



*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 all well in these last few weeks of Summer.

As I have said previously, we need more participation from Congregation Members, & an opportunity to consider is being on the Council. The Council is forming a Nominating Committee to prepare for the January 2025 Annual Meeting. We have an open seat, previously held by the late Ann Maher, which should be filled until 1/2026, then would be eligible for a 3-year seat. Council seats with incumbents who will be up for re-election: JoAnn Blaise & Judy Sadlon, eligible for a 2nd term for both of them. The Endowment Committee has 1 incumbent seat eligible for reelection: P.J. Marusic (would be 2nd 3-year term). No other nominations are required for January 2025 unless a person steps down from either Council or Endowment Committee. All Council & Endowment Committee members are Volunteers.

Please consider attending 1 or more events being planned, which you will read about elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hope to see you soon!

Amy Manning, Trinity Council President

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
September 1	Phillis Becker	In House/Virtual	No
September 8	Rev. Victor McKusick	In House/Virtual	Yes
September 15	Rev Anita Mohr	NEW HARTFORD PARK	No
September 22	Judy Sadlon	In House/Virtual	No
September 29	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

Worship and Picnic in the Park

Join the fellowship and fun on Sunday, September 15 at Sherrill Brook Park in New Hartford for our 3rd annual joint church picnic with Our Saviour and Zion Lutheran churches. The "Cedar" Pavilion has been booked. When you enter the park, go to the right, there is some nearby parking and a larger parking lot a little farther away. Need a ride to the picnic? There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Bathrooms will be opened for the event. Electricity is also available in the pavilion.

10:00 a.m. Pastor AnitaMohr from Our Saviour will lead a joint worship service with participation from all three churches. Picnic to follow after the worship service. Please bring a dish to pass or dessert. Zion will be getting the drinks, deli meat, rolls and condiments. Trinity will bring cornhole and bingo games, prizes as well as toilet paper, Lysol or cleaning products for the bathroom.

There will be no worship service at Trinity on Sunday, September 15. Please make every effort to attend this special event with our fellow brothers and sisters of our Lutheran faith.

God's Work Our Hands

We are getting ready for God's Work Our Hands by collecting items that will be needed to put together bagged lunches for the Loaves and Fishes Warming Center which will be opening again in the fall. Donations of snack sized Pretzels, Chips, Raisins, Corn Curls, Crackers, Cookies, and Fruit Snacks along with Water Bottles, Juice Boxes, Brown Bags and Sandwich Bags. Please bring donations to church by Sunday, September 8th. Contact JoAnn Blaise with any questions.

Devotional Booklet

We are starting to gather original devotions and poems for a 3rd inspirational booklet. We all have stories to share about how God touches our lives. We will also consider some photographs with scripture. Please submit your writings to the office at Trinity by October 20th. Writings can be emailed to info@trinityherkimer.org or left in the office mailbox. Contact Sue Harkins with questions. Format will be similar to the previous.

Central Crossroads Conference Fall Assembly

Pr. Katie Yahns, who serves the congregation of St. Peter's in Verona, has graciously offered to host our Fall Assembly. Our assembly is Saturday, October 5, 2024, 9-12, at St. Peter's in Verona.

Central Crossroads Conference Fall Assembly

Please see the last page for the flier of information regarding the Lutheran Campus Ministry Annual Fall Banquet which will be held Sunday, October 27, 2024.

Women of Faith



Women of Faith had a very enjoyable and informational morning at Munson on Saturday, August 17th. Women from Trinity, Zion and Our Saviour learned about the "Voyage of Life" paintings by Thomas Cole through a docent-led program. Lunch, conversation and laughs were enjoyed at Babe's Restaurant following the presentation. Thank you to Bona Starring for organizing our wonderful trip!

The next Women In Faith meeting will be at Trinity on October 19th at 10 am for a presentation about Kathie Luther, please come.

Serving & Sharing

Without the many ways we use for communication in our church, such as the bulletin board, announcements in church, weekly announcements on our web site and our email, we would not know the many things within our church or around the valley and world that are happening.

August was busy with the Lutheran churches meeting, the council of churches (Ilion, Mohawk, Herkimer) meeting, along with a new group, respite (a break for caregivers) meeting to get ready for our opening in September.

With God's grace and many willing hands, we will start to pack lunches for the warming center at our first coffee hour of the fall, September 8th, following worship service. Come socialize and eat, and help feed the hungry. Some of the items you can bring to help fill the bags are as follows: pretzels, chips, raisins, corn curls, crackers, cookies, fruit snacks, brown paper lunch bags, water, sandwich bags, juice (individual) drinks and your helping hands. Items can be brought and left at the church any time prior to September 8th.

One more Highway Clean-up before you know what (I'm not saying) comes. Come join us at 9am on Saturday, September 14th. The rain date will be September 28th. Contact JoAnn if you plan to help.

Thank you for the many ways you help the church.
Blessings to all.

SEPTEMBER'S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of September, our donation focus will be pasta and sauce 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

UPDATE: Book club will be meeting on September 20th at 10 am fellowship hall to read any of Morris Gibson's books. October 11th book, will be Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt.

FAITH ALIVE

Hello everyone, well here it is September and FA is starting up this month for the third year. WOW time flies and we see fall with amazing colors creeping up on us.

Our START-UP DATE for FAITH ALIVE gatherings will be Sunday SEPTEMBER 29th 9-10am in the fellowship hall. Come one come all and enjoy a relaxing time together.

New and exciting things will be happening at FA starting off with an outreach project promised to be unique and enjoyable for all ages. Sue will be instructing us with her God given gift of creativity in crafts. Trust me, you don't want to miss this time of fellowship in Jesus Name.

The Joy of the Lord is AMAZING during our Faith Alive gatherings. Why?, because the JOY of JESUS and His blessings goes with us every day 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.

Johnson Park Center located in Utica will continue to be FAITH ALIVE out -reach ministry. It's called Love in Jesus Name!

Invite a friend or family member to come and enjoy our Lord's blessings. All ages are welcome!

" 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 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 Becker 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 this fall. Your input is VERY important to us.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of Grace, that we may receive mercy and find Grace to help in time of need". (Hebrews 4:16).

PRAYER NOTES:

Jesus and what He did at the Cross, all on our behalf, are seen in the New Testament as the key to personal relationship with God that is central to prayer. Looking back on His Death and Resurrection, we understand what Jesus was saying when He taught His Disciples, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no one comes to the Father except by Me."(John 14:6).

A continued intimate walk with God is vital to prayer. In John chapter 15 Jesus uses the image of the Vine and Branches as told to the Apostles. This intimate relationship with Jesus, enhanced as His Words reshape our personalities to fit with His Values and Character, brings us into such rich harmony with the Lord that what we wish is what God desires us to ask for, in His Name. (John 16:23-24).

WOW what an awesome God we serve!!

PRAYERFULLY consider joining Trinity's prayer chain. Guaranteed to receive God's blessings as you bless others in prayer for their needs/concerns. A powerful word called God's LOVE!

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

September 2024						
←	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	→
Sun	2	3	4	5	6	Sat
1				Bible Study		7
Worship Service						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship Service			Council meeting via ZOOM	Bible Study		Highway Clean-Up
Coffee Hour						
God' Work Our Hands						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Lutheran Worship and Picnic	Worship and Music Committee Meeting	Loaves and Fishes Meeting		Bible Study	Book Group	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship Service				Bible Study		
29	30					
Faith Alive						
Worship Service						

Volunteer Schedule

	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29
Counter 1	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise
Counter 2	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Reader	Amy Manning	Phillis Becker	NA	Bona Starring	Sue Harkins
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	NA	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins
Altar	NA	Judy Sadlon	NA	NA	Amy Manning
Worship Leader	Phillis Becker	Rev. Victor McKusick	Rev Anita Mohr	Judy Sadlon	Rev. Victor McKusick

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

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

June Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$4,445.98

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$6,037.74

Income is *short* by \$ 1,591.76

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: Have you ever noticed the light on the left wall across from the altar? It is the sanctuary lamp or eternal flame. These lights in most Protestant churches are housed in red glass casing like ours. The reason usually given for their presence in the worship space is to signify the eternal presence of God in the church.

The history surrounding the use of these lamps is difficult to determine. Often the origins are linked to references in the Old Testament. God gave directions for the building of the tabernacle that included a lamp stand (Exodus 25: 31-40) and told the Israelites to have oil burning lamps in the meeting tent "from evening to morning" as a perpetual ordinance (Exodus 27:20-21).

The people of God can be assured that God's presence is with them eternally regardless of whether a sanctuary lamp is present in the worship space.

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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 Jesus, all those hurting in mind, body and or spirit for Your healing touch of Love. Sheila, May, Michelle, Neil, Linda, Jeff, Levi, Donna, Gary, Rich, Irene, Barbara, Jason, Sue, Charlie, Asha, Judy, Jim, Alice, Gale, Charlene, Rosemarie, Harry, Joe, Rick, John, Ruth, Leah, Kathy.

The beautiful blessings of prayer is that we can be anywhere, in any state of mind, at any given time and connect immediately through the Holy Spirit 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. Thank you!

Our brother in Christ, Peter H. Bunn, went home on August 11, 2024 and is resting peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus. Please keep Carol, his wife of 60 years, his children Mary, Scott, Peter and their families and friends in your prayers for God's comfort and peace.

For those of us who knew Dan Fleming, a long time faithful member of Trinity, he is now resting peacefully in Jesus arms. Please pray for his family and friends for God's comfort and peace.

Jesus said in the Gospel of John 11:25,
" I am the resurrection and the life; he
who believes in me shall live even if he
dies". Awesome words of God's Love!

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. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brianne Wilcox	Lyss Jordan	Claudia Skandera
Laurel Becker	Daniel Scott Jr.	Luca Olds
Cortlan Manning	Jessica Bowman	Lauren Walrath
Carol Bunn	Taylor Farmer	Leigh Hoke
Phillis Becker	Richard G. Becker	Logan Marusic
Gary Pierce, Jr.	Justina Kane	Zachary Schrader
Brianna Roche	Kyle Knoblauch	Sean Kane
Valerie Becker	Amy Manning	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Amy & Jerry Manning	Nancy & Bill Stack	Phillis & Richard Becker
Sheila & Gary Pierce	Wendy & Kory DeLuca	Miranda & Christopher Meinzer
Cindy & Jeff Manning	Thomas & Jennifer Manning	
Dot & Paul Pryor	Valerie & Richard Becker	

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



**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY
ANNUAL FALL BANQUET**
*a fundraising event benefiting
Lutheran Campus Ministry at Syracuse University
and SUNY-ESF*

**Sunday, October 27, 2024
5:00 – 8:00 PM
Drumlins Country Club
800 Nottingham Road, Syracuse, NY**

**Keynote Address
Robert Roger Lebel, M.D.**
Professor of Genetics
SUNY Upstate Medical University

**Distinguished Disciple
The Rev. Brian Konkol, Ph.D.**
Dean, Hendricks Chapel
Syracuse University

Cash Bar, Dinner, Raffles & More!

**Guest \$85 – Patron \$125
Benefactor Table \$1,000 – Student Sponsor \$85**

**Reservations accepted until October 21
Information: jkane@syr.edu or 315.355.7900**