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Glad Tidings

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

Trying Something New - Shared Worship Experience with Zion on July 3rd

For our Sunday worship service on July 3rd, we will try something new! We will hold our normal worship service at Trinity, but the service will come to us from Zion Lutheran Church in New Hartford. Their service will be displayed on our large screens, thanks to the technology that is now available to us at both churches. Since it is a challenge to find Worship Leaders on holiday weekends, both churches are excited to try this new practice that will allow us the fellowship with friends that we enjoy in our own churches, while extending our worship experience outside our own walls. For those of us who are also traveling that weekend, attending via Zoom or Facebook is also an option. Visiting Zion on that day in person might also be fun for some. God's Word will reach us all, no matter where we may be! The Zoom access link will be available in the Weekly Announcements or you can use the following: Meeting ID: 843 5484 0714, Password: 022654.

The process will reverse on Labor Day weekend in September, when Trinity will be the host of in-person worship, and Zion will receive our service. Please plan to worship with us on July 3rd, in whichever format works best for you and your family!

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
July 3	Zion	In House/Virtual	Yes
July 10	Deacon Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
July 17	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
July 24	Bishop Lee Miller	In House/Virtual	Yes
July 31	Phillis Becker	In House/Virtual	No

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.

Meet the Bishop! Special Opportunity on July 24th

We will have a special treat on Sunday, July 24th when UNYS Bishop Lee Miller will lead worship for us, and spend some time getting to know us. Please plan to join us that Sunday for worship and fellowship after the service. If you would like to contribute something to the Coffee Hour, please contact JoAnn Blaise or Phillis Becker. We look forward to meeting Bishop Miller, and sharing time with him.

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Summary of June 12 Congregational Meeting

A group of about twenty congregation members and friends enjoyed a light lunch and active conversation at the TLC mid-year Congregational Meeting of Reports in June. The TLC Council's goal of having an informal and interactive discussion as the format of the meeting was met; it was a blessing to have so many people offer ideas and ask questions about the church's present, past and future. Council liaisons to each of the TLC teams and committees gave a brief update about activity so far this year, and then discussion was invited. We reminded ourselves that we have been a lay-led congregation for almost five years, with quality support from Dean Gail and other worship leaders. As we reviewed the ministries, activities and worship services that occur on a regular basis, it became clear that TLC is not just surviving but thriving in many ways. Discussion followed about what it will take to maintain this, financially, emotionally and physically. Involving many congregation members in the work of the church, and bringing more people into our church are important goals.

Amy Manning gave a report on the Synod Assembly which she attended with Bona Starring. Bona was among a group of people who developed Covid after the Assembly. Trinity made its annual donation to the World Hunger appeal; this year, our \$500.00 donation bought a cow! This was among the many interesting things Amy reported. Pastor Gail and Patsy Glista were also among the attendees at the Assembly.

Women of Faith Ecumenical Opportunities

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY continues on Monday, July 25th on Zoom at 7:00pm. Our July study is titled, Quilt Cutting and Piecing. Sometimes it becomes necessary to trim and piece parts of our life to follow God's call. Printed copies of July study will be available from Cassie in the TLC office, or contact Patsy Glista at paglista@alumni.nmu.edu / 315-736-7077. Patsy can also share the Zoom link for the sessions, or use the following log-in information: Meeting ID: 898 8654 9987. Passcode: 931283

SUMMER GATHERING - On Sunday, July 31 at noon Women of Faith from our three area congregations will gather at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1640 Genesee Street, Utica, for our next in-person gathering. Phillis Becker and Joann Blaise from Trinity will facilitate a conversation titled "Relationships in Christ Jesus." Our Saviour is hosting and will provide beverages and dessert. Please bring a bag lunch. Help us prepare by signing up with Cassie or contact Patsy at paglista@alumni.nmu.edu / 315-736-7077.

TLC/Zion Joint Picnic Postponed Until Fall

It was previously mentioned that another shared activity for the summer would be a joint picnic. Due to several planning issues, the picnic is now planned as a fall event, on a Sunday in September. If you would like to be on the planning team for this fun event, please reach out to Bona Starring.

Herkimer Downtown Chowdown

From June through October every Monday night from 4-8 there is a food truck rodeo with live music at Myers Park in the beautiful village of Herkimer. Bring some lawn chairs or a blanket and come hang out while enjoying 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!

Vacation Bible School Is a Fun Summer Happening

This year, on August 1st-5th, the Community Vacation Bible School will be held at the Morning Star United Methodist Church in Frankfort. For more information, visit the WEBSITE:

www.herkvbs.weebly.com or send the planners an EMAIL: herkvbs@gmail.com. Thank you to JoAnn Blaise for representing Trinity at the planning meetings. TLC is providing meal planning. 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

JULY'S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of July, our donation focus will be items that can be used to make sandwiches for the Food Pantry and hygiene products for general use. The hygiene products 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!

Learning

BOOK GROUP

We will meet on Friday July 15th and will be discussing the novel *Miss Eliza's English Kitchen* by Annabel Abbs, a story of Victorian Cookery and Friendship. We meet at Harriet's house; call her at 315-868-9977 with any questions. Come enjoy refreshments and Christian fellowship!

FAITH ALIVE

Why is this ministry titled "Faith Alive"? What words and/or ideas first pop into your mind? Why was this ministry even started? Take a moment and think! RELATIONSHIP!!!! OK, but relationship with whom?? Yep another question! Think about it, but this time use your heart ♥ also.

On June 26, our topic will flow around the word RELATIONSHIP and as children of GOD, what does it really mean? Consider inviting a friend, family member or neighbor to join us. Being a member of Trinity is not required, and all ages are welcome.

Come and enjoy the goodies and crafts. Best of all, experience how Jesus Christ works in Faith Alive putting His joy on our faces and in our hearts.

Please remember our local food pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item for someone who just might need a little help. Thanks, so appreciated.

A reminder that for July and August we will not meet but will resume in September. Have a safe and blessed summer.

Any questions or new ideas? Feel free to call Phillis Becker, Wendy Catera or Cassie at the church office, 315-866-6474.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER 🙏:

"Because THY loving kindness is better than life, my lips will praise THEE, and my mouth offers praises with joyful lips" (Psalm 63:3,5b)

PRAYER NOTES 🙏:

Praise includes the JOY of sharing our lives with JESUS, and the JOY our LORD takes from being present in our lives.

We are so blessed to have a Living God that not only allows us, but wants us, to communicate, talk, listen and meditate on and with HIM in a unique way. How awesome is that!!

This month please pray 🙏 that the Holy Spirit would open the hearts of many people across America and the world to the realization that Jesus Christ is God Almighty, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, not simply a great prophet or teacher, but "EL ELYON" the GOD most HIGH!!

Lord help us to share the Gospel message 🙏 of good news with others, AMEN.

Trinity's prayer chain 🙏 is here for all of us. Would you like to be part of this ministry? Lifting concerns and cares of others to Jesus for His mercy and grace (Hebrews 4:16)? Pray about it and see if God is leading you in that direction and then speak to any of us on the prayer chain 🙏 about joining. Prayer is not necessarily meant to be an easy joy ride, but it definitely is a spiritual discipline that produces great JOY in HIM!!!!

May all members of Trinity, and their families, have a blessed and safe summer. ☺

In His Service,
Prayer 🙏 Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

Please contact Cassie with questions or any necessary changes.

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Counter 1	JoAnn Blaise	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise
Counter 2	Phillis Becker	Gary Manning	Gary Manning	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Reader	N/A	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker	Sue Harkins
Technology	JoAnn/Ann	JoAnn/Ann	Cassie/Ann	Cassie/Ann	Cassie/Ann
Unlock Door	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	N/A	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins
Altar	N/A	N/A	Kylene Jordan	Amy Manning	N/A
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	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.

MAY 2022

Average In-Person Attendance : 20

Offerings Received : \$4,214.19

Expenses Paid: \$6,704.82

Underfunded by \$2,490.63

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 TLC Treasurer, Kylene Jordan at kjordan@trinityherkimer.org. Thank you for your continued giving!

Did you know?

Trinity donated \$500 to ELCA World Hunger to purchase a cow! The Upstate NY Synod of Churches raised \$30,758.53 for World Hunger, and Bishop Miller donated an additional \$1,000 to this very worthy cause.

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. *Reminder* The office will be closed July 2nd-11th.

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
					7:30 pm NA Meeting	<small>ALL DAY</small> Office Closed
						10:00 am Joint Worship with Zion
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Office Closed			10:00 am Bible Study		7:30 pm NA Meeting	10:00 am Worship Service
7:30 pm NA Meeting						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<small>ALL DAY</small> Office Closed		6:30 pm Council meeting via ZOOM	10:00 am Bible Study	10:00 am Book Group Meets	9:00 am Highway Clean-up	10:00 am Worship Service
7:30 pm NA Meeting					7:30 pm NA Meeting	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<small>ALL DAY</small> Office Closed			10:00 am Bible Study		7:30 pm NA Meeting	10:00 am Visit with Bishop Miller
7:30 pm NA Meeting						10:00 am Worship Service
						11:00 am Coffee Hour
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<small>ALL DAY</small> Office Closed	10:00 am Virtual Bible Study		10:00 am Bible Study		7:30 pm NA Meeting	10:00 am Worship Service
7:00 pm Crafted in Christ Bible Studies						12:00 pm Women's In Person Gathering
7:30 pm NA Meeting						



Our Church Family

God's children in need of prayer and support: Ann, Robert, Tim, Jim, Brenda, Eleanor, Janet, Harry, Diane, Jerry, Peter, Carol, Charles, Gary, Chase, Graham, Joe, Asha, Tanya, Irene, Barbara, Stephen, Marillynne, Cathy, Sam, Bob, Esther, Bona, Patsy and all others on Trinity's prayer chain.

Please pray daily for all people around the world and at home who are suffering from the loss of family members, especially children, who have been murdered in acts of violence. Pray also for the Ukrainian people who are under siege by war. Precious Jesus we pray for your love, mercy and grace to be upon each one and that all may find safety and receive support for all their needs. Lord please give them Your peace that passes all understanding. All Glory and Honor to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen!!

Our congregation has been blessed, and continues to be blessed, in many ways with volunteers who work behind the scenes. I'm sure all of us have received cards from "HAPPY HEARTS". Ninety percent of this ministry is done faithfully, at home by Gary Pierce, along with help on special occasions by Barbara Parkhurst and others.

Thanks to all who donate cards, they are so appreciated. Thanks as we continue to do "God's Work Our Hands".

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters, please call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379. If someone has been inadvertently omitted, please bring it to our attention. Thank you!!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

Jackie Minter
Irene Krupa
Elizabeth Margaret Duga
Kyle Crandall
Beverly Griffin
Jeffrey Manning
Jerry Manning
Rebecca Permatter
Barbara Marquissee

Jacob Griffin
Caleb Hinckley
Jackie Hinckley
Dorothy Pryor
Ryan Risi
Kory DeLuca
Robert Becker
Orrin Smith
Rose Snow

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

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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**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: upstatensynod.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 all 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.