

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

November 2018

104 West Main Street, Stafford Springs, Connecticut 06076



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

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 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

Ecumenical  
Thanksgiving Service -  
Tuesday, November  
20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm held at  
Grace Episcopal Church  
7 Spring Street,  
Stafford Springs,  
CT. November - December  
Service Schedule



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Ushers

Worship Assistants Reader

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# November *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>All Saints Day</b>	2	3
<b>4 All Saints Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:20 a.m. Social Hour Daylight Savings Time ends, fall back 1 hour	5	6	7	8 <b>Johann von Staupitz, Pastor</b>	9	10 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>11 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Church Council meeting	12 Deadline for submitting articles / information for the December newsletter	13	14	15 6:30 Golash Supper 7:00 Beer Hymn-sing and snacks at church 7:00 p.m.	16	17 <b>Elizabeth of Bratislava, Princess of Hungary</b>
<b>18 The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	19	20	21 Bible Study at Parsonage 7:30 p.m.	22 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	23 <b>Clement, Bishop</b>	24 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
<b>25 Christ the King</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	26	27	28	29	30 <b>Andrew, Apostle</b> 7:00 pm Vespers	



## **Pastoral Care**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
7 Green St. Stafford Springs, CT 06076-1334  
Office Phone-860-684-7571  
Church – [htlc-church@att.net](http://htlc-church@att.net)  
Website – [htlcstafford.org](http://htlcstafford.org)  
Pastor Tom will be on sabbatical from Oct.  
8th until November 8th  
You may contact him on his cell  
**860-806-2440** Email  
**t.s.drobena@gmail.com**

**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 his address during this time is:

Revd. Thomas S. Drobena  
Selwyn College, Cambridge University  
Grange Rd  
Cambridge CB3 9DQ  
United Kingdom

## **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: Mrs. Barbara Bulick  
Brookdale  
1715 Ellington Rd. Room # 212  
South Windsor, CT 06074-2702

Mrs. Christine Gaulin  
5 West End St.  
Stafford Springs, CT 06076-1329

Ms. Shirley Kaba  
7 High St.  
Stafford Springs, CT 06076-1215

Attn: Ms. Barbara Kovaciny  
Evergreen Health Care Center  
205 Chestnut Hill Rd., Room # 1101  
Stafford Springs, CT 06076-4005

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

## **The raffles were won by the following individuals:**

Candle Lantern Centerpiece: Sandy Vaines  
Afghan: Lori Greenbaum  
Bath Gift Basket: George Pallanck  
Breakfast Gift Basket - Debbie Hockla-Kaba  
Kitchen Gift Basket - Anna Mae Hockla

## **Harvest Sale Thank you**

Because there are too many names to list and don't want to forget anyone, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Harvest Sale a huge success. It was a lot of hard work but because we all worked together as one in Christ, the sale was successful. To those who helped set-up for the sale, baked, made the stuffed cabbage, made crafts, made the delicious luncheon, and helped in the kitchen on the day of the sale.....whatever part you played, I cannot thank you enough. I am pleased to announce this year's total profit, after expenses, was \$1,930.00

God's love and peace to you always,

Leigh Maxa

## **The Church Year**

The readings for most of 2018 have come from Series B in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. Sunday, November 25, 2018 is the last Sunday in Series B. On Sunday, December 2, 2018 we'll be starting to use the reading is Series C.

The reading for each church year in 1 of 3 Series, either A, B or C. Each year goes from The First Sunday in Advent to Christ the King.

## **November**

### **Birthdays**

04 – Kim Valery-Pickar  
05 – Shirley Kaba  
06 – Diane Bulick  
09 – Judy Howlett  
10 – Charlie Bauer  
15 – Walter Kovaciny  
15 – Leigh Maxa  
18 – Jean Palacko  
19 – Jenny Baarck  
22 – Ryan Cooley  
27 – Shirley Molitoris

### **Anniversaries**

We don't have any Anniversaries to list for November.

## **Veterans Day Concert**

**Date:** November 1, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Free of charge

**Place:** American Legion, Post 26  
Stazza-Tonoli-Emhoff  
Stafford Springs, Connecticut

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*Come and witness*  
**The Miracle**  
*in music!*

*Saturday, December 15th, 2018*

*2pm*

*First United Methodist Church  
Stafford Springs, Ct*

*Come enjoy an afternoon of music and fellowship  
while we witness the birth of Christ through song!*



*If you are interested in singing, reading or baking for this event  
please contact Malisa Buchanan at (860) 543-5456.*



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

### November

- 4 – Social Hour – 11:20 a.m.
- 10 & 24 – Safe Net Distribution – 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- 11 – Church Council meeting – 11:15 a.m.
- 12 – Deadline for submitting articles for the December newsletter
- 15 – Beer and Hymns, Hymn-sing and snacks at church 7:00 p.m.
- 23 – Bible Study at the Parsonage – 7:30 p.m.
- 30 – Andrew Apostle Vespers – 7:00 p.m.

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[www.holytrinitystafford.org](http://www.holytrinitystafford.org)  
Slovak Zion Synod – ELCA  
Address Correction Requested

