



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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

Trinity Messenger

November 2022

Field Notes: Rev. C. Richards

Last month I helped lead the first training session our Synod has offered on Faithful Innovation. Faithful Innovation is a process developed by the Lake and Lilly Institute and other North American Seminaries to do just what it says – innovate faithfully. Another way I have described the FI is as a process of listening to God so that we might take the next faithful step forward together.

Its funny really – but much of the training isn't on the process of creative innovation. Most of the learning that is necessary for church members, council leaders, pastors, and parishioners is on how to listen to one another and how to listen to God and then share the story of God's activity with others. Those are fundamentals of faith – that after generations of Church pattern and systems, have gotten harder to do together, especially when the listening might suggest new or different moves.

As Church, we have become very good at some things. We are good at weekly scripture, worship, and prayer time. We are good at fellowship and keeping track of one another. We are even good (at least I think we are at Trinity) at praying for one another and sharing God's love with one another. But – listening for God – discerning what God is up to and where we might partner with what God is already doing – that's not a muscle we flex very often, and definitely not a muscle we flex together in community.

There are lots of reasons for this. And it certainly isn't a criticism. I am right there in the middle of that same situation. I began learning the Faithful Innovation process almost 4 years ago and I still sometimes have to stop and look again at things and wonder with the FI central question – What is God up to here?

We brought a team of 5 to the training. We'll have a coach to help us along the way as well. Our goal isn't to do anything drastic – put simply, we are going to learn as a team how to listen to God and others intentionally, how to do some small activities/experiments to learn new things, and then we will share that story with all of you and probably teach some of what we are learning. Not a complicated process.

Another place the FI training spends time is in how to unlearn some of the habits we have as “church people”. Habits like – measuring success or failure in terms of attendance or expected outcomes, trying to do what we have always done – more, setting up a program that goes on in perpetuity instead of asking what folks want or need now, planning for people who aren't in the room or involved, etc.

So much of our church life is vibrant and solid! But there are gaps – right?! How will we take each next faithful step together to follow God today without only relying on yesterday? There's nothing wrong with yesterday, but God didn't stop moving and acting there. God is running on out ahead of us – how will we follow faithfully?

As you can imagine, it is a daunting task to think about the state of the world, the nation, our community, and then start to ask God questions. It is even more daunting to then remember that we are God's children and are called to follow (in the LBW hymnals words) down paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Please keep our FI team in prayer as we come and find you to hear stories. Keep us in prayer as we listen to our community and neighbors. Keep us in prayer as we try some small experiments. And when we start sharing that story of where we saw God acting, keep your heart open to the possibilities of the next faithful steps we might take to keep following God together!

Christ's Peace to you and yours - 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. 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

Do Days is in need of a sewing machine. If you have a newer machine in good condition that you would be willing to donate, please contact Barb Barsness.

Do Days can always use sheets that are in good condition with no stains or tears to use for making quilts

Do Days

Do Days will be
November 28th &
29th

Quilt making continues
as an ongoing project.

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SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

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
Sun, Nov 6th	9:30am	L. Banta	J. Odello	R. & B. Barsness	R. Kannegiesser	N. Kolden	M. & J. Huntley
Sun, Nov 13th	9:30am	K. Banta	N/A	M. Barsness	N/A	W. Mithun	C. & A. Richards
Sun, Nov 20th	9:30am	J. Solvie	K. Zenner	J. Knorr	N/A	T. Richards	B. Hesse
Wed, Nov 23rd	6:00pm	K. Hassler	K. Zenner	T. & W. Richards	T. Ludwick & T. Hansen	B. Black	N/A
Sun, Nov 27th	9:30am	J. Maanum	K. Zenner	R. Huebner	J. Maanum	L. Anderson	J. & J. Boots


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

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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| 11/01 Harold Kjeldahl | 11/15 Vernett Kannegiesser |
| 11/01 Darren Lilienthal | 11/20 Alexis Joos |
| 11/01 Gregory Pieske | 11/20 Taylor Tollefson |
| 11/02 Angela Joos | 11/21 Jennifer Monty |
| 11/02 Adam Aaberg | 11/23 Dennis Dahl |
| 11/08 Rebecca Soberg | 11/26 Harlan Wenté |
| 11/08 Dimitri Estrada | 11/26 Lindsay Graff |
| 11/08 Venessa Barsness | 11/28 Nicole Harris |
| 11/09 Terryle Olson | 11/29 Larry Hansen |
| 11/09 Miles Banta | 11/29 Tyler Erdman |
| 11/09 Harper Holzheimer | 11/30 Gary Ness |
| 11/11 Kathryn Barsness | |



Let us
Come to Him with
THANKSGIVING
Let us **sing**
PSALMS
of praise
to HIM!

Psalm 95:2



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 9, 2022

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

Absent: Lonnie Anderson

Holly called meeting to order.

Dena made a motion & Kathy seconded to approve agenda.

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

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

Pastor Chris gave his report.

Old Business:

1. Kitchen coffee maker – Barb has one picked out from FetCo & will be looking into & ordering appropriate one for our needs. Dena approved & Kathy seconded to move forward with getting a new machine.
2. We will be removing the safe, file cabinets & other office items from Narthex – available for folks to take.
3. Hours for keeping the church doors open. Working on possibility of a keypads/codes for doors.

New Business:

1. Holiday service schedule
 - A. Thanksgiving Eve – 6pm
 - B. Christmas Eve service – 4pm
 - C. Christmas Day is a Sunday (no service, streaming service from Christmas Eve or a short pre-recorded sermon).
 - D. January 1st will be “Lessons & Carols” service.
 - E. There will be 2 Wednesday night services during Advent season – 6pm
2. Qualify for capital credits membership payout from RTA – Dena made a motion to apply & Kathy seconded.

Committee Reports:

Property – New locks/keypads on the doors

Still waiting for Dust Busters to contact us back about duct cleaning

Education – Sunday school is going well & the kids are singing in church on Oct. 23rd

Worship – Working on getting Mission Fest organized

Decorating Narthex & Sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, Nov. 27th

Outreach Nothing new to report.

Next meeting: Sunday, November 6th after worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Erickson, Council Secretary

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.

- * Cyrus Seniors will be in Trinity church basement on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 2pm.
- * Gatherings Sunday Luncheons for Widows & Widowers will be on Sunday, Nov. 6th, at Noon at Old #1 Southside in Morris.
- * Fall Dinner & Silent Auction at First Lutheran in Morris – Wed, Nov. 2nd, from 4:30p-7p. Take-Out/Home Delivery only. \$14 per meal. Silent auction is online (www.flcmorris.org). Poster on bulletin board in Narthex has more information.
- * SW MN Synod Equipping Congregations RoadShow live in-person is Nov. 3rd, 4th & 5th – Poster on bulletin board in Narthex has more information.
- * Meatball supper at Faith Lutheran in Morris is Wed, Nov. 9th from 4:30p-7p. Dine-In or Take-Out; adults are \$12, ages 10 & under are \$6; preschoolers are free. Poster on bulletin board in Narthex has more information.
- * Church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24th & Friday, Nov. 25th.
- * Luther Crest Holiday Bake Sale order is enclosed. Place orders by December 2nd.
- * ELEMENT SCHEDULE (held at First Lutheran unless noted)
 - * Wed, 11/2 – Prayer Walk; meet at Federated Church at 6pm
 - * Wed, 11/9 No Element
 - * Wed, 11/23 No Element (Thanksgiving break)
 - * Mon, 11/7 – Reggie Dabbs is in town!
 - * Wed, 11/16 6pm-7:30pm
 - * Wed, 11/30 6pm-7:30pm
- * SR. HIGH FUSION SCHEDULE (held at First Lutheran unless noted)
 - * Sun, 11/6 6:30pm-8pm
 - * Sun, 11/13 Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner
 - * Sun, 11/27 No Fusion (Thanksgiving break)
 - * Mon, 11/7 – Reggie Dabbs is in town!
 - * Sun, 11/20 6:30pm-8pm
- * Plans are underway for Mission Fest –Celebrating Our Privilege of Making Christ Known – on Sun, December 4th.
 - * Silent Auction – Please have items to church by 3pm Saturday, Dec 3rd. Make sure to include the cost of the donated item. Any questions, contact Lynn Asmus, Paulette Solvie, or Janis Deetz.
 - * Live Auction – We are looking for 4 or 5 items for the live auction. If you have something you would like to contribute, please contact Clori Carlsen.
 - * Lunch – Jodi Jergenson is in charge so if you are interested in helping with the prep or serving, let her know. Everyone in Group 1 (list of names is in the Trinity Women 2022 green book) needs to bring 2 dozen cookies. The cookies will be for lunch at Mission Fest and put in the Christmas baskets.
 - * Lefse will be made to sell on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 20th) and during Mission Fest. Peeling potatoes will be Monday, Nov. 14th at 3pm and rolling the lefse on Tuesday, Nov. 15th in the morning. Let Barb B. know if you can help with this. There are many jobs besides the actual rolling, so feel free to help.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 2p-Cyrus Seniors	2 9a - Weekly Devotional 6p -Element	3	4	5
6 9:30a – Worship- All Saints 10:30a – Sunday School 6:30p – Fusion	7 Speaker Reggie Dabbs in Morris	8 Speaker Reggie Dabbs in Morris	9 Speaker Reggie Dabbs in Morris 9a - Weekly Devotional No Element	10	11	12
13 9:30a – Worship 10:30a – Sunday School 6:30p – Fusion	14	15	16 9a - Weekly Devotional 6p - Element	17	18	19
20 9:30a – Worship 10:30a – Sunday School 6:30p - Fusion	21	22	23 9a - Weekly Devotional 6p – Thanksgiving Eve service No Element	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:30a – Worship 10:30a – Sunday School 6:30p – No Fusion	28	29	30 9a - Weekly Devotional 6p - Element			

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