



*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 was pleased to be able to attend the 3-Church Worship service & 3rd Annual Picnic in September, and was happy to have 12 of us in attendance from Trinity. My guess is that about 60 people total attended Sunday Worship & a Picnic in an open-air pavilion in Sherrill Brook Park in New Hartford. God blessed us with a beautiful day, both in weather & in fellowship with other local Lutherans.

To update you on the Call Committee process, the 2 candidates that had shown some interest in our shared-Pastor situation with Zion New Hartford have chosen to go to other Synods to work, so there's no current activity for the Call Committee. They remain in place for a future contact or candidate. Bona is continuing to set up Worship Leaders for us to hold weekly worship services.

There will be more fellowship opportunities in the next few months with Zion New Hartford & Our Saviour Utica, so I hope you'll find something that interests you that you'll come & participate too.

Peace & Blessings,
Amy Manning



Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
October 6	Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
October 13	Rev. Victor McKusick	In House/Virtual	Yes
October 20	Rev. Imani Olear	In House/Virtual	Yes
October 27	David Grindle SAM	In House/Virtual	No

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

Sunday, September 15, our congregation joined Zion and Our Saviour churches at Sherrill Brook Park in New Hartford for our 3rd annual joint picnic. Pastor Anita Mohr from Our Saviour led an inspirational worship service with communion. There was a pop-up choir from all three churches that sang “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” in four part harmony. The Zion congregation provided drinks, deli meats, rolls and condiments. Everyone brought a dish to pass and there was no lack of delicious food to enjoy!

Trinity provided corn hole, bingo games with prizes after worship service and the meal. We didn’t have a lot of participants for the games (full bellies and a warm, sunny day) but fun was still had. Meeting up with old acquaintances and enjoying fellowship with our fellow Lutherans made the day very memorable. Thanks to everyone who participated on this special occasion.

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.

Vitality Survey Follow-Up

On Sunday, October 20th we will be welcoming Pastor Imani Olear from the Synod to lead us in worship. Following worship there will be a meeting held to discuss the results of the Vitality Survey. Pastor Olear will also review our values and missions to help her prepare for a third meeting on November 23. At that time, she will provide us with suggestions, insights and opportunities based on our unique geographics and characteristics. Please join us for this very special worship & meeting! Lunch will be provided on October 20th.

Sunday, October 20 - 10 a.m. worship with Rev. Imani Olear
- Following worship - Lunch and Vitality Survey Review

Saturday, November 23 - 1:30 - 3:30 Rev. Imani Olear - Fellowship Room

All Saints’ Day

We will be celebrating All Saints’ Sunday on November 3, 2024. Please send us the names of any Saints to be remembered by October 20, 2024. Send them to jkane@trinityherkimer.org.

Women of Faith

The next Women of Faith meeting will be at Trinity on Saturday, October 19th at 10 am for a presentation about Katie Luther, please come. The presentation will include an ELCA video, “The Morning Star of Wittenberg” and we will also discuss the timeline of Katie’s life. All genders are invited to come enjoy the food, fellowship and maybe some lively discussion.

Serving & Sharing

The fall colors are starting to peek through God’s wonderful creation. The temperatures are cooling but not the need to share what God has given us; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Zion Lutheran sent a wonderfully generous donation to help fill the lunch bags (for the Warming Center) with many wonderful snacks and treats for God’s Work, Our Hands. We thank them for their heartfelt kindness.

Highway cleanup was very enjoyable with the weather this month, but we need more hands to make it easier. You know if the weather stays warm we may try another with a bigger crew with God’s help.

The Lutheran three church picnic was a great time for all. Thank you pastor Anita for the wonderful service, and the choir for the music made. Bingo wasn't even bad, if I do say so myself. Appreciate all the effort that all the wonderful people put into this day.

We will be looking for help in making meals for Feed My Sheep in the near future. Keep a lookout in the Weekly Announcements and announcements at the end of church. Salvation Army meals once a month continue with our leader Cathy Mayton Collins. If you would like to help please contact her.

May you all continue to flourish and stay healthy and walk with the Lord!

OCTOBER'S DONATION FOCUS

For the month of October, our donation focus will be Thanksgiving fixings for the Food Pantry. We will also be collecting paper products. 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

TLC Book Group will meet October 11th at 10 AM at Trinity. Please note the book choice is CHANGED. (Remarkably Bright Creatures is not available because other book groups have chosen it for this Fall season. Hopefully we can try again in the new year.) Our book choice will be Mostly What God Does by Savannah Guthrie. Subtitle is "Reflections on seeking and finding His love everywhere" and that explains what this book is about. This nonfiction book tells about her experiences growing in faith. It is both simple and profound.

FAITH ALIVE

Here it is October and we're getting back into the swing of things, every other Sunday 9am-10am. All ages are welcome for learning, fun, goodies. The best part is building new relationships with each other and Jesus. This month we will gather together Oct 13 & 27. New ideas are always welcome.

The Joy of the Lord is AMAZING during our Faith Alive gatherings. You might ask why? Simple answer, it's because His blessings go 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. WOW! What an awesome God we serve.

See you then and bring a friend or family member. Being a member of Trinity is NOT a requirement.

Johnson Park Center located in Utica will continue to be FAITH ALIVE 's outreach ministry showing Jesus love for all of us.

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

As you read this we would have started our start up project. Sue with her God giving gift of creativity will be our instructor. Thank you Sue for sharing your gifts with us, we are blessed.

COMMUNION:

As previously stated, 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.

Don't lose heart for your child. There is presently discussion about starting this class up SOON. In the meantime please contact Phillis Becker with any questions you might have. Your input is very important to us. Remember God is working in His time, not ours, which is always perfect. PEACE!

BIBLE STUDY:

Every Thursday 10am-12noon downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We are presently studying "Heroes of the Faith"(Hebrews11). Have your own bible, please bring it, if not we have plenty to share.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
(1 Thessalonians 5:16,17,18)

PRAYER NOTES:

The Holy Spirit plays a unique role in the intimate exchange known as Prayer. Actually, " The Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express"(Romans 8:26), and "the Spirit intercedes (helps us) for the Saints in accordance with God's Will" (Rom:8:27).

Prayer is a continuous expression of a relationship. The New Testament speaks of prayer as a continuous, constant experience for Believers (Acts 1:14 ; II Thessalonians 1:11 ; I Timothy 5:5; I Cor. 7:5). Just as we talk with members of our family naturally and spontaneously, so we converse with God Who also shares our lives.

One of the most striking features of prayer, as it is portrayed in the Epistles, is its intercessory nature. We read again and again of prayer being offered by Believers for one another. In this, we learn that prayer is an expression of relationship within the Body of Christ, as well as an expression of a relationship with Jesus Christ. Out of the intimacy of shared lives grows a deep concern for others and their needs and this provides the primary content for the prayers in the Epistles.

Jesus told the Apostles that when two agree regarding a matter, it would be done by God (Matthew 18:19). To pray "in JESUS' NAME" means to identify with His Character and purposes. The trust we have in God calms our doubts and uncertainties and also testifies to us that God's answer will come. YES!!

As we obey the Lord, for obedience is a necessary requirement in relationship to God, we are assured that we live in a relationship with Him in which our prayers are heard and answered (1 John 3:22). As scripture and the Holy Spirit testify to us that what we ask is in the framework of God's Will, we can have confidence that what we ask for will be granted (1 John 5:14-15). AMEN!

PRAYERFULLY consider joining Trinity's prayer chain. Guaranteed to receive God's blessings as you bless others in prayer for their needs/concerns. Glory in God's Love & Grace spending a special time with Jesus in prayer. It's Amazing!

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

October 2024								
◀	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	▶
			1	2	3 Bible Study	4	5	
6		7 Worship and Music Committee Meeting	8	9 Council meeting via ZOOM	10 Bible Study	11	12	
13		14	15 Loaves and Fishes Meeting	16	17 Bible Study	18	19 WOF In Person Gathering	
	Faith Alive Worship Service							
20		21	22 WOF Bible Study	23	24 Bible Study	25	26	
	Worship Service Vitality Survey Meeting							
27		28	29	30	31 Bible Study			
	Faith Alive Worship Service Coffee Hour							

Volunteer Schedule

	10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
Counter 1	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Bona Starring	Bona Starring
Counter 2	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins
Reader	Amy Manning	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker	Bona Starring
Singer	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Sue Harkins	David Grindle SAM
Altar	NA	Amy Manning	Judy Sadlon	Amy Manning
Worship Leader	Patsy Glista	Rev. McKusick	Rev. Imani Olear	David Grindle SAM

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

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

July Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$4,448.54

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$10,126.51

Income is *short* by \$ -5,677.97

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

Designated Funds received monthly **are not included** in the amount above.

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: Do you recognize this seal? Do you remember the meaning behind it?



While a professor at Wittenburg, Luther devised this seal which he declared was meant to be "expressive of his theology." This explanation is the gist of a letter written to his friend, Herr Spengler, town clerk of Nuremburg.

The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross, black, within the heart, to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saves us. 'For the heart man believeth unto righteousness.' Now, although the cross is black, mortified, and intended to cause pain, yet it does not change the colour of the heart, does not destroy nature - i.e., does not kill, but keeps alive. 'For the just shall live by faith.' - by faith in the Saviour. But this heart is fixed upon the centre of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy, consolation and peace. The

rose is white, not red, because white is the ideal colour of all angels and blessed spirits. This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky - coloured ground, to denote that such joy of faith in the spirit is but an earnest and beginning of heavenly joy to come, as anticipated and held by hope, though not yet revealed. And around this groundbase is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all the joys and treasures, since gold is the best and most precious metal. Christ, our dear Lord, He will give grace unto eternal life.

Amen

Martin Luther

(provided by Lutheran Brotherhood)

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, Michelle, Neil, Linda, Jeff, Levi, Gary, Rich, Barbara, Jason, Sue, Charlie, Asha, Judy, Jim, Alice, Gale, Charlene, Harry, Joe, John, Ruth, Leah, Matt, Mary, Rosemarie.

The beautiful blessings of prayer is that you 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!

We at Trinity have been blessed by Zion Lutheran Church, New Hartford for their generous gift of nonperishable food for the meals to be supplied at the Herkimer warming Center starting in October. We thank you so much for your love of generosity. " God's work our hands" is exactly what Jesus would have us do. We at Trinity are exceedingly grateful for our brothers and sisters in Christ of Zion. Thank you and so appreciated!!

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.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Brittney Betti	Sonja Taylor	Kalina Snyder
David Snow	Molly Ivanchak	Lynn Roof
Gabrielle Kelly	Presley Macri	Gary Pierce, Sr.
Holly Smith	Verna Boor	Alexandria Mika
Timothy Farmer	Nancy Stack	Grant Becker
Hanna DeLuca	Katrina Kapusta	Cathy Mayton-Collins
John Hoke	Paul J. Marusic, Jr.	
Kayla Kucerak	Ron Cole	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Cassie & Thomas Sherman	Dan & Cathy Mayton-Collins	Martha & Robert Smith
Ashley & Joshua Hinckley	Rebecca & Nicholas Perlmutter	
Barb & Gordon Marquissee	Shannon & Jared Levi	

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