



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

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Hello all. I hope & pray you're all in good health.

September & October mean the return to school routines & schedules, and that extends to our Congregation. Faith Alive has started meeting, the Choir will be rehearsing soon.

The "Trinity-Zion Think Tank" is continuing to meet once per month, and our Council has formed a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Task Force, which will begin meeting in October. Its purpose is to complete & submit Trinity's MSP, which is necessary to participate in the Call process for a Pastor. We will continue to have Fellowship events with Zion, New Hartford & Our Saviour, Utica, as well as our own programs & events.

If you're willing & able to help do Autumn cleaning on your own schedule, leave a message on the Church's Voicemail. Any Indoor or Outdoor tasks that you see are in need of completion, please join in & do them.

The Stewardship Committee will be preparing the next budget shortly; join in on the discussion if you're interested. For the sake of planning, we will aim for paying half a Pastor's salary & benefit package, even though we may not be that far into the process by February 1st which is when the Budget year/Fiscal year starts.

Please think about volunteering to be on Council or the Endowment Committee; nominations will be open for a vacant seat on the Endowment Committee, previously filled by Dan Pollock, and at least 1 seat on Council, which is Temporarily filled by Wendy Catera, previously filled by Kylene Jordan, which will be open for election. Again, call & leave a voicemail on the Church's office line, & the message will get to me.

Your participation is needed in any & all areas, please come and join in!

I hope to see you at Sunday Worship soon.

Peace & Blessings,
Amy Manning, Council President

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
October 1	David Grindle, SAM	In House/Virtual	No
October 8	Judy Sadlon	In House	No
October 15	Judy Sadlon	In House/Virtual	No
October 22	Rev. Victor McKusick	In House/Virtual	Yes
October 29	Rev. Gail Wolling	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



Much fellowship, conversation and laughter was experienced at the 2nd Annual Joint Picnic at the Frankfort Marina and Park on Sunday, August, 27, 2023. Lutheran congregational members from Trinity (Herkimer), Our Saviour (Utica) and Zion (New Hartford) gathered for good food and good times. Many thanks to all who attended and the great assortment of food to share. We all got to know one another a little better and enjoy the beautiful day. Besides the lively conversations, corn hole and bingo were also played. Bingo prizes were donated by Laurel McCurdy from Zion. What better incentive to play bingo than to receive a Fair Trade chocolate candy bar!

Of the approximately forty-five people in attendance, many expressed the pleasure of getting together and the hope that we can get together more often for events like this picnic. It also proves that we can all work together for a common goal to serve our Lord.

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.

Women of Faith

Save the Date: Women from Trinity, Zion and Our Saviour will meet in person in Zion's Fireside Room at 10am for a program about indigenous people and the church on Saturday Morning, November 11. Zion will provide drinks and breakfast food. Please invite your friends, and men are welcome to attend.

Fall Bible Study will be October 9th at 7pm on Zoom. Contact JoAnn Blaise or Ann Maher for more information about logging in for the meeting. The link will also be shared in the Weekly Announcements.

Calling all who Knit or Crochet !!! Do you make homemade cookies?

Are you a person who likes to Knit, Crochet, or both? Do you make homemade cookies to show someone else you care about them? Your skills are needed!

Our neighbors down the road need handmade hats, mittens, & scarves. Specifically, these will be donated to Johnson Park Center, serving Utica, NY. Our Women In Faith group had Pastor Ursula Meier and some of their residents & volunteers as guest speakers in August. Rev. Meier asked for Prayers for herself & Rev. Dr. Maria Scates for safety & health, as well as their Mission in Utica's Johnson Park.

If you have gifts of Knitted, Crocheted, or baked goodies, you may deliver them, or call the Church office, or Amy Manning directly, and she will deliver them to the Johnson Park Center.

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

Without the help of many good Christians the many good things would not be done! Frozen meals, fresh meals, socks, canned goods, children snacks, desserts, donations to the Thrift Store and Salvation Army and many more show God's love through the generosity of our donors. Other important donations include time, thoughts, and prayers.

Now that summer is ending, let us enjoy coffee gatherings after worship once again. Dates will be posted in announcements. An idea is to bring donations as needed to help make meals for the Warming Center during coffee hour.

May we help to keep God's world beautiful with highway cleanup and our church garden. Some of the vegetables were used in some of our meals or shared with our people during this growing season.

Women in Faith from all three area Lutheran churches continue to have Bible study and gatherings with much help from Patsy Glista, who is moving to Rochester. May God's blessings follow her. With God's grace we will continue to move forward. Look for some announcements of new plans the women have planned.

Through God's grace, our Serving and Sharing team will keep helping with whatever needs to be done. God's peace to all,
JoAnn

DONATION FOCUS

For the month of October, our donation focus will be Thanksgiving fixings as our food emphasis. We will also be collecting paper products again as this is an item not covered by assistance programs. 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. Donations of socks are also requested. The Box for Socks is on the table in the narthex. Thanks to all who donate!

Learning

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group has selected *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith as its October book. This classic book is still a bestseller more than 50 years after its original publication. It has also earned a place on the New York Library's "Books of the Century" list. The group will meet on October 20th in the Trinity Fellowship Hall at 10:00.

Looking ahead, the November selection is *A Dog Named Christmas* by Greg Kincaid. The group does not meet in December.

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. Amazing, isn't it? We worship a God that loves us so much that He willingly died for all of us.

October dates for FAITH ALIVE are the 1st, 15th and 29th, 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: I - " 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:

"And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the WILL of God." (Romans 8:26,27)

PRAYER NOTES:

SIMPLICITY IN PRAYER:

We don't have to have a clear comprehension of what the need is or what the solution should be. We don't have to tell God how to "fix" things or even suggest what His course of action might be. We don't have to solve the problem for Him. What relief it is to know all we have to do is to get down on our knees and state the problem. The burden to resolve the situation is His, not yours or mine.

In addition to praying when we don't know the answer, we are free to pray without using eloquent speech.

Too often when we pray, we seem to forget God already knows the details of our request and how to respond in His infinite wisdom.

God is God! He can do anything and He knows everything. All you and I need to do is lay our burdens at His feet. Place them into His capable hands. Crawl up in His lap, put your head on His shoulder, and rest in Him. Sometimes no words are necessary. Weep if you must. He can interpret the tears.

INTENSITY IN PRAYER:

Praying until we enter into the very heart of the Father and discover what it is He wants to do for us or what He wants to give us. We discover His "wants" through the promises in His Word which the Holy Spirit will impress on our hearts.

DISCOVERY IN PRAYER:

IF we want to walk with Him, we must walk in His direction, which means we must surrender the will of our lives to Him. We can't go off in our own direction, deciding our own goals and pursuing our own purposes. We must walk at His pace, which means step-by-step obedience to His Word. And since we would have no idea what steps He is taking on a particular day, we have to read and apply His Word on a daily basis so that we can walk at His pace.

SENSITIVITY IN PRAYER:

As we pray, the Holy Spirit within us will direct us in what to pray for. Jesus promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truths, bringing to their minds the things they needed to remember. (John 14:26).

SUGGESTIONS:

When you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to pray. And what to pray for. Take your Bible into your place of prayer. As you read it, open your heart and mind to His still, small voice that will whisper in your "ear" and give direction to your thoughts and words. In prayer, be SENSITIVE to HIM.

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29
Counter 1	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	JoAnn Blaise
Counter 2	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	Phillis Becker
Reader	Sue Harkins	Amy Manning	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker	Judy Sadlon
Technology	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Unlock Door	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	David Grindle	Stephen Manning	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins
Altar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Judy Sadlon
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	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.

August Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 5,193.59

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 6,378.38

Income is short by 1,184.79

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.

Budget/Stewardship Meetings

October 4 and October 25 at 6:00 pm in the church library are the scheduled dates for the budget workshops. We will be preparing a budget to present to the council at their November meeting. Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend.

Did you Know?

Funds from Thrivent were received for assistance with food and supplies for this joint fellowship event in the amount of \$225. Any left-over sandwich meat and rolls were used to prepare meals for the Salvation Army. Twenty-five meals were prepared and delivered.



**LUTHERAN CAMPUS
MINISTRY SYRACUSE**

Fall Banquet

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH 2023
SHERATON SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY HOTEL

**Bishop
Lee Miller II**
Upstate NY Synod, ELCA
KEYNOTE
SPEAKER



DOORS OPEN AT 4:45 (CASH BAR)
PROGRAM, DINNER AND AWARDS FROM
5PM TO 8PM
810 UNIVERSITY AVE, SYRACUSE, NY 13210

TICKETS & INFORMATION SOON AT: [LCMSYRACUSE.ORG/BANQUET](https://lcmSYRACUSE.ORG/BANQUET)
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE IN CONGREGATIONS

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October 2023							>
<	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Faith Alive			Budget/Stewardship Meeting	Bible Study		
	Worship Service						
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Worship Service	Women of Faith Bible Study			Bible Study		
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Faith Alive			Council meeting via ZOOM	Bible Study	Book Group	
	Worship Service						
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Worship Service			Budget/Stewardship Meeting	Bible Study		
	29	30	31				
	Faith Alive						
	Worship Service						

Our Church Family

God's children in need of support through Prayer, phone call or maybe a card or visit: Ann, Irene, Julie, Paul, Peter, Tiffany, Arnold, Hope, Bill, Kathy, Judy, Marilyn, Charlene, Gary, Nancy, Edith, Jeff, Joe, Harry, Charlie Tim, Kim, Chase, Tanya, Gayle, Theresa, Rachel, Donna, Claudia, Jim.

Paul's first epistle to the Corinthian believers, who so desperately needed help and encouragement is expressed in this Bible verse "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain " (1 Corinthians 15:58)

A suggested prayer:

Father God, we pray for ALL Christians who are suffering because they are standing up for their faith in Jesus Christ. We ask you Lord to strengthen them and give them courage in the face of hostility. In Your Holy Name we pray, Amen!!

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:

We, as a congregation, are blessed by many members who serve behind the scenes at Trinity. They share the good news of Jesus Christ in many and various ways: prayer, phone calls, mailings of love etc., donations of food, smiles, cleaning when needed etc. and the list goes on. A big one is their TIME of themselves. They are selfless Christians. Thank you and may God bless and keep all of you safe in the palm of His Hand as you do His work in love. You are appreciated!!!!

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Brittney Betti
David Snow
Gabrielle Kelly
Holly Smith
Timothy Farmer
Hanna DeLuca
John Hoke
Kayla Kucerak

Sonja Taylor
Molly Ivanchak
Presley Macri
Verna Boor
Nancy Stack
Katrina Kapusta
Paul J. Marusic, Jr.
Ron Cole

Kalina Snyder
Lynn Roof
Gary Pierce, Sr.
Alexandria Mika
Grant Becker
Cathy Mayton-Collins

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Cassie & Thomas Sherman
Ashley & Joshua Hinckley
Barb & Gordon Marquissee

Dan & Cathy Mayton-Collins
Rebecca & Nicholas Perlmutter
Shannon & Jared Levi

Martha & Robert Smith

If you spot an error or omission, please notify the office. We will be happy to update this list!

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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.

**FLIP THIS PAGE TO COMPLETE THE
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SURVEY**

Christmas Worship Survey

Our Worship and Music Committee works tirelessly to provide meaningful worship services for us every week. Planning, coordinating and implementing these events require a great deal of time and effort. This year, Christmas Eve (December 24) falls on a Sunday. It is always difficult to secure a rostered worship leader during Holidays. Therefore, your **input is needed** so that planning can be done efficiently and effectively.

Please detach the survey below. Put an X in all boxes that apply and mail back to the church address, or drop off at church during Sunday's service or email. Your responses will decide how Advent, Christmas Eve day and night worship services are planned. Your input is important!

With Christmas Eve being on a Sunday, I would attend a 10am worship service.

With Christmas Eve being on a Sunday, I would attend an in person evening worship service.

With Christmas Eve being on a Sunday, I would attend both a morning and evening service.

I am not interested or unable to attend any worship services on December 24th.

I would be interested in a volunteer role during a worship service held on Christmas Eve.

If yes, please print your name here: _____

If you would attend an evening service, what time would you attend? Check all that apply.

4pm

5pm

6pm