



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

News From Your Church Council

Your Church Council continues to work actively on attending to the present and looking into the future for Trinity in positive ways. Each month, adjustments are made to our Covid-19 policies and procedures after careful and candid discussion, and those changes are working smoothly. Early in June, the Council spent an invigorating Sunday afternoon retreat, thinking outside the box and wondering together what Trinity's future may look like. Some of you may remember doing some "asset mapping" with Pastor Naomi in the past; we reviewed those ideas and began again to list and analyze what assets and resources Trinity has. We'll continue those discussions as we move forward. Many, if not most, mainline Lutheran churches are dealing with the same issues we are, and time was spent talking about how we might work with other area churches, including Zion Lutheran Church in New Hartford and Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Utica. The first step is to have open conversation and talk about the assets each church has presently. That may spur brainstorming about how we might share resources and assets with one another. Watch for more information about these conversations in the months ahead. As always, if you have ideas, suggestions, or questions, we encourage you to talk with any Council member. Your voice is needed! There will be a number of ways to get involved and we hope you will respond to our surveys and invitations to brainstorm with us over the summer and beyond.

"Hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption." Psalm 130:7

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
July 4	Deacon Patsy Glista	In Person or join us Virtually*	No
July 11	David Grindle SAM	In Person or join us Virtually	No
July 18	Dean Gail Wolling	In Person or join us Virtually	Yes
July 25	Dean Gail Wolling	In Person or join us Virtually	Yes
August 1	Reverend Bill Preuss	In Person or join us Virtually	Yes
August 8	David Grindle SAM	In Person or join us Virtually	No
August 15	Phillis Becker	In Person or join us Virtually	No
August 22	Reverend Bill Preuss	In Person or join us Virtually	Yes
August 29	Judy Sadlon	In Person or join us Virtually	No

*To virtually participate please join us at 10am on either Zoom, Facebook or the website.

All in person worship services are subject to change to virtual only if Covid status changes.

Update on Covid 19 Protocols

Our Church is following the New York State Department of Health Guidelines as we make decisions for the church and its members. The source used is Reopening New York: Guidelines for Religious and Funeral Services, updated by NYS on April 6, 2021. As we experience in our daily lives, each of us needs to make our own decisions to keep ourselves safe, and be respectful of our community.

At their meeting on June 9th, The TLC Council revised the Covid Policy for the church as follows:

- For vaccinated individuals, family pods, and when social distancing can be maintained, masks do not need to be worn. **Unvaccinated individuals must continue to wear a mask at all times.**
- When singing during worship, or singing anywhere in the church building, a mask must be worn.

Thank you for continuing to do the following:

- Maintain a comfortable and safe distance between yourself and others
- Stay home if you are not feeling well
- Use good hygiene practices, including use of hand sanitizing stations provided
- Respect one another at all times.

If we all follow these guidelines, our church will continue to be a welcoming and safe space, both virtually and physically. Thank you for being a part of Trinity!

Church Office News

Cassie is in the office Monday-Thursday 10am-1pm, and at other various times throughout the week. Please contact her at 315-866-6474 or cbecker@trinityherkimer.org and she will be happy to assist you with any of your church needs, including:

- Signing up to receive the Tidings by email.
- Signing up for the weekly announcements.
- Signing up for building use, including activities and events.
- Becoming a volunteer.

Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar

The Trinity Calendar is a great way to stay informed on the happenings in our church and community! To request usage of the building or to add events to the calendar, please contact Cassie at the office 315-866-6474 or cbecker@Trinityherkimer.org. You can view the calendar on our website trinityherkimer.org/calendar!

Church Sign Reminder

Don't forget! If you have any happenings in the community we can help you get the word out! (ie. fundraisers, dinners, etc.) Please contact Cassie in the office at 315-866-6474 or cbecker@trinityherkimer.org if you would like anything displayed on our church sign.

Altar Guild Trainees

Altar Guild is in need of new trainees to learn the trade! If you are looking to broaden your horizons, this is a great opportunity to become more involved in our church. Please contact Judy Sadlon (jsadlon@trinityherkimer.org) or Cassie Becker (cbecker@trinityherkimer.org) to sign up.

Bible Study

Join us once again for Bible Study at our church! Meetings are held Thursdays in person at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend!

Have you enjoyed the virtual Bible Studies that Dean Gail has offered? Tell us your opinion on how you would like to access Bible Study in the future. To participate in our survey visit:
<https://forms.gle/b91pUVunFPtRi7648>.

Lutheran Chicks

A weekly food truck rodeo and live music event will be held every Monday from 4-8pm this summer, in Myers Park, Herkimer. On July 12th and August 9th, Lutheran Chicks will be gathering from 6-8pm to enjoy this event. Bring a lawn chair and your family. We can visit, listen to music, and grab a snack from one of our local food truck vendors! We will gather on the lawn at the corner by Saint Francis de Sales. All are welcome!

To Our Congregational Family

From the staff here at Trinity, we send many thanks to you for the generous gifts we received. We are humbled by your thoughtfulness and love. Our appreciation goes out to you all!

Serving and Sharing

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

A Highway Cleanup will take place on July 10th at 9 am. Supplies will be available to pick up next to the garden at the church. If you can't make it this time but feel led to get involved, we are looking to have another event on September 18th! Please call Sue (315-868-0964) or JoAnn (315-868-0291) if you are interested in participating.

FOOD PANTRY

We are always collecting for the Food Pantry! With children now being home from school, the Food Pantry is looking for snack items and other non-perishable goods that the children will enjoy! A collection basket is located inside the building at the Church's Henry Street entrance at the bottom of the stairs and on the parsonage porch for your convenience. Thank you!

Faith Formation/Learning

BOOK GROUP

Book Group will meet on July 16th at 10am at Harriet Neff's home. Our books are *Raven Black* by Ann Cleeves and *While My Sister Sleeps* by Barbara Delinsky. In August the group will meet on the 20th at Harriets Neff's home at 10am. The book will be *Cottage by the Sea* by Debbie Macomber. Please call Harriet at 315-868-9977 if you need directions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are thrilled to once again invite you to participate in our collaborative Vacation Bible School evenings on July 26-30! This summer, our theme is *Jesus: Man of Mystery*, where we will learn together just who this “mystery man” is! This event is for children who are Kindergarten through fifth grade age in the fall of 2021. **We are also looking for volunteers to help out!** To sign up your child or to volunteer please fill out the appropriate forms on their website www.herkvbs.weebly.com. Contact Cassie at the office at 315-866-6474 or CBecker@trinityherkimer.org for any further assistance.

FAITH FORMATION

As we emerge from the pandemic, it's time to think about and plan activities for our children and youth. Trinity Council is looking at a variety of resources and ideas to find ways to meet the important needs of our children and families. For instance, we are wondering if Sunday mornings are the best time for “Sunday School” or Faith Formation classes. If Sunday afternoons or some weekday evenings would be more family-friendly, what could that look like? Maybe once or twice a month would work better for families than every week. A few years ago, we tried informal Friday Family Fun Nights, or “Messy Church”, with food, a message, and activities that were well-attended. Should we try those again? Helping our families find comfortable ways to build their faith-based practices is our goal. It's time to say thank you to Wendy Catera for the amazing job she's done. We have an opportunity to build on what was done in the past and create new experiences that meet the needs of today's families. We need a strong leader to pick up the pieces and move forward, with Wendy's guidance.

Do you have young children or grandchildren who would benefit from faith based learning experiences or do you just love kids? Get involved by giving us feedback, joining the new Faith Formation team, or in any way you would like. Contact Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379 or any Council member with your ideas.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need". (Hebrews 4:16)



PRAYER NOTES

Prayer is our greatest avenue of hope because it leads us straight into the throne room of GOD. It is when we communicate with GOD, sharing with HIM our hearts as HE shares HIS with us. Then we respond to what HE says, walking in the direction that HE desires for us to go.

Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer,. Keeping alert in it, with an attitude of Thanksgiving"

DID YOU KNOW?!

The Bible is a book of prayers . It contains no less than 667 prayers.

One such prayer is found in Daniel 2:19-23. Here Daniel took time to Praise, Worship and Thank GOD for an answered prayer before he went to the king!

✓CHECK IT OUT!!!!

This summer please pray that we as the BODY OF CHRIST will recognize and develop our GOD GIVEN GIFTS to the GLORY of GOD.

Prayerfully consider joining Trinity's prayer chain ministry or any other ministry within our congregation.

YOU WILL BE BLESSED!!!!!!! 

In HIS SERVICE,

Prayer Ministry

PS: Be on the lookout for fun prayer events in the fall.

Volunteer Schedule

With the church open again, helpers are needed to get our good deeds done! If you are interested in singing, reading, helping with the altar, or any of our other tasks, please volunteer. A sign up sheet is located outside the sanctuary doors. If you have any other events needing volunteers, feel free to add them to our list! What a great way to help our church community and build your relationship with God! Please contact Cassie or any volunteer with any questions.

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
Counter 1	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Counter 2	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Reader	Phillis Becker	Amy Manning	Bona Starring	Sue Harkins
Slideshow/ Zoom	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie
Opener/ Check In	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise
Singer	Judy Sadlon	David Grindle	Sue Harkins	Sue Harkins
Altar	n/a	n/a	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Windows & Fans	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Counter 1	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Ann Maher	Ann Maher	Phillis Becker
Counter 2	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Paul Kucerak	Paul Kucerak	Amy Manning
Reader	Bona Starring	Amy Manning	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring	Amy Manning
Slideshow/ Zoom	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie
Opener/ Check In	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar	Amy Manning	n/a	n/a	Judy Sadlon	n/a
Windows & Fans	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

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 Wendy DeLuca at wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org.

Our Church Family



Matt, Steve, Ann, Rose, Gary, Mike, Candice, Felix, Irene, Paul, Peter, Laura, Jerry, Asher, Joan, Eleanor, Jason, Chase, Loren Jr., Millie, Rich, Ernie, Barbara and all other's on Trinity's prayer chain. Thank you!

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

Our sister in Christ, Rebecca George, went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, June 8th. Please pray for the Schrader and George families, for God's perfect peace and love to surround them in His comfort.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Robert George Becker, who has completed his program in Conservation with honors and his high school graduation from CVA.

If you have a loved one who is graduating this year, please let the church office or Phillis know so that they may be recognized for their achievement. Thank you!

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters please call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379 or text her at 315-601-2279.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Glenn Manning
William Stack
Eliza Marusic
Lillian Becker
Jeffrey Gross
Connor Farmer
Kim Fiato
Joshua Levi
Ashley Christofaro
Jackie Minter

Elizabeth Margaret Duga
Kyle Crandall
Jerry Manning
Jeffrey Manning
Rebecca Permutter
Beverly Griffin
Jacob Griffin
Barbara Marquissee
Jackie Hinckley
Caleb Hinckley

Dorothy Pryor
Ryan Risi
Kory DeLuca
Robert Becker
Orrin Smith
Rose Snow
Luke Schrader
Madison Marusic

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Justina & Sean Kane
Stephen & Regina Osley
Pam & Carl Stafford

Joanne & Richard Belcourt
Kathy & Tim Farmer
Daniel & Linda Engert

Gayle & Peter Bunn
Cindy & Joe Schrader

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Gebhardt
Leah Kane
Kira E. Mizerak
Michelle Smith-Risi
Kathy Kapusta
Wayne Schrader, Jr.
Edeltraut Salewski
Marillynne Koch
Mildred Marusic
Jason Stack

Kyle Alexander Rivers
Lane J. Walrath
Sheila Baker
Hayden Guccione
Doris Brown
Mia Rigo
Georgia Becker
Samantha Maguire
Jacob Gross
Allison Baker

Kayla Lynch
Juniper Joyce Sherman
Emma Rose Betti
Gayle Bunn
Anna Becker
Susan Harkins
Jerome Madden
Allen L. Schrader

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Judy & John Sadlon
Georgia & Grant Becker
Jessica & Richard Bowman

Risleigh & Patrick Roche
Susan Hayes-Manning and
Gary Manning

JoAnn & Gary Blaise
Jenna & Brian Macri
Lori & Arnold Schrader

If you spot an error or omission, please notify the office. We will be happy to update this list!

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**Worship With Us
From Anywhere!**

**Call on your landline
phone, use your
computer, receive a
DVD, or receive a
printed copy of the
sermon!**

Trinity has joined the Herkimer Vacation Bible School collaboration!

HERKIMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATES! **JULY 26 – 30**



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What happens at Vacation Bible School?

FIRST, THE MEAL.

Before our program gets started, we invite all registered VBS kids and their parents to **pick up a dinner** each evening! More details about dinner instructions will be available to churches and on our website in the coming weeks. After your bellies are full...

GET READY FOR THE PROGRAM!

As you can imagine, we want to continue to make this VBS program available to as many people as possible, while still remembering to keep everyone safe. We will soon be making a determination on availability (online and in person), so please **check the website** for more details and the program!

"Our church wants to participate!"

We ask that all churches pay a **\$125 participation fee**. This covers our collaborative administrative and material costs, ensures a proper certification and checking process for all VBS volunteers, and includes your congregation in our publicity.

You can pay by check made out to **Herkimer VBS** sent to the **First United Methodist Church, 127 North Prospect Street, Herkimer, New York 13350**.

"I want to attend!"

We can't wait to have you! If you are a student entering Kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall of 2021, sign up using the attached **VBS registration form**. You are going to have *so much fun!*

"I want to donate resources!"

We recognize that VBS is both a spiritual *and* a material endeavor! Thank you for considering giving financially, or providing supplies. Please email herkvbs@gmail.com and include "donation" in the subject line.

"I want to volunteer my time!"

We have several opportunities for both teens and adults to serve at VBS. From up-front fun to behind-the-scenes setup, we invite you to plug in with us by providing your information on the **volunteer registration sheet**.

NOTE: Herkimer VBS is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and wholesome space for kids to learn about Christ. All participating volunteers will be required to be certified through **Safe Sanctuaries**, a program utilizing background checks and safety training for making all ministries safe for children, youth, and vulnerable adults. To sign up for a Safe Sanctuaries Training, please see our attached volunteer registration sheet.

"I need more information!"

Have more questions? Want to learn more?

Check out our website!
Email us!

www.herkvbs.weebly.com
herkvbs@gmail.com

We are looking forward to joining together as one faith community to share the hope of the gospel to our children! We invite you all to pray with us as we seek to share the important message about *just who this mysterious man is!*