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Glad Tidings

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

*"But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.
Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows." – Luke 12:7*

We were sitting on the back porch last night when we heard a distinctive birdsong. It was three descending notes. Carefully sung, evenly spaced, endless loop.

Google told me that it was likely a Golden-Crowned Sparrow. "Look!" I showed Sass the picture. It has a golden line on its crown, perched like a little hat. We must find this bird of descending song. We will need binoculars.

If you have seen the series, *The Residence*, you know that my new interest in birds is no match for Detective Cordelia Cupp.

Det. Cupp is a committed birder. Birdwatching, finding, and sketching helps her think about the crime she is trying to solve precisely by giving her something else to think about so that her subconscious can untangle the clues, and she can see what to do next.

After I identified the song of the sparrow, I was moved to look up its symbolism. Sparrows symbolize protection and resilience. They are messengers of joy and are thought to be good omens. They symbolize new beginnings, fresh starts, renewal, and opportunity.

On Saturday, May 3rd at 11:00 a.m. I will be installed as your new pastor. My dear friend, Rev. Imani O'Lear is coming to preach. Children are involved in the preparations. The invitations are in the mail and the music is being practiced. Lunch is being planned.

It is a new beginning for you and for me and for us. All of us. It is a time of renewal.

I heard the song of the sparrow before I saw her. It made me consider how often we hear of life before we see it. A phone call that a baby has been born. The mewling of newborn kittens under the porch. The bellows of a new tuba player practicing in the neighbor's house – with the windows open.

The bells from a church steeple calling people to come.

Come to see the life that is nurtured here. Come and witness the lives that are being transformed. Come and find the one with the golden crown that calls you to stop, listen, look up.

Stop. Listen. Look up. And come. New life is rising. The birds are singing all about it.

With you, Pastor Marie

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
May 4	Judy Sadlon	In House/Zoom	No
May 11	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	Yes
May 18	Judy Sadlon	In House/Zoom	No
May 25	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	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

Graduates

Please help us to bless and honor college, high school and trade school graduates this season by letting the church staff know their names, dates of the graduation and the schools they will be graduating from. This very special time in their lives needs to be recognized.

Synod Hunger Justice Team

The Synod Hunger Justice Team invites congregations to contribute \$500 or more to support refugee families. Lutherans are known for their work with refugees, from managing some of the world's largest refugee camps to leading resettlement efforts. These camps shelter people who have fled war and violence, and food supplies help them stay healthy after a long, dangerous journey to safety.

Donations can be mailed to the office (443 Henry Street, Herkimer, NY 13350) or left in the offering plate. Please use "Synod Hunger Justice Challenge" to designate any donations for this cause. Donations must be received by Sunday, May 11th so that a total can be sent prior to the Synod Assembly event.

Open House at the newly renovated parsonage!

Sunday, June 1st Noon - 3:00

Snacks and Beverages and tours

620 French Road

New Hartford 13413

Women of Faith

WOF is sponsoring a Zoom Bible Study about Family and Relationships on Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00pm.

Linda Bennett will lead this study. [Click here](#) to join the meeting. [Click here](#) for the materials or pick them up on the table in the Narthex. The link to join and materials can also be found in the Weekly Announcements.

On Saturday, June 7th, Our Saviour is planning a road trip for WOF women to Peterboro, NY. The program will be based on Juneteenth. Time and carpooling options TBA. Please see Kim Marscher (Zion) or any WOF participant for details.

Serving & Sharing

April was very fruitful, for sharing our praises of Christ, frozen meals, community meals, donations to the food pantry and a wonderful Easter breakfast. Then ending the month with beautifying our land with Highway Clean Up. The Book Club and Game Day provide us time to socialize and relax.

Pastor Marie is putting life into our great surviving and thriving congregation. She is the pied piper of the children, all the children young and old. God always gives us what we need. May we continue in God's ideas. Denny's Breakfast Group will meet on May 8th and 22nd at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Many new things will be happening in God's building including a Mother's Day breakfast to benefit the Loaves and Fishes Warming Center which supports the homeless. The pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 10th from 8am to 10am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 443 Henry Street, Herkimer. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, yogurt, fruit, coffee and juice will be served. \$10 per person. All proceeds go directly to Loaves and Fishes to help support their mission.

MAY'S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of May, our donation focus will be canned fruit. Each month we will have a different donation focus, but other items will always be in need and accepted. Thanks to all who continue to donate!

Learning BOOK GROUP

Our next TLC Book Group meeting will be on Friday, May 9th at 10 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing *An Irish Country Doctor* by Patrick Taylor. This novel is set in Northern Ireland in the 1960's. A newly licensed physician joins an experienced physician in a rural practice. This historical novel is an engaging book with colorful characters. Please join us.

Looking ahead:

June 13th any book in the Benni Harper Mystery Series by Earlene Fowler. This is a series and I have several books I can loan. July 11th *The Comfort of Crows* by Margaret Renkl.

FAITH ALIVE

Well here it is 2 days after we celebrated Easter! But wait a minute, what did I say "Easter was" no that's not right!, Easter is everyday all year, really, really. How can that be? We celebrated on the 20th and then it's over, right? No Easter is never over! Everyday we should praise Jesus for saving us. Yes, but why? Because Jesus died for all of us on the CROSS to save us from what? "Our Sins" Boy! This is hard to believe. If Jesus died then how did He save us? The bible says Jesus is Alive, that He became Alive 3 days later, and concurred death. Not only that but the disciple and others (witnesses) actually saw Jesus walk, talk, eat, after they saw Him die and put in the tomb for dead people. But we can't see Him, so where is Jesus today, now?? With God the Father in heaven and in our hearts, that's called the Holy Spirit. This is an awful lot for my brain to handle. Tell me how can I live forever, even when I die? O, it's so simple, God made it so easy, for all to believe. The big Word is FAITH, believe in JESUS and what HE did for us on the CROSS. " So tell me again "What did Jesus do for me and everyone else who has Faith and Believes? Saved us from our sins, and you know why? It's called LOVE, a special kind of Love with a big fancy word (AGAPE) the greatest LOVE anyone of us can even begin to understand. The best part is that it's GOD'S GRACE and it's FREE, promising ALL who Believe Eternal Life. WOW! Who doesn't want to live forever? What an amazing GOD we SERVE!!

YES! I BELIEVE, DO YOU??

To the young and the young of heart,

Mrs B

Faith Alive gatherings for May are the 11th and 25th, 9-10am in the fellowship hall. Consider inviting a friend or family member to enjoy the fellowship with us.

If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item for someone who just might need a little help. These will be delivered to our local food pantry. Thank you so much!

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"

Johnson Park Center, located in Utica continues to be an FA outreach ministry. Sharing Jesus' awesome love to all is our JOY. It's contagious and puts a smile on Jesus' face. God's work, our hands!! Yes!

BIBLE STUDY:

Every Thursday 10-noon in fellowship hall. All are welcome, knowledge of the bible is not required. If you have your own bible please bring it with you, if not we will supply one. With the Holy Spirit leading us we come up with some amazing topical studies, which we call God happenings. Come and enjoy!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"Have this attitude in yourself which was also in Christ Jesus who, although He existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a bond-servant and being made in the likeness of men, and being found in appearance as a man. He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

PRAYER NOTES:

Did you know that Jesus began (Luke 3:21) and ended (Luke 23:46) His ministry on earth with prayer? Check it out by reading these two verses, thoughtfully in Luke.

His focus didn't seem to be on the act of praying as much as prayerful dependence upon His Father. In doing so. Jesus modeled seeking the Father's will and trusting the Father's way.

Throughout His life on earth, Jesus stated that:

- 1 - What He taught was not His own. John 7:16
- 2 - He could do nothing by Himself. John 5:19, 8:28
- 3 - He did what He saw his Father doing. John 5:19-20, 8:38
- 4 - He taught what His Father taught Him. John 8:28
- 5 - What He heard and learned from His Father, He taught to His disciples. John 15:15, 17:7
- 6 - The Father who sent Him commanded Him what to say and how to say it. John 12:49

These are all examples of a will perfectly molded through powerful and constant prayer. Could we make these same statements?

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

A Friendly Reminder: Prayers are kept on the prayer chain for 4 weeks and then are removed unless updated. Thank you for your cooperation.

May 2025						
◀	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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					1 Bible Study	2
						3 Pastor Marie's Installation
4 Worship Service		5	6	7	8 Denny's Breakfast Group Bible Study	9 Book Group
						10 Loaves and Fishes Pancake Breakfast
11 Faith Alive Worship Service		12	13 Women of Faith Bible Study	14 Council meeting via ZOOM	15 Bible Study Worship and Music Committee Meeting	16
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18 Worship Service		19	20 Loaves and Fishes Meeting	21	22 Denny's Breakfast Group Bible Study	23
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25 Faith Alive Worship Service		26	27	28	29 Bible Study	30
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Volunteer Schedule

	5/4	5/11	5/18	5/25
Counter 1	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Bona Starring	Bona Starring
Counter 2	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins
Reader	Amy Manning	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker
Singer	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins
Altar	NA	Judy Sadlon	NA	Amy Manning
Worship Leader	Judy Sadlon	Rev. Duquette	Judy Sadlon	Rev. Duquette

Please email 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: \$3,210.53

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$10,002.16

Income is *short* by \$6,791.63

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

Did You Know:

(Isaiah 66:13) " As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you: and you will be comforted over Jerusalem. The commandment to "honor your father and mother (Exodus 20:12) is a cornerstone of biblical teaching, it highlights the importance of respecting our parents. On Mother's Day, this commandment takes on a special significance as we celebrate and honor moms on Sunday, May 11.

Our Church Family

God's children, of all ages , in need of support through prayer, phone call or maybe a note of encouragement or even a short visit of love offering a simple meal: Edith, Scott, Sheila, Michele, Neil, Jeff, Gary, Sue, Charlie, Asha, Judy, Jim, Alice, Ruth, Leah, Mary, Rosemarie, Theresa, Billy, Heather, Jennifer, Ron, Ethan, Jonah, Sophia.

A suggested prayer for all those named above: Precious Jesus, we lift Your Name up high and we love to sing Your praises! We comprehend the Wisdom of God when we look at the CROSS with spiritual eyes and a heart of love for You and others. We lift to You all those listed above, by name, and for healing wherever their need of healing may be of mind, body and or Spirit. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen
The Holy Spirit will certainly guide us as we trust and lean on Him.

BLESSINGS IN SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:

We at Trinity rejoice with Rose and Ron Snow in the birth of their first great granddaughter, Hailey Jean Snow, born on April 16th, 7lbs 11oz, 21in. long. We also rejoice with the proud parents Madison and Zackary Snow and grandpa Randy Snow, aunt Robine and aunt Veronica. What a blessing from our Lord!

On Saturday, May 31, 2025 there will be a celebration (Resurrection) of life for our brother in Christ, Richard G. Becker, who went home to be with Jesus on February 4th. At 10am there will be a gathering at V Iocovozzi Funeral Home, 203 2nd Ave, Frankfort NY. with a memorial service at 11am. Immediately following the service we will proceed to the burial on Robinson Road along with military honors, and "Amazing Grace" played by Danny Engert. A gathering of family and friends will follow at the German Flatts town hall on route 5S, Mohawk located by the Fort Herkimer Church.

John 11:25, Jesus proclaims to All of us! "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies" WOW! What a promise!

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.



*Loaves & Fishes Warming
Center*

A PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR A CAUSE

A Fundraising Effort for
the Loaves & Fishes
Warming Center

**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025
8AM-10AM | TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
443 HENRY ST. HERKIMER**

Join us for a pancake breakfast - all
proceeds go directly to Loaves & Fishes
to help support their mission.
Bacon, sausage, yogurt, fruit, coffee,
and juice will also be served.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

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