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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!

Preparing Our Hearts, Minds and Church For Advent

On **Sunday, November 20th**, after the worship service, we invite you to join in the "**Hanging of the Greens**" in preparation of the season of Advent that starts on Sunday, November 27th. A pot of homemade soup, cookies and other treats await the congregational members joining in the fun of decorating our church. Mark your calendars to join in on this festive occasion.

To help us prepare our hearts and minds during Advent (which means "arrival"), we are offering a free advent devotional booklet to you called *E.E. Cummings and the Joyful Poetry of Advent*. This devotional is a companion to his poems. The devotional has scripture readings, practices, prayers, songs, reflections and a simple candlelight service each week.

This new resource will be available both digitally and in print. If you currently receive the Weekly Announcements, the downloadable link will be sent to you before the season starts. If the church office doesn't have your email address please send your email address to info@trinityherkimer.org to update our records. Printed copies will be available on the table in the Narthex. If you know someone who would appreciate receiving a hard copy to be mailed, please contact the church office.

E.E. Cummings is the son of a pastor and a thoughtful theologian in his own right. He created some brilliant, inventive, proactive poems related to Advent and Christmas. Poetry can help tune our ears and eyes so we can listen, and watch and wait. So let's prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of the God of hope, peace, joy and love this Advent season.

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
November 6	Judy Sadlon/Phillis Becker	In House/Virtual	No
November 13	Deacon Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
November 20	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
November 27	Judy Sadlon/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

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

It is that time of year when thoughts turn to helping others and giving thanks. Started in 1980 by Trinity organizers Elmer Smith and Bill Fredlund, this annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner tradition continues! This year's dinner will again be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, at the First United Methodist Church of Herkimer located at 127 N. Prospect Street from 12:00-2:00. Meals will be served at the church, available for pick-up, or by delivery. Deliveries are made in the Herkimer/Mohawk area to shut-ins and people who are mobility-impaired. Reservations for meals are made by calling the FUMC office at 315-866-1349.

We hope you will be able to support us again this year by volunteering, providing food items or making a financial contribution. If you would like to help by making pies, there is a sign-up sheet on the glass case at church. If you can help with cooking, serving, or making deliveries please call the FUMC at 315-866-1349.

Financial donations are always appreciated, and also support ecumenical projects all year long; Vacation Bible School is one example. This year, two options for financial donations are possible. All checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, noting "Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo line. Drop off or mail your contribution to the church at 443 Henry Street, Herkimer, NY 13350. A new option this year is to make an online donation. To donate online, visit the Trinity website at trinityherkimer.org, select the "Giving" tab at the top of the home page, then choose "Community Thanksgiving Dinner" on the next screen, and follow the prompts there. Thank you in advance!

This wonderful project typically feeds almost 400 people each year and has been doing so for forty-two years. We give thanks for the many volunteers who make this meal possible for so many people in our community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Help Wanted: Endowment Committee

First and perhaps most importantly, we wish to express our gratitude to Wendy Catera for the dedication and support she has provided to the Endowment Committee for the past many years. Wendy has served as a committee member but also as a record-keeper for the Committee. At this time, Wendy needs to retire from work with the Endowment Committee. If you feel this is a place where your talents may be used, please consider joining Mike Marusic, PJ Marusic, and John Sadlon on this committee. Please email info@trinityherkimer.org so that we can connect you with the committee. Thank you, Wendy, and thank you to new volunteers for the Endowment Committee.

Women United in Faith – In Person Luncheon at Trinity November 13th

All women are invited to participate in the next joint event for members of Trinity, Zion and Our Saviour Churches. This is a bring your own bagged lunch starting at noon in the Trinity Fellowship Hall; as host church, Trinity will provide beverages and dessert. A fun and informative program of music is being planned by Zion ladies, focusing on the new Hymnal Supplement called "All Creation Sings." Mark your calendars and plan to be part of this interesting social event.

Job Well Done at God's Work Our Hands

On October 16th, members of Trinity, Zion and Our Saviour came together to prepare 182 meals for Feed My Sheep and Our Neighbors meal programs! Thank you to all who donated, planned, prepared and in any way helped to make this event a great success!!

Sharing News from the Council of Churches

Did you know that there is once again an ecumenical bi-monthly meeting of churches in the Mohawk Valley? JoAnn Blaise represents Trinity at these meetings of rostered and lay leaders from a number of our churches in the Valley. Each month, news about ministries and activities from the participating churches is shared. News items pertinent to TLC members are shared on our calendar and in our Weekly Announcements. Thank you, JoAnn, for representing us. Interested in joining JoAnn? Give her a call!

A Celebration of Lay Led Church Leadership

Five years ago this month, Pastor Ann Zimmerman retired from Trinity, and we entered into an unknown future as a “Lay-Led Church”. Lay-led churches have clergy support on a part-time or special assignment basis, and depend on congregation members to lead the ministries, activities and administration of the church. In those early days of this new way of “being church”, many wondered if we could do it, and for how long we would need to operate in this manner. But as Trinity has always done, we have followed God’s lead, tackled what has needed to be done, and find ourselves five years later, thriving as a church. Let’s take some time to celebrate this accomplishment, with gratitude to Pastor Gail Wolling for being our Pastor of Record, for Council and Committee members who have led and made decisions, to our amazing staff of part-time workers, and to every congregation member for supporting the work of the church. Where is God leading us into the future? With faith, hope and love we will follow Him. And the greatest of these is Love.

Lutheran Chicks

On December 4, 2022 Lutheran Chicks will gather in the Fellowship Hall from 2-4pm, to catch up, visit, eat some snacks, and do some crafting. Stamps, ink pads, and card stock paper will be provided to make cards, gift tags, gift bags, or whatever you so choose, along with a limited supply of blank cards and gift tags. Please bring any items you wish to stamp or color. All ages and genders are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Kylene Jordan 315-404-3945 or kjordan@trinityherkimer.org. We hope to see you there!

Cans and Bottles

We are seeking a volunteer to redeem the bottles and cans placed at the church at least once a month, sometimes more depending on the amount received. Please contact Kylene at 315-404-3945 or kylene@trinityherkimer.org if you are able to help.

Serving and Sharing

NOVEMBER’S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of November, our donation focus will be Thanksgiving fixings for the Food Pantry and socks. Donated socks will be distributed among several community organizations and groups. 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!

Learning

BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 18 at 10 am at Trinity. Our book is [The Christmas Bookshop](#) by Jenny Colgan. We won't meet in December.

Our first meeting in 2023 will be Friday, January 20th at 10 am at Trinity. Our book is any Mrs Pollifax book by Dorothy Gilman. The first book in the series is [The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax](#).

FAITH ALIVE

HELLO everyone! Are you taking the time to enjoy the beautiful Fall colors of red, gold, orange, brown and more, that are right before our eyes, or the sound of leaves crunching under our feet? What a delight, experiencing first hand, God's beautiful creation with a thankful heart !!!!! WOW we are so blessed!!!

Excitement fills my heart to see what JESUS has in store for all of us next month. So please mark your calendar for the 6th and 20th of November. The time is Sunday 9-10am.

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?? So let's come expecting awesome God happenings as He leads us into much joy, fun , love and new relationships. As you know all ages are welcome. Consider inviting a friend or family member to join us as we experience Jesus' awesome love together.

Psalm 89:1 is the foundation on which Faith Alive stands: "I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever; to All generations I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth "

Reminder: we will continue to collect non-perishable food items for our local food pantry for someone who just might need a little help. Thank you so much. Any questions, new ideas or project suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. Please call Phillis Becker or Sheila Baker or the church office at 315-866-6474. Thank you!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER 🙏:" My voice rises to God and I will cry aloud;
My voice rises to God and HE will hear me." (Psalm 77:1)

PRAYER NOTES 🙏:

Afraid to pray out loud? Have you ever faced a situation involving GROUP prayer, where fear gripped you? By confessing this fear to Jesus, HE will begin filling you with truth and courage to continue on the path of learning to pray aloud with both humility and confidence. Simply ask the SPIRIT of the LIVING GOD to set you free from fear and give you a greater awareness of HIS delight in hearing your prayers regardless of your wording.

While GOD hears all our prayers, spoken or silent, many of us struggle with fears and hesitations about praying aloud, especially early on in our prayer journey of faith.

The following suggestions may be helpful:

- *Humble your heart. Invite God to fill your thoughts with those things that are on His heart.
- *Focus your heart and mind on the Lord not others. Remember that prayer is between you and Jesus.
- *Use your heart language. One of the most beautiful and powerful prayers I heard was "JESUS, I Just love YOU so much." That was it!!
- *Invite the HOLY SPIRIT to guide your prayers.
- *Rest in the confidence that what you pray counts. Revelation 8:4 (look it up) presents a picture of heaven that includes the gathering of the prayers of God's saints.

Think of it this way: Every prayer ever prayed in every generation from every believer counts for all eternity. That's a powerful motivation to pray often and with great expectation!! YES, to learn to pray is too!

In HIS service,
Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27
Counter 1	Amy Manning	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	Cathy Mayton-Collins
Counter 2	Gary Manning	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Bona Starring
Reader	Phillis Becker	Bona Starring	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker
Slideshow/ Zoom	Ann Maher	Abby McArthur	Ann Maher	Abby McArthur
Unlock Door	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon
Altar	N/A	N/A	Kylene Jordan	N/A
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

Please contact info@trinityherkimer.org with any necessary changes.

Stewardship

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 8,354.00

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 15,101.13

Income is short by 6,747.13

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years

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

Interested in donating online? The Stewardship/Finance committee has expanded our giving options online through Vanco. Visit our website for a new, updated donation page which allows you more options! If you are currently enrolled in Simply Giving there will be more information about this change coming to you soon. Contact finance@trinityherkimer.org with any questions.

**Trinity saves time and stamps when you sign up to receive the Glad Tidings by email.
Send your name and email address to tidings@trinityherkimer.org to sign up today!**

Did you know?

That Trinity now has in the pews a supplement to the Evangelical Lutheran Worship publication (the thick red book) called All Creation Sings (thinner blue book). You have been enjoying hymns from that book over the last year or so but now you can sing along from the pews if you have trouble seeing the slides. The choir is also excited to have copies to use in upcoming worship services.

November 2022							<	>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		1	2	3 Bible Study	4	5		
6 Faith Alive Worship Service	7	8	9	10 Bible Study	11	12		
13 Worship Service Women in Faith in Person Gathering	14	15	16 Council meeting via ZOOM	17 Bible Study	18 Book Group	19		
20 Faith Alive Worship Service Hanging of the Greens	21	22	23	24 Bible Study	25	26		
27 Worship Service	28	29	30					

Our Church Family





God's children in need of prayer and support: Jerry, Billy, Ann, Peter, Janet, Marillynne, Marilyn, Tim, Gary, Harry, Joe, Judy, Tiffany, Kim, Barbara, Linda, Graham, Chase, Alyx, Irene, Sharon, Gabriel, Daniel, Brenda, Charlie, Asha, Tanya, Michele, Donna, Patty, Jeff, Lee, Sandra, Esther.

O MY!!! so much suffering and hardship, as we look around the world and here at home. If there is ever a time to pray persistently it is now. Our Lord Jesus tells us to never give up, to be persistent, as the widow in Luke 18:1-8. Always remember that GOD is in control and He will answer our prayers in His time and in His will, but He will answer them. Praying takes discipline, time and commitment and of course love.

A suggested daily prayer for November:

O GOD, you call us to embrace this world with unconditional love. Give us grace to discern what Your love demands of us, so that we may serve You with an undivided heart. In Jesus Name, Amen!

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

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

A big thank you to Abby McAuthur, Ann Maher and JoAnn Blaise for helping out with Zoom during Sunday morning worship services. We at Trinity are blessed!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Skandera
Dennis Shaut
Kerissa Marquissee
Brian Macri, Jr.
Daniel Engert
Harriet Neff
James Lynch
Jeff Osley
Sandra Marusic
Kyle Austin
Olivia Derleth
Julie Gavalo

Sarah Taylor
Benjamin Kapusta
Kelly Ivanchak
Harper P. Jones
Brandon King
Colleen Gross
Arlene Fisher
Brice Griffin
Frank Kapusta
Sandra Mizerak
Elizabeth Kennedy
Yvonne Winter

Joseph Joy
Daniel Fleming
Dominick George
Karen Bruns
Nathan Farrington
Austin Becker
Megan Miller
Erlene Manning
Chad Blaise
Ethan Madison
Abigail Becker

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kim and Gary Davis
Erlene and Glenn Manning

Elaine and Dan Fleming
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! 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

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.