



*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 All,

I hope you are enjoying the summer flowers, and the favorable weather when it happens.

If you would like the printed reports that were prepared for the June 30th Annual meeting of Reports, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Tina, at the office phone # or email. This article is prepared ahead of time, so cannot predict the results of the Congregational meeting.

Several combined events are being planned in July with our nearby Lutherans from Zion, New Hartford & Our Saviour, Utica. If you're interested in Ecumenical Worship with the Valley churches, it's at the Ilion Gazebo in Central Plaza on 7/14/24, 10:00 am, bring your own chair. JoAnn is planning a luncheon after that worship at Trinity. A "Cook in" to make meals for both Zion's & Trinity's free frozen meals will be July 20th, a Saturday at Our Saviour. Please read the other Tidings articles about those events., or contact the office or JoAnn B for further details.

The Call Committee is getting familiarized with the Call Process, working out details of how we & Zion will work through the process to share a Pastor. A Formal "Covenant" is being worked on for our 2 Congregations to guide our sharing time.

Our "Summer" Paraments are out in the Altar area, bringing bright blue & butterfly colors into our worship space.

Please consider attending in-person worship, bring in food donations for the local Food Pantry and check out what is growing in the church's vegetable garden. Have you noticed we are singing new music from the hymnal supplement, "All Creation Sings," about 1 per week? I hope you come to Trinity to check these things out.

Peace be with You!

Amy Manning, Council President.

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
July 7	Phillis Becker	In House/Virtual	No
July 14	Ecumenical Service in Ilion	Central Plaza Gazebo in person	No
July 21	Cory Jones	In House/Virtual	No
July 28	Rev. Victor McKuskick	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

Ecumenical Worship and Picnic

There will be an Ecumenical Worship service held on July 14th at 10am at the Central Plaza Gazebo in Ilion. Please bring your lawn chair and join us! There will not be a service at Trinity that day.

Following the Ecumenical Worship we have invited Zion, Our Saviour and the other churches participating in the Ecumenical Worship to join us at Trinity for a picnic! Please bring a dish to pass.

Women Of Faith

The next Women of Faith Bible Study will be Tuesday, July 30th on Zoom at 7 PM. The topic will be "Age of Grace."

All genders are invited to attend our August in person event at Munson! This will be a docent led program on "The Voyage of Life" series of paintings with a discussion following the presentation. The program will be held on Saturday, August 17th at 10:30am. The cost is \$5 for Munson non-members and \$3 for Munson members. Please be sure to *sign up in the Narthex by July 28th* as reservations need to be made for this special opportunity.

Serving & Sharing

Thanks to many blessings from God and wonderful, generous people, we were able to fill the freezer! Those meals will keep feeding our sheep. A total of 150 meals were made. We continue to provide a meal to the Salvation Army each month for around 70 individuals.

The garden is growing, with many beautiful and bountiful vegetables. May we give many thanks for that!

If you can help on July 13th for Highway Cleanup at 9am, we will be meeting at church or MOVAC.

We continue to communicate with the other Lutheran churches for bible studies and church services. There will be an Ecumenical Service on July 14th at the Ilion gazebo and picnic to follow at Trinity Lutheran. On July 20th the congregation at Our Savior's church will pack food ready meals to benefit Our Neighbors (food program at Zion Lutheran), and Feed My Sheep (food program at Trinity).

There are many things coming up in the coming months. Blessings to all for a safe summer!

JULY'S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of July, our donation focus will be sandwich stuff - PB&J, tuna, canned ham and chicken for the Food Pantry. 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 Henry Street vestibule. Thanks to all who continue to donate!

Learning

BOOK GROUP

Book club continues on Friday, July 12th at 10am. The book is "The Music of Bees" or any other book by Eileen Garvin. Read or just come to listen to discussion.

FAITH ALIVE

"I will Joyfully sing of the loving kindness of the Lord forever, I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth". (Psalm 89.1)

The JOY of the Lord is AMAZING during our Faith Alive gatherings. Why do I say amazing? Because that JOY of JESUS' and His blessings goes with us in our daily walk with the Lord. It puts a smile on our faces and becomes contagious to All we meet. Why? Because they see Jesus' love in us. Isn't that AMAZING !! Coming together in Jesus Name, no matter what age, is unexplainable and so ALIVE with God's grace, mercy and His AMAZING LOVE!

We will not have FAITH ALIVE for the months of July and August, but will resume again in September. Please mark your calendar. Allow the Holy Spirit to continue shining through you and have a great summer. Think about inviting someone new in September.

Johnson Park Center, located in Utica will continue to be Faith Alive' outreach ministry. O, what a JOY!! All are welcome to take part in this ministry. New ideas, project's are always welcome. Just speak to Shiela or Phillis with any questions you might have.

COMMUNION:

The door is always open. If you would like your baptized child to learn about why we, as God's children, are instructed to remember Jesus Christ through the bread and wine, then prayerfully consider bringing them to FA where they will learn in an environment of love and hands on. Please call Phillis and special arrangements may be made, if needed.

CONFIRMATION:

Our youth are precious to all of us at Trinity. Our goal is teaching them, in a unique way, to grow in their faith both spiritually and righteously into their adult life. To know that our God is a banner over all of us with His Love. To be active in spreading God's love, in a hurting world, through WORD and ACTION.

Please speak to Phillis Becker with any questions you might have as we contemplate on starting a new class in the fall. Your input is important to us.

PS: I know I have repeated this many times but please trust me, it will happen!!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"If we confess our sins, HE is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John: 1:9)

PRAYER NOTES:

-----God does not demand a perfect heart or even for one to be free from sin for prayer to be answered; however HE does want us to desire holiness and be willing to confess and forsake all sin. In that context, HE will always hear and answer.

The Bible emphasizes the simplicity of prayer. Believers are to pray about everything, confident that God hears our prayers, and that HE cares and is able to act. God's people are implored to speak to HIM, call on HIM, and cry out to HIM.

Prayer, then, is the appeal of a child who recognizes his dependence on Jesus Christ who cares about us. Sometimes the appeal is motivated by need, and sometimes it pertains to praise, but nevertheless it is to Jesus. He can be approached at any time, in any place. WOW!!!

Prayer is a living, vital expression of relationship with Jesus. True prayer is always a matter of the heart (Jer. 29:12-14). Jesus' model prayer known as the Lord's prayer sums up this beautiful relationship.

We approach Him as we would a Father. We acknowledge and praise Him as the hallowed One in Heaven. We express our joyful submission to His Will. We acknowledge our dependence on the Lord for material and spiritual sustenance, and we ask for forgiveness. We acknowledge His right to direct our lives. (Matthew 6:9-13).

Volunteer Schedule

	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
Counter 1	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Counter 2	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon
Reader	Amy Manning	NA	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring
Singer	Sue Harkins	NA	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon
Altar	NA	NA	NA	Judy Sadlon
Worship Leader	Phillis Becker	Ecumenical Worship	Cory Jones	Rev. Victor McKuskick

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$152,472 is \$12,706

April Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$3,917.15

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$4,915.22

Income is *short* by \$ 998.07

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.

Did You Know: The hand made butterfly paraments are now displayed on the altar and lecterns at TLC but did you know what the butterfly symbolizes? The butterfly is a symbol of the death and resurrection of Christ, and thus of any faithful Christian. In pre-Christian times, it was understood to be a symbol of the soul, deriving its meaning from the three stages of a butterfly's life: caterpillar (life), chrysalis (death), and butterfly (resurrection).



July 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Bible Study	5	6
7 Worship Service	8	9	10 Council meeting via ZOOM	11 Bible Study	12 Book Group	13 Highway Clean-Up
14 Ecumenical Worship Picnic at Trinity	15	16 Loaves and Fishes Meeting	17	18 Bible Study	19	20
21 Worship Service	22	23	24	25 Bible Study	26	27
28 Worship Service	29	30 WOF Bible Study	31			

Our Church Family

God's children in need of support through Prayer, phone call, or maybe a card or short visit: Peter, Sheila, Risleigh, Donna, Levi, Jeff, Jason, Michelle, Neil, Linda Gary, Rich, Michael, Barbara, Irene, Leah, Charlie, Ginger, Asha, Jim, Judy, Alice, Gale, Charlene, Rosemarie, Harry, Joe, Lucille, Jeannie, Bob, and George.

The beautiful thing about prayer is that we can be anywhere, in any state of mind, at any given time and connect immediately with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please pray for all those listed above by name, even if you might not know them, remember Jesus does.

The words of Jesus (John 11:25) " I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me shall live, even if he does".

A good friend of Harriet Neff for many years, MaryAnn, went to be with our Lord on June 11. Please keep her family and friends for God's comfort and peace in your prayers.

NEW BIRTH - A GIFT FROM GOD!

We rejoice with Judy and John the proud grandparents, along with Lizzy and husband Ron the proud parents in the birth of a healthy baby boy, Wren Ezra Walczyk 5lbs 3oz, born on the evening of 6/13. New life—what a beautiful gift from the Lord!

GRADUATES of 2024:

We at Trinity are so proud of our upcoming graduates: Ethan Madison, Jackson Manning, Cole DeLuca, and Lauren Walrath. CONGRATULATIONS!! Remember John 14:6, Jesus said " I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me".

PRAYERFULLY consider joining Trinity's prayer chain. If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters, which are kept in confidence, please speak to Phillis. Thank you!!

If someone has been inadvertently omitted please bring it to our attention. Thanks!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

Jackie Minter
Irene Krupa
Lizzy Walczyk
Kyle Crandall
Beverly Griffin
Jeffrey Manning
Jerry Manning
Rebecca Permuter
Barbara Marquissee
Jacob Griffin

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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!

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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