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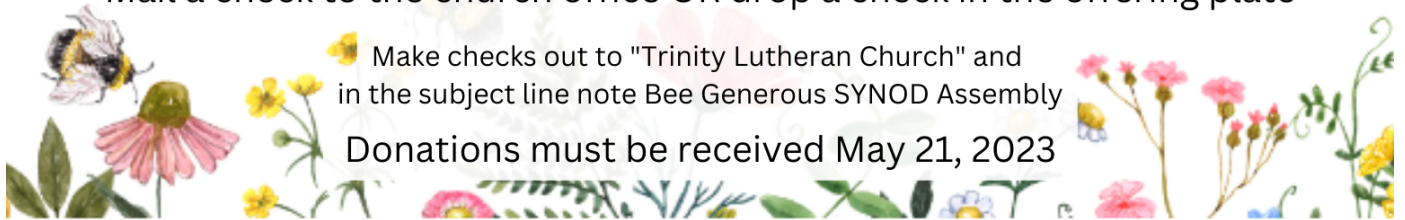
Disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring God's light into the world: through worship, serving, learning and sharing the Good News!

BEE GENEROUS *PLANT SEEDS OF JUSTICE*

The Upstate NY Synod Hunger Justice Team invites you and your congregation to participate in the 2023 synod-wide appeal. Each congregation is challenged to raise \$440 or more to cover the cost of two bee colonies (\$20 each) and two community gardens (\$200 each). These ministries make God's creation more sustainable and support families in need.

Donate To This Good Cause!

Mail a check to the church office OR drop a check in the offering plate



Make checks out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and in the subject line note Bee Generous SYNOD Assembly
Donations must be received May 21, 2023

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
May 7	Deacon Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
May 14	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
May 21	Judy Sadlon	In House/Virtual	No
May 28	Tom Henry SAM	In House/Virtual	No

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

Spring Cleaning at TLC

A month or so ago, Council President Amy Manning put out a request for volunteers to do some spring cleaning around the church. Quietly but purposefully, individuals and teams of folks stepped up to make the church and grounds shine for Easter. Thank you to all those who helped with an assortment of projects - landscape work outdoors, deep cleaning of areas inside the building, careful planning for Holy Week and Easter worship experiences. We appreciate all who help to keep TLC a bright spot in the community!

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Inspirations and Reflections for May

Daffodils, tulips and flowering trees bursting forth with brilliant colors remind us that a new growing season is upon us. Is a new growing season happening within each of us too? May is a wonderful month to think about the message of Easter - how are we changing and growing into a resurrected people? If you've not recently done any reading in our booklet "TLC Inspirations", make that a part of your daily devotional time. Use the journal space to allow those inspired thoughts, ideas, and words to be given power by writing them down. Work is already being done on Volume 2 of an Inspirational/Devotional collection.

We'd like your writing to be included. See what inspiration you find in this poem:
Thankfulness by Kathleen Fessler, Arizona writer.

Lord help me to be grateful
for all you've given me:
benefits from heaven
for my eyes to see.

A morning cup of coffee,
the taste of crunchy bread,
friends to share my meals,
soft pillow for my head.

Sunshine, rain, and deep blue sky,
big white clouds above,
flowers to delight my eyes,
the sound of mourning dove.

A hug from someone special,
you know she really cares,
a friend who shares a sorrow,
my burden she now bears.

A hummer at the feeder,
sound of moving wings,
lovely flash of color,
an awesome sight it brings.

Lord hear my humble prayer;
as I on bended knee,
remember now to thank you
for all you do for me.

Annual Central Crossroads Conference and Synod Assembly

Thank you to Judy Sadlon and Bona Starring for representing TLC at the Central Crossroads Conference Assembly recently. SYNOD Assembly will be held on June 2nd and 3rd.

Trinity/Zion Think Tank

The Trinity/Zion Think Tank met via Zoom on Sunday, April 2nd. We discussed the Ministry Site Characteristics surveys that will be compiled for both congregations. Justina Kane will display these survey results with pie graphs at our next meeting.

We also compared mission statements from Trinity and Zion and felt they aligned well especially in the areas of Faith and Service.

In addition, we started working on Purpose from page 6 of our Ministry Site Profiles. We agreed that service expressed who we are as Lutherans. We emphasized that our purpose is to share hope for the future and that our churches are to be places of sanctuary and refuge. During this discussion, the following words were highlighted: bold, hope, energy, acceptance, impromptu, and spontaneity. We felt these concepts will help us move forward.

We will meet again on Sunday, May 7th at 3:00 via Zoom.
Linda Bennett, Zion

Parsonage Lease Task Force

The Parsonage Lease Task Force will hold their second meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2023 from 11:15am - 12:15pm. The meeting will be held in the church library, in-person. If you would like to join using Zoom, please let Amy Manning know and arrangements can be made.

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. Bring your own lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

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

MAY'S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of May, our donation focus will be canned fruit 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!

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

We are postponing Highway Cleanup until Saturday, May 6th at 9 am. This can be used as community service for students. This is the last one for this school year. Please contact JoAnn Blaise or Sue Harkins to sign up or for more information.

Learning

BOOK GROUP

In May Trinity's Book Group will meet on Friday May 19th. Please join us! We gather in Trinity's Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. The novel selection for May is Any Book by Fannie Flagg (your choice). Fannie is an American actress, comedian and best-selling author. You may remember "Fried Green Tomatoes" written by her, which was made into a motion picture in 1991. Of interest is that Fannie was severely dyslexic.

If you are unable to read one of her books, please join us anyway. Welcome one and all! Questions: contact Sue Harkins. Hoping to see you there!

FAITH ALIVE

As I write this, EASTER was celebrated one week ago and what a joyous day it was. Great meal, family/friends, candy, colored eggs, chick's, Church and more. But what is Easter and when does it end? IT NEVER ENDS!! It is one holiday that is celebrated continuously, and that is what FAITH ALIVE is all about. Spreading the Good News of JESUS CHRIST and what HE accomplished for all of us at the CROSS, our SALVATION. Want to learn more?.....share your own faith experiences, then come to Faith Alive....all ages are welcome.....you might be surprised at what the children will teach us!!!
Yes, even me, Phillis!!

Psalm 89:1 "I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever; to all generations I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth"Now read the verse slowly asking 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 you and your child.

Mark your calendar: Faith Alive gatherings coming up are April 30 and May 14 and 28, 9-10 am Including drinks and goodies! Also, If you are able, consider bringing 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. Thank you!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"I will give thanks to THEE O LORD my GOD, with all my heart, and WILL GLORIFY THY NAME FOREVER." (Psalm 86:12)

PRAYER NOTES:

PRAYER IS LIFE'S COMPASS:

If prayer is our compass in life , then the needle that points north is the focus of our faith in prayer on the Living God. He is the "north" on our "compass." He is the Center-point. When our prayers are focused, regardless of what life throws at us, whether it's a long, hard climb to the top of our profession or career, or the steady trail of perseverance as we set out to achieve our goals, or the confusion and lost feeling that can envelop us when we find ourselves in a thicket of problems and pressure and pain---if our prayers are focused on the living God, they will make a difference, in us, and in our circumstances. In others, in our church, in our nation and in our world.

Focusing on God as our True North helps us see beyond our temporary circumstances here on earth and reminds us of His unchanging character as well. Beginning every prayer with worship, centering down on Jesus to whom we're speaking is awesome for building a close relationship with our Lord. A suggestion, as we begin to pray, is to focus on Psalm 86:12 with an open heart of thankfulness.

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

PS--Prayer event coming up soon!! Watch for date and time!!

Volunteer Schedule

	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Counter 1	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Bona Starring	Bona Starring
Counter 2	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins
Reader	Phillis Becker	Judy Sadlon	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker
Slideshow/ Zoom	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Unlock Door	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon
Altar	NA	Judy Sadlon	NA	Amy Manning
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

Please contact the office with changes.

Did you Know?

Hymns are chosen for each worship service based on the subject matter of the gospel or other readings for the day. Other considerations used to select a hymn are familiarity, ease of singing and copyright laws. There is an effort to introduce new songs as well as the old favorites. Many hours of research and planning go into the selection process for the month.

If you have a favorite hymn that you haven't heard during worship for some time, please let the church office know and the worship committee will do their best to schedule the hymn during the appropriate time in the church calendar.

May 2023							>
<	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Bible Study	5	6 Highway Clean-Up
		8	9	10 Council meeting via ZOOM	11 Bible Study	12	13
	7 Worship Service Parsonage Lease Task Force Meeting Women in Faith @ Our Savior Lutheran Church						
		15	16	17	18 Bible Study	19 Book Group	20
	14 Faith Alive Worship Service						
		22	23	24	25 Bible Study	26	27
	21 Worship Service Coffee Hour						
		29	30	31			
	28 Faith Alive Worship Service						

Our Church Family

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

O MY!! As we look around the world and here at home we see so much suffering and hardship. If there is ever a time to pray persistently it is NOW. Our Lord Jesus tells us to never give up, to be persistent. Jesus is patiently waiting for us with open arms of love. A teaching from Jesus Himself in a story/parable is found in Luke 18:1-8. God is in control and He will answer our prayers in His time and in His will, but He will answer them. YES!

A suggested prayer for May:

Jesus our Lord and Savior, we come before You with a humble heart full of thankfulness, praising You for your goodness. We simply want to say thank You for loving us unconditionally. In Jesus' precious Name we Pray, Amen!!

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 how fresh and clean our church building, especially our sanctuary, has sparkled for Easter sunday? Many of us who were able, worked behind the scenes, coming forth with smiling faces and a special Joy of thankfulness to our Lord Jesus for His saving Grace. WOW, yes our hands got dirty but our hearts exploded. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Donald Schrader
Emily Madison
Jodi Lally
Hunter Becker
Martha Smith
Edna Briggs
Shirley Miller
Susan Schrader
Chelsea Herrmann
Eva Knoblauch
Matthew Neff
Derek Mizerak
Ashley Crandall

Cole Taylor
Erik Ruff
Kerri Griffin
Risleigh Roche
Gary Manning
Logan Christofaro
Nicole Baker
Louis Baldanza
Morgan Hinckley
Jared Marquissee
Jonathan Minter
Garrett Gerdau
Goffrey Gerdau

Mary Dickerson
Dillon Holmes
Amanda Gebhart
Eleanor Clements
Marion Ruller
Joyce Schrader
Richard Starring
Rachel Bruce
Kurt Heidler
James Stegemann
Kylene Jordan
Wendy Catera

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Lisa & James Woods
Colleen & Jeff Gross
Reagan & Dennis Shaut, Jr.

Kerri & Brice Griffin
Becky & Rob Walrath
Steven & Amanda Gebhardt

Kim & Rudolph Schrader
Ann & Peter Maher

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.**

If you would like to receive a copy of finalized Council meeting minutes please contact the office.

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/

Notes to share from the Central Crossroads Church Newsletter:

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, April 23, 2:00 PM: 200th Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Clay.

Sunday, April 30, 2 PM to 5 PM: Lutheran Campus Ministry fundraiser at St. Stephen's Church, Syracuse. Please be there to spend and support the campus ministry!

Wednesday, May 3, 7 PM at Faith Lutheran Church, Cicero: Bishop's listening session in response to the tech industry developments in our conference area. This event is open to all pastors and churches, ELCA and ecumenical partners. The hiring of 9,000 workers at the proposed Micron facility in Clay will affect all Central New York in more ways than we can predict. Now is the time to start working together for Jesus.

Saturday, May 6, 2 PM: Installation of Pastor Tonya Eza at Immanuel Church, Clay. Clergy who vest and process, remember: we are still in Easter, so the color for stoles is white.

June 2-3, 2023, 2023: **Upstate New York Synod Assembly** at Bethany Baptist Church, Syracuse, NY and the Doubletree, E. Syracuse NY. See Upstate Update and the synod website for registration.

Central Crossroads Lutheran Charities

The conference cabinet set a goal of 100% participation for a conference gift to the Lutheran Campus Ministry capital funds drive in honor of Jim Bresnahan's leadership with LCM board. Do not worry about dollar amounts in this effort. How a church collects its gift depends on each church and its ability. Repeat: the goal is 100% participation. We plan to complete this project by Pentecost, May 28, 2023.

Please send donations to: Central Crossroads Conference Treasurer, % Luther Memorial Church, 435 S. Main St., North Syracuse NY 13212.



Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE)

EMPOWERING OLDER ADULTS IN HERKIMER COUNTY TO MAKE POSITIVE, HEALTHY CHOICES

As more Americans enter their senior years and life expectancies reach record highs, it is more important than ever for seniors to focus on their health and wellbeing. It's critical they recognize the life choices they make and their behaviors can have a significant impact on their quality of life.

The WISE program sessions take place once a week for six weeks. Each session is between one to two hours in length. Session topics include health and wellness, medication use and misuse, stress management, the aging process, depression, and substance abuse.

Upcoming Classes: Trinity Lutheran Church
June 1 June 8 June 15 June 22 June 29 July 6
Class begins at 11:00 am
Please call to sign up for class.



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County

Here's what people are saying about our program:

"Since starting the WISE program I have changed my behaviors to promote a healthier lifestyle."

"If WISE is coming to your area, I would say very much to go to it as it is fun and very informative."

"Aging doesn't have to be a negative thing. I now feel much more positive about it!"

Join us here at
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