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Give, Worship, Prayer, Invite, Serve, Study, Encourage

# *Trinity Messenger*

## *June 2022*

### **Field Notes: Rev. C. Richards**

As I write, it is planting season around here. My wife, the gardener in our family, has been planting fruits and veggies while I have been helping tend fences, move a few plants and bushes, and generally prepping for the growing season.

I have been so thankful for the (finally!) arrival of spring, even after the storm damage that many of us experienced in May. As the sun warms and the buds have popped, the trees finally sound like trees when the breeze whistles through and the grass finally sounds and smells like grass in the evening.

A few weeks ago, the frogs all decided it was time to wake up and start singing. I kept the windows open that evening to listen.

This rhythm, this season, has caused me to consider what season we are in as the Body of Christ. Like Ecclesiastes says: “<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”

What season is it for you? In your life of faith, and also in your life of work and home- what season is it? With pandemic restrictions mostly lifted, I have seen many jump right back in and pick up all the things they had set down. Scrambling madly, playing catch up. Others I have seen continue in a different pace, focusing on time at home, or with family and friends. Some I have seen remain isolated even though others long to see them. I have seen some jump into social

events only to find themselves easily exhausted. And so, I ask you again – what season is it for you?

The Christian life is a life lived asking the big question, “As God loves me, how then shall I live and love others?” The logistics of this matter. This lifestyle benefits from reflection, intentional actions, and a human pace that allows for rest and silence. Is it time to re-create busy rhythms of the past or is it time to slow down with intention? Is it time to remain isolated for simplicity, or is it time to reconnect? Is it time to plant? Time to rest?

The garden this year is going to be, and already is lovely. I have been sitting out there just to enjoy the quiet. Our work last year has paid off and it looks to be a good year behind the deer fencing. What will the summer season bring for you? Have you reflected or prayed about it? What might God desire for you? Can you engage it? I encourage you to consider how you might best live so that you are able to love others, and yourself and family in compassionate and gracious ways!

Christ’s Peace – Pastor Chris

# 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. Please remember to either mail or drop off contributions to the church office or give online. You can download the Vanco mobile app to do the online giving. Check it out at <https://www.vancopayments.com/egiving/church-app>.
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

\*\* June 12th – Baby Care Kit assembly – see included flyer for more information

\*\* June 26th-30th (Sun-Thurs) – Luther Crest Women’s week.

### Do Days

Do Days will be  
June 27th & 28th

Quilt making continues  
as an ongoing project.

# + + + WORSHIP + + +

SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & LIVE WEBCAST

*We are still looking for volunteers for tech/AV and readers. Please contact the church office if you're interested.*

*1st Sundays of each month are Food Shelf Offering & 4th Sundays are Luther Crest Offering*

DATE	TIME	READER	MUSICIAN	TECH/AV	COMM. PREP.	ACOLYTE	USHER/GREETER
June 5th Outside - Cyrus City Park	9:30am	K. Banta	Worship Team	N/A	L. Retzlaff	N/A	Erickson family
June 12th	9:30am	D. Olson	K. Zenner	J. Knorr	N/A	D. Black	L. & K. Edlund
June 19th	9:30am	L. Anderson	K. Zenner	R. & B. Barsness	N/A	T. Richards	J. & S. Anderson
June 26th	9:30am	L. Banta	K. Zenner	T. & W. Richards	D. Olson	W. Mithun	M. & V. Brandt

**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: [tccyruskayla@gmail.com](mailto:tccyruskayla@gmail.com).

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## BIRTHDAYS

*NOTE: We are working on updating our online membership system, please let the church office know if any birthdays are incorrect or missing.*

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 06/01 Hayley Aaberg      | 06/12 Asher Huntley     |
| 06/02 Steve Mullins      | 06/14 McKenna Amborn    |
| 06/02 Tyler Berg         | 06/16 Avery Monty       |
| 06/03 Brett Edlund       | 06/16 Nathan Kolden     |
| 06/03 Spencer Berg       | 06/17 Ann Mullins       |
| 06/04 Todd Hovendick     | 06/18 Karl Retzlaff     |
| 06/04 Amy Richards       | 06/18 Darrell Malland   |
| 06/06 Michael Mithun     | 06/18 Brandon Crow      |
| 06/07 Ryan Gades         | 06/18 Wesley Monty, Jr. |
| 06/07 Lila Richards      | 06/19 Susan Berg        |
| 06/09 Jacob Boots        | 06/24 Tom Dahl          |
| 06/10 Louise Engebretson | 06/24 Megan Zahradka    |
| 06/10 Sarah Anderson     | 06/26 Rose Thompson     |
| 06/11 Gordon Alfson      | 06/26 Peg Pieske        |
| 06/11 Lennie Solvie      | 06/29 Ali Tollefson     |
| 06/12 Ron Hansen         | 06/30 Dianne Ronnie     |
| 06/12 Craig Ronnie       |                         |
| 06/12 Eli Dalen          |                         |

# CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Minutes; May 18, 2022

Present: Holly Rutter, Lonnie Anderson, Barb Barsness, Kathy Banta, Jerry Carlsen, Katie Erickson, Pastor Chris Richards & Kayla Schmidgall

Absent: Dena Carbert

Holly called meeting to order.

Kathy made a motion & Lonnie seconded to approve the agenda.

Kathy made a motion & Lonnie seconded to approve minutes from last meeting.

Kathy made a motion & Lonnie seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Pastor Chris gave his report.

Old Business:

1. Reviewed the mowing bids for 2022. Lonnie made motion & Barb seconded to approve the mowing bids.

New Business:

1. Potluck meal after outdoor worship at Cyrus City Park on Sunday, June 5th.
2. Approved to financially support the 3 youth from Trinity on their mission trip to Blue Ridge Mountains in July 2022.
3. Approved for the 2 crosses on outside of church to be painted.
4. Approval granted for Kayla to take about 8 weeks of maternity leave at end of summer.
5. Approval for reimbursement of Luther Crest day camp deposit.
6. Volunteers will be needed for a cemetery clean-up day; still coordinating dates & times.
7. Motion made by Kathy & seconded by Barb to use Mission Fest funds to donate to Stevens Co Food Drop programs.

Committee Reports:

Property – Continuing to get bids in order to do some church building updates.

Education – Nothing new to report.

Worship – Nothing new to report.

Outreach Nothing new to report.

Next meeting: Sunday, June 12th after worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Erickson, Council Secretary

# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*\* 5K Walk or Run for Billie Osterman at 9am on Saturday, June 4th, at Pomme De Terre Park. Billie has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and this is a free will donation event. BE BILLIE STRONG shirts can also be ordered at [www.bebilliestrong.spiritsale.com](http://www.bebilliestrong.spiritsale.com). All proceeds will go to Billie & her family.

\*\* Potluck following outdoor worship at Cyrus City Park on Sunday, June 5th.

\*\* Pederson Funeral Home's Gatherings Sunday Luncheons for Widows & Widowers will be on Sunday, June 5th, at Noon at Old #1 Southside in Morris.

\*\* The Barsness family will be gathering for burial of Gerald Barsness's ashes at a graveside service at 1:30pm on Sunday, June 5th at Cyrus South Cemetery. Gerald passed away on January 4, 2022, and a memorial service was held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Springfield, Missouri on March 25 (which would have been his 82nd birthday). He was baptized & confirmed at Cyrus Lutheran Church. All are welcome to attend the burial gathering.

The link to his obituary is: <https://www.walnutlawnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Gerald-Hans-Barsness?obId=23589028#/obituaryInfo>

\*\* Cyrus Seniors will be in Trinity church basement on Tuesday, June 7th at 2pm.

\*\* Wednesday Night Alive will be starting up again on June 22nd (and go until July 27th). *Place is still to be determined.* A meal will be available from 6pm to 6:40pm, music will be from 6:40pm-7pm, and a speaker will begin at 7pm.

June 22nd – Speaker: Dan Herod

June 29th – Speaker: Brad Hurtig

July 6th – Speaker: Bobby Loukinen

July 13th – Speaker: Reggie Dabbs

July 20th – Speaker Richard Baker

July 27th – Speaker: Jessie Golnick

\*\* Vacation Bible School will be July 18th-July 21st for Kindergarten (completed) through 6th grade, from 8:45am to 3pm. It will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Morris, more details to follow!

Please register online at <https://www.luthercrest.org/camp1.html> and click on the "Off-Site Day Camp Registration" button in the banner. Once logged in, click "Add New Program" under registration and enter this code: FMDay22.

## \*\* Financial Update

Income: \$64,692.53

Expenses: \$70,945.93

- \$ 6,253.40

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# June 2022



Month



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