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# Glad Tidings

JUNE 2023

*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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Council President's Musings, June 2023

Dear Congregation Members:

I would first like to say thank you again to all who participated in pre-Easter/Spring Cleaning at the Church in the 2 weeks prior to Easter, as the old saying goes, 'many hands make light work.' I appreciate all who participated. I took Tidings-writing off last month as my job was undergoing a dual transition of ownership and conversion to "Electronic Medical Records," so I am a month behind in my "Thanks." Multiple members have worked on outdoor/yard/lawn mowing tasks, & again I say "Thank You!"

We, as a Congregation, have some upcoming opportunities for growth. Three Trinity members & four Zion-New Hartford members are in a "working group" reviewing & discussing the Sample Site Ministry Profile, which is the practice version of the official document used to call a Pastor. The survey we did in April was for the "Think Tank" in what we thought was a simpler language than the ELCA's Site Ministry Profile, and I wish to say "Thank you" to all who submitted a survey. I am eager to pursue this process, as Pastor Gail is working towards full retirement & moving to be near family, and in my opinion we need to pursue sharing a Pastor with another Congregation. All members' opinions matter, not only mine, so please plan to attend & participate in the upcoming Congregational meeting on June 11, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15am. If you need to attend via Zoom, please contact Briana so she & Justina can plan accordingly.

More Food for Thought: An early question from Synod/ELCA call processes will be: Is our Congregation willing to accept an LGBTQIA+ Pastor? We need to know what the Congregation's answer to that question is.

Do you have technology or IT skills? We can find opportunities for you to volunteer with your skills for the Congregation.

Do you have time to volunteer to do tasks/cleaning? Do you like to iron fussy (real linen) cloths, such as those used on the Altar? Contact me to let me know you're interested in helping.

There will be 1 or more seats open for Election on the Council & Endowment Committee in January 2024, so please prayerfully consider joining either of these. Our Property Committee needs more members to participate & keep an eye on things/find appropriate, insured contractors to perform necessary tasks in/around the church building & Parsonage.

A shorter version of what I have already said is: ***Please get involved, volunteer your time & talents. Trinity needs you!***

Blessings & Peace,  
Amy Manning, Council President.

Please note that there will be one summer Tidings for July and August.  
If you can, please have any August events ready to be shared at the end of June!

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Communion</b>
June 4	Tom Henry SAM	In House/Virtual*	No
June 11	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual*	Yes
June 18	Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual*	No
June 25	James Faulks	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 this

\*In June services will be recorded and made available later in the day, but they will not be live streamed.

### **Congratulations to our youth!**

- Austin Becker is in the process of finishing his internship for Auto Mechanic.
- Caden Marusic will be attending RIT, Rochester Institute of Technology for Mechanical Engineering.
- Alyx McArthur will be attending BARD College at Simon's Rock.
- Stephen Manning graduated from SUNY Oswego in December 2022, with a Zoology Bachelor's Degree, a semester early. He has just started a Full-time job with the DEC Sub-office in Stamford, working in the Fisheries Dept., Region 4.

God's love and peace be with each of them in their new adventure.

Note : If someone inadvertently hasn't been mentioned, please contact the church office at 315-866-6474, if no answer please leave a message, thank you.

### **Fall Vendor & Craft Event**

Calling all vendors and crafters! Join us on November 11, 2023. For \$30 you will be provided an 8 foot table at the event. Contact Wendy at [wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org) to sign up.

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

Summer Bible Study series – Salvation Now by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen will be held on the 4th Mondays of each month, June 26, July 24 and August 28 at 7:00pm on Zoom. We will use the summer Bible study series from the Women of the ELCA Gather magazine. This three-part study focuses on one small word, “now,” and the role that it plays throughout the Gospel of John. Session One can be downloaded from the Gather website at Summer 2023 Bible study: Salvation Now by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen - Gather Magazine. Paper copies will also be available in the narthex at church. The Zoom link will be shared closer to the meeting. Session One: Promised Salvation Now – Jesus Brings Wellness – looks at John's use of the word “now.” In this session we'll look at how John focuses on the differences Jesus makes in people's lives, in the here and now. Session Two: Tangible Salvation Now – Christians Bringing Wellness – being followers of Jesus includes expressing our solidarity with Him and his mission. In this session we will look at the biblical and theological reasons for not waiting until some future time, but to be faithful ambassadors for Christ now. Session Three: Needed Salvation Now – A World Wanting Wellness – Looking at John 3:17, “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him,” this session explores John's commitment to service and how we can bring that service into the world.

Save the Date – Women of Faith in-person gathering on Sunday, August 13, 12:00 noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, Herkimer. Our program will be provided by women from Zion. Bring a bag lunch, bring a friend and plan to join us. Trinity will provide beverages and dessert. More information about the program will be forthcoming.

## **Serving and Sharing**

### **JUNE'S DONATION FOCUS**

For the month of June, our donation focus will be condiments 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**

Thank you to all who helped with our spring highway clean-up event! It was much needed after the winter months.

## **Learning**

### **BOOK GROUP**

Our TLC Book Group meeting for June is on the 16th at 10 am at Trinity. We are reading books that make us laugh. Some suggestions are Miss Julia books by Ann Ross, Patrick McManus books or Far Side books. We hope to see you there!

### **FAITH ALIVE**

Well here we are again and as the saying goes "Time Flies" and it sure does. However it's flying in the best of ways because JESUS is in our midst at Faith Alive! God's Joy is unbelievably obvious, just ask any one of us who are present. It's proof in the pudding! It's called Witness of the Love of our Lord. The children are absolutely precious as they demonstrate God's blessings to the rest of us. Their response is overwhelming.

Read Matthew 18:3--It is significant that Jesus did not tell the little children to become as His disciples, but His disciples to become as little children. What an awesome God we serve!!!

As a parent or guardian, 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 various reasons. I would be happy to make different arrangements for you and your child.

Psalm 89:1 "I will sing of the loving kindness of the Lord forever; to all generations I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth."

On April 30, all of us planted vegetable seeds (peas) in pots to be put in Trinity's church garden. These will ultimately be shared with others. On May 14 (Mothers' Day) each mother, grandmother received flowers from the children. Talking about the smiles on our faces, there were many!

Mark your calendar: Faith Alive gatherings coming up are May 28, JUNE 11 and 25, same time 9-10am. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun.

NOTE: On JUNE 11, there will be a speaker from Catholic Charities with information on gardening, cooking low cost, quick and healthy meals, food safety and much more.

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:**

"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING" 1 Thessalonians 5:17

### **PRAYER NOTES:**

Let us search the Bible and see what Jesus said about prayer, and then ask ourselves the question;  
**WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME TO PRAY?**

In Mark 1:35, we read, "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed." Jesus chose the early morning hour for prayer. In the morning hour, the mind is fresh and at its very best. The first thing we do each day should be to go along with God and face the duties and service of that day, and get strength from God for all.

In Luke 6:12, we get further insight into **WHEN** to pray: "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." Here we see Jesus spending the entire night in prayer.

Here, too, we do well to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. There will be time for our hearts to become quiet before God, time for the whole mind to be brought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, plenty of time to pray things through.

Jesus also prayed **BEFORE** all the great crises in His earthly life. He prayed before choosing the 12 disciples; before announcing His approaching death; before the Cross. So are we to do also. Whenever any crisis of life is seen to be approaching, we should prepare for it by a season of prayer.

Christ also prayed **AFTER** His great achievements and crises. When He fed the 5000, He went up into the mountain and spent hours there alone in prayer to God.

Read Luke 5:15-16, where Jesus gave time to prayer when life was unusually busy. Some people are so busy that they find no time for prayer. Apparently, the busier Jesus' life was, the more He prayed. The more the work presses on us, the more time must we spend in prayer.

Our whole life should be a life of prayer, walking in constant communion with God. Even when we awake at night, it would be the most natural thing for us to speak to Him in Thanksgiving or petition.

In His Service,  
Prayer Ministry.

Reminder, prayer event coming up soon!! Watch for date and time!!

## Volunteer Schedule

	6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25
Counter 1	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Counter 2	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon
Reader	Amy Manning	Phillis Becker	Judy Sadlon	Bona Starring
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	Judy Sadlon	Amy Manning	NA	NA
Ventilation	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.

#### March Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 4,940.12

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 8,196.73

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Income is short by 3,256.61

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

#### April Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 4,282.89

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 5,313.44

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Income is short by 1,030.55

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.

Interested in donating online? You can visit our website and use the donate tab in the top menu. Contact [finance@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:finance@trinityherkimer.org) with any questions.

### Did you Know?

The Dean for the Central Crossroads Conference is Rev. Allan Ferguson. The Dean receives \$750 a month for his assistance to all the churches in the Conference. The Synod pays only part of his salary for a 15 to 20 hour week at \$500 a month. The additional \$250 is the responsibility of our Central Crossroads Conference. Without fund raising activities, it is our responsibility to help cover the additional costs. If all the churches in the Conference contribute just once a year, this certainly helps to defray this expense.

June 2023							>
<	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Bible Study Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Worship Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bible Study Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b> Faith Alive Worship Service Congregational Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Council meeting via ZOOM	<b>15</b> Bible Study Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE)	<b>16</b> Book Group	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Worship Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bible Study Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b> Faith Alive Worship Service	<b>26</b> Women in Faith Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bible Study Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE)	<b>30</b>		

## Our Church Family

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

We have much to pray about for the healing of many people of mind, body and or spirit. Jesus instructs us, as His children, to love one another. We comprehend that Love when we look at the CROSS. O!!! what a beautiful love, pass it on .

A suggested prayer for June:

Jesus, help us to devote ourselves in prayer, keeping us alert in an attitude of Thanksgiving to You, our Lord and Savior, Amen and Amen!!

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

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:

We, as a congregation, are blessed with a choir of beautiful voices and a great music director. Thank you for sharing your God given talents with all of us.

PRAISE GOD for the birth of two beautiful twin girls, Madeline 5lbs2oz and Charlotte 4lbs4oz, born May 15th to Sue Harkin's great niece Stephanie and her husband Andy. To the proud parents we say congratulations with our Lord's blessings!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JaNell Risi	Brett Risi	Kensley Sue Miller
Carlie Gross	Ava Macri	Rachel Madison
Merissa Schrader	Lucille Crane	Kathy Farmer
Robert Walrath	Alexia Mizerak	Lauren VanHeusen
Isabella Nichols	Michael Marusic	Emma Vanderwerken
Alexandria Snow	William Hubbard	Kim Davis
Dylan Skandera	Allen A. Schrader	Luke Schrader
Brenden Roche	Barbara Parkhurst	Madison Marusic
Cody Marquissee	Dawn Shae	Patrick Joy
Judy Sadlon	Jaxson Hayes Manning	

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Kylene & Michael Jordan	Laurie & Dean Yauger	Matthew & Mary Alice Schmitt
Donna & John Wilcox	Sandy & Derek Mizerak	Rebecca & Dennis Shaut
Holly & Timothy Smith, Jr.		

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

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

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

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



Many of us remember former Trinity member Shirley Miller. She recently wrote us the following letter to reconnect with us. If you would like Shirley's mailing address, it's available from the office.

Dear Ones,

March 2023

It does not seem possible that the year is 2023 and I will be 88 this May! While my knees and memory do not always behave as I wish they would, and I miss Donald every day, I am sustained by my faith and the love and support of friends and family, like you! The plaque on my wall comforts and strengthens me: "My Grace is sufficient for thee." (2 Corinthians 12:9) I am grateful for the many blessings my life holds.

As most of you know, in September I made a big move from my home in Dolgeville to a lovely apartment at GreenField Court in Lancaster, NY. The Court is an assisted living residence affiliated with the Lutheran church and is only a 15-minute drive away from Anne and Fred! I was able to bring much of my own furniture and art, so it has felt like "my" space from the beginning. I see Anne several times a week, and Fred, too. Worship services at Fred's church on Sundays (with BLT's at their home afterwards) are starting to be a new routine.

Fred continues to serve as pastor to two parishes: Trinity Old Lutheran Church in Amherst and Augustana Lutheran Church in Tonawanda. Anne has retired from teaching fourth grade and works part-time as the office administrator at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Grandson Nate is Program and Trails Director at Prickly Pear Land Trust, a non-profit land conservancy. His wife Julia is a fulltime student, pursuing a degree in nursing. They live in Helena, MT, and love being the parents of Felix (3) and Ruby (10 months).

The whole MT crew made it to Anne and Fred's in East Aurora, NY at Christmastime before the giant blizzard hit Buffalo, so I was able to spend time with everyone and to meet Ruby for the first time! Unfortunately, granddaughter Bekah and her husband Yogi were unable to make it home for the holidays due to the storm, but they are doing well in Eugene, Oregon, where Bekah works in human resources at a local company while pursuing a graduate degree in librarianship. Yogi works part-time in the area and is pursuing an archaeology degree. Their dog, Swaffles, keeps them on their toes!

Ruth works in business services/acquiring grants for the University of Maryland and Steve works as director of leadership at the Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. Grandson Isaac is a sophomore at Elon University in North Carolina and is loving his experience there. He is studying Communication Design, Outdoor Leadership and Education, and Photography. (I think Don would have liked sharing that connection to the outdoors and photography with him.) Ruth and Steve enjoy visiting NC every so often to watch Isaac play in ultimate frisbee tournaments. They were also able to make it to East Aurora at Christmas before the storm hit.

There are many kind people here at GreenField Court. I enjoy talking with my companions at mealtimes in the dining room, and with the staff as they come and go. I endeavor to be friendly and compassionate with the other residents, as I understand how hard getting older can be! I fell a couple of times in January and had to spend some time in the hospital ER and rehab afterwards. As a result of those falls, I now have a snazzy new walker with a pretty, purple, butterfly caddy attached to the front. It comes in very handy when I pick up my mail or decide to bring back fruit or cookies from dinner! I receive physical therapy and occupational therapy a few times each week, and am working on using resistance bands to increase my strength.

May God bless you richly and may you find joy in each day. As Don would have said at the end of each church service: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Much love,

*Shirley*

