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# Glad Tidings

MARCH 2024

*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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## *March Lenten Worship Highlights and Easter*

The Worship and Music Committee has assembled a very meaningful altar display for the season of Lent. Can you spot the various symbols of our faith and the season of Lent?

Mark your calendars for March 17, 2024, Bishop Lee Miller II from the Upstate New York Synod will lead us in worship and there will be a corn beef and cabbage luncheon following service. Great opportunity for fellowship and to meet our Bishop!

Palm Sunday, March 24th, we welcome back Patsy Glista to lead our worship service. Palms will be available and there will be a congregational reading of the Passion of Our Lord according to Mark 14:1-15:47. There will also be a coffee hour after the service.

There will be no Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services at Trinity but are pleased that Rev. Victor McKusick will lead worship to celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. There will be communion.

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*Council President's Report*

Hello, all!

I hope you're all healthy & well. Life has been busy, and your Council has been busy. The Council has re-elected me to be Council President! JoAnn Blaise is Vice President, Judy Sadlon is Treasurer & Council Secretary, Wendy DeLuca is Financial Secretary. We still have an open seat on Council, and Council can appoint someone to fill the seat formerly held by Ann Maher.

The Council appointed Richard G. Becker to the Endowment Committee, as recommended by the Endowment Committee at their 1/28/24 meeting.

Please consider attending worship & activities, as the Worship & Music Committee has many meaningful opportunities planned. The Lent Devotional book is available in the Henry St. Narthex, & I have enjoyed using it for my own Lent Devotions.

As an update, both the Annual Congregational Parochial Report, & the Ministry Site Profile have been completed and submitted appropriately.

Peace & Blessings,  
Amy Manning

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Communion</b>
March 3	Judy Sadlon	In House/Virtual	No
March 10	Rev. Victor McKusick	In House/Virtual	Yes
March 17	Bishop Lee Miller II	In House/Virtual	Yes
March 24 - Palm Sunday	Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
March 31- Easter	Rev. Victor McKusick	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

**Easter Flowers**

How festive the church looks when the altar is filled with flowers for Easter Sunday! We are working with Price Chopper in Richfield Springs, and are able to take orders for lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. An order form is included in this mailing. Orders are due back to the office no later than March 9th. Flowers will decorate the Altar for Easter Sunday and should be taken home by the purchaser following the service.

**The Superbowl Of Caring 2024**

Totals will be shared once we have things tallied up. Look for them in the WA and April Tidings. Thank you to all who helped support this event!

**Women Of Faith**

Our current topic for bible study is Do Justice Now, and we will meet on Zoom on March 11th at 7pm. Thank you JoAnn for all your work on the first session! Links for the handouts and Zoom links can be found in the Weekly Announcements or by contacting the office.

### **Direct Thrivent Choice® Dollars**

Thrivent clients with membership – you have unique opportunities to help us by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars® to Trinity! Go to [Thrivent.com/generosity](https://www.thrivent.com/generosity) to learn more. This year's deadline for directing funds is March 31, 2024. A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have used Thrivent's generosity programs to support us again this year.

### **Easter Sunrise Worship**

There will be an Easter Sunrise Community Worship on March 31st at 7am at the Fort Herkimer Church. Breakfast will follow at the Community Center.

### **Easter Dinner**

The congregation of The World Christian Center will be holding a free Easter Dinner. They are looking for both volunteers and financial support. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Eileen at 315-731-7217.

The Mohawk Valley Council of Churches  
invites you to

# Lenten Luncheons

Come enjoy worship and lunch at 12 noon  
throughout the Lenten Season.  
A free will donation will be taken.  
Join us at the following locations:

FEBRUARY 21  
ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ILION

FEBRUARY 28  
MORNING STAR METHODIST CHURCH, FRANKFORT

MARCH 6  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ILION

MARCH 13  
HERKIMER REFORMED CHURCH

MARCH 20  
TBD

MARCH 27  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Serving and Sharing**

This year there is a new way of doing things, putting serving and sharing and communication and technology into one committee. We hope we can continue to inform and share with the church and community the many things we are doing and helping with.

We continue with games on March 19th at 1 pm. Salvation Army meals for 70 will be put together and delivered also on March 19th at 2:30 any help or donations would be appreciated. Lenten lunches will continue every Wednesday through March at 12 noon in the churches as scheduled. March 27th luncheon will be served at Trinity.

The Bishop will be with us on March 17th to preach. After the service a corn beef and cabbage dinner will be served. March 24th is Palm Sunday and a coffee hour will follow.

May I give through God's grace to do many things not alone but with much help and support from you and God.

## **Learning**

### **BOOK GROUP**

The TLC Book Group is back! Please join us on Friday, April 5th, at 10 AM at Trinity. Our book is "The Persian Pickle Club" by Sandra Dallas. This is a fictional account of a quilting group set in the 1930's in Kansas. Do you know what kind of material is referred to as "Persian Pickle"?

### **FAITH ALIVE**

Centered on God's love, our journey together is awesome!! COME AND SEE!!!

"I will, Joyfully sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever, I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth" (Psalm 89:1)

Greetings to all in Jesus Name: Faith Alive is growing because we are led by the Holy Spirit. Join us and experience, on a first hand basis, the surprises of our Lord. These are called "GOD HAPPENINGS". This is where Faith and Hope join Love as we grow together in our faith walk. WOW!!!!

In March we will be gathering on the 3rd and 17th Sundays from 9-10am. Be part of the fellowship of fun and enjoy Ron Snow's cookies which are absolutely delicious.

Recently, I met a very nice lady, Sandy, at a restaurant in Fort Plain. As Christians together, we were led to another God happening. I mentioned FA and Johnson Park as our mission and she explained to me her mission. Making hats, blankets, scarves etc, for all ages to freely give away. Sandy was looking for a mission to distribute them to and Jesus appeared and said, "Johnson Park". Last week a big bundle was delivered to JP with big smiles on our faces of God's blessings.

COMMUNION: 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 FA where they will learn, in an environment of love and hands on the beauty of communion. Please speak to Phillis Becker if the timing is difficult due to various reasons. I will be happy to make different arrangements for you and your child. Blessings!

CONFIRMATION: Again, thank you for your patience and understanding. Our youth are precious to all of us at Trinity. Our goal is teaching them to grow in their Faith in a unique way, both spiritually and righteously, even after classes are over. To realize that our God is a banner over us with Love. In other words, being active in spreading God's love to all in a hurting world through WORD and ACTION. Please call Phillis 315-866-2379 with thoughts/questions you might have. Blessings!

## **Worship, Music, and Prayer**

### **BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:**

"Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplication! Answer me in Your faithfulness, and in Your righteousness. ( Psalm 143.1 )

### **PRAYER NOTES:**

#### **EVERYTHING WE NEED:**

Why do we need to pray? The reason is because the Christian life is a journey, and we need God's strength and guidance along the way. One of the major ways HE supplies these is through prayer. God doesn't leave us to our own resources! Instead, HE tells us in His Word, the Bible, quote " HIS divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of HIM who called us by HIS own glory and excellence." ( 2 Peter 1:3 ). WOW. What a promise from Jesus our Lord and Savior!!! Prayer is part of the "everything we need" GOD has given us.

A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian. A prayerless Christian is also a contradiction, because we should yearn for fellowship with the ONE who redeemed us. Throughout both the Bible and the history of the Church, those who made the greatest impact for GOD were those who prayed the most.

#### **WE NEED GOD'S POWER:**

If we are to live the way God meant us to live.....if we are to become more like Jesus Christ.....then we need both God's forgiveness, which God made possible by sending His Son to die for our sins and His goodness which God made possible by sending the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. My what an awesome God we serve!! As a friend of mine once said, " I need Jesus Christ for my eternal life, and the Holy Spirit of God for my internal life"

So, why do we pray? To have a personal relationship with Almighty God through Jesus Christ. It's called an open dialogue with our Lord through prayer. Remember to learn to pray is to pray, YES!!!! Prayerfully consider joining Trinity's prayer chain. Guaranteed you will be blessed along with those you pray for. If so led, please speak to Phillis with any questions you might have. Peace!

In His Service,  
Prayer Ministry

## Volunteer Schedule

	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
Counter 1	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Amy Manning
Counter 2	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Judy Sadlon
Reader	Amy Manning	Bona Starring	Sue Harkins	N/A	Phillis Becker
Unlock Door	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins
Altar	NA	Judy Sadlon	Amy Manning	Judy Sadlon	Amy Manning
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

Please email [info@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:info@trinityherkimer.org) with any changes.

### Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$103,607 is \$12,706

#### January Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 2,720.15

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 8,366.99

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Income is short by 5,646.84

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: Wendy Catera selects and posts the daily bible verses you enjoy on the internet from Trinity.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
<b>3</b>	4	5	6	<b>7</b>	8	9
Faith Alive				Bible Study		
Worship Service						
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	12	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	15	16
Worship Service	WOF Bible Study		Council meeting via ZOOM	Bible Study		
Endowment Meeting						
<b>17</b>	18	<b>19</b>	20	<b>21</b>	22	23
Faith Alive		Games and Crafts		Bible Study		
Worship Service - Welcome Bishop!						
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner						
<b>24</b>	25	26	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	29	30
Worship Service - Palm Sunday			Lenten Lunch at Trinity	Bible Study		
Coffee Hour						
<b>31</b>						
Faith Alive						
Worship Service - Easter						

## Our Church Family

God's children in need of support through Prayer, phone call or maybe a card or visit: Ann, Peter, Irene, Jeff, Levi, Jason, Gary, Harry, Joe, Charlene, Barbara, Rich, Arnold, Paul, Charlie, Michelle, Skyben, Niel, Linda, Tom, Donna, Patti, Carol, Sandy, Tanya, Tiffany, Julia, Sheila.

We as God's children have much to pray about. Jesus, with open arms waits patiently to have a dialogue, a personal relationship, with each of us. Please keep all who are listed above, by name, in your daily prayers for healing of mind, body or Spirit. Thank you so much! Also, there is much needed prayer for America and the Nations of the world. A bible verse worth memorizing is (2 Chronicles 7:14). Read it, pray it, trusting in His Word. WOW!!!! Blessings abound!!

### SHARING GOD'S GIFTS AND BLESSINGS:

Our dear sister in Christ, Gail Wolling, our pastor of record is moving on in her life. We at Trinity have been blessed and will continue to be blessed because of her leadership these few years. Thank you so much Pastor Gail, we love you.

Have you looked at our Altar lately, if not please do. What a beautiful display of God's love of what Jesus did for us at the Cross, SALVATION! Thank you to all who took part, the Holy Spirit was certainly in the mix. We at Trinity are blessed!

PRAYERFULLY consider joining Trinity's prayer chain! If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters, which are kept in confidence, please speak to Phillis or call 315-866-2379.

If someone has been inadvertently omitted please bring it to our attention. Thank you!

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kiya Snyder  
Patrick Roche  
Beth Ann Crouch  
John D. Sadlon  
Steve Kucerak, Jr.  
Charlee Mae Lyon  
Taryn Rackmyer  
Ann Maher  
Catrina Griewahn  
Dustin Sanders  
Laurie Heiland-Crouch  
Stanley Swienton  
Lisa Woods  
Paul Vanderwerken  
Marcy Miller

Mary Knoblauch  
Ty Rigo  
Amelia Whitney  
Cole DeLuca  
Edie Hermann  
Samantha Prosser  
Judy Burke  
Ella Wilcox  
Maegan Manning  
Ashley Hinckley  
Debra Devereese  
Jodi Rivers  
Jodie Farrington  
Nicole Benedict  
Abe Stublely

Amanda MacDougald  
Kevin Kirk  
Connie Engert  
John Keiser  
Stephen Manning  
Avery Hinckley  
Elaine Fleming  
Hunter Shaut  
Jared Levi  
Jennifer Burger  
Melissa McClouskey  
Riley Lyon  
Randy Snow

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Cindy & Mark Knoblauch

Carol & Peter Bunn



**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](http://trinityherkimer.org/calendar)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer](https://facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer)  
SYNOD website: [upstatensynod.org](http://upstatensynod.org)

***A Note of Gratitude:***

Dear Trinity Evangelical Church,

Please accept this sincere thank you for your generous support for the Frankfort/Ilion Food Pantry of Herkimer County. Your donation of \$170.00 which you made on November 16, 2023 is greatly appreciated.

Your thoughtfulness and actions make life much brighter for some less fortunate families. Because of generous and caring people like you, we are able to fulfill our mission of helping others who are in need. Thank you on behalf of our staff, volunteers and those we serve.

Sincerely,



Rae Raffle-Maxson  
Program Director  
RSVP and Health and Assistance Programs