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# Glad Tidings

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

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## **Easter is Coming! Finishing Our Lenten Journey**

One year ago, on Easter Sunday, we resumed in-person worship at Trinity, in addition to sharing the service virtually. What a year it has been - God has blessed us richly. As our Baptismal stones help us to reflect on our lives, April will bring the final weeks of Lent, and then Holy Week. Our worship leaders seem to enlighten and challenge us each Sunday with their messages. If you didn't get a stone from the Baptismal font yet, there are still some available.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 10th. Palms will be available in advance for those who will worship virtually, and at the service. The service will be led by David Grindle and communion will be offered. Maundy Thursday services will be offered at Zion Lutheran at noon with Pastor Rick Klafeyn and at Our Saviour at 7:00 pm with Pastor Anita Mohr. Our TLC Good Friday service will be offered virtually at any time convenient for you and your family. If you prefer an in-person experience, please join our Lutheran friends at either Zion (New Hartford) at 12:00 pm or Our Saviour (Utica) at 7:00 pm for their services.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, Dean Wolling will celebrate Easter with us. He is Risen - Alleluia!



## **News from Your Church Council**

Ideas about collaboration and sharing activities with Zion and Our Saviour continue to circulate and grow. Zion now has an interim transition pastor who is helping them to explore their options for clergy leadership and other issues. Their Council has invited our Council to hold a joint Zoom meeting in April to get acquainted with one another, and imagine what the future might hold for both congregations. Please hold our Councils in your prayers, and talk to any Council member if you have thoughts or ideas for us to share.

## **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.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Communion</b>
April 3	Deacon Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
April 10 - Palm Sunday	David Grindle SAM	In House/Virtual	Yes
April 17 - Easter	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
April 24	Rev. Bill Preuss	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.

### **Celebrate Earth Day with TLC**

We are ready for spring cleaning! At TLC we like to recycle as much as possible. Right now, we are collecting returnable cans and bottles with money raised going into our general fund. Pop tabs are given to the Ronald McDonald House in Syracuse. Empty ink cartridges are recyclable and help us pay for office supplies. If you have any of these items lying around, we will gladly recycle them for you! These items may be left in the receptacles in the vestibule, or in the office. If you have any ideas about how Trinity can continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle, please contact Cassie in the office. Thank you!

### **Coffee Hours Returning!**

Have you missed sharing coffee and conversation with friends after worship? Plans are in the works to start up our TLC monthly coffee hours in April. Mark your calendar for April 24th and plan to stay after worship for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Preuss is leading worship that day and is looking forward to visiting with old friends! Watch for more details in upcoming Weekly Announcements.

### **Summer is Coming and So Is Vacation Bible School**

Perhaps this is the year you want to help out with VBS, or know children who will benefit from participating. Planning is already underway! Praise the Lord that we have a leader for this year's VBS. Thank you to Linda Carnright who has stepped up. And since our last meeting we have several folks who have agreed to fill in other leadership places. So that is a good start. The next planning meeting is April 11 at 6:30 at Herkimer First United Methodist Church. Please come with ideas for the group to consider for the program and how you can assist. Spread the word in all of our churches and the community!

### **Lenten Luncheons A Big Success**

During Lent, the Mohawk Valley Council of Churches has offered soup and sandwich luncheons at member churches. When Trinity's turn to host happened in March, the event was a great success. Twenty-six people attended, and donated \$85.00 to our local Food Pantry. Appreciation and thanks go to JoAnn Blaise and Phillis Becker for hosting this meaningful event.

## Working With the Larger Church

Are you curious about how our work at Trinity connects with the Upstate New York Synod and the ELCA? What makes all of us Lutherans? There are two upcoming events that help to answer those questions. Trinity is part of the Central Crossroad Conference, a regional group of Lutheran Churches in our geographic region. The CCC Spring Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 2nd from 9-12 at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Liverpool. This meeting is significant because the agenda will include the election of a new Conference Dean (Dean Wolling's term ends) and a CCC representative to the Synod Council. Nominations for a new UNYS Vice President will also be received. All churches send voting delegates; Trinity has two voting delegates spots. Those delegates will also be voting members at the June Synod Assembly. Beyond the delegates, both events are open to everyone who is interested in the work of our churches. Please contact Ann Maher if you are interested in becoming a voting delegate. Carpooling offers time to socialize.

## Serving and Sharing

### FOOD PANTRY

For the month of April, will we focus on collecting cereal. Please leave any donations in the basket at the entry of the church or in the bin on the parsonage porch. Thank you!

### TLC SOUPer Bowl Champions!

**Together as a team, TLC collected**

**\$205**

**63 cans of soup**

**57 other food items**



Thank you to all who donated to the local food pantry and volunteered with this event!

### BOX FOR SOCKS

Even as spring arrives, we can still help others keep warm and dry. 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

### 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 offers virtual Bible Study experiences on Facebook. The study is streamed live on Facebook and can also be viewed at any time after it is posted.

## FAITH ALIVE

Hello Christian friends. I am excited as I reflect on how our Lord is leading us, together, on this adventure. As you know all ages are welcome to join in the fun. We laugh a lot and I think we can get a little loud, do you think?? "The JOY of the Lord is our strength" YES! As we move on to our next gathering, (April 24th, 9-10am) our focus will move on to the JOY of Easter (the CROSS) Ohh the list goes on and on. A big thank you to Bona for suggesting and supplying the materials to write our blessings on stones and place them in the baptismal font in the sanctuary or take them home as one chooses.

Growing in FAITH, leaning on the foundation of the ROCK, JESUS CHRIST, Wow it's awesome! And that is who we are at FAITH ALIVE!!!! New crafts and ideas are so appreciated and definitely welcome. I am NOT a crafty person! O yes, thanks to Rose and Ron for the delicious cookies and to Sheila for her support. Please call Phillis, Wendy C. or Cassie at the church office 315-866-6474 with any questions. Thank you and Peace!

## BOOK GROUP

We will meet in April on the 22nd (the Friday after Easter). Please join us at Harriet's house at 10am. Call 315-868-9977 with any questions. We will be discussing books by Jane Kirkpatrick. Which novel you choose to read is your choice!

Looking forward to May, we will gather on Friday, May 20th and our book is *Faster Pastor* by Sharyn McCrumb and Adam Edwards. All are welcome to join us. Come share in fellowship, good discussion, and of course refreshments!

## PRODUCING A "TLC DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET" - NOW MOVING FORWARD

The Book Group has begun collecting poems, favorite scriptures, and meaningful quotes for this project 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 are also welcome. Your sharing pieces can be mailed to the church office or sent via email to [info@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:info@trinityherkimer.org) with "Devotions" in the subject header. Cassie has offered to type up any contributions that might be handwritten. 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 🙏:

"Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my groaning. Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, For to Thee do I pray. In the morning, O Lord, Thou will hear my voice: In the morning I will order my Prayer to Thee and eagerly watch" (Psalm 5:1-3)

### PRAYER NOTES 🙏:

"Tomorrow I plan to work, from early until late. In fact I have so much to do that I spend the first three hours in prayer. " The words of Martin Luther.

Did you know that Psalm 46 inspired Martin Luther to write the great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God"? Consider praying this Psalm every day, allowing the HOLY SPIRIT to bring to light new and marvelous things. And as HE leads, share them with each other! Remember, Jesus receives us just as we

are and accepts our prayers just as they are. In the same way that a small child cannot draw a bad picture, so a child of God cannot offer a bad prayer 🙏 .

PRAYER is an attitude of total dependence on God; "I can't do it but God can help me do it". We learn to lean on Jesus throughout the waking moments of every day for help. Our whole life, when it is lived to the Glory of God is a form of prayer 🙏 . Take time to pray and learn to lean on God for EVERYTHING!!!

In His Service,  
Prayer Ministry

PS: Keep an eye out for Trinity's next prayer event, to be held this spring.

### Volunteer Schedule

Please contact Cassie with questions or any necessary changes.

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
<b>Counter 1</b>	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
<b>Counter 2</b>	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	Gary Manning	Gary Manning
<b>Reader</b>	Judy Sadlon	Phillis Becker	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring
<b>Technology</b>	Cassie/Ann	Cassie/Ann	Cassie/Ann	Cassie/Ann
<b>Unlock Door</b>	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	Joann Blaise	Phillis Becker
<b>Singer</b>	Judy Sadlon	David Grindle	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon
<b>Altar</b>	N/A	Amy Manning	Kylene Jordan	Amy Manning
<b>Ventilation</b>	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](mailto:wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org).

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

Average In-person Attendance	General Fund	Capital Fund	Designated Funds
18	\$3,598.00	\$90.00	\$781.00

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

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
					<b>9:00 am</b> Central Crossroad ConferenceSpringAsse mbly  <b>7:30 pm</b> NA Meeting	<b>10:00 am</b> Worship Service  <b>11:00 am</b> Serving and Sharing Meeting
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>7:30 pm</b> NA Meeting		ALL DAY <b>Virtual Mid-week                      Lenten Service</b>  <b>12:00 pm</b> Lenten Luncheon- Blessed Sacrament Church, Mohawk	<b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study		<b>7:30 pm</b> NA Meeting	ALL DAY <b>Palm Sunday</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Worship Service
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>7:30 pm</b> NA Meeting	<b>10:00 am</b> Virtual Bible Study	<b>6:30 pm</b> Council meeting via ZOOM	ALL DAY <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>12:00 pm</b> Service at Zion  <b>7:00 pm</b> Service at Our Saviour	ALL DAY <b>Good Friday</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> Service at Our Saviour	<b>7:30 pm</b> NA Meeting	<b>10:00 am</b> Worship Service  <b>12:30 pm</b> Free Easter Dinner at Word Christian Center
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>7:30 pm</b> NA Meeting		<b>5:30 pm</b> Stewardship/Finance Meeting	<b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study		<b>7:30 pm</b> NA Meeting	<b>9:00 am</b> Faith Alive Event  <b>10:00 am</b> Worship Service  <b>11:00 am</b> Coffee Hour
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>7:30 pm</b> NA Meeting	<b>10:00 am</b> Virtual Bible Study  <b>6:30 pm</b> 3 Part Woman's Bible Study on Zoom		<b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study		<b>7:30 pm</b> NA Meeting	

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](mailto: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, Brenda, Robert, Sheila, Eleanor, Edith, Michael, Joanne, Hope, Gary, Nancy, Rose, Chase, Peter, Tanya, Irene, Barbara, Graham, Asha, Diane, Joe, Marilyn and all others on Trinity's prayer chain.

Please keep all those around the world and those at home, who are suffering from disasters, oppression, persecution, especially the Ukrainian people who are under siege by war, to safety for ALL their needs. Praying in the Name of Jesus, AMEN.

Please keep Irene Krupa, our dear sister in Christ in your prayers, as her husband Felix of many years, went to be with our Lord peacefully on Sunday 2/27/22. Please keep Irene, her daughters and granddaughters in your prayers for God's comfort and peace that passes all understanding.

Our brother in Christ, Tracey Wayne Shaut, went to be with Jesus on Friday 2/25/22. Please keep his parents, grandparents, great grandparents and all his friends and relatives in your prayers .

Please also pray for the family of Meagan Stewart, who passed away unexpectedly at her home on Casler Road in Fairfield on March 23, 2022. Please keep her parents Chris and Tracey Stewart and their family in your prayers at this sad time.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ hold each one safely in the palm of His hand, comforting them with His love and peace.

If someone has been 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.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kristin Omerzu	Justin Manning	Jeremy Hinckley
Bona Starring	Dan Collins	Joshua Hinckley
Margaret K. Jones	Pam Stafford	Leah Donnelly
Morgan Lynn Rivers	Stephen Osley	Cooper Jordan
Timothy Smith, Jr.	Joshua Neff	Lucas Rivers
Ellen Olson	Stephanie Merena	Martin Collins
Caden Marusic	Nancy Pollak	Veronica Gerdau
Medisyn Lyle	Brittany Engert	Allison Maguire
Wesley Stewart	Carlianna Stafford	Peter J. Bunn
Richard Savarese	Robine Snow	Reese Capozzi
Ruth Wicks	Heather Marusic	

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Tracy & Matt Stewart

Bona & Richard Starring

**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](http://trinityherkimer.org/calendar)

COVID CDC Tracker: [covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view)

Facebook: [facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer](https://facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer)

SYNOD website: [upstatenysynod.org/](http://upstatenysynod.org/)

### Trinity Lutheran Church 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.*