



### **News From Your Church Council**

Thank you to all those who attended the TLC Congregational Meeting on September 26 after the worship service. There were nineteen of us in attendance, with conversation flowing freely. A motion was passed for the Council to proceed with a Constitutional change to eventually reduce the number of Church Council members from nine members to seven, plus the Pastor. Constitutional changes require several formal steps, and this action will allow Council to move the process forward. A Report of Committees and Ministries was shared; this document will also reside on the TLC website for everyone to access. We brainstormed four important questions:

- How are we doing as a Lay-Led Congregation?
- What is Trinity's Vision for Mission in our community?
- Where and how can we join forces with other churches in our area?
- Where do we plan to be as a church in five years?

Answers were shared verbally and also in print. For those who weren't at the meeting, we encourage you to submit your answers to the church office in the weeks ahead, so that all ideas, questions, and concerns can be heard. Watch for more information on this activity in the coming weeks. We agreed that we are a church in transition, and it is exciting to anticipate how God will use each of us to become active in whatever ways we feel called to serve.

One exciting new path that is opening for Trinity is collaboration with our sister churches in the Mohawk Valley, specifically Zion Lutheran Church in New Hartford and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Utica. An interesting Zoom meeting in September brought together seven of us representing all three churches, and many great resource-sharing opportunities were brainstormed. Another Zoom meeting is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 17th at 2:00 for a wider group of people to join the discussion. You are invited to join the Zoom meeting from your home, or meet at TLC where JoAnn Blaise will share the meeting via laptop for all those who would like to join as a group. The Zoom link can be found on the TLC website calendar, or contact Ann Maher to receive the link via email. If you are familiar with Zoom you can also join using the Meeting ID: 3158666474 and password: 13350. God's Work, Our Hands...joined together with friends! Our working name for the group is "Area Lutherans Getting Together (ALGT)".

### **Church Office News**

Reminder: Cassie will be out of office until October 11th. For church related business during this time, please send any email correspondence copied to Ann ([amaher@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:amaher@trinityherkimer.org)) and Justina ([jkane@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:jkane@trinityherkimer.org)).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Communion</b>
October 3rd	Deacon Patsy Glista	In Person or Virtual	No
October 10th	Reverend Gail Wolling	In Person or Virtual	Yes
October 17th	David Grindle SAM	In Person or Virtual	No
October 24th	Reverend Bill Preuss	In Person or Virtual	Yes
October 31st*	Reverend Gail Wolling	In Person or Virtual	Yes

\*Reformation/Confirmation

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.

### **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Pastor Joelle Faulks, our ecumenical partner from the area Methodist Churches reminds us that it is time to have conversation about the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner which is held at First United Methodist Church, Herkimer. Trinity is one of the founding partners in this important event that has been offered for more than 40 years. Pastor Joelle has been the point person for several years now and would like to pass the baton on to someone else. The planning and implementation runs very smoothly, but willing volunteers are needed for the many tasks that are involved. Could you help this year? It is TIME to begin the planning conversation because we cannot afford to wait. There will be a Zoom meeting on October 7 at 6:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME. Contact Ann Maher for the Zoom meeting link, or access the link on the church website calendar. If you have used Zoom in the past you can use the Meeting ID: 922 6513 8334 and Passcode: 737714 to join.

### **"Mystery" Prayer Event**

In September, 8 people joined together for the "Mystery" Prayer event! We had a great time making Prayer Cubes, enjoying goodies, and doing "Popcorn Prayers"! What mystery does next time hold? Stay tuned for more events yet to come!

### **Friends In Faith Annual Fall Luncheon**

Friends in Faith plan a luncheon on Tuesday **October 12th** at 12 noon. We will meet at Salvatore's Restaurant in Herkimer. Please join us if you can. We have good conversations and catch up on what keeps each of us busy. If possible, call Harriet at 315 868-9977 so reservations can be made. If you only find out at the last minute that you can make it, just meet us there! Ladies, gentlemen, even children are welcome. See you then!!

## **Serving and Sharing**

### HIGHWAY CLEANUP

A Highway Cleanup will take place on **October 16th** at 9 am. Supplies will be available to pick up next to the garden at the church. Do you know anyone looking for community service credit? Student workers are welcome to join us. Please call Sue (315-868-0964) or JoAnn (315-868-0291) if you are interested in participating.

### FOOD PANTRY

One of Trinity's most active (and appreciated) ministries is our support of the local Food Pantry, located at the Salvation Army. Any non-perishable food items will make a difference in someone's life. Our collection baskets are located at the Church's Henry Street entrance at the bottom of the stairs, and on the porch of the parsonage. Thank you!

## **Faith Formation/Learning**

### BIBLE STUDY

Did you know that there is an active discussion about the Bible and its messages for us happening every Thursday morning at 10am? You are welcome to join the conversation! The group is led by Phillis Becker, and meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall.

Dean Gail will again offer a virtual Bible Study experience on the second and fourth Tuesday mornings at 10am. The study will be streamed live on Facebook and can also be viewed at any time after it is posted.

### BOOK GROUP

Please join us Friday **October 15th** for our next get-together. We are doing something fun and different! We will meet at Trinity in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM, and instead of discussing a book we have read, we will each bring a favorite recipe or recipe book. You don't have to make the recipe, just share with us how delicious (and perhaps easy to make) it is!

We are always looking for some new faces to join us, so do come if you can. The coffee pot is always on and the tea kettle warming. There is good conversation and snacks too! Questions? - call Sue Harkins at 315 868-0964 or Harriet Neff at 315 868-9977.

### FAITH FORMATION/"Sunday School"

Due to the Pandemic, programs for our youngest children have been put on hold. We give thanks for Wendy Catera's many years of service in leading our Faith Formation initiatives. Going forward, Wendy will still be involved in supporting TLC youth efforts; someone to take Wendy's place of leadership is needed. Currently, Phillis Becker is reaching out to parents in order to determine what format best meets their needs. Ideas are being developed for some all-ages activities to be offered on a monthly basis, likely starting in November. Anyone who enjoys children and can offer some time to help is invited to get involved with this important program.

## Worship, Music, and Prayer

### BLESSINGS OF PRAYER 🙏:

"Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

### PRAYER 🙏 NOTES:

What was it about Jesus' prayer 🙏 that made His disciples WANT to learn to pray like Him? Our Lord's response to them was "When you pray" He didn't say "if you pray" but WHEN you pray." Jesus expected prayer to be the natural, ongoing desire of our lives. Do we think that way? When we get up each morning, do we start our day with prayer, or is prayer like dialing 911, only in emergencies???

Our Lord Jesus loves it when we communicate with Him. He just waits for us with open arms, and I am sure, with a smile 😊 on His face. He says come, come My children. (Mark 10:14)

In talking with God there are many different positions or postures we may use. Each one is a way of coming before God with our whole heart and asking Him to meet us where we are.

\*\*KNEELING-shows God that we are entering His presence in awe.

\*\*WALKING-shows God that we are ON THE MOVE for Him in service.

\*\*BOWING-shows God that we honor Him and feel humble because of who He is.

\*\*UPLIFTED HANDS-shows God that we are reaching towards Him in Praise and Thanksgiving.

\*\*PROSTRATE-lying flat on our face or back shows God that we are in awe of Him and are hungry for Him to come and be with us.

May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us to His glory!! YES!!

In His Service,

Prayer 🙏 Ministry

## Volunteer Schedule

Please contact Cassie with questions or any necessary changes.

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
<b>Counter 1</b>	Paul Kucerak	Paul Kucerak	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Cathy Mayton-Collins
<b>Counter 2</b>	Ann Maher	Ann Maher	Gary Manning	Gary Manning	Bona Starring
<b>Reader</b>	Bona Starring	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring
<b>Technology</b>	Ann/JoAnn	Ann/JoAnn	Ann/Cassie	Ann/Cassie	Ann/Cassie
<b>Unlock Door</b>	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise
<b>Singer</b>	Deacon P. Glista	Sue Harkins	David Grindle SAM	Sue Harkins	Sue Harkins
<b>Altar</b>	Amy Manning	N/A	N/A	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
<b>Windows &amp; fans</b>	Paul K	Paul K	Paul K	Paul K	Paul K

## Stewardship

Thanks to everyone who has continued to mail offerings to church (443 Henry Street, Herkimer, NY 13350) or continues 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](mailto:wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org).

## Our Church Family



God's children in need of prayer and support 🙏: Ann, Lucille, Gary, Rose, Richard, Eleanor, Jason, Chase, Peter, Felix, Irene, Barbara, Loren Jr., Graham, Matt, Tom, Tanya, Paul, Mike, Rich, Edith, and all others on Trinity's prayer chain.

Please keep the people of Afghanistan who are suffering from oppression and those who have COVID and their families also in prayer.

Our brother in Christ, Steve Crane went home peacefully to be with our Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 12th. Let us lift our hearts together, to Jesus, to comfort with His loving arms, Lucille, Barbara, Beth, Brenda, Brian and all the family in prayer 🙏. Thank you!

It is with pleasure to report that on October 31, Reformation Sunday, Madison Marusic and Logan Marusic will be confirmed as they reaffirm their baptismal vows. Amen, come Lord Jesus.

Cassie Becker and Thomas Sherman will be united in marriage on October 2nd. Congratulations with God's blessings. 💕

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

## Remembering Our Friend And Brother in Christ Steve Crane



We give thanks for the many ways that Steve Crane demonstrated leadership at Trinity and beyond. Steve served for many years as one of Trinity's Deacons. He served on (and led) Trinity's Church Council and Endowment Committee. In recent years, he chaired the Vision Committee and the Transition Task Force. He was involved at the Central Crossroads Conference and Upstate New York Synod levels through the Constitution Committee, Lutheran Men in Mission, and served on the Board for LutheranCare in Clinton. Steve was a man who lived his Faith fully. He will be missed.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Brittney Betti  
David Snow  
Gabrielle Kelly  
Holly Smith  
Timothy Farmer  
Hanna DeLuca  
John Hoke  
Kayla Kucerak

Sonja Taylor  
Molly Ivanchak  
Presley Macri  
Verna Boor  
Nancy Stack  
Katrina Kapusta  
Paul J. Marusic, Jr.  
Ron Cole

Kalina Snyder  
Lynn Roof  
Gary Pierce, Sr.  
Alexandria Mika  
Grant Becker  
Cathy Mayton-Collins

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ashley & Joshua Hinckley  
Barb & Gordon Marquissee

Dan & Cathy Collins  
Rebecca & Nicholas Perlmutter

Shannon & Jared Levi  
Martha & Robert Smith

**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!**

### Helpful Resources:

Church Calendar: [trinityherkimer.org/calendar](http://trinityherkimer.org/calendar)

COVID CDC Tracker: [covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view)

Facebook: [facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer](https://facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer)

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

### Covid 19 Protocols

At the August Council meeting, in response to rising Covid 19 infection levels, the TLC Council revised the Covid Policy for the church as follows:

- Unvaccinated individuals must continue to wear a mask at all times.
- When the Herkimer County Infection Rate is Substantial or High, masks are required for all individuals during the Worship Service. ([Click here](#) or visit [covid.cdc.gov](https://covid.cdc.gov) to check the status)
- When the Herkimer County Infection Rate is Low or Moderate, masks are required for vaccinated individuals while singing during worship, or singing anywhere in the church building.

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.

Our Church is following the New York State Department of Health Guidelines as we make decisions for the church and its members. The county rate is measured weekly, and we will share the rate in our Weekly Announcement email. In addition, a sign will be posted on the church door to state the risk level of our county. Masks are available to those who are in need. The Office for the Aging has provided Trinity with a generous supply of masks. 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!

The pandemic is affecting each of us differently and in many ways. While we continue to hold each other in prayer, we especially lift up all families who have lost loved ones during this time.