



*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 all. Your Council continues to be hard at volunteer work for the sake of our Congregation & to care for our buildings. I have had assistance from Justina Kane in requesting updated estimates for roof repairs on the Church & Parsonage, in preparing for the June Congregational meeting.

It has become necessary to change the date for the June meeting since we announced it in the May Tidings. **The new date will be Sunday June 30, 2024**, as our Pastor Of Record, Rev. Victor McKusick had a family conflict with the prior date. The time will remain 11:15am/after the Worship service concludes, & will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, with an Audio system set up. This is the meeting of Reports for the Congregation's Committees.

As a reminder, to be a Voting Member, you need to have taken Communion, & give a donation of at least a penny, in your name so it's recorded, in the past year, as well as be a Confirmed member. You have time to refresh your ability to vote between now & the meeting, so please plan to attend & vote!

Peace & Blessings,  
Amy Manning, Church Council President

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Communion</b>
June 2	Judy Sadlon	In House/Recorded	No
June 9	TBD	In House/Recorded	No
June 16	Cory Jones	In House/Recorded	No
June 23	Pastor Martie Fischer	In House/Recorded	No
June 30	Rev. Victor McKusick	In House/Recorded	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

Please notice that in June, 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 Bible Study will be Tuesday, June 25 on Zoom at 7 PM. The subject we will discuss is "Life is Like Swiss Cheese."

## **Congratulations to Graduates Part 2**

Please join in congratulating another of our Graduates!

Lauren Walrath will be graduating from the Central Valley Academy High School in June 2024. Lauren has been accepted to Herkimer College (HCCC), and will Major in General Studies.

If you have another Graduate to announce, please send information to [info@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:info@trinityherkimer.org) or call 315-866-6474 to give us permission to announce your good news! Kudos to all the Graduates!

## **Serving & Sharing**

There are many things happening between the three Lutheran churches including many Women of Faith events being planned. We continue to work together for events and happenings.

The Council of Churches is working to finalize the details of this year's ecumenical service in July, at the Ilion commons gazebo. We invited Zion and Our Saviour to join us for the ecumenical worship service followed by a picnic at our church.

We continue sharing food with the community through frozen meals Feed My Sheep and the Salvation Army once a month meal. We can always use donations of canned fruit and applesauce, as you are able!

The church garden will start to take shape, any help or donations you would like to give would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks and heartfelt blessings for Justina Kane who keeps us informed, on track, and growing. God has put me in this place with you all, so I can grow like the garden. To help with whatever needs there may be and to share his love. May blessings spread to you all this month.

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

## **Learning**

### **BOOK GROUP**

The TLC Book Group will meet on Friday, June 14th, at 10 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church. Our selection is *Murder and the First Lady* by Elliott Roosevelt. This is historical fiction which gives a sense of the atmosphere of the White House in 1939. Elliott is the son of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. Other books in this series are from the 1940's during World War 2 and the time leading up to it. If you have already read this book try another one in this series. (Suggest *Murder at Midnight* or *Murder in the Lincoln Bedroom* or *Murder in the Red Room*.) We look forward to seeing you there.

## **FAITH ALIVE**

The JOY of the Lord is amazing during our Faith Alive gatherings. The Holy Spirit fills the room with Joy through the children and adults. Awesome! Coming together in Jesus name, no matter what age, is unexplainable and so ALIVE with His Love.

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

On Sunday May 12th small flower pots were painted in multiple colors. A big thank you to Sheila Baker for sharing her idea of honoring mothers and supplying all items needed for this project. Another God's work in our hands!!!

Our FA gatherings for the month of June are 9th and the 23rd. Mark your calendars!! As Jesus tells us to "Come and enjoy the fellowship of all ages in My Name"

As a reminder FA's ministry outside the church building is Johnson Park Center located in Utica. We presently have more home made clothes to deliver. These will be shown on May 26th at FA. All are welcome to take part in this ministry.

#### Communion:

The door is open: 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 prayerfully consider bringing them to FA where they will learn in an environment of love and hands on. Please call Phillis and special arrangements may be made, if needed.

#### 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 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 comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7)

#### PRAYER NOTES:

GOD CARES-----One of God's most comforting promises is that we can bring every need and burden to Him: "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken" (Psalm 55:22). The Bible also says, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

God's Word is filled with promises about prayer, and repeatedly He tells us to bring our burdens to Him. In fact, God urges us to bring our concerns to Him----not just petitions about our own needs, but also intercessions for others. Just as an earthly father or mother wants their children to come to them with their request, so our Heavenly Father wants us to come to Him.

GOD'S "LOVE LETTER"----- The Bible isn't just for preachers and scholars! God wants to speak to all of us through His Word, and no matter who we are, the Bible can come alive to us. You may never understand everything in the Bible, but you can understand something.

Bible reading shouldn't be a burden but a JOY! God wants to talk to us through His Word----in fact, it is His "Love Letter" to all of us. Why shouldn't we come to it JOYFULLY??

Ask Jesus to speak to you through its pages----and then expect the Holy Spirit to do so. This doesn't mean every time we open the Bible we'll find something new; God may be underlying truths we already know, enlightening us with a deeper understanding of His Word. WOW what a JOY!! Let the Psalmist's prayer become yours: "Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Thy law" AMEN!! (Psalm 119:18).

In His Service,  
Prayer Ministry

### Volunteer Schedule

	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30
Counter 1	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	JoAnn Blaise
Counter 2	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	Phillis Becker
Reader	Amy Manning	Phillis Becker	Bona Starring	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker
Singer	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon
Altar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Amy Manning
Worship Leader	Judy Sadlon	TBD	Cory Jones	Pastor Fischer	Rev. McKusick

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### Stewardship

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

#### March Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$5,037.98

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$8,297.97

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Income is short by \$ 3,259.99

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:** For 50 years we have joined together as Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger. Part of our church's long tradition of meeting human needs. ELCA World Hunger testifies to our hope for and commitment to God's promise of a time when we will hunger and thirst no more. In 2024 this will commemorate the 50th anniversary of this ministry. God calls us to respond to the needs of the world now more than ever.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Worship Service	3	4	5	<b>6</b> Bible Study	7	8
<b>9</b> Faith Alive Worship Service	10	11	<b>12</b> Council meeting via ZOOM	<b>13</b> Bible Study	<b>14</b> Book Group	15
<b>16</b> Worship Service	17	<b>18</b> Loaves and Fishes Meeting	19	<b>20</b> Bible Study	21	22
<b>23</b> Faith Alive Worship Service	24	25	26	<b>27</b> Bible Study	28	29
<b>30</b> Worship Service Congregational Meeting						

## Our Church Family

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

In "Jesus Name" we as God's children lift our hearts in prayer together, to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There is never too much prayer, actually there is never enough. Please pray for those listed above by name. Jesus knows where they need His touch of healing. Also, as the Holy Spirit leads, 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.

### SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:

A big thank you to Richie Becker, Ron Snow and Paul Keyser for trimming the branches from the maple tree which were hitting the church building. They worked together as one, after church one Sunday, which is a great example of "God's work our hands". Thanks to Ron for disposing of those branches.

We as a congregation are so proud of our upcoming graduates: CONGRATULATIONS to: Ethan Madison, Jackson Manning, Cole DeLuca, and Lauren Walrath.

R E M E M B E R: (John 14:6) Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me"

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. Thanks!

### 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
Holly & Timothy Smith, Jr.	Sandy & Derek Mizerak	Rebecca & Dennis Shaut

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