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# Glad Tidings

## APRIL 2023

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

### April Brings Holy Week and Easter

As we move into April and the end of Lent, our Palm Sunday service on April 2nd will open Holy Week, and culminate with Easter Sunday. Be sure to join us for the meaningful events of the Easter Season.

#### *Local Holy Week Services*

**First United Methodist Church**

127 N. Prospect Ave, Herkimer  
Good Friday service at 7pm

**Fort Herkimer Church**

Easter Sunday service at 7am

**Morning Star United Methodist Church**

4224 Acme Rd, Frankfort  
Holy Thursday service held at 6pm (there is a bring a dish to pass event)

**St Augustine Episcopal Church**

78 Second Street, Ilion  
Holy Thursday service at 6pm  
Good Friday service at 6pm

**The Reformed Church Mohawk**

On Good Friday the church will be open for the day to come and pray

**Zion Lutheran Church**

690 French Road, New Hartford  
Maundy Thursday there will be a simple supper in the downstairs Fellowship Hall  
Good Friday service at 12pm



## He is Risen!



Join us at  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Easter Sunday  
April 9, 2023

### *Breakfast*

8:45am - 9:45am

Free Will Donation

Crustless quiche, breakfast pizza, ham, pancakes, fruit and desserts

### *Worship*

10am

In person or virtually

Contact the office for more information on joining virtually

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
April 2 - Palm Sunday	Deacon Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	Yes
April 9 - Easter	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
April 16	Judy Sadlon	In House/Virtual	No
April 23	Judy Sadlon	In House/Virtual	No
April 30	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

[www.trinityherkimer.org](http://www.trinityherkimer.org)

315-866-6474

## **Council President's Musings:**

Hello to all! By the time the Tidings come out via email & print, Palm Sunday will be upon us, & Easter will be a week away.

There has been a lot of preparation, by committees and individuals, to prepare ourselves & the building for Easter Resurrection services & celebrations. More does need to be done, and you are needed as a volunteer! Would you be available at times to change the Banners that decorate the Sanctuary? Would you be willing to vacuum the carpeted areas of the Church building, weekly or every other week? It could be split between people.

Please read the article about a work day, and more individual timed sessions can be done, as I realize most folks are busy, & time is precious. No one has contacted me directly about participating, so this causes me to be concerned. If you have time to volunteer, please contact Briana in the office, 315-866-6474, as a sign-up sheet has been prepared, to have your name recorded on the list for a task.

Please also read the article about the Task force regarding the Parsonage Lease; more volunteers to be part of the task force are welcome, and the Task Force will report back to the Council prior to June 1st.

As a reminder, if you want to read the full Council meeting minutes, contact Briana, and once finalized & approved you may get a copy.

Annual Central Crossroads Conference and Synod Assembly events are in the planning stages. Bona Starring and Judy Sadlon will represent us as delegates for the CCC Assembly. Bona is unable to attend the Synod Assembly in June, so Council is seeking a delegate to attend that event with Judy. Would you like to attend? Speak to them if you are interested in what goes, or went, on there.

The Property Committee could use more volunteers as well, as the 3 members Kylene Jordan, Gary Manning , & I also have very intense work schedules part of the year, and both the Church Building & Parsonage sometimes have needs.

God's Blessings and Peace to you,  
Amy Manning

## **Office News**

The TLC updated Directory is moving along! Thanks to all who have returned the personal information forms. Some people have said "Nothing has changed" and therefore did not yet return a form. We are especially interested in gathering email addresses - do we have yours? We will continue to update our records. The Tidings is now being mailed only to those who have updated their information, so if you miss receiving a copy, give Briana a call or send an email to finish updating your information. Or grab a blank directory form, complete it and leave it for Briana. Communication among our members is important and we want to be sure we are all connected.

## **Work Day**

Please sign up & plan to attend an in-person Spring Work Day at our church. We need some extra attention to our building to do spring cleaning tasks before Easter Sunday, such as washing windows, vacuuming & dusting/cleaning woodwork, as well as putting away the window protector boards & cleaning up the church yard from winter.

Please come to work on Saturday April 1st, from 9am to noon. You may sign-up by leaving a message on the church's voicemail, 315-866-6474, emailing [info@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:info@trinityherkimer.org) or [Amy amanning@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:Amy amanning@trinityherkimer.org) or sign up on a paper form on the large wooden table in the Henry St. Narthex. There is additional cleaning of Brass & Silver items that can be done as well.

If this time frame doesn't work for you, contact us as above to set up access to help with tasks on your schedule.

## **Survey for Zion/TLC Work Group**

Conversations between TLC and Zion about sharing resources and collaboratively continue. A joint Work Group has been established as an outcome of Zion's work with the Abide process. This small group is determined to represent each congregation clearly as we wonder about what the future holds for each church. We need your input! You will find a survey in this mailing, and we invite you to complete it and return it to the Trinity office by the end of April. Compiling the results will give the Work Group guidance on what the two churches have in common, and where we see ourselves presently. Amy Manning, Justina Kane and Ann Maher are currently your representatives on the Work Group. Thank you for completing the survey!

## **Easter Flowers**

As we return to having fresh flowers on the altar for Easter Sunday, the following have been given:

In memory of Bill Goodman by Mrs. Goodman & Family.

In memory of Charlie & Helen, Mom & Dad, & Diane by Phillis & Richard Becker.

In memory of Madaline Mead, Richard Baker, & Francis Young Sr. by Sheila & Allison Baker.

In memory of Edward and Lenore Widanka by Bona Starring.

In memory of Lester and Barbara Lewis by Ann Maher.

## **Task Force**

Hello Congregation & Potential Task Force Members,

The Council is convening a Task Force regarding the Parsonage Lease, as requested by members present at the January Annual Congregational Meeting. The 1st Meeting will be held in-person in the Church's Library at 11:15am on Sunday April 16, 2023. If any interested persons cannot attend in-person, I will set up a Zoom link to make it a "hybrid" meeting. If you need food at that time of day, please bring it with you, and Coffee & Tea can be made available. We will meet for a maximum of 90 minutes at that time, and set up a plan for additional meetings as needed.

We will report our findings to the Council no later than May so the Council can discuss at the June Council Meeting.

If you would like to participate, please contact either myself, or our Administrative Assistant Briana, to be included in the communications. If you call my cell #, please leave a voicemail, & I will return your message outside of my work hours.

Thank you!

Amy Manning, Council President

## **Beaver Camp**

Have you ever heard of the Christian camp in the Adirondacks called Beaver Camp? Located in Lowville (less than two hours north of us), this camp offers wonderful opportunities for children, adults and families. "A week at Beaver Camp is the faith-building, character-forming, life-changing adventure that children and teens need to equip them for a lifetime and the year ahead". All kinds of camping experiences are available, including Grandparent-Grandchild Camp, wilderness adventures and of course, summer camp! Check out all that is offered at [beavercamp.org](http://beavercamp.org).

## **Women of Faith In-Person Luncheon and Program**

The next "Women of Faith" luncheon and program will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Utica on **May 7 at 12 noon**. All are invited for a fun time of fellowship and learning.

The program topic will be "Women Who Are Prophets" in the Bible. A Prophetess is a woman who God has chosen to speak for Him under divine guidance by the Holy Spirit. We will be discussing why these women were chosen and what their mission was. We will also explore how this applies to us today in our Faith Walk with Jesus. This will also give us more insight into the awesomeness of God and how He works in our lives individually.

## **Serving and Sharing**

### **APRIL'S DONATION FOCUS**

For the month of April, our donation focus will be cereal for the Food Pantry. Each month we will have a different donation focus, but other items will always be in need and accepted. Donations can be left in the box in the sanctuary, on the parsonage porch, or in the Henry Street vestibule. Thanks to all who continue to donate!

### **SOUPER BOWL**

Thank you to all who donated dollars and food items through Trinity to the SOUPER Bowl of Caring in February & March! Our donation totals to date are 39 items, and \$140. These items have been donated to the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Herkimer as it serves the Valley towns, and a check will be mailed to them shortly as well. Thank you for continuing to feed hungry people in our local area!

Amy Manning, Congregation Coordinator.

## **Learning**

### **BOOK GROUP**

Our next Book Group get-together is Friday April 21st, 10:00 AM at Trinity. We will meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, even if you have not had a chance to read the book. We always have a lively discussion! For the April meeting we are asked to read any book by Jennifer Chiaverini (your choice). Her stories revolve around quilting! Jennifer is the author of 16 Elm Creek Quilts novels. She imparts a healthy dollop of history in a folksy style. If you wish, bring your own beverage and snack. We usually meet for an hour and 15 minutes. Please join us for good conversation and sharing. Hope to see you on April 21st!

### **FAITH ALIVE**

This year the last day of Lent is April 8th, which is a good time to remember our baptism and how that gift of love from our God gives us a new start every day!! The next day Sunday April 9th we celebrate Easter with great Joy, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "CHRIST has RISEN" as the song goes. What an awesome God we serve!

Describing FAITH ALIVE in one word is very simple - LOVE. This kind of love goes full circle. First God's love for us, as demonstrated on the Cross and our love back to JESUS and each other. HAPPY EASTER!!!!

A suggestion: read Psalm 89:1 and slowly ask ourselves the question ,what is the Psalmist, by using the words "I will" twice, stating what his action will be? Think of the words PRAISE and SHARE. Praise and Share what???

As a parent, would you like your baptized child to learn about why we, as God's children, are instructed by Jesus Christ to remember Him through the bread and wine offered at communion? If so, then bring them to Faith Alive, where they will learn, in an environment of love and hands on, the beauty of communion. Please speak to Phillis if the timing is difficult due to a job etc., in order to make different arrangements for your child.

Mark your calendar: Faith Alive gatherings for April will be the 2, 16, and 30, 9-10am. All ages are welcome and consider bringing a friend or family member to enjoy the fellowship with us. Also, if you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item for someone who just might need a little help. These will be delivered to our local food pantry. Thanks so much!!!! Any questions, new ideas or project suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. Please call the church office at 315-866-6474 leaving a message or speak to Phillis Becker or Sheila Baker. Happy Easter to you and yours!!!!

## Worship, Music, and Prayer

### BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"I love the Lord, because He hears my voice and my supplication. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live." (Psalm 116:1-2)

### PRAYER NOTES:

The center of power is found when children of God pray for God's will to be done in their lives, in their homes and in the world around them.

We cannot pray and remain the same.

We cannot pray and have our homes remain the same.

We cannot pray and have the world around us remain the same.

God has decreed to act in response to prayer. He commands us to ask. And Satan trembles for fear that we will. We need to start where we are, as we are. We can start with whatever concerns us, with whatever is lying most heavily on our hearts, whatever is irritating or frustrating us.

Be pointed. Be persistent. Be patient. But pray. Prayer is the foundation of every Christian's love relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit. Prayer is God's gift to us.

### Volunteer Schedule

	4/2	4/9	4/16	4/23	4/30
Counter 1	Amy Manning	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise
Counter 2	Judy Sadlon	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Reader	Bona Starring	Amy Manning	Phillis Becker	Bona Starring	Judy Sadlon
Slideshow	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Unlock Door	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon
Altar	Kylene Jordan	Amy Manning	Kylene Jordan	NA	Judy Sadlon
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

Please contact the office with changes.

### Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$103,607 is \$8,633.92.

#### February Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 3,542.94

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 7,072.45

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Income is short by 3,529.51

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

Designated Funds received monthly **are not included** in the amount above. Examples: Local Charities, Food Pantry, Memorial Funds, etc.

# April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b>	3	4	5	<b>6</b>	7	8
Faith Alive				Bible Study		
Worship Service						
<b>9</b>	10	11	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	14	15
Worship Service			Council meeting via ZOOM	Bible Study		
<b>16</b>	17	18	19	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	22
Faith Alive				Bible Study	Book Group	
Worship Service						
<b>23</b>	24	25	26	<b>27</b>	28	<b>29</b>
Worship Service				Bible Study		Highway Clean-Up
Coffee Hour						
<b>30</b>						
Faith Alive						
Worship Service						

## **Did you Know?**

Trinity **NEEDS** volunteers for altar guild, counters, property maintenance, cleaning, helping with ministries outside the building, and so much more. Please consider giving of your time and talents, once a month or a few times a month. Reach out to a member of the Council or the church office, if you feel so inclined.

## **Our Church Family**

God's children in need of prayer and support: Ann, Rachel, Bill, Betty, Barbara, Marilyn, Bo, Jennifer, Charlene, Peter, Gary, Edith, Nancy, Jerry, Joe, Harry, Jeff, Charlie, Tiffany, Tim, Kim, Terry, Benedict, Chase, Irene, Daniel, Robert, Bob, Tanya, Joyce, Michelle, Stephanie.

Hardships around the world, and at home, seem to be getting harder for many. Knowing this leads me to a BIG question. As Christians, shouldn't we be thinking of spending more time with Jesus in prayer?. Open your Bible and read what Jesus teaches us in John 13:34. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another".

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

### **SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:**

Have you noticed that at every Sunday service we have beautiful music to enjoy as we praise God together? We, as a congregation, are being blessed to have Sue Kubica as our music director. Thank you Sue for sharing your gift of music with all of us. We appreciate you!

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Kristin Omerzu  
Bona Starring  
Margaret K. Jones  
Morgan Lynn Rivers  
Timothy Smith, Jr.  
Ellen Olson  
Caden Marusic  
Medisyn Lyle  
Wesley Stewart  
Richard Savarese  
Ruth Wicks

Justin Manning  
Dan Collins  
Pam Stafford  
Stephen Osley  
Joshua Neff  
Stephanie Merena  
Nancy Pollak  
Brittany Engert  
Carlianna Stafford  
Robine Snow  
Heather Marusic

Jeremy Hinckley  
Joshua Hinckley  
Leah Donnelly  
Cooper Jordan  
Lucas Rivers  
Martin Collins  
Veronica Gerdau  
Allison Maguire  
Peter J. Bunn  
Reese Capozzi

## **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!**

### Council Contact Information

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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

**Updated July 13, 2022**

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. Council discusses this issue monthly at their meetings.

When the County COVID-19 Community Level is **High**:

- All persons will wear a mask at all times, except when taking Communion, or in the Fellowship Hall & seated/consuming food. 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 COVID-19 Community Level is **Medium or Low**:

- Unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask at all times.
- 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!

*This policy is reviewed monthly by the TLC council. Last reviewed 1/11/23.*



**Trinity Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church  
Characteristics Survey**

*As Trinity and Zion continue to explore ways we can share resources, including that of clergy leadership (not merger), your Work Group seeks to understand where each church stands on contemporary issues. Please reflect on your experience at your church and circle the response that most closely matches your understanding. There are NO wrong answers. Thank you.*

**Which church congregation are you a member of:**                      Zion                      Trinity

**We tend to be formal and programmatic.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We have clearly defined goals and plans for our future.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We are racially and economically diverse.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We welcome ideas that are provoking and challenging.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We rely on our leaders for direction.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We use conflict constructively.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**Our facilities are often used by community groups.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We work to minister outside our walls.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We focus on ideas and beliefs.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We are obviously Lutheran in identity and practice.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We participate in synod and ELCA activities.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We focus on Biblical studies and doctrine.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We tend to be informal and spontaneous.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We prefer ideas that are tried and true.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We tend to perceive conflict as something destructive.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We focus on skills and actions.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

**We focus on contemporary issues and topics.**

A lot like us                      Somewhat like us                      Not like us                      I'm unsure

Please return to your church office by April 30, 2023.