



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

A Message from Trinity's Church Council

Dear Friends in Christ,

Trinity's mission continues to be vibrant even during the pandemic. Worship continues and so has our outreach to those in the community who are hungry. Be sure to read about our efforts in feeding our neighbors later in this issue! Church is not just a building – We ARE the Church!

I hope you have been participating in online Worship services and Thursday Bible Studies these past weeks. They are uplifting and filled with God's love. Trinity has continued to expand and fine-tune these worship opportunities and we are very proud to have gotten a handle on the technology needed with help from Justina Kane and others. If you have not yet attended Online Sunday worship or Thursday Bible Study, I encourage you to investigate our webpage at trinityherkimer.org. Links to worship through Zoom, YouTube and Facebook are available on the worship page. We also make a printed copy of the service available! The links are available in the weekly email announcement page as well!

I know we are all missing the in-person worship services of the past. We long to participate in person in the music, singing, lessons, prayers, and sermon with our friends and loved ones. We long for Holy Communion. I want to assure you that the Church Council is working hard to help us return to some type of in-person worship. We are actively studying the safest, most worshipful possibilities, while following CDC guidelines, the Upstate NY Synod suggestions and the directions from NYS. We are keeping in mind our worshipping congregation members, most of whom are over age 55 & many have health concerns. Worship details have not yet been ironed out, but I promise to keep you informed. Bishop Macholtz has strongly suggested that churches not return to the building until after July 1st, and perhaps not even until September. Your health and safety is our priority.

Until we can meet again at Trinity, I hope you will continue to join us online if you can. By the way, you don't need a computer to take advantage of worship. You can use your phone to dial in. You will be able to hear the service that way. Please stay safe, practice social distancing and mask wearing, and stay in touch with Trinity and your friends and neighbors.

Yours in Christ, Risleigh Roche

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Tidings Update: Thank you to all who have offered compliments and feedback about our new Tidings format and our new technology tools of communication. The Council has decided to continue mailing the monthly Tidings to assure everyone receives it. Due to postage costs of mailing, we will continue to produce a short version of the Tidings, and our website will be the place to go for more extensive information. Suggestions, ideas or questions about our new communication efforts are welcome by contacting Ann Maher (amaher@trinityherkimer.org) and Justina Kane (jkane@trinityherkimer.org). The Tidings will also be posted on Trinity's website for easy reference.

Sharing and Serving

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The pandemic is impacting all of us. For many in our community, access to nutritious food on a daily basis has become a challenge. Our partners at the Salvation Army report a huge increase in the number of people who are seeking meals at their facility. Their average meal delivery has been 40-50; often now they are serving 150 meals daily. Trinity's Serving and Sharing team met that need 150 on the third Friday of May, our monthly date to serve. The team will continue to help our community and if you would like to help with this outreach mission, please talk with Cathy Mayton-Collins.

Another ongoing outreach project is Trinity's Feed My Sheep meal program. JoAnn Blaise, Phillis Becker and Cathy Mayton-Collins have put together meals to assure that when a need is identified, meals are available. Support for this important project is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Trinity members are showing their commitment to outreach by the Food Pantry donations that are continually dropped off at church. JoAnn reports that she is delivering several bags of food weekly to the Food Pantry! Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support of our community's needs.

Dear John, Pastor, and
parishioners of Trinity Lutheran,
I want to thank you so much
for your tremendous efforts in
putting together 77 Easter Baskets
which will give an Easter dinner
to over 250 individuals.
I can imagine the work shopping,
sorting, packing, and delivering
all of the food items.
God Bless you for thinking
of us and the needy families
in our community.

your reward will be great.

Paul Drezza
Pantry Coordinator

The Salvation Army Food Pantry
PO Box 168
Herkimer, NY 13350

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In addition to your wonderful donation
of Easter baskets, I want to thank you
for your gift of \$199.29. It is greatly
appreciated and very much needed.
God Bless you for all you do in
this community.

Paul Drezza
Pantry Coordinator



Faith Formation/Learning

BOOK CLUB

Book Group members connected by phone with one another during May - if you did not receive or make a call, it is not too late!! We hope you have found interesting books and magazines to keep you occupied. We will have lots to share when we can resume our get-togethers, but it looks like that will be July, not June, at the earliest. How about choosing at least one book of the Bible to read during June and discussing it with a friend or family member? We suggest reading the book(s) of Ruth and/or Esther to begin, but the choice is yours. When we gather again, we will have lots of interesting conversations to share! As we suggested last month, be safe, read lots, and we will be back together as soon as possible!

Worship, Music and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER

“Let him who boasts, boast of this, that he understands and knows ME, that I AM THE LORD, who exercises loving kindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the Lord.

Prayer Notes

The Holy Spirit lives within our hearts in the most personal and intimate way. As we lift our hearts to the Lord in prayer, the Holy Spirit helps us to understand and know GOD in the most awesome ways. We can feel in our Spirit the light of CHRIST as it touches our whole being. What a wonderful place to be as Jesus Christ reaches down and lifts us up.

When we talk and listen to God through prayer, reading our bible, sermons, meditations, etc., how can we not boast in the Lord our God? So let us come together, with one voice, and exalt HIS NAME! (2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 34: 2,3)

Trinity’s “Prayer Chain” goes forward in the love of Christ. ALL prayers are held in conference.

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Stewardship

Thanks to everyone who has continued to mail offerings to church (443 Henry Street, Herkimer, NY 13350) or continue to use Simply Giving. The mission of the church continues throughout the pandemic. If you wish to receive more information about giving directly to Trinity through the Thrivent Simply Giving Program, please contact roche@trinityherkimer.org.

**IF YOU HAVEN’T CONNECTED WITH US FOR WORSHIP PLEASE CALL
315-866-6474**

We are confident we have an option that will work for you!

Community and Outreach

Dear Friends in Faith . . . No June luncheon this year! It would be great if we could gather at some point as time passes. But in the meantime, for this June, let us live out our Friendship by reaching out to others!

On the 9th of June when we would normally have gathered this year, consider this activity, or another idea you may have. Reach out! Send a card, make a phone call, email or do a video chat. Contact someone you have not been in touch with for a while. Maybe the person who sits 3 rows in back of you at church. Perhaps a distant relative. Someone who lives alone, someone who has no family, someone whose name the Holy Spirit puts in your mind to share care and concern with. And Pray for this person(s) as a follow up. Better yet, pray with them on the phone. So please consider reaching out to others to show them that we care!

Feedback from you to me (Harriet) is very much welcome. We will share our experiences in next month's Tidings!

Note: if you are someone who has never been able to join our annual June luncheons due to work or other circumstances - this is something you can be part of. We would very much like to hear from you!

Our Church Family

Trinity Members In Need of Prayer: Steve Crane, Lorie Schrader, Shirley Miller, Rich Becker and Beverly Griffin.

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal/family matters, please call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379.

BIRTHDAYS

JaNell Risi
Merissa Schrader
Robert Walrath
Carlie Gross
Isabella Nichols
Alexandria Snow
Dylan Skandera
Brenden Roche
Judy Sadlon
Cody Marquissee
Brett Risi

Lucille Crane
Ava Macri
Alexia Mizerak
William Hubbard
Michael Marusic
Allen A. Schrader
Barbara Parkhurst
Dawn Shae
Rachel Madison
Jaxson Hayes Manning
Kensley Sue Miller

Lauren VanHeusen
Kathy Farmer
Kim Davis
Emma Vanderwerken
Patrick Joy
Luke Schrader
Madison Marusic

ANNIVERSARIES

Kylene & Michael Jordan
Donna & John Wilcox
Holly & Timothy Smith, Jr.

Laurie & Dean Yauger
Theresa & Martin Skandera
Sandy & Derek Mizerak

Matthew & Mary Alice Schmitt
Rebecca & Dennis Shaut

Help Wanted for Trinity's Office

Trinity has an employment opportunity in our office. Do you know someone who may be seeking a 15-20 hour a week clerical position? Good communication and technology skills are requirements for this job, as well as the ability to work somewhat autonomously. If you or someone you know would like to apply, please let us know by contacting Cathy Mayton-Collins at cmayton-collins@trinityherkimer.org.