and dead. Then he was risen and among them once more. But now he was gone again, gone in a departure filled with promises of heaven, but gone nonetheless.

Luke describes what happened on that first *Pentecost* by using images such as tornado-like winds, flames of fire and preaching in strange and unknown languages. Whatever it was that those followers of Jesus experienced, it is clear that God was mightily and mysteriously at work among them. The change that was being wrought in them was *not* their doing. They were not digging deep into their own resources in order to become better, stronger and more accomplished followers of Jesus. *Pentecost is the story of God's spirit doing his thing according to his purposes.*

Our *Pentecost* celebration centers on this fact: That it is God working in us who does far more than we could hope or imagine. It is not our strength, our intelligence, our good intentions that make the work of the church possible. It is the gift of God, the Holy Spirit, which does these things, strengthening us to do his will and making the miraculous possible.

Whatever happened to those ancient followers of Jesus on that first *Pentecost*, it transformed their lives, it strengthened them to do God's will, and it empowered them to change the world. Had they been left to themselves, without the gift of the Holy Spirit, you and I would never have heard the Good News of Jesus Christ at all. But Christ saw to it that they were not left to

themselves. He had promised that he would come back ...and on the fiftieth day after Easter he did.

This is what we celebrate at *Pentecost*: Christ coming back to you and to me in our lives today and in our Church, transforming us and changing us ...empowering us to transform our lives and the life of the world around us. Thanks be to God for *Pentecost*: The first one and the one which we experience in life and ministry every day of our lives.

Pastor Tomas

A Pentecost Message from Bishop Kucharek

by Bishop Wilma Kucharek | May 18, 2018 | Messages from Bishop Kucharek, News Releases
of the Spirit's light, to give us the right faith, to teach us to know Jesus Christ, to console us in



all suffering, to keep us from despair, and to look upon us with favor, that we might feel the fire of love, love one another from our hearts, and remain together of one mind in peace. [Similarly, compare ELW 395.]

As we embark on this season of Pentecost, may This Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost Sunday, the day in which the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples (Acts 2:1-13), making it the birthday of the church. Its name derives from the fact that it falls 50 days after, and including, Easter Sunday. Church altars, pulpits, lecterns, and banners will be adorned in red to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit. Readings will recount the events of that first Pentecost and hymns will invite the Holy Spirit to come into our lives. Among our congregations, some worshippers will be celebrating the occasion by wearing the color red, others will be donating red geraniums to adorn the worship space, some may read the lessons in other languages as a reminder that at Pentecost the disciples spoke in other languages, and coffee hour may even feature a birthday cake for the church.

Pentecost Sunday begins the season of Pentecost in our liturgical year. From now until Advent, the focus of the church will be on our Christian calling as the followers of Christ. Just as the coming summer and fall months are a season in which we nurture growth for a plentiful harvest, so we in the church are commissioned to

reach out to others in our church, in our communities, and in the world and bear fruit that reflects our calling to make Christ known to a world in spiritual, emotional, and physical need. At his Ascension, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit and called his disciples, and us, to “be (his) witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

A verse from a Pentecost hymn of Martin Luther calls upon the Holy Spirit to give us the brightness God's Holy Spirit fill you with the fire of love for Christ and others, sustain you throughout the challenges of life, and work through you that you may produce good fruit and be Christ's witnesses “to the ends of the earth.”

June *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 The Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:20 a.m. Social Hour	4	5 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	6 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	7 Deadline for submitting articles / information for the July & August newsletter	8	9 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
10 The Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Church Council meeting	11 Barnabas, Apostle	12 Council of Nicea (325) <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	13 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	14	15	16
17 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Father's Day 😊	18	19 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	20	21	22	23 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
24 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Nativity of John the Baptist 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	25	26 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	27 6:30 p.m. Troop 81 Cub Scouts	28	29 Peter & Paul, Apostles <i>7:30 pm Vespers</i>	30

June / July 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

June 3, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Second Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Deuteronomy 5: 12 – 15; Psalm 81: 1 – 10; 2 Corinthians 4: 5 – 12; Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6

Amelia Hinchliffe

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Mike Marvonek

Pat Marvonek

June 10, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Third Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Genesis 3: 8 – 15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4: 13 to 5: 1; Mark 3: 20 – 35

Mike Welch

Walter Kovaciny

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Sheila Welch

Cathy Lichanec

June 17, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Ezekiel 17: 22 – 24; Psalm 92: 1 – 4, 12 – 15; 2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 17; Mark 4: 26 – 34

Cathy Lichanec

Daniel Lichanec

Cathy Lichanec

Cathy Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

June 24, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Job 38: 1 – 11; Psalm 107: 1 – 3, 23 – 32; 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13; Mark 4: 35 – 41

Melissa Fisher

Walter Kovaciny

Cathy Lichanec

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

July 1, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Wisdom 1: 13 – 15, 2: 23 – 24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8: 7 – 15; Mark 5: 21 – 43

Amelia Hinchliffe

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Mike Marvonek

Pat Marvonek

Attention all Lay Assistants and Volunteers that help with services

Please let me know dates and days of when you aren't available to serve in your position. It's much easier to find a replacement (when available) prior to typing the Monthly Service Schedule rather than finding a replacement after the schedule is typed or you just don't show up. You can hand me a piece of paper when we see each other at church; or send me an email at walterkovaciny@cox.net or send me the information via snail mail. Just don't tell me verbally. Thanks to everyone for their assistance for this. Walter Kovaciny, Part of the newspaper team.

Pastoral Care

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Church – htlc-church@att.net

Website – htlcstafford.org

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
Selwyn College, Cambridge University
Grange Rd
Cambridge CB3 9DQ
United Kingdom

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
(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 Drobená, Melissa Fisher, Cathy
& Leonard Lichanec

Shut-in Members of Holy Trinity

Attn: **Mrs. Barbara Bulick**

Brookdale

1715 Ellington Rd. Room # 212

South Windsor, CT 06074-2702

Attn: **Ms. Barbara Kovaciny**

Evergreen Health Care Center

205 Chestnut Hill Rd., Room # 1101

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-4005

Mr. Paul C. Kovaciny

242 East St.

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-3923

Ms. Anna Mandak

21 Old Monson Rd.

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-3343

Mrs. Tonia Marvonek

Evergreen Health Care Center

201 Chestnut Hill Rd., Rm. # 2107

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-4005

Calling all Lay Assistants, Readers, Tellers and Ushers

When you have made plans to be away from church, please let me know those dates so I don't put your name on the Monthly Service Schedule. It is much easier to find a substitute before your name on the schedule than after the schedule is printed.

Thanks for your assistance with this 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!!!

July 15 – July 19 5:30-7:30pm at First United Methodist Church, 8 Church Street, Stafford Springs, CT. (The big white church by CVS) Any child entering kindergarten through 5th grade in the fall is welcome to attend. A kid friendly dinner will be served.

Here is how you can serve Christ and be blessed with joy, fellowship, and much more! We need adult group leaders, helpers (high school students or adults), and trained adult Safe Sanctuary members to help move the kids from station to station. You do **NOT** have to teach. We will have Pastor Roy and others present the lesson. There will be someone in charge of the activities that reinforce the lesson *games and paper and pencil or coloring sheets. Your job will be to help the children. We will have someone in charge of music and crafts....and again you do not have to teach, just help the children. Each leader will have a helper and a Safe Sanctuary person to also help with or be with the children. One other commitment that you must do is attend a Safe Sanctuary Workshop, June 7th from 6:00 - 8:30. This is a video presentation with discussion and a worksheet with questions to answer. It is free but a requirement of anyone working with children. It is not difficult; it is actually eye-opening and for the safety of our children. We are in the process of picking out a theme and will let you know further information at the workshop. This is a great opportunity for children in our community to gather, enjoy a fun time and learn about Jesus. There will be registration forms available at community churches and at our church office & in Fellowship Hall. Call Connie at 860.684.2468 M, W, TH, FR 8 am to noon or you can leave a message anytime and she'll return your call. Please plan on signing up your children and being part of this wonderful program! Please Contact me if you have any questions.

-- **Email:** officefumcstafford@gmail.com
Connie J. Fogarty, Administrative Coordinator
First United Methodist Church
8 Church Street, Stafford Springs, CT 06076
860.684.2468

web site www.fumcstafford.org **2018 REGISTRATION FORM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 15 - 19, 2018 5:30-7:30PM (kid friendly dinner served at 5:30pm)**
officefumcstafford@gmail.com

**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) _____

PLEASE TELL US WHAT CHURCH YOU ARE PRESENTLY ATTENDING: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

What grade will your child be **ENTERING** in the fall (CIRCLE) K 1 2 3 4 5

ALLERGIES: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

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CHILD'S NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

What grade will your child be **ENTERING** in the fall (CIRCLE) K 1 2 3 4 5

ALLERGIES: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

*****Permission to PUBLISH Child's Picture on webpage, Facebook, Church Newsletter, Courant Community Newspaper, 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

***** Coming Events *****

June

5, 12, 19 & 26 – Pastor's Day off
6 – Troop 81 Cub Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
9 & 23 – Safe Net Ministries – 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
29 – Peter & Paul Apostles, Vespers – 7:45 p.m.

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