



Disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring God's light into the world: through worship, serving, learning and sharing the Good News!

The Lenten Season Begins - Remembering Our Baptisms

You are receiving this issue of the Glad Tidings a few days earlier than usual, because **Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on March 2nd** this year. Lent is a season in which we are reminded of our mortality beginning with Ash Wednesday as we are marked by dust and ashes. Though we contemplate our mortality on Ash Wednesday, this day is a beginning too, of a season of returning to our baptism. Our theme for Lent this year is "Remembering Our Baptisms".

The Worship and Music Committee wants to provide a variety of Ash Wednesday experiences for you and your family. Trinity will offer a **virtual** Ash Wednesday service led by Pastor Wolling. The virtual service will be available on the Trinity website, Facebook, and our YouTube channel beginning on March 2nd. The service can be accessed at any time convenient for you and your family.

Inside your Tidings envelope you will find a bag of ashes for your use if you choose a virtual experience. Prior to watching the service, please mix the enclosed ashes with one small drop of olive or vegetable oil. You will then be ready to make the sign of the cross on your forehead or the back of your hand when prompted during the worship service you are viewing. The following prayer has also been written for you to say out loud or in your heart during the service.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

If you prefer an **in-person experience**, please join our Lutheran friends at either **Zion (New Hartford)** or **Our Saviour (Utica)** at their services. Ash Wednesday services will be offered on March 2 at 12:00 pm at Zion (Distribution of Ashes together with Holy Communion, led by Deacon Patsy Glista), or at 7:00 pm at Our Saviour (Distribution of Ashes together with Holy Communion, led by Pr. Anita Mohr).

What is Lent and Why Does It Matter?

The season of Lent is a time of spring cleaning, cleaning out the old in order to begin anew. It beckons us to splash in the waters of baptism. At Trinity, during Lent we will place the baptismal font near the entrance of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to **pick up and take home a glass stone to remind you of the waters and blessings of your baptism**, when you were given the identity of God's child and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Martin Luther once said, "Everytime you wash your face, remember your baptism". Whether you are with us in person or attending worship virtually, we invite you to place this quote by your bathroom mirror during the Lenten season. Each time you splash the water, remember the promises of your baptism.

We will also be reposting the virtual midweek Lenten services by Rev. Gail Wolling from last year with the theme "Season of the Heart."

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
March 6	Deacon Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
March 13	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
March 20	David Grindle SAM	In House/Virtual	No
March 27	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes

To virtually participate in Sunday Service, please join us at 10am on either Zoom, Facebook or the website.

Zoom Phone: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 3158666474 Password: 13350

All in person worship services are subject to change to virtual only if Covid status changes.

News From The TLC Council

At the February TLC Council meeting, the updated Covid policy was unanimously approved. The work of our Property Committee was acknowledged with appreciation for addressing several projects in the church building, including repair of the office door. Other committees also report positive activity. Dean Gail reported that she will be traveling in March and therefore, there will be no virtual Bible study sessions offered. The March Council meeting will take place on March 9, 2022.

Thank You From Trinity's Staff

With deepest gratitude, the staff here at Trinity would like to thank each and every congregation member who contributed to the staff gift. What a wonderful feeling it is to be so appreciated by our church family!

God's Work for 2022 at TLC

How will your faith be active this year? Perhaps you can share your memories of being a Trinity member by writing an article for a future edition of the Tidings. We are especially interested in stories that tell of Trinity's history. Or you may find a place to serve on one of our committees. If "doing" is your passion, please volunteer to help with Sunday services. The list is endless - Trinity needs every member to become involved in Trinity's mission projects and to nourish one another to strengthen our faith.

Mohawk Valley Council of Churches Lenten Lunches

JoAnn Blaise represents Trinity at monthly meetings of this ecumenical group of churches. The Council will offer soup and sandwich luncheons during Lent, with each one hosted by a different church. Trinity will host the luncheon on Wednesday, March 16th, served at noon. This will be a nice way to socialize with fellow Christians while traveling the Lenten journey together. The full schedule of luncheons is as follows:

- ★ March 9: First Presbyterian Church, Ilion
- ★ March 16: Trinity Lutheran Church, Herkimer
- ★ March 23: First Baptist Church, Ilion
- ★ March 30: Morning Star Methodist, Ilion
- ★ April 6: Blessed Sacrament Church, Mohawk

Each of the luncheons begin at noon.

Churches United in Faith

Collaboration and sharing between our church, Zion Lutheran Church in New Hartford, and Our Saviour in Utica continues to take small steps forward. Patsy Glista is facilitating a Bible Study via Zoom for the women of all three churches called "Let Us Pray" that began on February 22nd and will continue monthly until April. An open invitation to join Ash Wednesday services among the three churches is a worship step forward. Where might this Godly friendship take us as we move forward? Get involved to find out. Contact Ann Maher if you would like to join the email exchanges for more information/communication.

Serving and Sharing

TLC SOUPer Bowl Champions!

This year we definitely were the champions of this game! Together as a team, TLC collected \$205 and 63 cans of soup for the local Food Pantry! Thank you so much to all who donated and volunteered!

FOOD PANTRY

For the month of March, will we focus on collecting meat for the Food Pantry! Some examples are beef stew, tuna, pre-made meat ravioli, and canned spaghetti. Please leave any donations in the basket at the entry of the church or in the bin on the parsonage porch. Thank you!

BOX FOR SOCKS

During these harsh cold months, let's help others keep warm. Socks can be left in the box in the sanctuary or in the box on the parsonage porch. Thanks to all who have donated!

Learning

FAITH ALIVE

Hello everyone, we pray you are doing well and receiving many BLESSINGS from our LORD. A special invitation is being sent out to members of all ages to join us at our next Faith Alive gathering on **March 6th from 9-10 am**. Believe me, this one hour will put happy smiles on your face. So, sharing the moment, as might be said, builds strong relationships with each other and of course Jesus. You might ask, "How can this be?" Stop in on March 6th and find out! Bring a friend or friends and yes, we serve goodies too!! How about bringing a non-perishable food item, for our local food pantry, to give to someone who just might need a little help. Sounds good, doesn't it?

A great big thank you to Cole DeLuca for his assistance in helping things to run smoothly last month. My, did he get tall!! We continue to be a work in progress, following Jesus all the way. New ideas and crafts are very welcome and so appreciated. Any Questions? Please call Cassie at the church office 315-866-6474, Wendy Catera or Phillis Becker.

BIBLE STUDY

Did you know that there is an active discussion about the Bible and its messages for us happening every Thursday morning at 10 am? You are welcome to join the conversation! The group is led by Phillis Becker, and meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall.

Dean Gail's virtual Bible Study experiences will take a break for the month of March.

BOOK GROUP

Please consider joining us on Friday, March 18th, for a fun activity. No book to read this month as we will be sharing scripture, quotes and poems. We will meet at Harriet's house at 10:00 AM. We welcome new readers to the group! Call Harriet at 315-868-9977 for directions or for any questions. Remember, if you have not had the opportunity to read the book you are more than welcome anyway. It is a time of fellowship and sharing. Be assured beverages and a snack are always on the table.

A NEW PROJECT FOR 2022 - PRODUCING A "TLC DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET"

The idea of creating and producing our own devotional resource book for the enjoyment of our members has been under discussion for awhile. The Book Group has offered to take the lead on this project, and (as you read above) will begin another round of sharing poems, favorite scriptures, and meaningful quotes at their March meeting. The idea is to collect interesting contributions over time, and then to organize them in a meaningful way for publication. The kind of "entries" to be included is wide open at this point, and everyone is invited to submit pieces for consideration. It might be a poem you wrote, or one that speaks to you, perhaps written by a relative or friend. Scripture verses with a short message about why it is special to you is another example. Quotes or pictures that have guided your path would be welcome as well - thinking outside the box at this point will yield an interesting outcome. Your sharing pieces can be mailed to the church office or sent via email to info@trinityherkimer.org with "Devotions" in the subject header. Interested in helping with this project or have ideas to share? Talk with/contact Sue Harkins and thanks to Sue for being the contact person. This project has an open-ended timeline for now. When would you like to see our booklet published? Such a fun project this will be!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER 🙏:

The primary purpose of prayer is to bring us into a life of communion with GOD the FATHER that, by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, we are increasingly conformed to the image of His Son, JESUS CHRIST.

PRAYER NOTES 🙏:

"Lord teach us to pray" (Luke 11:16)

Q: What is the difference between repetition prayer and persistent prayer?

A: Concerning prayer, Jesus said: "But when you pray, do not use vain repetition as the heathen do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words." (Matthew 6:7). Notice that Jesus instructs against vain repetition. God does not want us to pray mechanically or insincerely. This should not be confused with regularly praying over months or years about something of concern to us.

Persistent prayer, from the heart, is the subject of the parable of the unfortunate widow (Luke 18:1-8). If even an unjust judge will take action because of the persistent request, how much more will our righteous, just and loving God do? God hears our sincere, persistent prayers and will answer them in due time and in accordance with HIS WILL.

This month, please pray for the newly baptized in Christ Jesus. Pray that the Holy Spirit would place in their hearts a deep desire to seek the Lord their God, as they continue to grow in their Faith journey with Jesus. AMEN

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

Please contact Cassie with questions or any necessary changes.

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Counter 1	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Counter 2	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	Bona Starring	Bona Starring
Reader	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker
Technology	Cassie/Ann	Cassie/Ann	JoAnn/Ann	Cassie/Ann
Unlock Door	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	Joann Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	David Grindle	Sue Harkins
Altar	N/A	Amy Manning	N/A	Kylene Jordan
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

Stewardship

Thanks to everyone who has continued to mail offerings to church (443 Henry Street, Herkimer, NY 13350) or continues to use Simply Giving. The mission of the church continues throughout the pandemic. If you wish to receive more information about giving directly to Trinity through the Thrivent Simply Giving Program, please contact Wendy DeLuca at wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org.

During the first 4 Sundays in January, Trinity received offerings in the following amounts.

Average In-person Attendance	General Fund	Capital Fund	Designated Funds
19	\$4338.00	\$60.00	\$1,601.50

Designated Funds include: Flowers, Candles, Clinton Homes, World Hunger, Youth Groups, Fundraisers, Synod, Reimbursed Items, Local Charities, Memorial Fund, Capital Fund, Organ Fund & Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Needed from 4 Sundays each month - \$8189.33

MARCH 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2 ALL DAY Ash Wednesday Lent Begins Virtual Ash Wednesday service 12:00 pm Zion Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Our Saviour Ash Wednesday Service	3 10:00 am Bible Study	4	5 7:30 pm NA Meeting	6 9:00 am Faith Alive Event 10:00 am Worship Service
7 7:30 pm NA Meeting	8 10:00 am Virtual Bible Study	9 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon-First Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm Council meeting via ZOOM	10 10:00 am Bible Study	11	12 7:30 pm NA Meeting	13 10:00 am Worship Service
14 7:30 pm NA Meeting	15	16 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon - TLC	17 10:00 am Bible Study	18 10:00 am Book Group Meets	19 7:30 pm NA Meeting	20 10:00 am Worship Service
21 7:30 pm NA Meeting	22 10:00 am Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm 3 Part Woman's Bible Study on Zoom	23 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon - First Baptist Church of Ilion	24 10:00 am Bible Study	25	26 7:30 pm NA Meeting	27 9:00 am Faith Alive Event 10:00 am Worship Service
28 7:30 pm NA Meeting	29	30 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon - Morning Star Methodist, Ilion	31 10:00 am Bible Study			

If you have something to add to the calendar please contact Cassie.

Church Office Hours: Cassie will be in the office Tuesday-Friday from 1-4pm for any of your church needs. She can always be reached at csherman@trinityherkimer.org or leave a message on the church phone 315-866-6474.

Our Church Family



God's children in need of prayer and support: Ann, Jim, Larry, Jerry, Michael, Eleanor, Edith, Joanne, Gary, Nancy, Rich, Rose, Jason, Chase, Peter, Tanya, Felix, Irene, Barbara, Wendy, Graham, Asha, Diane, Joe, Hope, Sheila and all others on Trinity's prayer chain.

Please keep all those around the world and those at home who are suffering from the current natural disasters, oppression, persecution and those who are ill in your daily prayers. Thank you.

We, as a congregation, are so proud of our young people, especially Alyx, Jaxson and Cole. Each was asked to do community service, and all three chose our church as their focus. How awesome is that!!! Cole helped with "Faith Alive" and preparation/delivery of meal for SA Cafe . Alyx and Jaxson have been working together, preparing meals for "Feed My Sheep", as well as cleaning all the pews in the sanctuary, balcony and choir loft, and...brass cleaning, which Jaxson did. Thank you to Alyx, Cole and Jaxson and may the blessings of our Lord be upon each of them as they grow in their Faith and service to GOD, Yes!

If someone was inadvertently omitted please bring it to our attention. Thank you!

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters, please call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kiya Snyder
Patrick Roche
Beth Ann Crouch
John D. Sadlon
Steve Kucerak, Jr.
Charlee Mae Lyon
Taryn Rackmyer
Ann Maher
Catrina Griewahn
Dustin Sanders
Laurie Heiland-Crouch
Stanley Swienton
Lisa Woods
Paul Vanderwerken
Marcy Miller

Mary Knoblauch
Ty Rigo
Amelia Whitney
Cole DeLuca
Edie Hermann
Samantha Prosser
Judy Burke
Ella Wilcox
Maegan Manning
Ashley Hinckley
Debra Devereese
Jodi Rivers
Jodie Farrington
Nicole Benedict
Abe Stublely

Amanda MacDougald
Kevin Kirk
Connie Engert
John Keiser
Stephen Manning
Avery Hinckley
Elaine Fleming
Hunter Shaut
Jared Levi
Jennifer Burger
Melissa McClouskey
Riley Lyon
Randy Snow

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Cindy & Mark Knoblauch

Carol & Peter Bunn

If you spot an error or omission, please notify the office. We will be happy to update this list!

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**Worship With Us
From Anywhere!
Call on your landline
phone, use your
computer, receive a
DVD, or receive a
printed copy of the
sermon! See Worship
Schedule for details.**

Helpful Resources:

Church Calendar: trinityherkimer.org/calendar

COVID CDC Tracker: covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view

Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer

SYNOD website: upstatenysynod.org/

Trinity Lutheran Church Draft Covid 19 Protocols

Using the NYS Department of Health Guidelines and Herkimer County data, the TLC Church Council has set the following expectations in place for anyone using the church facilities. This includes worship, meetings, and all other purposes.

When the County rate of infection is **High or Substantial**:

- Wear a mask, except when seated and consuming food/beverage in the Fellowship Hall or communing. Masks must be worn correctly.
- Sign in on the chart when you enter the church, at the bottom of the stairs.
- Maintain a comfortable and safe distance between yourself and others (six feet).
- Stay home if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms of illness.
- Use good hygiene practices, including use of the hand sanitizing stations provided.
- Respect one another at all times.

When the County rate of infection is **Moderate or Low**:

- Unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask at all times.
- Masks, worn correctly, are required for vaccinated individuals while singing during worship, or singing anywhere in the church building.
- Sign in on the chart when you enter the church, at the bottom of the stairs.
- Maintain a comfortable and safe distance between yourself and others (six feet).
- Stay home if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms of illness.
- Use good hygiene practices, including use of the hand sanitizing stations provided.
- Respect one another at all times.

The county rate is measured weekly, and we share the rate in our Weekly Announcement email. In addition, a sign is posted on the church door to state the risk level of our county. Masks are available to those who are in need.

If we all follow these guidelines, our church will continue to be a welcoming and safe space, both virtually and physically. Thank you for being a part of Trinity!

Approved by the TLC Council on February 9, 2022.