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## ***The Good News***



**June 2023**

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### ***Worship Schedule***

Sundays 9:00am

Traditional

Live Streamed on Facebook  
In Person

Sundays 10:45am

Traditional—1st and 3rd Sundays  
Contemporary—2nd and 4th Sundays  
Sunday School 9:00am



### **Deacon's Bench**



20 Years ago, a few days after Mother's Day, I stood by my mother's bed in the ICU in Morristown Hospital. She was just a few months short of her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. I was there with one of my older brothers, a Deacon in the Catholic Church, a man who knew his Bible as well as I did. We were both privileged to witness my mother going home to heaven. She had brought us up in to know and serve Jesus, though truthfully, we had both strayed in our life time. Yet the faith that she taught us coupled with the fact that we had been baptized as infants, meant that we were dedicated to the Lord , to serve Him just as my mother had done throughout her life.

Service to others in Jesus' name was my mother's calling. She taught me and my brother to be hospitable and caring. She taught us to minister to those who were hurting as well as the sick and dying, the, grieving and those who were sad and confused. But she was bold in witnessing for the Christian faith. She was never afraid to speak her mind or to confront others who were in sin as well as offer advice to help them to face their difficulties and suffering with the help of Jesus. She was one of the reasons I serve as a Deacon, the same reason why we Deacons Deacon! To serve the Lord as He served us.

One of the first Deacons of the Church, chosen by the Apostles to do the work of church administration, was Stephen. Yet he stepped up to answer the call that the Lord Jesus places on every believer, to preach the gospel, to face the opposition of doubters, scoffers, and those with malice in their hearts, to die for his faith. His example shows us that we Deacons are called to do more than just administer the church: we are called to minister to our Christian brothers and sisters as well as the sick, the hurting, the dying, and the lost. We pledge to fulfill our calling with love, mercy, and compassion.

*Deacon Anthony Cavaliere*


## ***From the Minister of Music***


On Saturday evening, June 3, at 7:00 p.m., the Pennsylvania Youth Chorale will once again be joining us to present a concert of music entitled *Many Voices, One Song*. Their concerts here are always spectacular musical experiences, with music for all tastes. Ask anyone that has attended one and they will tell you the same. The children are incredible singers and musicians. The concert is free, as it always is, which is remarkable as they come up here paying their own way, asking only a dinner before the concert, and staying in a motel for the weekend.


They will also be singing at worship at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 4. Their music is always different for that service, so you are getting two concerts that weekend.


Please try to make both performances, bring your friends, and support the children in their music making.

Henry DeVries









Pennsylvania Youth Chorale  
INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH MUSIC

**MANY SONGS,  
ONE VOICE**

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 3RD  
AT 7:00PM**

Trinity Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
40 W. Nicholai St.  
Hicksville, NY

## What Do You Want?

One of the best known and most beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we often live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? This happens when we put anything else before Him and His provision for us.

- When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments).
- When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).
- When we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves.
- When our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things.

We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLine**

Newsletter submissions and articles for the July/  
August 2023 edition of *The Good News* are due to  
the church office by noon on  
**Friday, June 23, 2023.**

**Thank you!**

## ***From the Board of Outreach***

Do you still get visits from Jehovah Witnesses? Maybe some of your neighbors belong to the Watchtower Society, their governing organization. We have to admire the zeal, determination, and perseverance Jehovah Witnesses manifest as they go from door to door determined to spread their version of the gospel. Such zeal as they display should be manifested by we believers in spreading the good news. But Jehovah Witnesses do what they do for several reasons:

“Jehovah’s Witnesses must meet four requirements for salvation: (1) Take in knowledge by studying the Bible with the aid of Watchtower publications, (2) obey the laws of God and the laws of the Watchtower Society, (3) be baptized into the Watchtower organization, and (4) publish the good news of the Watchtower Society from door-to-door.” (How to Respond: Jehovah's Witnesses by Hebert Kern)

This is a heretical belief that is the essence of salvation by works. Nowhere do they mention that they do what they do out of love for Jesus or love for the lost.

The Word of God clearly teaches, ***“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast”*** (Ephesians 2: 8-9). Our salvation is an undeserved gift of God. Witnessing for our Savior, showing mercy, forgiveness, love, and doing other good works are proofs of a saving faith not the cause of it. Jesus alone saves, not Jesus plus good works or good works alone. This is something we must tell them and others in our world who maintain this vain belief that they can earn their way to heaven in some way.

*Deacon Anthony Cavaliere*

## ***A Word from the Principal***



Dear Trinity Families,

It's hard to believe that our school year is coming to a close. We have had a fantastic year, filled with many achievements and accomplishments.

June is always such a busy time of year. Our K to Grade 5 Field Day is scheduled for June 6. Students will participate in a variety of events ranging from potato sack races, relay races, long jumps, and target throwing. Our middle school students are wrapping up the school year and taking final exams. Some students have also taken the Algebra 1 and Living Environment Regents exams for high school credit. They truly have worked diligently all year.

We also have a number of moving up ceremonies in June. Kindergarten and Grade 5 ceremonies are on June 14. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 16 at 3:00 PM. We are so proud of our students' growth and accomplishments!



In His Service,

Mrs. Jennifer Forte

## Early Childhood Center Update

Dear Trinity Families,

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and we have so much to be thankful for. This school year was filled with a lot of joy and growth. Our toddlers are ready to conquer the world of nursery school. They are singing, dancing, praising Jesus, and being kind to each other. Our nursery students are writing letters, cutting, coloring, painting, and saying their prayers with passion and conviction. Lastly, our pre-k students have gained the knowledge and the skills that they need to succeed in kindergarten.

In a few days all ECC students will sing in the chapel for their loved ones and accept their certificates of accomplishment. It is sure to be a day that parents will cherish and remember.

As we say good-bye to this school year, I say to you, our ECC families, "Thank you!" Thank you for entrusting your little ones with us and giving us the opportunity to be a part of their lives, and I leave our ECC children with one message, "Be strong and courageous!"

Blessings,

Seleena Seemangal  
*Director, Early Childhood Center*



## Summer Solace

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*



We have the final numbers from our High Tea Fundraiser held at the beginning of May. \$2,005.00 was raised from sales and donations. 120 meals were made. Thank you to everyone who made a purchase or a donation!

It is not too late for the Mission Festival workshop on June 3, 2023 at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Bronx from 10:00am-1:00pm. If you are interested, please contact Joni Mazer at [jonimazer@gmail.com](mailto:jonimazer@gmail.com).

Save the date for the LWML Bi-annual National Convention to be held this year in Milwaukee, WI from June 22-June 25, 2023. The theme is "Celebrate the Lord of Nations." Register at: [lwml.org/2023-convention](http://lwml.org/2023-convention) to access the online registration form.

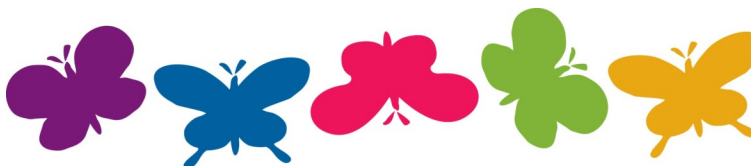
Our LWML members have voted on the missions to receive funds raised through our special events: repairs of church stained glass windows, Lutheran Social Services, Comfort Dog Ministry, Christian Appalachian Project, funding Seminary Food Bank, and the Veterans Medical Center in Northport.

Keep October 13-15, 2023 open for the Fall Retreat at Tuscarora Inn. Registration will begin September 1. Call Helen Peter at 516-938-6914 for details and paperwork during the summer months of June through August.

Our members will not meet during the months of June, July and August. Meetings will resume in September. Our board members will still meet during the summer for planning. Everyone have a happy and safe summer!

Blessings,

Helen Peter  
Trinity LWML President



Lutheran Women's Missionary League invites you to the 40th LWML Bi-ennial Convention

Thursday, June 22–Sunday–June 25, 2023  
Wisconsin Center • Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
**CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS**

***All are invited!***

Come meet your LORD with over 3,000 people, worshiping, singing,  
Bible study, service projects!

Meet people who share your love of Jesus!

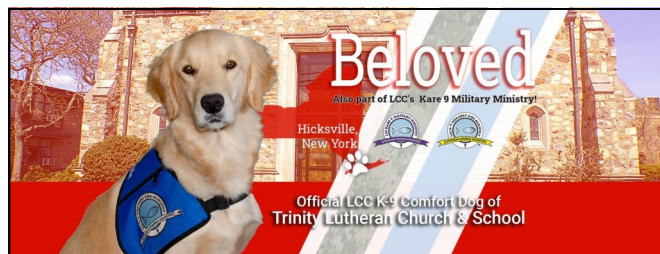
Enjoy good food, good drink, and much gemucklekeit in the heart of Lutheran-land.

REGISTER NOW!!!! at [lwml.org/2023-convention](http://lwml.org/2023-convention) to access the online registration form

Come to Milwaukee for the religious experience of a lifetime.

Any questions please see Helen Peter, Jane Kramer or Kathy Krass

## Comfort Dog Ministry



## **Trinity Youth Group**

Trinity Youth Group 2.0 - More Faith, More Fun!

Trinity's youth groups are in full swing!

VOTY - ages 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Youth - ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Remember to check church bulletins, the Youth Board in the hallway and your emails to know what events are coming up! Contact Karen at [kapgar@trinityhicksville.org](mailto:kapgar@trinityhicksville.org) if you have any questions.

### **VOTY Beach Day at Trinity**

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 1p – 3p

Come splash around and play beach games!

\*wear a bathing suit-You might get wet!

\* Bring a friend!

\*ages 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade



Remember to RSVP to -  
[kapgar@trinityhicksville.org](mailto:kapgar@trinityhicksville.org)

**YOUTH  
GROUP**

### **AN AFTERNOON AT THE RACES!**

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 3p – 5p

Come make your own horse  
and run in the races for great prizes!



Hats are a must! \*best hat wins a prize

\* Bring a friend!



\*\* Remember to RSVP to [kapgar@trinityhicksville.org](mailto:kapgar@trinityhicksville.org)



### **POSITIVELY MARRIED!**

by Rev. David Elseroad, D.Min., LMFT, Pastoral Psychotherapist

The couple had come for pre-marital sessions. They gazed dewy-eyed at each other, lost in the bliss of their new-found love. Prodded to look at how they communicate with each other, back came the protest heard from many a couple seen for marriage preparation over the years: "Oh, Pastor, we have no trouble communicating. We never argue, we've never even had a fight. We're too much in love for that!" There was something unreal about that. Just give them time, I thought.

Conflict and disagreement in a marriage are well-nigh inevitable. How could they not be? We're not dealing with clones of one another, but two distinct individuals, each with their own unique personality and background, their own views, needs and wishes. One might think that a happy marriage would be one in which conflict and disagreement were rare or even non-existent. But it isn't so. In fact, the greatest predictor of a lasting, satisfying marriage is not the absence of conflict, but the couple's ability to resolve the conflicts that will inevitably surface. Couples do that in different ways. Some talk out their differences and reach a mutually satisfying compromise. Some avoid their conflicts, agreeing to disagree and never clashing head-on. And some battle it out, the intense energy of their volcanic arguments carried over to affection once they've made up.

Couples do differ in their style of conflict resolution — and even in understanding what a resolution looks like. But more important than actually solving a conflict or problem is feeling good about the interaction. As couples contain and work through negative feelings and actions toward each other and experience positive feelings and interactions, they are maintaining an equilibrium that is critical to their marital health and happiness. That balance, as psychologist and marriage specialist John Gottman has shown in his exhaustive study of married couples, is by no means a 50/50 positive to negative interaction. Rather it is 5 to 1: for every instance of conflict, fighting or negative interaction, there must be five experiences of positive feelings and interaction to sustain a stable and satisfying marriage. Like the pH balance of acidity and alkalinity critical for fertile soil, in the same way the preponderance of warmth, love and fun, expressed in hugging, smiling, complimenting and cooperating, is essential to spouses' growth and commitment in marriage.

Couples locked in patterns of negativity can move out of them. They can look at how they handle disagreements and conflicts, learn how to communicate their thoughts and feelings without resorting to personal attack, contempt, defensiveness or withdrawal, and avert escalation of arguments by monitoring their inner self-talk and practicing self-soothing techniques when feeling overwhelmed. Couples can nurture positive interactions, showing care and concern, affection and appreciation. They can grow in understanding and empathy for one another, renewing or recovering their essential connection of love and respect. In this endeavor spiritual resources can be of great help, with Christian faith a bedrock for newness of personal and conjugal life. "Be kind and compassionate to one another," we are reminded, "forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32); God's grace and empowering Spirit are prime positives! Couples may need help with their change strategy, working with a marital therapist to move from negativity to being "positively married"!

*Rev. Dr. David Elseroad is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with LCC. He sees couples, as well as teens, adults and families, at LCC's Manhattan, Bronxville and Mineola. Contact Lutheran Counseling Center at 516-741-0994 or 1-800-317-1173 to set up an appointment, or visit us at <https://www.LCCNY.org>.*

# IT'S TIME FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023!!

JULY 10 - 14, 2023

9:00am to 12:00pm



To Register: <http://vbs.trinityhicksville.org/>

## Volunteer Needs

Craft Station Leader  
Music Station Leader  
Snack Station Leader  
Classroom Leaders  
Classroom Support Staff  
Music Support Staff  
Craft support staff



<https://trinityhicksville.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-volunteer>

**Volunteer Meeting**  
**Monday, June 12**  
**6:30pm - YSR**

## Supply needs for VBS

Bottles of white glue  
Children's scissors  
Markers  
Clear plastic dinner plates  
Assorted colored tissue paper  
Paint brushes  
Small emptied coffee containers  
Scotch tape  
Paper towel cardboard centers  
Brown lunch bags  
Construction paper  
Shoe boxes  
Rolls of single colored wrapping paper (dollar tree wrapping paper)

**Please place items in the box in the Narthex labeled VBS**

# Celebrate Summer 2023

Trinity Lutheran's Celebrate Summer offers an affordable program for children in a caring Christian environment. Celebrate Summer includes:

- Organized Sports
- Technology
- Science
- Fun with Food
- Arts & Crafts
- Music & Movement
- Water Play
- Academic Enrichment
- Live Animal Programs

**Celebrate Summer is for students entering Pre-k to Grade 2**

Sign up now for all six sessions or mix and match your weeks according to your schedule.

<b>SESSION 1:</b> Sports Stars	June 26-30
<b>SESSION 2:</b> Stars and Stripes (Closed July 4th)	July 3-7
<b>SESSION 3:</b> Helpful Heroes	July 10-14
<b>SESSION 4:</b> Aquatic Adventure	July 17-21
<b>SESSION 5:</b> Playful Pirates	July 24-28
<b>SESSION 6:</b> Creepy, Crawly Creatures	July 31-Aug 4

You may choose your sessions and pay by week.

Payments must be made at least a week in advance.

**PROGRAM FEES:** \$400 per week (5 full days) or \$200 (per week 5 half days) \$100 non-refundable registration fee with application (this will be applied to your first week of camp).

Parents are responsible for lunch (if full day) and transportation. Children MUST be toilet trained.

For more information or to register call 516-931-2211 or contact Mr. William Mallon at [CelebrateSummer@TrinityLL.org](mailto:CelebrateSummer@TrinityLL.org)

**REGISTER ONLINE:** [trinityli.org/celebrate-summer/](http://trinityli.org/celebrate-summer/)



**SAVE 10%**

if you register and pay  
for your weeks on or before  
April 15

**SIBLING DISCOUNT**

\$50 off weekly fee  
for additional child/children

## PROGRAM HOURS

Full Day  
8:00am-4:00pm  
**OR**  
Half Day  
8:00am-12:00pm

**SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER EARLY.**

Located within walking distance of the Hicksville train station.

40 West Nicolai Street, Hicksville, New York 11801  
516-931-2211 or email Camp Director, William Mallon at [CelebrateSummer@TrinityLL.org](mailto:CelebrateSummer@TrinityLL.org)