



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Trinity Messenger

April 2021

Field Notes, by Rev. C. Richards

Christ is Risen! And the Pandemic continues...

Jesus tells his disciples that there will still be much work to do after he ascends back to the Father. He instructs them to wait for instruction from the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem, EVEN THOUGH, it is an extremely risky place for them to stay. And stay they do, until the Holy Spirit arrives at Pentecost.

I wonder what that time was like for them? Jesus has risen from the dead. He shows up on and off to visit with them. He meets them in the upper room a few times a week apart. He meets them on the shore with a breakfast ready for them after some of the guys went fishing overnight. When he ascends to heaven around 40 days after his resurrection, he reminds them of what he has told them and then he's gone. 10 days later (50 days after Passover) it is the celebration of Pentecost. While the city is full of people celebrating the wild parties of tents, drinks, food, and harvest, the Spirit shows up midmorning and sets Peter to preaching in the streets to random people, who are all hearing their hometown languages spoken by more strangers, proclaiming the goodness of God.

If I were a disciple in those days following the resurrection and then the ascension (fancy word for the rising to heaven, or just plain old disappearing), I think I would be totally shell-shocked and struggling to have any clue what to do with the rest of my life. Right? I mean think about it. These guys threw it all on the table with Jesus. He was executed for insurrection, political uprising against the authorities. The powerbrokers of the time were just as eager to kill off or discredit any of Jesus' followers after the way everything came to a head; more so now that there were sightings of him and powerful rumors circulating that he wasn't dead!

So, I'm thinking I would start by lying low, afraid for my life and for soldiers or thugs figuring out I had been with Jesus. I would also be struggling with the whole raised from the dead thing. I mean, I watched him die. I saw the tomb, and I would have been grieving. So when he started visiting, my entire world would have been shaken to the roots, even more than when I saw Jesus do some of his other miracles. This one would have blown the top off the cake!

I wouldn't know what was true anymore. God could do anything! But at the same time, the priests of the only Church that existed for me had conspired to have the son of God killed! Why did God allow that? So I couldn't trust them, or the church, but God was active and alive and busy, but unpredictable! And I would be caught up in the middle of it! What a mess! I'd be worried about my family, worried for my loved ones and friends, and at the same time bewildered about God's activity.

Fast forward to today – and we are in the same boat. We know Jesus lives. We know the Spirit acts. But it doesn't do the things we expect. We see God acting and busy in the world, but at the same time, we are hunkered down in the middle of an ongoing and exhausting pandemic. We want to act in faith and yet we don't know what to do. This month – how will you learn to live in the tension of the truth? God is alive and active! BUT God also expects us to act and participate, AND the world is hard! This is the tension of Christian life. Made so much more poignant this Easter by the current situation. As you dwell in this tension, look for ways to act and ways to listen for God's encouragement and love.

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How You Can Help!

Here are some things you can do to support the church and your neighbors this month!

1. **Call people.** Use your Trinity Directory – call your church family members and check in. **Make a Plan to call 3 families or individuals** (especially those who may be isolated) If everyone does this from the church – all will receive messages of care and hope. You could pray on the phone with one another.
2. **Give Financially:** You can support local charities like the food shelf, Luther Crest, the Red Cross, etc. Also – please remember to either mail in or drop off contributions (in the wood box in the narthex) or the best solution – giving online: you can go to: tlccyrus.com
3. **Pray:** Please keep up a prayer list of those you care for. Daily prayer is a powerful way to develop compassion, empathy, and spiritual discipline. There is no better time than now to begin praying.

TRINITY LUTHERAN WOMEN

UPDATE: Baby Care Kit assembly has been moved to the end of May with the assisting circle being Mary/Martha. As always, donations to Trinity Women are always appreciated!

Do Days

April 26th & 27th

Quilt making continues as an ongoing project.

Cost to send each quilt to LWR is \$2.50

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SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & LIVE WEBCAST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

NOTE: We are slowly taking steps to add worship assistants to each week's services.

DATE	TIME	READER	MUSICIAN	TECH/AV	COMMUNION PREP.
Thurs, April 1st, Maundy Thursday	6:00 PM	K. Hassler	K. Zenner	B. Barsness	T. Hansen
Sun, April 4th, Easter Sunday	9:30 AM	C. Carlsen	A. Van Zee	T. & W. Richards	D. Carbert
Sun, April 11th	9:30 AM	B. Barsness	A. Van Zee	K. Banta	
Sun, April 18th	9:30 AM	J. Knorr	A. Van Zee	D. Black	
Sun, April 25th	9:30 AM	S. Banta	A. Van Zee	A. Erickson	P. Pieske

Special Music: We would like to welcome anyone interested in sharing God's message through special music in our service to please let the office know: tlccyruskayla@gmail.com.

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BIRTHDAYS

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| 04/01 William Mickelson | 04/18 Connie Solvie |
| 04/02 Thelma Hansen | 04/19 Jill Owen |
| 04/03 Sheila Finke | Brienne Wentz |
| Wesley Richards | Chelzee Lem-Thompson |
| 04/04 Laurence Kannegiesser | 04/21 Jenna Owen |
| Nicole Baker | 04/22 Jim Wink |
| Mark Barsness | 04/23 Douglas Roberts |
| 04/05 Scott Mithun | Heidi Logeais |
| 04/06 Jaelyn Owen | Truett Richards |
| Isaiah Dalen | 04/24 Peter Brandt |
| 04/09 Michael Brandt | 04/25 Sheryle Dahl |
| 04/10 Janice Mithun | 04/27 Kathleen Banta |
| Evan Anderson | Janae Owen |
| 04/11 Harper Banta | 04/28 Aiden Davis |
| 04/13 Bill Bouressa | 04/29 Donald Thompson |
| 04/14 Allan Rutter | 04/30 Logan Gades |
| Jerry Carlsen | |
| 04/16 Rylie LaBeau | |
| 04/17 Staci Holzheimer | |
| Kaleb Robinson | |
| Natasha LaBeau | |

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church
Meeting via Email; March 16, 2021; 6:00 p.m.

March's council meeting was held via email as referenced above. The Council approved both the Treasurer's report and the Secretary's report.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact Kayla (tlccyruskayla@gmail.com or 320-795-2569) if you'd like to add any other announcements or information to the upcoming monthly newsletter.

Offering books are still available to be picked up in church Narthex.

** Element schedule

- * Wed, April 7th, 6pm-7:30pm at Faith
- * Wed, April 14th, 6pm-7:30pm at Faith
- * Wed, April 21st, 6pm-7:30pm at Faith
- * Wed, April 28th, 6pm-7:30pm at Faith

** Fusion schedule (Website: www.fusion-ministry.com)

- * Sun, April 4th – NO Fusion
- * Sun, April 11th, 6pm-7:30pm at First (read Mark 3:7-4:34)
- * Sun, April 18th, 6pm-7:30pm at First (read Mark 4:35-5:43)
- * Sun, April 25th, 6pm-7:30pm at First (read Mark 6:1-29)

Sunday, April 11th - Gatherings Sunday Luncheons for Widow & Widowers at 12Noon. Call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home (320-589-3220) to reserve a spot.

Sunday, May 16th - Purse & Yeti Bingo Fundraiser for Pope County Someplace Safe at 1PM at Captains' Bar-Glenwood.

“Save the Date” – Monday, August 9th – 20th Annual Luther Crest Golf Scramble – more details to follow.

Today < > April 2021							Month ▾
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
28 ● 9:30am Palm Sunday W ● 6pm Sr. High Fusion Mi	29 ● 4:30pm Book & Bible St ● 9am Weekly Devotional	30 ● 4:30pm Book & Bible St ● 9am Weekly Devotional	31 ● 9am Weekly Devotional	Apr 1	2	3	
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