



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

God is clearly at work among us and our church activities are increasing! This issue of the Tidings is full of important information and we encourage you to read it thoroughly.

John Keiser, Trinity's faithful Sexton, has retired from the Sexton position as of October 31. We are most grateful to John for the thirteen years he worked for TLC. Please plan to attend a Coffee Hour after the worship service on Sunday, November 21, so that we can thank John for his time with us and wish him well as he plans to move to Oregon in the near future. If you would like to contribute to a gift for John, your donation can be mailed to the church office by November 15th. We are fortunate to welcome Paul Keyser as our Acting Sexton, beginning November 1. Thanks to both gentlemen for taking care of our facility!

We are heading into an active church season! Thank you to our many volunteers who help make things happen in such a faith-centered way.

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
November 7*	Deacon Patsy Glista	In Person or Virtual	No
November 14	Reverend Gail Wolling	In Person or Virtual	Yes
November 21	Reverend Gail Wolling	In Person or Virtual	Yes
November 28**	Reverend Bill Preuss	In Person or Virtual	Yes

*All Saints Day

**Advent begins

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.

Church Office News

Cassie will be in the office Tuesday-Friday from 1-4pm for any of your church needs. She can always be reached at CSherman@Trinityherkimer.org or leave a message on the church phone 315-866-6474.

Joining Hands to Let Our Lights Shine and Remember

"Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" are the words said at our baptisms as a lighted candle is handed to the godparents of the baptized. It is the theme of our **All Saints Day Celebration** this year. Three area Lutheran churches, Trinity - Herkimer, Zion - New Hartford and Our Saviour - Utica are planning to gather at Our Saviour (1640 Genesee St, Utica) at **7:00 pm on Sunday, November 7th** for a celebration of those who have been light to our lives and are no longer with us. It is also a time to recommit ourselves to being light for all the world to see.

We are aware that many of us have not been able to have those public celebrations in the past year or more. We will light a candle in the church windows at Our Saviour for each person we wish to remember. We will read a little scripture, and pray. Then we will go outside to admire what we have done, sing "For All the Saints" and "O When the Saints Go Marching in" accompanied by trumpets and keyboard and light candles of our own as signs of our commitment to be light to others.

We are inviting community members to also give us names of those they wish to remember.

Three Lutheran Churches are acting together in order to give opportunity for the community to participate. We will leave the candles burning for a bit to give hope to others that God's light continues to shine in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Please join us if you are able.

All Saints Day Remembrances List

Trinity will also celebrate All Saints Sunday at our 10:00 service on November 7. Here are the names we will remember at both services (Trinity/10:00 am and Our Saviour/7:00 pm). If we have missed anyone, please call Cassie in the church office right away.

Michael Stefanov Andreev, Sr.	George Becker	Codie Brewer
Bill Carmen	Ron Hoskey	Barbara Manion
Joan Carmen	Arline Houghtaling	Carmeta Muller
Steve Crane	Paul Janeka	Hank Muller
Rebecca George	Carol Kowall	Bill Rogers
Sofia Michailovna Trusova	Bonnie Wicks	

Lutheran Chicks

Lutheran Chicks will be meeting on November 30th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at church. We will be making cards and gift tags for family and friends. You will need to bring your paper/card stock that you will use. All other supplies will be provided. This will be a time for us to catch up, and plan future get-togethers, projects, etc. In our busy lives it's a great hour or two to be in the company of your fellow church families. If you have any questions, please contact Kylene Jordan by texting or calling 315-404-3945, emailing kjordan@trinityherkimer.org, or through facebook messenger.

*Trinity has a mask policy based on Herkimer County Covid infection rate. If the rating is Substantial or High, masks must be worn at all times inside the building.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2021

Plans for our ecumenical (and free) Community Thanksgiving dinner are moving along, and we invite YOU to be part of this wonderful event. The dinner has been provided for more than forty years to those who may not be able to make their own meal, or may be eating alone on Thanksgiving. Dinner this year will once again be provided from Noon to 2 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Herkimer at 127 N. Prospect Street, Herkimer on Thanksgiving Day, November 25. This year, meals will be provided for eating in, pick-up or delivery. Deliveries are made in the Herkimer/Mohawk area to shut-ins and people who are mobility-impaired.

This outreach is made possible through the generous hearts of many people and more than 300 people are fed through the generosity of volunteers and donations. You can be involved in these ways:

- **FOR MEAL RESERVATIONS:** Call the Office for the Aging at 315-867-1204 (Eat in, Delivery, or Pick Up)
- **TO DONATE FUNDS:** Mail a check, payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with memo for Thanksgiving Dinner to 443 Henry Street, Herkimer, NY 13350
- **TO VOLUNTEER:** Call the First United Methodist Church at 315-866-1349 to help by making pies (how many?), cooking, serving or making deliveries. (You can also talk to Cassie Sherman and she will pass along the information).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support to once again provide this wonderful opportunity for our community!

Churches United in Faith - Finding Ways to “Be Church” Together

Active conversations between our church, Zion/New Hartford and Our Saviour/Utica Lutheran Churches continue! In addition to joining Our Saviour for their evening All Saints Celebration, other ideas are being explored to help our communities and become active with one another. Supporting the Afghanistan Refugee families who are coming to the Mohawk Valley is one idea. Sharing technology methods and resources among the three churches is another. Action projects that will be meaningful to our younger members are being emphasized. Zoom meetings are held monthly - please contact Ann Maher if you would like to be invited to future Zoom meetings Read on for information about another upcoming event.

Women in Faith Lunch Event: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch.

As we prepare for Advent and the Holiday Season, all women from our three congregations are invited to a Brown Bag Luncheon on November 14th after the worship service. Trinity will host this first event in what is planned to be a series of learning events. Zion members will offer a program titled “The Heart that Grew Three Sizes” and will explore finding faith in the story of the Grinch. It will be a fun event! Bringing our own lunches keeps us safe in a Covid-cautious way. Beverages and dessert will be provided by Trinity. For planning purposes, we ask those who plan to attend to call or email Cassie Sherman. All women are welcome to attend this first joint activity event with the three churches. The official start time is 12:00; some of our friends from the other churches may join us for worship. Please plan to join us for fellowship and learning! It will be a great way to kick off the holiday season. Contact Ann Maher or JoAnn Blaise if you have any questions.

Friends In Faith Annual Fall Luncheon

Eight Friends in Faith gathered last month for our Annual Fall Luncheon. This included one friend we have not seen in a while! It was wonderful to do this and at the same time enjoy good food at Salvatore's Restaurant in Herkimer. We plan to meet again next spring.

As Joshua 1:9 tells us, the Lord is with us wherever we go. Have a safe and healthy winter!

Serving and Sharing

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Thank you to all those who participated in our A Highway Cleanup in October! Taking care of God's creation is a wonderful ministry that we are blessed to be able to do.

FOOD PANTRY

Our donation baskets in the sanctuary and on the parsonage porch haven't been filled in a while, so we are challenging you to help us fill the basket! When you do your Thanksgiving shopping, grab an extra for those in need.

Learning

FAITH FORMATION/"Sunday School"

Are you ready for this?? After much prayer 🙏, we have a kick off date to begin, really!!!! The date is **November 14 from 9am-10am** in the fellowship hall. All ages 😊 are invited, from babies to teenagers, parents and grandparents. No one is too young or too old. So if you're looking for good fellowship, fun and a unique way of learning how to live in a world that pleases Jesus, with lots of love, then this is for all of us. O! I almost forgot, there will be snacks, juice, coffee etc. YEA!!! Any questions? Please call Cassie at the church office 315-866-6474, Phillis Becker or Wendy Catera.

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 is offering 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

Trinity's Book Group meets again on Friday, **November 19th** at Harriet's house in Mohawk at 10am. "The Last Bookshop in London" by Madeline Martin is our novel. Sue Harkins assures us that there are a number of copies in the Mid-York Library System. This is a gorgeously written story of love, friendship and survival set against the backdrop of World War II era London. It is a current novel, written in 2021.

We welcome new readers to the group! Call Harriet at 315-868-9977 for directions or for any questions. Remember, If you have not had the opportunity to read the book you are more than welcome anyway. It is a time of fellowship and sharing. Be assured beverages and a snack are always on the table.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER 🙏:

"In accordance with the eternal purpose that HE has carried out in CHRIST JESUS our LORD, in whom we have access to GOD in boldness and confidence through faith in HIM."

(Ephesians 3:11,12)

PRAYER 🙏 NOTES:

BOLDNESS--Everytime we pray, we come into the presence of our King. And who might that be? Jesus Christ, the One and only King of the whole universe!! YES 😊

So how should we approach such a King? In fear, not sure if He will like or accept us? NO NEVER!!!!!!!!!!

1JOHN 2:1 tells us "we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense -

Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."

When we pray 🙏 to Jesus in our darkest hour, He doesn't merely understand that we're enduring hardship; He knows what we feel like, He gets it and He will help us in the best possible way. Jesus Christ is the complete package - both Savior and friend.

Because Jesus' sacrifice, on the cross, is the ultimate, we can walk boldly into God's presence whenever and wherever we want to. How awesome is that?

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Trinity's prayer 🙏 chain goes forward in the love of Christ. All prayers are held in confidence. Prayerfully consider being part of this ministry, you will be blessed.

Volunteer Schedule

Please contact Cassie with questions or any necessary changes.

	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
Counter 1	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Ann Maher	Ann Maher	Amy Manning
Counter 2	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Gary Manning
Reader	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker	Bona Starring	Sue Harkins
Technology	Ann/JoAnn	Ann/Cassie	Ann/Cassie	Ann/Cassie
Unlock Door	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise
Singer	Sheila Baker	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins
Altar	N/A	Amy Manning	Kylene Jordan	Amy Manning
Ventilation	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.

During the first 4 Sundays in September, Trinity received offerings in the following amounts.

Average In-person Attendance	General Fund	Capital Fund	Designated Funds
14	\$3872.00	\$60.00	\$1530.00




Designated Funds include: Flowers, Candles, Clinton Homes, World Hunger, Youth Groups, Fundraisers, Synod, Reimbursed Items, Local Charities, Memorial Fund, Capital Fund, Organ Fund & Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Needed from 4 Sundays each month - \$8189.33

NOVEMBER 2021


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 7:30 pm NA Meeting	2	3	4 10:00 am Bible Study	5	6 7:30 pm NA Meeting	7 ALL DAY All Saint's Day 10:00 am Worship Service
8 7:30 pm NA Meeting	9 10:00 am Virtual Bible Study	10 6:30 pm Council meeting via ZOOM	11 10:00 am Bible Study	12	13 7:30 pm NA Meeting	14 9:00 am Faith Formation in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Worship Service 12:00 pm "Welca" Women's United in Faith
15 7:30 pm NA Meeting	16	17	18 10:00 am Bible Study	19	20 7:30 pm NA Meeting	21 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Coffee Hour
22 7:30 pm NA Meeting	23 10:00 am Virtual Bible Study 6:00 pm Habitat For Humanity Meeting	24	25 10:00 am Bible Study	26	27 7:30 pm NA Meeting	28 10:00 am Worship Service - Advent Begins
29 7:30 pm NA Meeting	30 6:30 pm Lutheran Chicks Get Together					

Our Church Family

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

Please keep the people of Afghanistan, and others around the world, who are suffering from oppression and those who have COVID and their families in prayer . Thank you!

Celebration Time: It is with the pleasure of our Lord, Jesus Christ to report that on October 31, Reformation Sunday, **Madison Marie Marusic** and **Logan Michael Marusic**, have been confirmed as they reaffirmed their baptismal vows. Dean Gail Wolling affiliated the service. Amen, ALL Praise and Glory to Jesus our Lord and Savior YES!!

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Skandera	Sarah Taylor	Joseph Joy
Dennis Shaut	Benjamin Kapusta	Daniel Fleming
Kerissa Marquissee	Kelly Ivanchak	Dominick George
Brian Macri, Jr.	Harper P. Jones	Karen Bruns
Daniel Engert	Brandon King	Nathan Farrington
Harriet Neff	Colleen Gross	Austin Becker
James Lynch	Arlene Fisher	Megan Miller
Jeff Osley	Brice Griffin	Erlene Manning
Sandra Marusic	Frank Kapusta	Chad Blaise
Kyle Austin	Sandra Mizerak	Ethan Madison
Olivia Derleth	Elizabeth Kennedy	Abigail Becker
Julie Gavalo	Yvonne Winter	

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kim and Gary Davis	Elaine and Dan Fleming	Ruth & Guy Wicks
Erlene and Glenn Manning	Nancy and Dan Pollak	

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!**

Helpful Resources:

Church Calendar: trinityherkimer.org/calendar

COVID CDC Tracker: covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view

Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer

SYNOD website: 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 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.