



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

Enclosed with this issue of the Tidings is a letter inviting you to attend our mid-year Congregational Meeting. Please read it and plan to attend this interactive and interesting meeting on June 12th.

Collaboration Opportunities with Zion Lutheran/New Hartford

Over the past several months, different groups of interested people have attended Zoom sessions to explore ways that Trinity, Zion, and Our Saviour Lutheran Churches can support one another, sharing events, ideas and possibly resources. Beginning in May, the Councils of Zion and Trinity began joint monthly meetings facilitated by Dean Wolling and Zion's Transitional Pastor. Two meetings have been held so far, and a June meeting has been scheduled. The meetings have been energetic, and both Councils are excited about exploring new ideas about shared ministries and worship opportunities. We've set a few specific plans in place, including shared worship experiences on July 3rd and September 4th. On those Sundays, one church will have a "live" worship service, and the other church will receive that service virtually in the opposite sanctuary. It will be a new and fun way to harness technology for our benefit. More information will be shared as the event dates get closer. A joint picnic/outdoor worship experience on an August Sunday is also under discussion. For each of these events, a "lead planner" from each congregation will coordinate the details. The August event needs a Lead Planner from Trinity. Would you be able to help? Contact Ann Maher if you can!

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
June 5	Deacon Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	Yes
June 12	Rev Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
June 19	David Grindle SAM	In House/Virtual	No
June 26	Rev Gail Wolling	In House Only	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.

Women of Faith Ecumenical Opportunities

The Women of Faith ecumenical group, led by Patsy Glista, will offer a Summer Bible Study that begins on Monday, June 27th on Zoom at 7:00pm. Join us on the 4th Monday of each month [June 27, July 25, August 29] for an hour Bible Study. This three-session study, *Crafted in Christ, A Summer of Rest and Renewal*, uses the concept of quilting to explore rest, renewal and Christian community. There is no sewing involved and you don't have to be crafty to come to Bible study. Watch the Weekly Announcements for the Zoom link.

The June 27 session is called "A Summer of Rest and Renewal" and will focus on choosing patterns and re-assessing the shape of our lives. Hard copies of the study are available in the church office.

SAVE THE DATE – On Sunday, July 31 at noon, Women of Faith participants from our three congregations will gather at Our Saviour Lutheran Church for our third in-person get-together. Our Saviour will host us and provide beverages and dessert. Bring a bag lunch. Trinity's women will be planning the program; watch for more details to come next month.

Herkimer Downtown Chowdown

From June through October every Monday night from 4-8 there will be a food truck rodeo with live music! Come down to Myers Park in the beautiful Village of Herkimer. Bring some lawn chairs or a blanket and come hang out and enjoy some delicious local food and music. Please be sure to join us on Monday, August 8, when Trinity will be sponsoring a musical performance by Phil Arcuri. All are welcome to join the fun!

Supporting Refugee Families In Our Area

An idea has formed in a joint discussion among Trinity's Council & the Zion, New Hartford Council about sharing ministries, and around the topic of assisting refugees together. We as a Council are wondering who from our Congregation would be willing to get involved with and be committed to participating with Zion, for our 2 Congregations to sponsor a family via the Refugee Center in Utica.

We have previously seen multiple financial donations brought together through our offerings to be donated through the ELCA to assist Refugees in/from Ukraine, and are aware of item donations via other groups & congregations locally, and some individuals also participated with them. We are thankful and responding with generosity. This continues the idea, with an opportunity to actively participate in an additional way.

Do you have a desire to do something tangible to assist a family who has come to live in our local area, not necessarily from Ukraine, but people in need. In our Council discussion, we wish to be ready to listen to the family to tell us of their needs, and possibly have fellowship time to learn of their culture, share similarities, and learn new traditions.

Amy Manning has agreed to be our Congregation's contact person, so please contact Amy to be involved. Email Amy at amanning@trinityherkimer.org, leave a message at the church phone number: 315-866-6474 for Amy.

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.

Serving and Sharing

JUNE'S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of June, our donation focus will be *condiments* for the Food Pantry and *bug spray/sunscreen*. The bug spray/sunscreen will be donated to the First United Methodist Church in Herkimer. The church uses the donations either in their Pay It Forward thrift store, or they distribute the items to anyone in need. Each month we will have a different donation focus, but other items will always be in need and accepted. Donations can be left in the box in the sanctuary, on the parsonage porch, or in the Henry Street vestibule. Thanks to all who continue to donate!

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Please join us at 9am on Saturday, July 16 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. Volunteers are needed. Please consider coming for some fun and to keep our highway clean!

TLC GARDEN IS GROWING AGAIN

As part of our mission to help feed the community, Trinity grows a garden on the side of the church. Faith Alive started growing some peas and beans from seed at their last gathering. We are also looking to grow lettuce, carrots and potatoes this year. This year we were able to add a third raised bed so we will have the opportunity to grow even more. Thank you to all the volunteers, especially Abby McArthur, who help make this project possible!

Learning

BOOK GROUP

Please join us Friday June 17th at 10 AM for our monthly get-together. We will be discussing the novel *Prayers For Sale* by Sandra Dallas. It's the story of friendship between two women (one 86 and one 17) who are neighbors living in the mountains of Colorado in the year 1936. We meet at Harriet's house; call her at 315 868-9977 with any questions. Come enjoy refreshments and Christian fellowship!

Looking ahead: we meet again Friday July 15th and will be discussing the novel *Miss Eliza's English Kitchen* by Annabel Abbs, a story of Victorian Cookery and Friendship.

FAITH ALIVE

When we look around us and see the beauty of God's Creation, we can't help but see the awesome love of our Savior Jesus Christ. The beautiful flowers are only one example. So, step back, take a deep breath, and observe with a thankful heart our Lord's creation.

This is what we did last Sunday, planting vegetables seeds, feeling the soil in our fingers, and now we will watch God's love of growing food for us to eat. This is how Jesus works in FAITH ALIVE, putting smiles on our faces and JOY in our hearts. YES we laugh, learn, listen, share, and are blessed as we rejoice together in Jesus Name.

Our next Faith Alive is Sun June 26 from 9-10am. Consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join us. Being a member of the church is not required. ALL AGES are Welcome. As Jesus says COME join in the fun and have fellowship with ME also. A big thank you to JoAnn for her idea of planting and helping, to Rose & Ron for homemade cookies and to Sheila for her faithfulness of helping.

Remember our local food pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item to help someone who might need a little help, thank you. Faith Alive will NOT meet in July or August. Any questions? Please call Cassie at 315-866-6474, Wendy Catera or Phillis Becker.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER 🙏:

"THE LORD IS NEAR!" YES!!! " Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and minds in CHRIST JESUS." (Philippians 4:5b,6-7)

PRAYER NOTES 🙏:

As we grow in prayer, we discover that Jesus actually wants to be in relationship with us. He is not a reluctant listener, like an exhausted employee at a customer service counter saying, " Now what?". In prayer, God convinces us that He has been waiting for us all along. He will listen to us as long as we want to talk. We matter to Him and He cares deeply about us. In times of prayer, God also assures us that His power (Holy Spirit) is available to us. We simply need to lift our hearts, have faith and believe in Him. What an awesome God we serve! As we communicate with Jesus Christ, we hear Him say, "I can handle this situation, your needs, your hardships, your fears, anything life throws your way". "TRUST in ME "..... When we get off our knees, we almost always feel closer to Jesus and more secure in His love for us. We are more confident of His involvement in our lives. Philippians 4:5b, 6-7 says it best!!!!

In His Service,
Prayer 🙏 Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

Please contact Cassie with questions or any necessary changes.

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Counter 1	Phillis Becker	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Phillis Becker
Counter 2	JoAnn Blaise	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	JoAnn Blaise
Reader	Bona Starring	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker	Bona Starring
Technology	Cassie/Ann	Cassie/Ann	Cassie/Ann	JoAnn/Ann
Unlock Door	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise
Singer	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	David Grindle	Sue Harkins
Altar	Amy Manning	Kylene Jordan	N/A	Amy Manning
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

Stewardship

Approved Fiscal Year Budget from 2/1/22 - 1/31/23 is \$103,607.

Monthly giving needed to fund this budget is \$8,633.92.

APRIL 2022

Average In-Person Attendance : 19

Offerings received: \$5,497.88

Expenses Paid: \$5,701.11

Under funded by: \$203.23

Designated Funds received monthly **are not included** in the amount above. Examples: Local Charities, Food Pantry, Memorial Funds, etc.

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. The monthly treasurer reports are available upon request, please contact Cassie at csherman@trinityherkimer.org. If you have any questions please contact the Treasurer, Kylene Jordan at kjordan@trinityherkimer.org. Thank you for your continued giving!

Did you know?

The "parsonage", which is the house next to and owned by the church, has been rented since October 2019. The tenant is responsible for their own internet, electricity, and gas expenses.

Donations to Ukraine

Thank you to the wonderful donors who raised \$1,495 in aid to Ukraine! Donations will continue to be collected as long as a need still exists. Please leave any donations marked "Lutheran Disaster Response" in the offering plate.

JUNE 2022

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

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, Robert, Brenda, Eleanor, Janet, Rose, Marion, Harry, Diane, Peanut, Tim, Jerry, Peter, Charles, Pam, Gary, Chase, Graham, Joe, Asha, Tanya, Irene, Barbara, Stephen and all others on Trinity's prayer chain.

Please keep in your daily prayers 🙏 all people around the world and at home who are suffering from fear, oppression, disasters, persecution, etc. We pray especially for the Ukrainian people who are under siege by war, that they find safety and receive support for all their needs. Thank you.

Our congregation is blessed in many ways with volunteers who work behind the scenes. Every month approximately 50 meals are put together and served at the Salvation Army (SA Cafe) in Jesus Name. This month, we give praise to God for Abby and Alyx McArthur, Madison Marusic, Wendy and Cole DeLuca and others, who worked together, making these delicious meals happen. Another (God's Work our Hands) !!!! Thank you! 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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

Brett Risi
Ava Macri
Lucille Crane
Alexia Mizerak
Michael Marusic
William Hubbard
Allen A. Schrader
Barbara Parkhurst
Dawn Shae
Jaxson Hayes Manning

Kensley Sue Miller
Rachel Madison
Kathy Farmer
Lauren VanHeusen
Emma Vanderwerken
Kim Davis
Luke Schrader
Madison Marusic
Patrick Joy

JUNE 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

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! 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: upstatenynsynod.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 discusses this issue monthly at their meetings.

Trinity’s Council determined: when the County COVID-19 Community Level is **High**:

- All persons will wear a mask at all times, except when taking Communion, or in the Fellowship Hall & seated/consuming food. 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.