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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!

Council President's Musings

Hello to all:

It has been a busy summer, both within our Congregation, on the homefront, and at my job. I would like to bring you "up to date" on a few items.

The joint task force, called the "Trinity-Zion Think Tank," has come to the conclusion that our 2 Individual Congregations are compatible enough to start the Call process, to share 1 Pastor to serve our 2 Congregations. Our Council is forming a new Task Force to actually prepare & submit the official document, called the Ministry Site Profile, or "MSP," which the survey earlier this year was paraphrased from. Please look for announcements for a potential special Congregational meeting to discuss & vote on matters, as this will mean a financial commitment to financially support approximately 50% of a Pastor's salary & benefit package. My own opinion is that we should move forward with this.

I want to thank those who have pitched in to do extra chores around our building & grounds while our Sexton, Paul, is recovering from a Bicycle accident. Please check in with a Council Member to see if there is something you could do to help out, such as take out the trash & recycling, bring the bins back from the curb after pickup, or something else.

I will be planning an October "Fall Cleanup" day, similar to what we did in the Spring before Easter. There are some areas, such as the Office, which didn't get addressed, general items such as washing windows/screens. Outdoor Leaves could need pickup/putting into green waste bins for their removal.

Please keep yourselves & others safe in the last few official weeks of summer.

Peace & Blessings,
Amy Manning

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
Sept. 3	Judy Sadlon	In House/Virtual	No
Sept. 10	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
Sept. 17	Patsy Glista	In Person	No
Sept. 24	Rev. Victor McKusick	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

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God's Work Our Hands



Sunday, September 10 has been designated by the ELCA as God's Work, Our Hands Day. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Our project this year will be to make Lunch Bags for the Loaves and Fishes Warming Center. The work party will be held in the Fellowship Hall after church on September 10. JoAnn Blaise is coordinating the project - talk to her if you have questions!

Did you Know?

The Loaves and Fishes Warming Center is holding a fundraiser by sponsoring a basket raffle and food event on Saturday, September 23rd from 1p.m. to 4p.m. Our church will be donating an autumn themed gift basket for the event. Look for a basket in the narthex for any donations which will be greatly appreciated. Contact Joann Blaise for more information or with questions.

Fall Vendor & Craft Event

In the fall, there will be a Vendor & Craft Fair at Trinity on **December 2, 2023** from 9am to 2pm. Vendors will be provided an 8 foot table; tables are free to congregation members and \$30.00 for non-members. Any groups who would like a table to sell food/raffle tickets etc. are also welcome. Please contact Wendy DeLuca at wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org with questions or to sign up.

Tables and Chairs

Tables and chairs are available for member use for parties etc. They are located in the garage, right hand bay. Call/email the office and you will be notified if they are available and dates can be reserved for you.

Women of Faith

Save the Date: The Women of Faith will be meeting in-person on November 11, Saturday from 10 am- 12 noon at Zion. NOTE that this is a new day and time. We are moving to Saturdays instead of after church on Sunday. Our Saviour will present the program. Watch for more information about the program in future newsletters. There will be coffee, tea and water along with goodies. We would love to see you there. Mark your calendars.

Fall Bible Studies will be moving to the second Monday evening at 7pm and start in October. We will be planning our Fall Bible Studies at our September 11, Monday, 7pm planning meeting on Zoom. Your attendance and input would be so appreciated. All are welcome; come and join us in making the decision for Bible Study topics, dates, time and locations. Contact JoAnn Blaise or Ann Maher for more information about logging in for the meeting.

Join in the conversation and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you at these two events.

Calling All Writers!

Did you enjoy reading and writing in our booklet "Inspirational Words"? We hope so! Distributed last January, it was our first attempt at providing a devotional collection of writings by members of our congregation. We are testing the waters to see if an Advent devotional is a possibility. All we need is for some of you to share your thoughts and writing pieces with us. Interested? Send your pieces to info@trinityherkimer.org or contact Ann Maher with any questions. Volume II, here we come!

Serving and Sharing

DONATION FOCUS

For the month of September, our donation focus will be pasta and sauce as our food emphasis. Donations of socks are also requested. Each month we will have a different donation focus, but other items will always be in need and accepted. Food donations can be left in the box in the sanctuary or in the Henry Street vestibule. The Box for Socks is on the table in the narthex. Thanks to all who continue to donate!

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Fall Highway Cleanup is planned for September 23rd at 9:00. Contact Sue Harkins or JoAnn Blaise for more information.

Learning

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on September 15th at Trinity to discuss *Under the Overpass* by Mike Yankoski. This tells the experience of two Christian college students who live as homeless for 5 months. All are welcome for what is sure to be an interesting discussion.

At Book Group we have been passing around copies of the book *Grace Can Lead Us Home* by Kevin Nye. Nye is a pastor who works with the homeless. He debunks the myths and offers solutions based on research. We encourage you to read this excellent informative book to better understand the plight of the unhoused population.

Both books are available through the Mid York library or directly from the Ilion library.

FAITH ALIVE

Hello everyone, can you believe that summer is over and now we are just about ready to get back into the swing of things. Time has a way of flying from month to month. However the GOOD NEWS is that JESUS'S LOVE doesn't change, it's the same yesterday, now and FOREVER. Amazingly, isn't it? We worship a God that loves us so much that He willingly died for All of us.

September dates for FAITH ALIVE are the 10th and 24th, 9-10am in the fellowship hall at church for ALL ages.

Be aware!! NEW and EXCITING things will be happening. WHY??? Because JESUS our LEADER, LOVES all of us with open arms and says COME and I will show you new and marvelous things. It's called TRUST, FAITH and GRACE, a personal relationship, a dialogue with our God. This is just the beginning!!! I'm excited, are you??

As a parent or guardian, would you like your baptized child to learn about why we as God's children are instructed by Jesus Christ to remember Him through the bread and wine offered at communion? If so then bring them to Faith Alive where they will learn in an environment of love and hands on the beauty of communion. Please speak to Phillis if the timing is difficult, due to various reasons. I would be happy to make different arrangements for you and your child. Blessings!!

JOYFUL NEWS: For those in 7, 8 grade, CONFIRMATION classes will be starting up soon. YAY !!! Parents, please contact Phillis Becker ASAP for details. Thank you so much, your input is important.

Psalms 89: 1 - " I will sing of the loving kindness of the Lord forever: to all generations I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth".

Any questions, new ideas, or project suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. Please call the church office at 315-866-6474 leaving a message or speak to Phillis Becker or Sheila Baker. Thank you!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"In the morning, O Lord, Thou wilt hear my voice; in the morning I will order my prayer to Thee and eagerly watch." (Psalm 5:3)

PRAYER NOTES: PREPARING FOR PRAYER

The most important commitment we ever can make is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. After all it affects every area of our life, as well as every fiber of our being ---mental, emotional, physical, as well as spiritual. It's a commitment that we continue to live out on a moment-to-moment, day-to-day basis. Our commitment determines the way we spend our money and our time, the friends we have, the habits we establish and the habits we break, where we go and what we do. It's a commitment that has been life-altering and life-shaping.

It's not easy. It requires time. Energy. Sacrifice. It involves reading God's Word and pleading God's promises. It's motivated by a wholehearted Love, Faith and Trust that's willing to suffer, to repent, to sacrifice.

Our commitment to pray just doesn't happen. It requires preparation. Setting aside a refuge, a particular place for prayer where we would be undistracted and undisturbed. We all need this kind of sacred space set aside for special time alone with Jesus Christ our Lord. WOW!!!!

Prayer helps us anchor our faith in God. It's like setting our spiritual compass so that regardless of the twists and turns during the day, the needle of our focused faith always turns to God.

Food for thought: Why would we tune our instrument AFTER it's been played? With the same reasoning, we need to begin our day with prayer to ensure we live in sync with God. Why would we spend time only in evening prayer after we have already stumbled through the day? While it's wonderful to end our day in prayer, think about praying in the morning when the day before us has a clean slate -----a blank page that has yet to be lived out.

Be aware that again and again, a morning time of prayer is referred to in the Bible. Just in the Psalms alone there are repeated references: Psalm 5:3, 59:16, 88:13, 119:147, 143:8.

Read Mark 1:35 where he reveals that Jesus Himself, after a pressure -packed day of intense ministry, "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed."

However, we all know we need the regular disciplined prayer of others. For example being part of a prayer team or prayer chain or simply a prayer partner. Prayerfully consider joining Trinity's prayer chain, you and others will be blessed! YES, WHAT AN AWESOME GOD WE SERVE!!

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24
Counter 1	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise
Counter 2	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Reader	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Amy Manning	Phillis Becker
Slideshow/ Zoom	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Unlock Door	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon
Altar	NA	Kylene Jordan	NA	Amy Manning
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

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

July Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 5,105.31

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 5,250.17

Income is short by 144.86

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? You can visit our website and use the donate tab in the top menu. Contact finance@trinityherkimer.org with any questions.

Help Needed

Are you a financially minded person?

Kylene Jordan has been our treasurer for a long time, and it is time for her to step away. So the Council is looking for individuals willing to learn more about the responsibilities she has had over the past few years. If you might be willing to help the church in this way, please contact Council President Amy Manning or Treasurer Kylene Jordan.

September 2023							>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Worship Service				Bible Study			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Faith Alive	WOF Planning Meeting		Council meeting via ZOOM	Bible Study	Book Group		
Worship Service							
God's Work Our Hands							
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Worship Service				Bible Study		Highway Clean-Up	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Faith Alive				Bible Study			
Worship Service							

Our Church Family

God's children in need of support through Prayer, phone call or maybe a card or visit: Ann, Paul, Irene, Barbara, Peter, Tiffany, Billy, Kathy, Judy, Jennifer, Bo, Marilyn, Charlene, Gary, Nancy, Edith, Jeff, Joe, Harry, Charlie, Tim, Kim, Chase, Tanya, Gayle, Theresa, Joyce, Rachel, Donna, Edith, Ivonne.

As Christians we are so blessed to have a God who not only listens to our needs and concerns but also speaks to us in many and various ways. It's called a personal relationship or open dialogue with Jesus. WOW!!!

Dear Jesus, trusting totally in You with thankful hearts we pray for all those who are struggling on their own--including the sick and elderly. Move Christians to care for forgotten neighbors, and to give hope where there doesn't seem to be any. Help us to recognize the gifts You have given us and use them to Your Glory. In Your Holy Name we pray, Amen

Congratulations to Ali, Deron and Medisyn on the birth of Alijah Alexander Stinson born 7/6/23. We rejoice with you!!

Bri, we will miss you! Our prayers and blessings from our Lord go with you with much love. Thank you for all your help and always with a smile!!

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters which are kept in confidence please call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Baldanza
Brienne Wilcox
Laurel Becker
Cortlan Manning
Carol Bunn
Phillis Becker
Gary Pierce, Jr.
Brianna Roche

Valerie Becker
Lyss Jordan
Daniel Scott Jr.
Jessica Bowman
Taylor Farmer
Richard G. Becker
Justina Kane
Kyle Knoblauch

Amy Manning
Claudia Skandera
Luca Olds
Lauren Walrath
Leigh Hoke
Logan Marusic
Zachary Schrader
Sean Kane

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Amy & Jerry Manning
Sheila & Gary Pierce
Cindy & Jeff Manning
Dot & Paul Pryor

Nancy & Bill Stack
Wendy & Kory DeLuca
Thomas & Jennifer Manning
Valerie & Richard Becker

Phillis & Richard Becker
Miranda & Christopher Meinzer

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.**

If you would like to receive a copy of finalized Council meeting minutes please contact the office.

Helpful Resources:

Church Calendar: trinityherkimer.org/calendar

Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer

SYNOD website: upstatenysynod.org/

Notes of Gratitude

Thank you for the lovely reception after church on August 6th and everyone's words of appreciation. My time supplying at Trinity was a gift and joy for both Norm and me and has continued to be since his passing. Over the past 2 1/2 years many of you have helped me keep moving forward, sometimes I am certain you didn't even know. I will miss everyone and plan to come back and visit from time to time. I leave you with Paul's words to the Phillipians. *"I thank my God every time I remember you constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."* Phillipians 1:3 - 6

Shalom,
Patsy

