



*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

Hello, all!

God's Blessings and Peace be with You, Spring is springing! As I write this the Daffodils at church are budding, I am optimistic they will bloom in time for Easter and April.

Please consider some opportunities to donate towards in a few ways. The Spring Assembly for our Central Crossroads Conference will include a "Chili Cook Off" on April 13th as a fundraiser for Appleseed, a food Ministry of a Syracuse church. Chili may be sent with our delegates (Judy, Bona, & Cathy) and dollars as votes to see which Chili raises the most dollars. Please speak to Judy Sadlon if you have questions/donations.

Our Upstate NY Synod's Hunger Justice team is holding a campaign to raise funds for fish farms and water irrigation systems for those with food insecurities. The Synod is asking congregations to raise \$500 each, to be donated at our Upstate NY Synod Assembly in June, to be held in Syracuse NY. Checks can be mailed to the church office or dropped in the offering plate. Make checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church and in the subject/memo line note Synod Campaign. Donations must be received May 12, 2024.

Opportunities to volunteer include Altar Guild, Highway Cleanup, odd cleaning jobs around the church for "Spring Cleaning" both indoors & outdoors. We have an open seat on Council which can be appointed to by Council until the next Congregational meeting, then be elected by Congregational vote, to serve until January 2026, formerly Ann Maher's seat.

Please consider coming to an in-person Worship service on Sunday morning, Faith Alive, & other opportunities for growing your faith.

Peace & Blessings,
Amy Manning, Council President

| Date | Worship Leader | Format | Communion |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| April 7 | David Grindle SAM | In House/Virtual | No |
| April 14 | Rev. Victor McKusick | In House/Virtual | Yes |
| April 21 | Cory Jones | In House/Virtual | No |
| April 28 | Wendy Catera | 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

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The Souperbowl Of Caring 2024

Trinity's collection of dollars & canned goods for the SouperBowl of Caring has been totaled for 2024. We collected \$105 and 28 cans of food, which will be donated to the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Herkimer. Although both numbers are lower than our 2023 collections, there's the old saying: "every little bit helps."

Our regular collection of canned/non-perishable food is ongoing, so if you missed the "SouperBowl of Caring," you may bring your donations to the Henry St. Narthex. JoAnn & her helpers will get the food to those who need it. Dollar donations could also still be donated, please put "SouperBowl of Caring" on the 'memo' line or on the envelope.

Thank you for continuing to feed our neighbors!

THANK YOU!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church's 2024 Collection
raised:
\$105 and 28 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.


TACKLE HUNGER

February 11, 2024


Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger: Home of the
Souper Bowl of Caring

Women Of Faith

Our next Woman of Faith gathering will be in person on Saturday, April 20th at Our Saviour from 10-noon. For our program, we will welcome Reverend Meier from Johnson Park Center to share with us about their ministry of sharing our Lord's blessings of love to those who might need a little help. Join as we learn how the Holy Spirit is working mightily behind the scenes in this ministry! We at Trinity will lead the prayer, scripture, song, etc. All genders are welcome to join us. Refreshments will be provided. Let the office know if you need a ride.

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Lutheran Campus Ministry invites you to its "Spring Music Festival and Basket Raffle," Sunday, April 21, 2024, 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7248 Highbridge Rd., Fayetteville, NY 13066. Come, bid on creative baskets donated by the faithful from across Central Crossroads. \$5.00 entrance fee comes with an armload of raffle tickets.

Basket donations are needed. If you can donate a basket contact Chris Jones, 315.200.7624 or Patsy Glista, 315.796.2985 / paglista@alumni.nmu.edu.

Faith Impact Team (FIT) Trail Mix Fundraiser

Faith Impact Team (FIT) is a new working group of the Central Crossroads Conference of the Upstate New York Synod of the ELCA. They are looking for individuals to come help them pack delicious healthy snacks to sell for funds to support the work of FIT. They will be packing the healthy snacks on Saturday, April 6, 10am-Noon at St. Michaels' Lutheran Church, 5108 W Genesee St, Camillus NY.

Serving and Sharing

Many good lunches were shared during lent at our community churches. Good food, fellowship, and worship was in abundance. It was another successful ecumenical project!

Baby bottles full of change have been donated! Thanks to everyone for the change you donated for Willow Care Network.

Our ongoing support continues through providing 70 meals for SA Cafe each month, Feed My Sheep also continues to hand out frozen meals to those in need, we provide breakfast and lunch once a week to the Loaves and Fishes warming center, and food donation collection continues to help the local food pantries.

May God's love and bounty be shared always. This can't be done without your generous hearts. Without the technology that is provided through God's grace and Justina Kane's hard work, many people wouldn't know or receive God's many blessings.

Learning BOOK GROUP

Our TLC Book Group will meet Friday, May 10th, at 10 AM at Trinity. Our author will be Mary Oliver, an American Pulitzer Prize winning poet. Read any of her poetry books. There are many available through MidYork Library. Hope to see you then.

FAITH ALIVE

HE IS RISEN!!!!

The way to Christ is through a childlike spirit, and the way to the Father is through Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

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

Included in the April tidings is a grateful letter of thanks, from the residents of Johnson Park Center, for the handmade items of clothing received for all ages, delivered to them in God's love. WOW!!! Sharing our Lord's blessings of love in Word and Action is definitely contagious! It comes full circle. Thank you Jesus!

Our FA gatherings being held in April are the 14th and 28th. Mark your calendars! Come and enjoy the fellowship of love for all ages which includes laughter and of course chocolate chip cookies handmade by our own Ron Snow. DELICIOUS!

COMMUNION: Welcome to Blake and Login as they attended their first class, at FA, on why Jesus Christ instructed us to receive communion. Why?? to remember Him and what He did for us at the cross. His Grace and our salvation.

The door is open: So if you would like your baptized child to learn about why we as God's children are instructed to remember Jesus through the bread and wine then bring them to FA where they will learn in an environment of love and hands on. Just call Phillis Becker and special arrangements may be made, if needed.

CONFIRMATION: 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, into their adult life. To realize that our God is a banner over us with love. To be active in spreading God's love to all in a hurting world through WORD and ACTION. Please speak to Phillis 315-866-2379 with thoughts/questions, you might have as we contemplate on starting a new class. Your input is important to us. Blessings with His Love!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6,7)

PRAYER NOTES:

-- A DAY HEMMED IN PRAYER IS LESS LIKELY TO UNRAVEL --

When we are feeling as if we are about to unravel inside, turn to prayer. The travel route of prayer is never misdirected or put off schedule -- nor is it dangerous! On the contrary, prayer gives peace and helps us avoid danger.

-- A NEW START EACH DAY --

Personally, I find it helpful to begin each day by silently committing it to God, even before I get up, thanking Jesus that I belong to Him, and that He knows what the day holds for me. Then I ask Him to use me that day for His glory, and to cleanse me from every sin that might hinder this.

Then I step out in faith, believing His Spirit will fill me as I obey His Word and trust in Him. At the end of the day I know I'll be able to look back and thank Him for being with me and guiding me. Jesus promised to be with me that day---and He was.

This can be your experience also, as you yield your life to Jesus Christ's Lordships. Give each day to Him, so that at its end you can look back and thank Him for being with you, as He promised.

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

| | 4/7 | 4/14 | 4/21 | 4/28 |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Counter 1 | JoAnn Blaise | JoAnn Blaise | Bona Starring | Bona Starring |
| Counter 2 | Phillis Becker | Phillis Becker | Cathy Mayton-Collins | Cathy Mayton-Collins |
| Reader | Phillis Becker | Sue Harkins | Bona Starring | Amy Manning |
| Unlock Door | JoAnn Blaise | Phillis Becker | JoAnn Blaise | Phillis Becker |
| Singer | David Grindle SAM | Sue Harkins | Judy Sadlon | Sue Harkins |
| Altar | N/A | Judy Sadlon | N/A | N/A |
| Ventilation | Paul Keyser | Paul Keyser | Paul Keyser | Paul Keyser |
| Worship Leader | David Grindle SAM | Rev. Victor McKusick | Cory Jones | Wendy Catera |

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved 2023-2024 budget of \$103,607 is \$8,634
(This is the last report for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year which runs from February to January)

January Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 2,720.15

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 8,104.22

Income is short by 5,384.07

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 with any questions.

Did You Know or Do You Remember: Sue Heid was the Music Director at Trinity from ? to 1976. Marilyn Rankins Harter served as Music Director for eight years in the 1980's. Nicole Regan Cook from 1988 to 1989 also served. Kathy Stevens Moragne was Music Director at two different times 1976 -1981 and approximately, 1989 to 2012. Sue Kubica, our current director, started in 2012. How lucky is our congregation to have these talented people share their skills at Trinity!



April 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | | | Bible Study | Book Group | |
| | | | | | Worship and Music Committee Meeting | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Worship Service | | | | Bible Study | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Faith Alive | | Loaves and Fishes Meeting | Council meeting via ZOOM | Bible Study | | Women of Faith Gathering |
| Worship Service | | | | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Worship Service | | | | Bible Study | | |
| Endowment Committee Meeting | | | | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
| Faith Alive | | | | | | |
| Worship Service | | | | | | |

Our Church Family

God's children in need of support through Prayer, phone call or maybe a card or visit: Ann, Levi, Peter, Rich, Gary, Sheila, Irene, Jeff, Jason, Michelle, Neil, Linda, Donna, Barbara, Jim, Judy, Leah, Charlie, Mike, Alice, Gale, Tanya, Charlene, Pastor Dave, Harry, Joe.

There is never too much prayer, actually there is never enough. Please pray for those listed above by name, God knows where they need His touch of healing. Please bring before the Lord all those who are negatively affected by war, throughout the world, that His Gospel message of love and salvation would be heard loud and clear. PRAY HUMBLE, PRAY BELIEVING, AND PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING

She loved to dance, and now Edetraut is dancing in heaven in her resurrected life! Our sister in Christ, Edetraut Salewski, went peacefully home to be in the loving arms of Jesus on March 2, 2024 at 95 years. Please keep her sons Frank and Ron along with her six grandchildren and seven great - grandchildren and their family and friends in your prayers for God's perfect comfort and peace. God's blessings of His Love and Grace be upon all.

Jesus said " I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live, even if he dies" (John 11:25) YES HE IS RISEN !!

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. Thank you!

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Kristin Omerzu | Justin Manning | Jeremy Hinckley |
| Bona Starring | Dan Collins | Joshua Hinckley |
| Margaret K. Jones | Pam Stafford | Leah Donnelly |
| Morgan Lynn Rivers | Stephen Osley | Cooper Jordan |
| Timothy Smith, Jr. | Joshua Neff | Lucas Rivers |
| Ellen Olson | Stephanie Merena | Martin Collins |
| Caden Marusic | Nancy Pollak | Veronica Gerdau |
| Medisyn Lyle | Brittany Engert | Allison Maguire |
| Wesley Stewart | Carlianna Stafford | Peter J. Bunn |
| Richard Savarese | Robine Snow | Reese Capozzi |
| Ruth Wicks | Heather Marusic | |

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!

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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

Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer

SYNOD website: upstatenysynod.org

A Note of Gratitude:

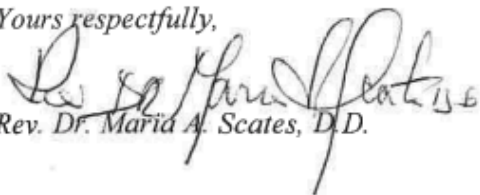
Dear Faith Group

Thank you for your support toward JCTOD Outreach, Inc. dba Johnson Park Center (JPC). You are a part of the rebuilding of lives and revitalizing hope in our community and we truly appreciate your gift.

One of the purposes of JPC is to institute programs that address problems characteristics of low-income urban areas. Your contribution will be used to provide needed services to inner city youth and families.

Your gift is an investment of love in the future of our nation. Once again thank you for standing united with us to bring positive and lasting change to our community.

Yours respectfully,



Rev. Dr. Maria A. Scates, D.D.