



# Glad Tidings

## JULY/AUGUST 2023

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

### Council President's Musings

Dear Congregation Members:

I would like to say "Thank You" to all those who attended or "Zoomed in" to our June Ministry & Reports Annual Meeting. We have matters to attend to as a Congregation, and even though we have differing opinions at times, I think it is healthy for us to discuss, compare & contrast the topics. There is more to come, I am certain.

The Synod Assembly theme in June 2023 was "Restorative Justice," so you will see & hear aspects in our Worship services reflecting thoughts & suggestions from the Synod. I have attended 2 online webinars from the ELCA as part of the "Truth & Healing Movement," as historical truths & facts which were atrocities against Native Americans have been brought to light, such as "Boarding Schools." This may be something you never heard of previously, as I first heard of them in May 2023. I will be encouraging our Congregation to begin "Land Acknowledgement" as a new practice, with resources from the ELCA.

Please continue with conversations with your Council members.

Blessings & Peace,  
Amy Manning, Council President

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
July 2	Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
July 9	Tom Henry SAM	In House/Virtual	No
July 16	Ilion Ecumenical Service In Ilion*	In Person	No
July 23	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
July 30	David Grindle SAM	In House/Virtual	No
August 6	Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
August 13	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
August 20	TBD	In House/Virtual	No
August 27	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

\*The Ilion Ecumenical Service will be held on July 16th at 10:30am at the gazebo in the middle of Ilion. Please bring your own chairs.

### Council Update

Due to a Council seat being vacated by Kylene Jordan, the Council has appointed Wendy Catera to fill the vacancy until the Annual Meeting in January 2024, when there will be an election to fill the seat for the remainder of the term. Thank you to Wendy for agreeing to be on Council until January!

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### **Did you Know?**

That our congregation raised \$660 for the "Bee" Generous fund for World Hunger. Our delegates Judy Sadlon and Cathy Mayton Collins took the donation with them to submit at the Synod Assembly in June. Our donation was enough to fund three community gardens and three bee hives. The Synod in total collected over \$23,000 for this very worthwhile cause!

### **June Congregational Meeting**

The annual June "Ministries and Reports" Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, June 11th. Reports on the ministries of the church were offered, and active discussion occurred among the 21 congregation members who attended. Council President Amy Manning alerted those in attendance that the parsonage roof needs to be replaced; quotes from qualified and insured contractors will be sought. The importance of having a bonded contractor to do the work was stressed. Quotes will be gathered and a vote by the congregation will be needed at a future meeting. It was announced that a joint picnic for our three area Lutheran churches will again be held on Sunday, August 27th at the Frankfort Marina. Save the date and plan to attend! Amy reminded everyone that there will be openings to be filled on both Council and the Endowment Committee in January, and encouraged each person to find a way to become involved in the life of the church. The meeting closed with a Courtesy Resolution and a group sharing of the Lord's Prayer.

### **Restorative Justice: Beliefs and Action Steps**

What makes us Lutheran? And how do our actions match our beliefs? At all levels of the Lutheran Church conversations about "Restorative Justice" are taking place. As Lutherans, we believe that Christ's church is for **all** people. God calls and claims each of us by name, and it is not our job to sort, divide, categorize or exclude. Churches everywhere are examining policies and practices around the ideas of "Restorative Justice". The TLC Council has begun a conversation about the issue of "Land Acknowledgement" and how that may impact the relationship between our church and the Native American community of our area. How does the following statement sound to you?

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Mohawk and Oneida Nations of the Haudenosaunee peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have, and continue to call this land their home.*

Your Council will continue their discussion about adding this and possible other statements to help define the future of TLC. Talk to any Council member and add your voice to the discussion.

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

A great big congratulations to Kolby Fical who just graduated from New York State Police Academy. Kolby is officially a Trooper!! May the Lord bless you and keep you safe in the palm of His Hand!

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**

In the fall, there will be a Vendor & Craft Fair at Trinity on November 11, 2023 from 9am to 2pm. Vendors will be provided an 8 foot table; tables are free to congregation members and \$30.00 for non-members. Any groups who would like a table to sell food/raffle tickets etc. are also welcome. Please contact Wendy DeLuca at [wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org) with questions or to sign up.

### **Tables and Chairs**

Tables and chairs are available for member use for parties etc. They are located in the garage, right hand bay. Call/email the office or Briana, she will let you know if they are available and reserve dates for you.

### **Summer Picnic**

As we did last year, Lutherans from our area churches (Trinity, Zion and Our Saviour) will gather for fellowship at a picnic. The date is Sunday, August 27, 2023 and the festivities will begin at 12:00 p.m.

The picnic will be held at the Frankfort Harbor Marina and Park, 143 Marina Park Drive, Frankfort, N.Y. Cold Cuts, cheese, rolls, condiments, beverages and cups will be provided by the churches; congregation members need to bring their own plates and utensils and a dessert or side dish to share that will supplement the meal. Table games and lawn darts will be available for additional fellowship opportunities. Watch for sign-up sheets at church that indicate reservations for the number of persons attending, if you need a ride and what you are bringing to share. You don't cook - don't worry you can always bring chips, pickles, or store bought cookies and a smile!

### **Catholic Charities Collaboration**

We would like to thank staff members at Catholic Charities for sharing the "WISE" Program with TLC members. The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education provided learning sessions over six weeks on topics including health and wellness, medication use and misuse, stress management, substance abuse and the aging process.

### **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 Monday of each month, July 24 and August 28 at 7:00 pm 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. The Zoom link will be shared closer to the meeting. 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**

#### **DONATION FOCUS**

For the month of July, our donation focus will be sandwich stuff - PB&J, tuna, canned ham and chicken.

For the month of August, our donation focus will be Beverages - coffee/tea/juice.

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 CLEANUP**

There will be a Highway Clean-Up on July 8th (rain date July 29th). If you can help with this please contact Sue Harkins or JoAnn Blaise.

## Learning

### BOOK GROUP

Our fiction readings for summer are *Love Comes Softly* by Janette Oke, a prolific Canadian author for July. And for August, Kristen Hannah, a prolific American author; *Comfort and Joy* is one of her novels

On July 21st we will meet at 10 am at Trinity Lutheran Church. In August on the 18th at 10 am we will meet at Trinity.

At Book Group we are passing around copies of the book *Grace Can Lead Us Home* by Kevin Nye. Nye is a pastor who works with the homeless. He debunks the myths and offers solutions based on research. We encourage you to read this excellent informative book to better understand the plight of the unhoused population.

Another helpful book is *Under the Overpass* by Mike Yankoski. This tells the experience of two Christian college students who live as homeless for 5 months.

Both books are available through the Mid York library or directly from the Ilion library.

### FAITH ALIVE

Hello everyone, as you read this our last Faith Alive gathering was Sunday 6/25. There will NOT be Faith Alive for the months of July and August. We will begin again in September. So all have a restful, safe and enjoyable summer time.

September dates for FAITH ALIVE are the 10th and the 24th. Be aware! NEW and EXCITING things will be happening. Why?? Because JESUS our LEADER, LOVES all of us with open arms and says COME and I will show you new and marvelous things. It's called TRUST and FAITH, a personal relationship, a dialogue, with our God. This is just the beginning!! I'm excited, are you?

On June 11, the presentation on food safety and much more, was beneficial to all 18 of us who attended. A big thank you to Cameron from Catholic Charities who demonstrated the importance of awareness, in order to keep our families safe from food poisoning. Handouts were given to all which included recipes for quick and healthy meals.

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. Blessings!

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."

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:**

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!! Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God."

Philippians 4:4,6

PRAYER NOTES:As we stand firm, unmovable and unshakeable

In our position as children of God,

We are to put on:

The Belt of TRUTH —The FIRST piece of equipment that a Roman soldier put on was his belt, because every other piece connected to it. Our invisible armor consists first and foremost of the Belt of TRUTH which is GOD'S WORD.

The Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS — This was the piece of armor that covered the soldier's heart and his vital organs. The breastplate of our invisible armor is RIGHTEOUSNESS. Right living. A clean conscience. We need to make sure we are right with GOD and others. Our own spiritual health and well-being depends on it.

Our feet fitted with the readiness that comes with the GOSPEL of PEACE—soldiers' sandals had cleats on them, so that when in battle they could get a firm footing and were less likely to slip and fall. Stand firm on the GOSPEL, the GOOD NEWS. That's where real PEACE is found.

The Shield of FAITH---This was the piece of equipment that was as large as the soldier. And it was only effective if the soldier stayed close behind it. Our invisible shield of FAITH is our total dependence upon GOD. Our trust in JESUS. Just stay close to it.

The Helmet of SALVATION---This piece of armor covered the soldier's head. His thoughts. Reasoning. For us, we are to be assured, without any doubt, that God has forgiven us and that we have received life through FAITH in JESUS CHRIST. Put On your helmet of SALVATION!

The sword of the SPIRIT. —Paul tells us clearly what the sword is when he says it "is the WORD of GOD". We are to read, study, apply, and live by God's Word, confident that His Word holds the answers to life's questions and gives us principles to live by. It is the written Word of God that reveals the Living Word of God, drawing people to the Light, to the Truth.....to Jesus. Wield your sword with the power of God's Spirit, but always wrap it in love. That is God's Love, YES!!

Now begin to really PRAY. For a soldier, this would involve his direct communication with his commander. For us as children of God, our commander is JESUS CHRIST. We communicate with HIM through prayer. It's super special because it's a Personal Relationship, an open dialogue, with OUR GOD. WOW, amazing isn't it, so climb aboard, there's plenty of room for ALL!!!

In His Service,  
Prayer Ministry

## Volunteer Schedules

	7/2	7/9	7/16	7/23	7/30
Counter 1	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	NA	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Counter 2	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	NA	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon
Reader	Amy Manning	Judy Sadlon	NA	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker
Slideshow/ Zoom	Volunteer	Volunteer	NA	Volunteer	Volunteer
Unlock Door	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	NA	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	NA	Sue Harkins	David Grindle
Altar	NA	NA	NA	Judy Sadlon	NA
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	NA	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27
Counter 1	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	Bona Starring	Bona Starring
Counter 2	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins
Reader	Amy Manning	Judy Sadlon	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker
Slideshow/ Zoom	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Unlock Door	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise
Singer	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar	NA	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.

#### May Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 6,292.76

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 7,116.99

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Income is short by 824.23

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.



# July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Worship Service	3	4	5	<b>6</b> Bible Study Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE)	7	<b>8</b> Highway Clean-Up
<b>9</b> Worship Service	10	11	<b>12</b> Council meeting via ZOOM	<b>13</b> Bible Study	14	15
16	17	18	19	<b>20</b> Bible Study	<b>21</b> Book Group	22
<b>23</b> Worship Service	<b>24</b> Women in Faith Bible Study	25	26	<b>27</b> Bible Study	28	29
<b>30</b> Worship Service	31					

August 2023							>
<	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Bible Study	4	5
<b>6</b> Worship Service	7	8	9 Council meeting via ZOOM	10 Bible Study	11	12	
<b>13</b> Worship Service Women in Faith In Person Gathering	14	15	16	17 Bible Study	18 Book Group	19	
<b>20</b> Worship Service	21	22	23	24 Bible Study	25	26	
<b>27</b> Worship Service Fellowship with Lutherans Picnic	28 Women in Faith Bible Study	29	30	31 Bible Study			



## **Our Church Family**

God's children in need of support through Prayer, phone call and maybe a card: Ann, Bob, Richard, Kathy, Bill, Larry, Tiffany, Joyce, Rachel, Barbara, Judy, Jennifer, Bo, Marilyn, Charlene, Peter, Gary, Nancy, Edith, Jeff, Joe, Harry, Charlie, Rosemary, Tim, Kim, Michelle,, Chase, Irene, Daniel, Tanya, Gayle, Shirley, Theresa.

We have so much to pray about, all those affected by natural disasters and war, many who need God's healing touch of their mind, body, and or Spirit. Jesus, our Lord and Savior, instructs all of us, as His children, to love one another. We comprehend the Wisdom of God when we. Look at the CROSS with our eyes and heart. O! what an amazing and awesome love, the GOSPEL - PASS IT ON!!

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.

A CELEBRATION of the RESURRECTION, for our sister in Christ, Joanne Killenbeck was held at Trinity on June 14, 2023. Joanne went into the loving arms of Jesus on June 9th. Let us keep, in our prayers, her daughter Risleigh, son-law Patrick, grandchildren Brianna and Brenden including all other family members and friends for our Lord's blessings, Comfort and His Peace at this time. Thank you! "Those who believe in ME, even though they die, will live" John 11:25

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Glenn Manning  
William Stack  
Eliza Marusic  
Lillian Becker  
Connor Farmer  
Jeffrey Gross  
Kim Fiato  
Joshua Levi  
Ashley Christofaro

Jackie Minter  
Irene Krupa  
Lizzy Walczyk  
Kyle Crandall  
Beverly Griffin  
Jeffrey Manning  
Jerry Manning  
Rebecca Permutter  
Barbara Marquissee

Jacob Griffin  
Caleb Hinckley  
Jackie Hinckley  
Dorothy Pryor  
Ryan Risi  
Kory DeLuca  
Robert Becker  
Orrin Smith  
Rose Snow

### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Justina & Sean Kane  
Stephen & Regina Osley  
Pam & Carl Stafford

Joanne & Richard Belcourt  
Kathy & Tim Farmer  
Daniel & Linda Engert

Gayle & Peter Bunn  
Cindy & Joe Schrader

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Audrey Gebhardt  
Leah Kane  
Kira E. Mizerak  
Michelle (Smith-Risi) Gay  
Kathy Kapusta  
Wayne Schrader, Jr.  
Edeltraut Salewski  
Marillynne Koch  
Jason Stack

Kyle Alexander Rivers  
Lane J. Walrath  
Sheila Baker  
Hayden Guccione  
Doris Brown  
Mia Rigo  
Georgia Becker  
Samantha Maguire  
Allison Baker

Jacob Gross  
Juniper Joyce Sherman  
Kayla Lynch  
Emma Rose Betti  
Anna Becker  
Gayle Bunn  
Susan Harkins  
Jerome Madden  
Allen L. Schrader

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Judy & John Sadlon  
Georgia & Grant Becker  
Jessica & Richard Bowman

Risleigh & Patrick Roche  
Susan Hayes-Manning & Gary  
Manning

JoAnn & Gary Blaise  
Jenna & Brian Macri  
Lori & Arnold Schrader

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

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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: [upstatenynod.org/](http://upstatenynod.org/)