

AUGUST 2024

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,

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I am enjoying looking at a clear blue sky as I'm writing this month's article, and hope you've enjoyed the more pleasant weather with 75 degree days.

Your Council & Call Committee, as well as the typical year-round committees are doing their tasks to support Trinity's ministries in our local communities. Please consider making a donation for the local Food Pantry. Donation suggestions are made for each month, but you can donate other items. Please consider adding a few items which are canned/dry/shelf-stable to your grocery purchases to give to others in our area.

Since we didn't have an organized "spring cleaning" at church, please consider volunteering to do some in August or September. Even if it's not yet Autumn, we all know it is coming along, you may call it "fall cleaning" if you'd like to. I would like to see us focus on the Pastor's Office & all office windows 1st, to prepare for an anticipated Pastoral Candidate. Our Synod personnel have indicated they have interest in the Shared Pastor position for us and Zion. Of course, all areas can receive some attention, so if you see a need, please point it out, & help clean it.

I would love to see us have more 'voting' or active members eligible to vote in January 2025, and if we have a Congregational vote prior to that. Please consider attending worship to take Communion on a Communion Sunday, and making a financial donation of any size. Those 2 things will get you eligible as a voting member!

Please come participate, get involved, & be active!

Date Worship Leader Format Communion August 4 Rev. Victor McKusick In House/Recorded Yes August 11 Cory Jones In House/Virtual No In House/Virtual No August 18 Judy Sadlon In House/Virtual No August 25 Judy Sadlon

Peace & Blessings, Amy Manning, Council President

To virtually participate in Sunday Service, please join us at 10am on either Zoom, Facebook or the website.Zoom Phone: 1 646 558 8656Meeting ID: 3158666474Password: 13350

www.trinityherkimer.org 315-866-6474

Cooling Station Now Open

There is now a Cooling Station open at 55 Central Plaza, Ilion (West Street - side entrance only). Anyone 18+ who is unhoused is welcome to come stay daily between 12pm - 5pm to get out of the extreme heat during the hot summer days. Bagged lunch, water, coffee, will be available. Storage of personal belongings or carts are prohibited. Upon entering guests will go through an intake process and rules of the center will be explained, then all personal items will be locked in a locker during their duration at the site.

Save the date - Worship and Picnic in the Park

On Sunday, September 15, 2024 Zion, Our Saviour and Trinity will be sharing in worship and a picnic at Sherrill Brook Park in New Hartford. Pastor Anita will lead the worship which will begin at 10am. Zion will be providing the main dish and taking the lead on food. More details to come!

Serving & Sharing

We continue to have many interactions over food, not unlike Jesus. Our Denny's breakfast group every other Wednesday is growing. It started with Pastor Ann and continued with Ann Maher now with Sue Harkins. We had eight attendees and hope to have more. God continues to work within us and we don't even realize it.

We need more hands for highway cleanup, to keep this world beautiful. Know a teen who could use community service? Please let JoAnn Blaise or Sue Harkins know.

Thank you to everyone for their participation in the Ecumenical church service at the Gazebo in Ilion followed by a meal at our church.

We continue to make meals for the Salvation Army once a month. Desserts always provided by Kylene Jordan. Remember to keep the food donations for the food pantry coming.

Our communication continues very well with many events being spread by Weekly Announcements, posters, and communication between churches.

May God continue to work in our hearts and minds to make us thrive.

AUGUST'S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of August, our donation focus will be beverages - coffee/tea/juice 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

The Book Group will be meeting on Friday, August 9th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reading "The Chilbury Ladies' Choir" by Jennifer Ryan.

The next gathering will be September 13th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. For our September gathering we will be reading "Doctor at Large" by Morris Gibson.

FAITH ALIVE

As a reminder FAITH ALIVE will not be getting together for July and August. However we will start up again in September. Dates to be announced, so be on the lookout in Trinity's Tidings. There will be new and exciting things happening, starting off with an outreach project. By outreach I mean extending the love of Jesus to our shut-ins and all those that might need to be reminded that they are special in God's eyes.

Johnson Park Center, located in Utica will continue to be FA' out-reach ministry. It's called, God's Work our Hands!! WOW!

All are welcome to take part in this ministry. A big thank you to Sheila Baker and others who help, especially Ron Snow for his chocolate chip cookies.

Please join us in September, inviting a friend or family member of any age to enjoy our Lord's blessings together.

The Joy of the Lord is AMAZING during our Faith Alive gatherings. Why?, because the JOY of Jesus and His blessings goes with us in our daily walk as He walks beside us. Coming together in Jesus Name, no matter what age, is unexplainable and so ALIVE with God's Grace, Mercy and His AMAZING LOVE of Salvation.

"I will Joyfully sing of the loving kindness of the Lord forever, I will make know Thy faithfulness with my mouth" (Psalm 89:1)

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:

Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered in My Name , then I am in their midst." Matthew 18:19, 20

PRAY NOTES:

In the Hebrew, which concerns itself with the Old Testament, several words are used regarding prayer. The following include those most commonly used.

THE MEANING OF PRAYER:

- 1. "Palal" : It is usually translated "to pray" It is a call to God to assess a need presented and thus to act upon it. It also speaks of the dependence and humility of the one praying.
- 2. "Tefillah": This speaks of personal and corporate prayer with a sense of requesting intervention. It also speaks of confession and thanksgiving. (Num. 21:7)
- 3. "Altar": This stresses the earnestness of the one praying and the intensity with which the request is made. Sometimes the word is associated with Sacrifice.(11 Sam. 24:25).

- 4. "Saal": This refers to asking or enquiring, which means to ask someone for something. This word is often used in the Old testament of "enquiring of the Lord"1Sam10:22.
- 5. "Anah": Refers to a cry to God. Used to indicate humbling oneself before and submission to God.(Ps.4:1).
- 6. "Paga": Means "to meet" or " to encounter." It's meaning is one of intersession as well. (Isa.53:12)
- 7. "Hanan": This means to cry to one who is able to act to meet the need of the supplicant.

Thus these different words used in the Hebrew show how significant prayer was in the life of believing in Israel. The use of these words, as well as their intrinsic meaning, reveal a beautiful dependence on God, as a Person, Who cares for His people, and Who acts to help them.

In the New Testament, it being originally in Greek, the words are of course, different, but yet their meaning is basically the same as the Old Testament. The New Testament emphasizes the fact that God hears and responds to the request of His people.

(Mat.6:8; 7:7-11, 18:19; 21;22; John 15:7, 16:23; 1 John 3:22; 5:13), to name a few.

Prayer is an expression of personal relationships. This relationship is initiated by God our Father, Creator and Redeemer, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and the Holy Spirit. WOW!! We as His children are lovingly blessed.

Remember to learn to pray is to pray!!!!!

In His Service, Prayer Ministry

	8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25
Counter 1	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise
Counter 2	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Reader	Amy Manning	Phillis Becker	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon
Altar	Amy Manning	NA	NA	NA
Worship Leader	Rev. Victor McKuskick	Cory Jones	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon

Volunteer Schedule

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

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

May Information		
Actual Offerings Received for the month:	\$3,027.98	
Actual Expenses Paid for the month:	\$10,445.03	
Income is <i>short</i> by	\$ 7,417.05	
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: If you have some interesting facts on the history of our church or any other information concerning the church that you feel our members would love to read about - please contact Bona Starring.

August 2024 >	Wed Thu Fri Sat	Bible Study 3	7 8 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	14 15 16 17 Council meeting via Bible Study WOF Munson Trip	21 22 23 24 Bible Study	28 29 31 Bible Study 31 31
Aug	Tue		9	13 Council r ZOOM	20 Loaves and Fishes Meeting	27
	Mon		Γ	12	6	26
•	Sun		4 Worship Service	11 Worship Service	18 Worship Service	25 Worship Service

Our Church Family

God's children in need of support through Prayer, phone call, or maybe a card or short visit: We lift to you Lord, those in need of Your healing touch: Peter, Shiela, Donna, Levi, Jeff, Jason, Michelle, Neil, Linda, Ruth, Gary, Rich, Michael, Barbara, Irene, Leah, Sue, Charlie, Asha, Jim, Judy, Alice, Gale, Charlene, Rosemarie, Harry, Joe, Jeannie, Bob, George, Rick, John, Risleigh.

To our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please keep in your daily prayers all those listed above for Jesus' healing hand to be upon them, whatever their need might be. Our Lord just loves it when His children come to Him to intercede for others. His blessings come back to us full circle. Thank you!

Please pray for our pianist, Sue Kubica, to have a full recovery from surgery. If you would like to send her a note or card her address is 203 Snells Bush Road, Little Falls, NY 13365.

Jesus said in John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me shall live even if he dies"

Robert William Pope went home to be with the Lord on July 4, 2024. Please keep his family and friends, for God's comfort and peace, in your prayers.

Carol Bunn's niece, Tiffany Brown, is now home and resting in the loving arms of Jesus. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers for God's comfort and peace.

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 Becker. Thank you!

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

Audrey Gebhardt Leah Kane Kira E. Mizerak Michelle (Smith-Risi) Gay Kathy Kapusta Wayne Schrader, Jr. Jason Stack Kyle Alexander Rivers Lane J. Walrath

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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	Risleigh & Patrick Roche	JoAnn & Gary Blaise
Georgia & Grant Becker	Susan Hayes-Manning & Gary	Jenna & Brian Macri
Jessica & Richard Bowman	Manning	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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Office	315-866-6474	info@trinityherkimer.org	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: <u>trinityherkimer.org/calendar</u> Facebook: <u>facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer</u> SYNOD website: <u>upstatenysynod.org</u>

Please Save the Date



Lutheran Campus Ministry Annual Fall Banquet

a fundraising event benefiting Lutheran Campus Ministry at Syracuse University and SUNY-ESF

Keynote Address

"Living Virtuously from Aristotle to the Internet" Robert Roger Lebel, M.D. Professor of Genetics SUNY Upstate Medical University

and honoring

Lutheran Campus Ministry Syracuse 2024 Distinguished Disciple

The Rev. Brian Konkol, Ph.D. Dean of Hendricks Chapel and Professor of Practice Syracuse University

Sunday, October 27, 2024, 4:45 p.m. NEW LOCATION

Drumlins Country Club 800 Nottingham Road Syracuse, NY 13224 Cash Bar, Dinner, Raffles, and More!

Invitation to follow in August