



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

How quickly the months pass! The TLC Council has begun making plans for our mid-year Congregational Meeting which will take place on June 12th. Save the date and plan to attend this important meeting, which will be paired with our June Coffee Hour. Our constitution calls for two Congregational meetings each year; the June meeting gives us an opportunity to share reports about our ministries and check in the progress we are making to meet annual goals. How do you think we are doing? Talk to any Council member about ideas for TLC's future.

As we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Council checks in each month on our policy. Recently, the CDC has changed the way they measure each county's rate. The new metric (measurement) is based on hospitalization rates rather than case counts. Rather than four levels, now there are three levels (high, medium and low). Council will continue to monitor and adjust at monthly Council meetings.

Council had an interesting Zoom session with the Zion Council in April and another session is planned for May. Sharing ideas about working together in the future holds interesting opportunities for both churches.

| Date | Worship Leader | Format | Communion |
|--------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|
| May 1 | Deacon Patsy Glista | In House/Virtual | No |
| May 8 | Rev Gail Wolling | In House/Virtual | Yes |
| May 15 | Rev Gail Wolling | In House/Virtual | Yes |
| May 22 | David Grindle SAM | In House/Virtual | No |
| May 29 | Rev. Bill Preuss | In House/Virtual | Yes |

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

Zoom Phone: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 3158666474 Password: 13350

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



God's Work for 2022 at TLC

Thank you to each person who is helping our worship and ministries to grow and flourish at Trinity! So many mainline churches are struggling to survive; God is supporting Trinity's members to help the church thrive in our own relatively small ways. Have you found your ways to be part of Trinity's outreach and worship in 2022? God's work, our hands!

Vacation Bible School Planning Continues

Planning for another ecumenical VBS is moving forward. Thank you to JoAnn Blaise for representing Trinity at the planning meetings. If you'd like to be involved, JoAnn would be glad to talk with you. Her email address is jblaise@trinityherkimer.org.

Last Call for Synod Assembly Delegates!

Trinity has two voting delegates spots at the Upstate New York Synod Assembly to be held on June 5-6. The deadline for registration is May 5. It will be a very interesting experience as Bishop Lee Miller leads his first Assembly. The cost of attending the event is part of our budget. Please contact Ann Maher if you are interested in becoming a voting delegate. Carpooling offers time to socialize.

Serving and Sharing

FOOD PANTRY

For the month of May, we will focus on collecting canned fruit. Please leave any donations in the basket at the entry of the church or in the bin on the parsonage porch. Thank you!

BOX FOR SOCKS

Even as spring arrives, we can still help others keep warm and dry. Socks can be left in the box in the sanctuary or in the box on the parsonage porch. Thanks to all who have donated!

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Please join us at 9am on Saturday, May 14 for Highway clean-up! We will meet at the church to hand out supplies before we begin. Please contact JoAnn Blaise or Sue Harkins with any questions.

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 10 am? You are welcome to join the conversation! The group is led by Phillis Becker, and meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall.

Dean Gail offers virtual Bible Study experiences on Facebook. The study is streamed live on Facebook and can also be viewed at any time after it is posted.

BOOK GROUP

Book Group is meeting May 20 at 10 am at Harriet Neff's home. Our book is "Faster Pastor" by Sharyn McCrumb. This is a humorous novel about a NASCAR driver who teaches a group of pastors how to race cars, set in the south. All are welcome to join us. Come share in fellowship, good discussion, and of course refreshments! Call Harriet with any questions at 315-868-9977.

FAITH ALIVE

Easter, the wonder of the resurrection, the love, love, of our Lord Jesus Christ, there are no words to express the awesomeness of this perfect 🍀 love. Jesus tells us to pass it on through word and action. And this is what Faith Alive is all about, sharing the Good News 😊 with all ages.

YES 😊 We laugh a lot, share a lot, learn a lot, listen a lot, and rejoice a lot All in JESUS' NAME. The preciousness of the children is amazing. 😊 Sometimes we even sing, of course off key, with a hop in our step, I am sure putting a 😊 smile on Jesus' face. What a beautiful way to experience the LOVE of CHRIST.

Our next Faith Alive is Sun. May 15 from 9-10am. Consider inviting a friend to join us. Being a church member is not required, ALL are 😊 WELCOME!!!!

How about bringing a non-perishable food item, for our local food pantry, to give to someone who just might need a little help. Sounds good, doesn't it?

As a reminder 🧵 new ideas and crafts are always appreciated. I am not a crafty person, so I can use all the help I can get. Thanks in advance! Please call Cassie at 315-866-6474, Wendy Catera or Phillis Becker if you have any questions.

PRODUCING A "TLC DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET" - YOUR ENTRIES ARE NEEDED!

Poems, favorite scriptures, and meaningful quotes for the upcoming TLC Devotional Booklet have begun to flow in for this project. The kind of "entries" to be included is wide open at this point, and everyone is invited to submit pieces for consideration. It might be a poem you wrote, or one that speaks to you, perhaps written by a relative or friend. Scripture verses with a short message about why it is special to you is another example. Quotes or pictures that have guided your path are also welcome. Your sharing pieces can be mailed to the church office or sent via email to info@trinityherkimer.org with "Devotions" in the subject header. Cassie will type up any contributions that might be handwritten. Interested in helping with this project or have ideas to share? Talk with/contact Sue Harkins and thanks to Sue for being the contact person. This project has an open-ended timeline for now. When would you like to see our booklet published? Such a fun project this will be!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER 🙏:

"I will praise you, O LORD my GOD, with all my heart 🍀, I will glorify your Name forever." (Psalm 86:12)

PRAYER NOTES 🙏:

JESUS is most worthy of our praise, yet we have another reason to worship HIM. He invites us into a personal relationship with Him (prayer) WHY? Because it brings Him pleasure. That's hard to believe, isn't it? But the proof is in the scriptures. "The prayers of the upright are His delight." (Proverbs 15:8b)

Scripture promises that all creation will be filled with His glory. In worship we come to praise GOD and GOD comes to bless us. We sing, pray, read, talk and give, but the real actor is GOD and GOD comes, blesses, forgives, and speaks to us, through the Holy Spirit. AMEN!

No part of our prayer creates a greater feeling of joy than when we praise God for who He is. God is our Master Creator, our Father, our source of all love. Every breath we take is a gift from His hand. When we focus on Jesus, we move from being self-centered, with worry and distress, to being God centered, with Joy and Peace in our hearts.

Just slipping quietly into the presence of God can be so exotic and fresh that it delights us enormously.

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

Please contact Cassie with questions or any necessary changes.

| | May 1 | May 8 | May 15 | May 22 | May 29 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Counter 1 | Bona Starring | Bona Starring | Amy Manning | Amy Manning | Phillis Becker |
| Counter 2 | JoAnn Blaise | JoAnn Blaise | Gary Manning | Gary Manning | Bona Starring |
| Reader | Phillis Becker | Judy Sadlon | Sue Harkins | Bona Starring | Phillis Becker |
| Technology | Cassie/Ann | Cassie/Ann | Cassie/Ann | Cassie/Ann | Cassie/Ann |
| Unlock Door | JoAnn Blaise | Phillis Becker | JoAnn Blaise | Phillis Becker | JoAnn Blaise |
| Singer | Sue Harkins | Judy Sadlon | Sue Harkins | David Grindle | Judy Sadlon |
| Altar | N/A | Kylene Jordan | Amy Manning | N/A | Kylene Jordan |
| Ventilation | 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 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 March, Trinity received offerings in the following amounts.

| Average In-person Attendance | General Fund | Capital Fund | Designated Funds |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| 21 | \$3,950.00 | \$40.00 | \$1,124.00 |

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

MAY 2022

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| | | | | | | 1 10:00 am Worship Service |
| 2 ALL DAY Office Closed 7:30 pm NA Meeting | 3 | 4 | 5 ALL DAY Office Closed 10:00 am Bible Study | 6 ALL DAY Office Closed | 7 7:30 pm NA Meeting | 8 10:00 am Worship Service |
| 9 ALL DAY Office Closed 7:30 pm NA Meeting | 10 10:00 am Virtual Bible Study | 11 6:30 pm Council meeting via ZOOM | 12 10:00 am Bible Study | 13 | 14 9:00 am Highway Clean-up 7:30 pm NA Meeting | 15 9:00 am Faith Alive Event 10:00 am Worship Service |
| 16 ALL DAY Office Closed 7:30 pm NA Meeting | 17 | 18 | 19 10:00 am Bible Study | 20 10:00 am Book Group Meets | 21 7:30 pm NA Meeting | 22 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Coffee Hour |
| 23 ALL DAY Office Closed 7:30 pm NA Meeting | 24 10:00 am Virtual Bible Study | 25 | 26 10:00 am Bible Study | 27 | 28 7:30 pm NA Meeting | 29 10:00 am Worship Service |
| 30 ALL DAY Office Closed 7:30 pm NA Meeting | 31 | | | | | |

If you have something to add to the calendar please contact Cassie.

Church Office Hours: 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.



Our Church Family

God's children in need of prayer and support: Ann, Jim, Brenda, Robert, Larry, Eleanor, Edith, Peanut, Patsy, Tim, Jerry, Pam, Sue, Gary, Nancy, Rose, Chase, Peter, Tanya, Irene, Barbara, Graham, Asha, Diane, Joe, Charles, Stephen and all others on Trinity's prayer chain.

Please keep all those around the world and those at home who are suffering from disasters, oppression, persecution, etc-, especially the Ukrainian people who are under siege by war, to safety for ALL their needs. Praying in Jesus name AMEN and AMEN!!

Eleanor Clements and Yvonne Winter have recently returned from their warm weather in Florida, to snow in the Mohawk Valley.....Welcome home; we missed you, and we are looking forward to great fellowship together.

We rejoice with Kayla Lynch and Zachary Flansburg, the proud parents of twin boys, Kayden Allen and Koltyn Dean, who were baptized on March 27, 2022. Their sponsors were Madyson Potter, Marriessa Brelinsky, Allen Schrader and Peter Leone. Dean Gail Wolling affiliated the service. May the blessings of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be upon Kayden and Koltyn, as they grow in their Faith and service to GOD..... Amen!

If someone has been inadvertently omitted, please bring it to our attention. Thank you!

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Donald Schrader
Emily Madison
Jodi Lally
Hunter Becker
Martha Smith
Edna Briggs
Shirley Miller
Susan Schrader
Chelsea Herrmann
Eva Knoblauch
Matthew Neff
Derek Mizerak
Ashley Crandall

Cole Taylor
Erik Ruff
Kerri Griffin
Risleigh Roche
Gary Manning
Logan Christofaro
Nicole Baker
Louis Baldanza
Morgan Hinckley
Jared Marquissee
Jonathan Minter
Garrett Gerdau
Goffrey Gerdau

Mary Dickerson
Dillon Holmes
Amanda Gebhart
Eleanor Clements
Marion Ruller
Joyce Schrader
Richard Starring
Rachel Bruce
Kurt Heidler
James Stegemann
Kylene Jordan
Wendy Catera

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Lisa & James Woods
Colleen & Jeff Gross
Reagan & Dennis Shaut, Jr.

Kerri & Brice Griffin
Becky & Rob Walrath
Steven & Amanda Gebhardt

Kim & Rudolph Schrader
Ann & Peter Maher

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

Council Contact Information

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| President: Ann Maher | 315-891-3952 | amaher@trinityherkimer.org |
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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! See Worship
Schedule for details.**

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/

Trinity Lutheran Church Covid 19 Protocols

Using the NYS Department of Health Guidelines and Herkimer County data, the TLC Church Council has set the following expectations in place for anyone using the church facilities. This includes worship, meetings, and all other purposes. Since the CDC has recently changed their metric/measurement criteria, the Council is for now eliminating the word “Substantial” and changing “Moderate” to “Medium” in order to comply with the new CDC language. Council will discuss this issue more at their May meeting.

When the County COVID-19 Community Level is **High**:

- Wear a mask, except when seated and consuming food/beverage in the Fellowship Hall or communing. Masks must be worn correctly.
- Sign in on the chart when you enter the church, at the bottom of the stairs.
- Maintain a comfortable and safe distance between yourself and others (six feet).
- Stay home if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms of illness.
- Use good hygiene practices, including use of the hand sanitizing stations provided.
- Respect one another at all times.

When the County COVID-19 Community Level is **Medium or Low**:

- Unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask at all times.
- Masks, worn correctly, are required for vaccinated individuals **while singing** during worship, or singing anywhere in the church building.
- Sign in on the chart when you enter the church, at the bottom of the stairs.
- Maintain a comfortable and safe distance between yourself and others (six feet).
- Stay home if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms of illness.
- Use good hygiene practices, including use of the hand sanitizing stations provided.
- Respect one another at all times.

The county rate is measured weekly, and we share the rate in our Weekly Announcement email. In addition, a sign is posted on the church door to state the risk level of our county. Masks are available to those who are in need.

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!

This policy is reviewed monthly by the TLC council.