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Glad Tidings

AUGUST 2022

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

Inspiring Worship Experience with Bishop Lee Miller

Our Upstate New York Bishop, Lee Miller III, led worship for us and shared fellowship at a delicious luncheon put on by JoAnn Blaise, Eleanor Clements, Phillis Becker, and their helpers on July 24th. It was a day reminiscent of our best pre-pandemic days - lots of music, a forward-thinking sermon, and great conversation over lunch in the fellowship hall. Thank you to Bona Starring and the Worship and Music team for their planning work. Bishop Miller was intrigued by the "Downtown Chowdown" event, so perhaps we'll see him again soon!



Other News from Your Church Council

At the July Council meeting, it was unanimously decided to change our TLC Covid Policy once again. For vaccinated individuals, it is **no longer required to wear a mask while singing** when the Herkimer County rate is Low. All other elements of the policy remain the same; a complete overview of the policy can be read at the end of this Tidings.

The Council also accepted, with regret, the resignation of Cassie Sherman, our Administrative Assistant for the past year and a half. Cassie will be missed in the office for her fine work, smiling face and loving heart. Cassie has always been willing to help when needed over and above the call of duty. We are happy to know that Cassie and her family will continue to be active members at Trinity. God's blessings to Cassie, Tom, and Juniper!

Council is grateful for the willingness of other staff members and volunteers to keep office tasks covered while we review and update a job description for this position. When that is ready, the job opening will be advertised. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact Ann Maher, TLC Council President.

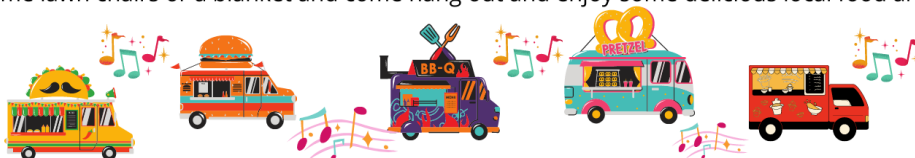
Join us for the **Herkimer Downtown Chowdown**

On August 8th from 4 to 8pm

Trinity Lutheran Church is Sponsoring a musical performance by **Phil Accuri**

Join us in 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.



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315-866-6474

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
August 7	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
August 14	Phillis Becker/Judy Sadlon	In House/Virtual	No
August 21	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
August 28	Deacon Patsy Glista	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.

Congratulations to TLC Graduates!

Graduation! Graduation! What a great time to celebrate our High School graduates of Trinity. Here are some memories from Confirmation Class that Mrs. Becker remembers:

- ★ **Hannah DeLuca:** What an artist, she could draw beautiful flowers and more around Bible verses!
- ★ **Jaxson Manning:** Has a special gift of joy in his heart, causing those around him to smile!
- ★ **Carlie Gross:** A little shy about going to confirmation camp, but discovered a great experience of fun and new friends!

We hold these graduates in our prayers as they take their next steps into the future. Good luck, Graduates!
Note: If there are any graduates (high school or college) that we have omitted, please bring those names to our attention. Thank you!

Sharing Opportunities with Churches United in Faith Continue

We continue to listen for God’s voice in the monthly joint meetings of the TLC and Zion Church Councils. Thank you to Pastor Gail and Pastor Bill for their presence and guidance during these conversations. We appreciated “receiving” the Zion worship service on July 3rd via Zoom. That 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. Thinking outside the box is our goal, and trusting that God is leading us to keep our traditions while finding new ways to “be church” together. Talk to any Council member if you have questions or ideas to share.

Women of Faith Ecumenical Opportunities

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY will complete its series on Monday, August 29 on Zoom at 7:00pm. Our summer study is titled, *Crafted in Christ: Quilt Cutting and Piecing*. Sometimes it becomes necessary to trim and piece parts of our life to follow God’s call. Printed copies of the August study will be available from 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: 899 7972 2629. Passcode: 271571.

TLC & Zion Joint Picnic - SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 18th will be a day full of fun and fellowship. Our congregation and Zion Lutheran in New Hartford are going to meet at the Frankfort Marina and Park after worship services. There is a picnic planned from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. It is a beautiful setting where we can all make new friendships. More details will be following in the September Tidings. In the meantime, there will be sign up sheets at church for food items to bring, people who plan on attending and anyone who would like a ride or be willing to provide a ride. Plan now to join us and expand our circle of Christian/Lutheran friendship! Members of Our Saviour Lutheran Church will also be invited to join us.

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: herkvbs.weebly.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, please email JoAnn at jblaise@trinityherkimer.org.

Tables and Chairs

If you would like to reserve the tables/chairs in the garage, please call or text Kylene to see if they are available for use. Kylene can be reached at 315-404-3945. Please do not remove tables/chairs unless you have reserved them in advance.

Serving and Sharing

AUGUST'S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of August, our donation focus will be Beverages - coffee/tea/juice for the Food Pantry and reusable water bottles. The water bottles 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

Thank you JoAnn, Amy, Gary and Sue for all your hard work at our July event! Our next event will be held on September 24th. 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

ALL are invited to attend Trinity's Book Group on August 19th at 10:00 AM. Please note that we will be moving back to Trinity's Fellowship Hall for our get-togethers. August should be extra fun because we will each be sharing about one of our favorite books, taking maybe 5-10 minutes to relate details of a good read of ours that has stayed with us over time. (Questions? Call Harriet at 315 868-9977.)

September's novel to read is "Tears of the Giraffe" by Alexander McCall Smith. It involves the Ladies No. 1 Detective Agency in Botswana, Africa. Details on this interesting read in next month's Tidings!

Remember - We now will be meeting at Trinity! Please join us if you can on Friday August 19th at 10:00 AM. Note: Bring your own beverage and "snack" and enjoy the fun sharing and hearing about some wonderful books we have read.

FAITH ALIVE

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

We will start up again in September. Date to be posted in the weekly announcements, as soon as we know the exact date. We will continue to collect non-perishable food items for our local food pantry for someone who just..... might need a little help. Thanks

I am meeting with members of Zion Lutheran in New Hartford, as they explore starting their own "Faith Alive". Pretty cool how God works. What an amazing God we serve!

As you can see we are still a work in progress. God happenings keep popping up and of course we follow because we have the Best Leader, JESUS CHRIST. Is there any other way?

As you know, all ages are welcome. Consider inviting a friend, neighbor or family member to join in the fun. Best of all, experience, first hand, the love and joy of Jesus as He puts smiles on our faces and love in our hearts. Any questions/new ideas? Feel free to call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379 or the church office at 315-866-6474, and if no answer please leave a message and someone will get back to you shortly. Thanks!!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER 🙏:

"Devote yourselves to prayer keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving"
(Colossians 4:2)

PRAYER NOTES 🙏:

Did you know?? The Bible is a book of prayers. It contains no less than 667 prayers .

One such prayer is found in the book of Daniel 2:19-23. Here, Daniel took time to Praise, Worship and Thank God for answered prayer BEFORE he went to the king. Check it out!!!

David says in Psalm 32:6 "Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found." It takes discipline on our part to make time for Jesus! The Creator of the universe wants to have a dynamic RELATIONSHIP with all of us. PRAYER is the KEY. A direct communication, (dialogue) with God our heavenly Father.

O! THE PRECIOUSNESS of TIME with JESUS!!!

Prayerfully consider being a part of Trinity's prayer chain ministry. YOU Will Be BLESSED !!!.

If you are led by the Holy Spirit or have any questions then please speak to Phillis.

This month please pray that We as the Body of Christ will recognize and develop our God given gifts, to use to HIS GLORY!!!!!!

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

August 7 August 14 August 21 August 28

Counter 1	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Counter 2	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise
Reader	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker	Judy Sadlon
Slideshow/ Zoom	Cassie/Ann	JoAnn/Ann	Cassie/Ann	JoAnn/Ann
Unlock Door	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon
Altar	Amy Manning	N/A	Kylene Jordan	N/A
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

Please contact the office with questions or any necessary changes.

Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$103,607 is \$8,633.92.

JUNE 2022

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$3,237.00

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$7,375.84

Income is short by: \$4,138.84

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years

Average In-Person Attendance: 19

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 email info@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?

When making a gift in memory of someone, you can designate whether it goes to the General Fund (checking account) or the Memorial Fund (savings account).

If you have something to add to the calendar please email info@trinityherkimer.org

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
1	5:30 pm High Seas VBS	2	5:30 pm High Seas VBS	3	5:30 pm High Seas VBS	4	10:00 am Bible Study	5	5:30 pm High Seas VBS	6	7:30 pm NA Meeting	7	10:00 am Worship Service
	7:30 pm NA Meeting						5:30 pm High Seas VBS						
							7:00 pm Supporting LGBTQIA+ Community Group						
8	7:30 pm NA Meeting	9		10	6:30 pm Council meeting via ZOOM	11	10:00 am Bible Study	12		13	7:30 pm NA Meeting	14	10:00 am Worship Service
							7:00 pm Supporting LGBTQIA+ Community Group						
15	7:30 pm NA Meeting	16		17		18	10:00 am Bible Study	19	10:00 am Book Group Meets	20	7:30 pm NA Meeting	21	10:00 am Worship Service
							7:00 pm Supporting LGBTQIA+ Community Group						
22	7:30 pm NA Meeting	23		24		25	10:00 am Bible Study	26		27	7:30 pm NA Meeting	28	10:00 am Worship Service
							7:00 pm Supporting LGBTQIA+ Community Group						
29	7:00 pm Crafted in Christ Bible Study	30		31									
	7:30 pm NA Meeting												



Our Church Family

God's children in need of prayer and support: Robert, Ann, Tim, Brenda, Janet, Harry, Diane, Jerry, Peter, Gary, Charles, Chase, Graham, Joe, Asha, Tanya, Irene, Barbara, Marillynne, Sharon, Ruth Ann, Gabriel, Daniel, Jack, Shirley 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.

A suggested prayer: 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 pour your Holy Spirit upon all, giving them Your peace that passes All understanding.

All Glory and Honor to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!!!!

Our brother in Christ, Pastor Norm Heid, went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday 7/12/2022. Please keep in your prayers his wife Sue, son John and family for God's Peace and Comfort to surround them at this difficult time.

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Gebhardt
Leah Kane
Kira E. Mizerak
Michelle Smith-Risi
Kathy Kapusta
Wayne Schrader, Jr.
Edeltraut Salewski
Marillynne Koch
Mildred Marusic
Jason Stack

Kyle Alexander Rivers
Lane J. Walrath
Sheila Baker
Hayden Guccione
Doris Brown
Mia Rigo
Georgia Becker
Samantha Maguire
Allison Baker
Jacob Gross

Juniper Joyce Sherman
Kayla Lynch
Emma Rose Betti
Anna Becker
Gayle Bunn
Susan Harkins
Jerome Madden
Allen L. Schrader

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Judy & John Sadlon
Georgia & Grant Becker
Jessica & Richard Bowman

Risleigh & Patrick Roche
Susan Hayes-Manning and
Gary Manning

JoAnn & Gary Blaise
Jenna & Brian Macri
Lori & Arnold Schrader

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: upstatenysynod.org/

Trinity Lutheran Church Covid 19 Protocols

Updated July 13, 2022

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. Council discusses this issue monthly at their meetings.

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.
- 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.