



*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***

Hello to all!

I pray that you are seeing signs of Spring wherever you are. I am thankful to God for the Daffodils & Hyacinths, any various other spring flowers, shrubs & trees in bloom. They tell their own Easter story & remind me of Jesus' Resurrection from the tomb.

I would like to give huge THANKS & KUDOS to several people, including JoAnn Blaise, Justina & Sean Kane, contractor Shamrock Sewer Services, and any other helpers they had to repair the lower level sewer problems at the church. As a note to all, please NEVER put Clorox into the floor drains or sewer system at our church building as the odor is an indication there is a problem we need to address. If you notice any problems/odors, please call 315-866-6474, or email the office [info@trinityherkimer.org]. We will then contact Shamrock to take care of the issue. A separate problem (age) caused a Women's bathroom toilet on the Henry St. level to need to be replaced, and the Fellowship Hall bathroom toilet was also repaired, so all are functional again.

I ask you to continue to pray for Ann Maher's family, including her husband Peter, daughters Stacey, Kristy, & Annie, family, friends & colleagues, as Ann entered Eternal life on April 8th.

Council is making plans for a June Congregational Meeting, so please reserve 6/09/2024 at approximately 11:15am (after Worship service), and plan to attend in the Fellowship Hall. We have further Property maintenance needs to discuss, and I hope the voting members will approve them.

Peace & Blessings!

Amy Manning, Council President

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Communion</b>
May 5	Judy Sadlon	In House/Recorded	No
May 12	Rev. Victor McKusick	In House/Recorded	Yes
May 19	TBD	In House/Recorded	No
May 26	David Grindle SAM	In House/Recorded	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

Please notice that in May, worship services will be recorded and shared later in the day. They will not be shared live on Sunday mornings.

## **Women Of Faith**

The next Women of Faith planning meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th at 7pm on Zoom. We will be using the Trinity Zoom link. Contact the office if you would like the link information.

## **Church Garden**

Spring is here and it's time to start thinking about the 2024 Church Garden! There are many different opportunities to get involved with this project and we would love to have you join us this year. Please contact Sue Harkins with questions, ideas, or to join in on this fun project.

## **Congratulations to Graduates from our Congregation**

Please join in Congratulating our Members who have given information on their upcoming Graduations as follows: (Part 1, as I know there are more who I am still seeking permission to publish).

Jaxson Manning will graduate from MVCC on 5/10/2024 with an Associate Degree in Engineering Technology, and has been accepted at SUNY Cortland to study Geographic Information Systems.

Ethan Madison will graduate from the Central Valley Academy High School in June 2024, and has been accepted to Herkimer College (HCCC). He plans to continue after that at a 4-year college to pursue a degree in Secondary Education.

Cole DeLuca will graduate from the Central Valley Academy High School in June 2024. Cole plans to attend Clarkson University, Majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Please email me, [amanning@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:amanning@trinityherkimer.org) , or [info@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:info@trinityherkimer.org) , or call 315-866-6474 if you have a Graduate you will give us permission to announce! There may be more College/Technical/High School graduates than we are aware of, & we would love to give you Kudos!

## **Thrivent Membership Opportunity**

Appleseed, a Synodical approved foundation, helps to feed the needy in East Syracuse. On Wednesdays, each week they provide a hot meal and a bag of groceries for those who qualify. Each year they process over 80,000 tons of food from the food bank to do this. In NY state in 2020 1 in 10 people were food insecure. In 2023 that number is 1 in 4. NY state has cut funding to food insecure people AGAIN, now 70%. Any person who belongs to Thrivent has the ability to donate \$250.00 a year. If 20 people donate that to Appleseed that will fund them for a full year. If you're in Thrivent Please consider this. It is a wonderful cause and God's work is being done.

## **Serving & Sharing**

It was a very busy Easter, which is always a blessing. May we continue to serve the community and our church family. The food pantry, Salvation Army, Feed My Sheep, The Warming Center, appreciate your donations and time. On May 1st we will be making meals for the Salvation Army. If you are interested in learning more about this mission or could help out please contact JoAnn Blaise. May we continue to think of others with a generous heart.

## **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 Henry Street vestibule. Thanks to all who continue to donate!

## HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Join us for Highway Cleanup on Saturday, May 4th at 9 am. Rain date will be May 11th. This can be used as community service for students. Please contact JoAnn Blaise or Sue Harkins to sign up or for more information.

## TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION

As Justina Kane continues to serve the church with her many talents to keep us informed and running, may we give blessings for having her. May we also give generous blessings for Tina our administrative assistant, and also Paul Keyser our Sexton, and Wendy DeLuca our financial secretary, Judy Sadlon our treasurer. There are many other people behind the scenes which I haven't mentioned, but I hope they know we wouldn't be thriving without them!

Please look in the weekly announcements for the many events coming up. Those without email can pick up a printed copy each week on the table in the front of the sanctuary.

May God's many blessings continue to fill your hearts and lives.

## **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

JESUS is RISEN and DEATH is DEFEATED: PRAISE the LORD!!

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

This is what Faith Alive is all about. Now sit down, relax, read Psalm 89:1 again asking yourself this question. What is the Holy Spirit showing me?? You'll be amazed at the answer!!!!

On Sunday 9/14 FA made 20 caring cards for shut-ins, those hospitalized,lonely etc. These will be given as needed. A big thank you to Sue Bauder for sharing her God given gift of crafts and to Barbara Parkhurst for sharing her God given gift of creative writing. These cards have been prayed over for God's Blessings of Love for all those who receive them.

Our FA gatherings being held in May are the 12th and 26th. Mark your calendars! Come and enjoy the fellowship of love for all ages. PS: The children are putting together twelve lunches, for the warming center, which they pray over before being distributed. God's work, our hands!!!!

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. Please call Phillis Becker and special arrangements may be made, if needed. Congratulations to Blake and Login who have completed two classes. A quote, "They had fun learning".

CONFIRMATION: Our youth are precious to all of us at Trinity. Our goal is teaching them, in a unique way, to grow in their faith both spiritually and righteously, into their adult life. To know that our God is a banner over all of us with love. To be active in spreading God's love, in a hurting world, through WORD and ACTION.

Please speak to Phillis Becker, with any questions you might have as we contemplate on starting a new class in the fall. Your input is important to us. Blessings!

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

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"Now, Jesus was telling His disciples a parable to show them that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart." ( Luke 18:1 )

PRAYER NOTES:

-----Why is prayer important to the pursuit of excellence? The answer is that prayer enables us to achieve excellence because it changes the events of this world. It also changes us; it is our Lord's cure for caving in. We should always pray and never give up, Jesus said "be persistent."read Luke 18:1, above.

Jesus did nothing without prayer. He prayed when He was baptized, which began His public ministry. God the Father heard these prayers and answered, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

Jesus prayed in the face of decisions. When He set out to select the twelve disciples --- the men who would continue His ministry under persecution and pressure --- Jesus knew the choice was far too important to make without prayer.

Jesus was known to spend the early morning hours alone in meditation and prayer. He rose a "long while before daylight, ...He went out and departed to a solitary place and there He prayed " (Mark 1:35).

As Jesus Christ hung on the CROSS, He prayed----"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 11:34).

What an emphasis on prayer! Jesus believes so completely in the power of prayer that right now He is praying for you and me (read Hebrews 7:25). So, when we get to the secrets of heaven, we want to be alone with Jesus, and listen that He may come and whisper to our souls. The richest hours I have ever had with God have not been in great assemblies....but sitting alone at the feet of Jesus. YES, a close relationship with Him!!

If prayer was important for Jesus, how presumptuous of us to think we can neglect prayer and still excel!!!

In His Service,  
Prayer Ministry

## Volunteer Schedule

	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26
Counter 1	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise
Counter 2	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Reader	Amy Manning	Bona Starring	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	David Grindle SAM
Altar	NA	Amy Manning	Judy Sadlon	NA
Worship Leader	Judy Sadlon	Rev. Victor McKusick	TBD	David Grindle SAM

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

### Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$152,472 is \$12,706

#### February Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 3,746.28

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 6,308.06

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Income is short by 2,561.78

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:** Millie Engert was the person who organized, researched and printed a record of all the members of TLC that served in the U.S. Armed Forces in peace and war. War times include WWI and WWII, Korea, Iraq, Gulf war and Vietnam. The records are on display just to the right of the entrance to the library. This Memorial Day, remember those who served their country.

May 2024							>
<	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Bible Study	3	4 Highway Clean-up (rain date 5/11)
5		6	7	8 Council meeting via ZOOM	9 Bible Study	10 Book Group	11
Worship Service							
Worship and Music Committee Meeting							
12		13	14	15	16 Bible Study	17	18
Faith Alive		WOF Planning Meeting					
Worship Service							
19		20	21 Loaves and Fishes Meeting	22	23 Bible Study	24	25
Worship Service							
26		27	28	29	30 Bible Study	31	
Faith Alive							
Worship Service							

## Our Church Family

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

The beautiful thing about prayer is that we can be anywhere, in any state of mind, at any given time and connect immediately with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God's love for all of us is so comforting for our souls. Please pray for all those listed above by name, even if you might not know them . Also, please lift in prayer all the nations who are negatively affected by war, that their needs of food, medical, and so much more are met especially God's Peace and love. Thank you so much!!

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

Our sister in Christ, Barbara Ann Maher, went to heaven on April 8, 2024 and is now in the loving arms of Jesus Christ. Please keep in your prayers her husband, Peter, her two daughters, Kristy and Stacy Kenyon, and her family and friends for God's comfort, peace, love to help them in their time of need.

Blessings at Trinity: Take the time to look around and thank the Lord for our Church family. His mercies endure forever!!

Prayerfully consider joining Trinity's prayer chain. If you have concerns for the prayer chain, 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!

### 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

**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)