



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

Trinity Messenger

May 2021

Field Notes, by Rev. C. Richards

Have no fear little flock, have good cheer little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever. (Ian Struther – Hymn text)

The COVID variants that are spreading in our nation are twice as contagious as previously, yet only half of the United States is fully vaccinated. Many are beyond exhausted by this pandemic, others have decided to move on with their lives and are living as close to normal as they can. This is a time where there is anger, fear, mistrust, frustration, and judgment present in our everyday life as it has never been before.

In my observation and listening to your stories of joy and struggle, I hear many different responses to the larger pandemic and all its associated issues. But underlying most of your stories there is a current of anger. Anger is an emotion that usually hides another emotion. Anger can be a response to injustice – in that situation it hides frustration or a feeling of being wronged. Anger can also be a response to sadness, or even pain or injury. But most commonly, anger is a response to fear.

Search your heart for a moment with me. Is there fear there? Are you afraid that we will never truly be rid of this pandemic? Are you afraid that the regulations or the rules will only get worse? Are you afraid that you have been lied to or manipulated? Maybe you are afraid you will lose someone you love, or you already have, and you are afraid you will never feel better again.

Fear is powerful. It is most powerful when it remains unnamed. From its position of invisibility, it can move us in all kinds of directions, pushing us into conflict or division. Fear cannot survive being exposed. The simple action of seeing our fear, naming it, and spending some time investigating specifically what we are afraid of, and then speaking that to someone we trust can greatly reduce fear's power. Naming it out loud to a loved one, a trusted friend, or even just to

yourself can take fear's strength and reduce it to a known difficulty rather than an unknown and lurking presence.

Jesus named his fears to his loving Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. He helped his disciples name their own fears. Peter was often afraid of inaction or of not accomplishing God's will – and Jesus named that Peter would fight the long fight for the Gospel and eventually be a martyr. "... but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." John 21:18b

Each of us have a beautiful opportunity in this time of pain and frustration. We can investigate our own hearts. We can sit for a moment and reflect, "Am I angry about this? Why? What is the cause?" After a few things come to mind, examine deeper, "What is underneath that cause? Is it fear? Of what?" Having identified a few places where you might have anger, fear, pain, or impatience, you can bring those things to God in prayer! "Lord Jesus, I feel anger about... or I am afraid of..." and having spoken it aloud, God has heard you. You may be amazed at the ways God will provide comfort and possibility to you during your work on identifying your heart's condition. God loves us – always. God desires for us to know ourselves so that we might more effectively share love with others – give it a shot!

Christ's Peace – PrCR

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

** Baby Care Kit assembly will be May 24th & 25th with the assisting circle being Mary/Martha.

** Personal Care Kit assembly will be at the end of June with the Deborah circle assisting.

** Linda R. will be making a trip to the Marie Sandvik Center in Minneapolis on May 14th.
Please drop off any items to donate at the Church by May 13th.

Items needed:

- * Towels
- * Sheets
- * Blankets
- * Toiletries (soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- * Kitchen utensils

Do Days

May 24th & 25th

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 still taking steps to add worship assistants to each week's services.

DATE	TIME	READER	MUSICIAN	TECH/AV	COMMUNION PREP.
Sun, May 2nd	9:30 AM	D. Black	K. Zenner	J. Knorr	L. Asmus
Sun, May 9th	9:30 AM	D. Dahl	E. Ronsberg	R. & B. Barsness	
Sun, May 16th	9:30 AM	J. Solvie	K. Zenner	A. Erickson	
Sun, May 23rd – High School Senior Recognition Sunday	9:30 AM	H. Black	T. Hamp	S. & K. Banta	R. Schiefelbein
Sun, May 30th	9:30 AM	K. Hassler	K. Zenner	T. & W. Richards	

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: tlccyruskavla@gmail.com.

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BIRTHDAYS

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| 05/1 Eli Dalen | 05/24 Jeffrey Anderson |
| 05/03 Katie Moser | 05/24 Amy Boyle |
| 05/05 Terry Engebretson | 05/26 Robin Thompson |
| 05/05 Renee Kannegiesser | 05/30 Clarence Hansen |
| 05/08 Josephine Walcott | 05/30 LaVonne Onstad |
| 05/08 Jeannie Maanum | 05/30 Ella Aaberg |
| 05/10 Linda Dahl | 05/31 Dennis Pieske |
| 05/10 Corey Hansen | 05/31 Lucas Banta |
| 05/11 Marcella Hansen | |
| 05/11 Ardith Yunderberg | |
| 05/12 Maddie Finke | |
| 05/13 Larry Osterman | |
| 05/14 Elliot Richards | |
| 05/15 Joyce Hansen | |
| 05/15 Julie Rutter | |
| 05/17 Jennifer Erlandson | |
| 05/18 Preston Moser | |
| 05/21 Justin Malland | |
| 05/22 Janice Pieske | |

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church

Meeting In-Person and via Zoom, April 20, 2021; 6:00 p.m.

Present: Holly Rutter, Pastor Chris Richards, Barb Barsness, Lonnie Anderson, Dena Carbert, Kathy Banta, Roxane Malland

Absent: Jerry Carlson, Kayla Schmidgall

Pastor Chris led us in devotions.

A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Barb to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Lonnie and seconded by Kathy to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion passed.

New Business:

Volunteers are needed to clean out the library and start renovations.

There was discussion to have part of the church unmasked during services. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Barb to have the left side of the sanctuary and the choir loft reserved for those who do not want to wear masks. There were 5 yesses and 1 opposed. The motion passed.

There was a discussion about having coffee fellowship following services. No decision was made at this time.

There was a discussion about mowing the church lawn and the cemeteries. No decision was made at this time.

A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Dena to give up to \$1000 to Pastor Chris for a Rainbow Trail trip to Colorado. The motion passed.

Committees:

Education – Kathy talked about possibly having kids meet downstairs or outside during the sermon each Sunday for a Story Time.

Property – nothing

Outreach – nothing

Worship – nothing

Next meeting – May 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxane Malland

Council Secretary

COVID-19 UPDATE

In April, the Church Council voted to make the west one-third side of the Sanctuary (left upon entering) and choir loft available to those who wish to remain unmasked. To make this possible we will ask the following of the congregation:

1. Please exit the church from rear rows to front rows after services conclude.
2. When moving around the sanctuary, all will be masked.
3. Social distancing will remain in effect for all sections
4. During Communion, all will be masked.
5. When seated or standing in the west one-third section of the Sanctuary or the choir loft, left upon entering, you may be unmasked. Upon leaving that section (and especially while moving around the sanctuary upon entrance or exit or during communion), please re-mask.

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.

** Element schedule

- * Wed, April 28th, 6p-7:30p - Faith Lutheran
- * Wed, May 5th, 6p-7:30p – Faith Lutheran
- * Wed, May 12th, 6p-7:30p – Party in the Park! – watch emails for more info

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

- * Sun, May 2nd, 6p-7:30p – First Lutheran (read Mark 6:30-8:30)
- * Sun, May 9th – NO Fusion – Hug Your Mom! 😊
- * Sun, May 16th, 6p-7:30p – First Lutheran (read Mark 8:31-10:52)
- * Sun, May 23rd, 6p-7:30p – First Lutheran (read Mark 11:1—13-37)

** Open house bridal shower for Kaylee Brandt (daughter of Mike & Vicky), bride-to-be of Darion Helberg, at 10AM on Saturday, May 8th, at Nora Lutheran Church, rural Kensington. The couple is registered at Target & West Elm. Drop off gift with Kayla by 2pm on Friday, May 7th if you are unable to attend.

** Women of Worth event – “Identity in Christ” – Morris E. Free Church, Saturday, May 8th from 9am-12pm. Featured speaker is Jennifer Logan.

** 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.

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