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# *Trinity Messenger*

## *October 2021*

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

*<sup>1</sup> I saw Heaven and earth new-created. Gone the first Heaven, gone the first earth, gone the sea.<sup>2</sup> I saw Holy Jerusalem, new-created, descending resplendent out of Heaven, as ready for God as a bride for her husband.<sup>3</sup> I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. <sup>4</sup> He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." Revelation 21:1-4*

One of the hardest things I have encountered in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ is exactly that – sharing the GOOD NEWS. Daily I encounter in conversation with my neighbors a skepticism that anything good can actually occur! When something goes reasonably well, in an expected way and the hard work it took to accomplish it is kept in mind, I hear you all say things like, “That went well.” It isn’t interpreted as something good, rather it is what *ought* to happen given the situation, the effort, all things considered. It didn’t go badly.

When I hear you all describe something good happening – it is usually something good happening DESPITE expectations! My family member got a job! The doctors did well and they are healing! We are living in a media and cultural age of assumed failure, expected disaster, predetermined failure.

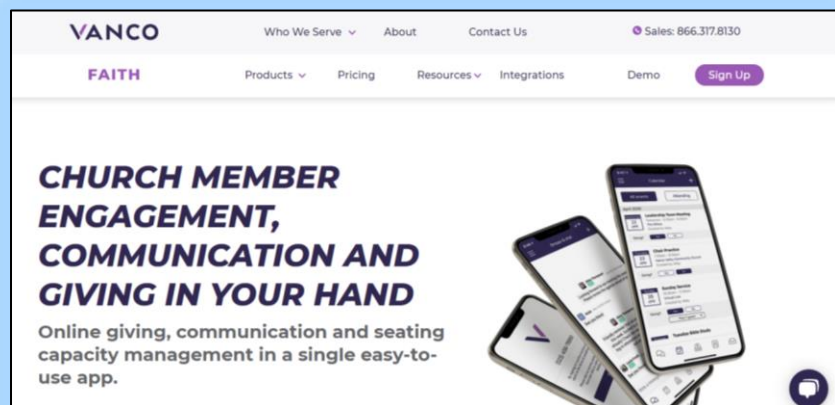
How do we – faithful followers of Jesus, who tells *and* shows us that He has begun something new, the death of death and the renewal and recreation of life and our eternal life - how do we share this news with others when we ourselves struggle to imagine it!?

I have had many moments in my life where God has shown up actively, lit up the room. My heart lights up and I realize once again that God has done what God promises to do. I bet many of you have had experiences like this too. Afterwards you thank God for hearts mended, eyes opened, chains broken, life restored, and sins forgiven. And in these brief and often hard to explain moments, you catch a glimpse of what God is up to and who God is.

When I piece together my experiences, and the stories of moments you all have shared with me, like a puzzle partly finished, I can catch a glimpse of the grandeur and majesty of God. I can see the outlines of the GOOD NEWS. Jesus is himself the story, the answer, and the truth of this Good News. We often are unable to imagine anything good happening, let alone something of this magnitude. But, as followers of Christ, I encourage you to spend time imagining goodness. Daydream about it – learn to recognize the good, highlight and talk about it – develop that imagination so that in your life and in relationship to other, you can always be a sign pointing to what Jesus has done, and is doing – making everything new and right. God is alive and well in our lives – how do we share that vision with others – that good things are happening!?

Peace – *Pr. Chris*

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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](http://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

\*\* The fabric kits will be assembled on October 25th.

\*\* Mission Fest will be on Sunday, November 14th.

*Do Days*

October 25th & 26th

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.*

DATE	TIME	READER	MUSICIAN	TECH/AV	COMMUNION PREP.
Sun, Oct. 3rd	9:30 AM	L. Banta	E. Ronsberg	T. & W. Richards	Sandy Anderson
Sun, Oct. 10th	9:30 AM	D. Olson	K. Zenner	S. & K. Banta	
Sun, Oct. 17th	9:30 AM	J. Maanum	<i>TBD</i>	D. Black & Boys	
Sun, Oct. 24th	9:30 AM	J. Rutter	K. Zenner	J. Knorr	A. Mullins
Sun, Oct. 31st	9:30 AM	C. Carlsen	<i>TBD</i>	R. & B. Barsness	

**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](mailto:tlccyruskayla@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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| 10/05 Matthew Walcott | 10/26 Yvonne Alfson      |
| 10/06 Payton Larson   | 10/26 Grace Alessi       |
| 10/07 Chadwick Larson | 10/26 Nora Boyle         |
| 10/07 Paul Tollefson  | 10/26 Gracy Erlandson    |
| 10/10 Sidney Mithun   | 10/26 Jeremy Logeais     |
| 10/10 Scott Estenson  | 10/27 Diane Hanse        |
| 10/10 Jasmine Boots   | 10/28 Travis Engebretson |
| 10/13 LeRoy Mickelson | 10/29 Amanda Barsness    |
| 10/15 Richard Rau     | 10/29 Brett Bouressa     |
| 10/15 Clori Carlsen   | 10/30 DeWayne Larson     |
| 10/15 Pierce Richards | 10/30 Charles Onstad     |
| 10/18 Anna Alfson     |                          |
| 10/20 Larry Ronnie    |                          |
| 10/23 Hannah Estenson |                          |
| 10/23 Aurora Campbell |                          |
| 10/24 Lowell Ness     |                          |

# CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Present: Lonnie Anderson, Kathy Banta, Kayla Schmidgall, Barb Barsness, Jerry Carlson, Chris Richards, Roxane Malland

Absent: Dena Carbert

A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Lonnie to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Lonnie and seconded by Barb to accept the Secretary's Report as seen in the Messenger. The motion passed.

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

Pastor Chris gave his report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Mission Fest will held on November 14 with a silent auction, a Lefse sale, and a simple meal.

Committee Reports:

Property – A proposal was made to replace the rain gutters for \$1733.00. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Roxane to accept this. Motion passed. The roll top desk for audio/visual equipment will be replaced.

Education – Sunday School has started again and is being held during the sermon.

Worship – The committee will start meeting again in October. We talked about hearing the congregational responses during the online services.

Outreach – Chris brought food to Lutheran Campus Ministry over the weekend.

Next meeting: October 24 after church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxane Malland, Church 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.

\* The Sunday School team has decided to shake up Sunday School and test drive having Sunday School during the worship hour! Children ages PreK -5th grade will be dismissed before the sermon and will meet in the basement for a Sunday School lesson. We are looking for a core group of teachers to rotate (hoping to have around 8 teachers, so each teacher would teach once every 2 mths) Please let Sarah Anderson (320-287-0328) know if you would like to be on the rotation and teach God's word to our Sunday School children!

## \* Element Schedule: Youth in 6th-8th Grade

- \* Saturday, 10/2 – 9am-11am; Apple picking service project – 6th graders
- \* Wednesday, 10/6 – 6pm @ First Lutheran
- \* Sunday, 10/10 – 2pm-4pm; Rake & Run service project – 7th & 8th graders
- \* Wednesday, 10/13 – 6pm @ First Lutheran
- \* Wednesday, 10/20 – No Element (Fall Break)
- \* Wednesday 10/27 – 6pm @ First Lutheran

## \* Sr. High Fusion: Youth in 9th-12th Grade

- \* Sunday, 10/3 – 6:30pm @ First Lutheran
- \* Sunday, 10/10 – 2pm-4pm; Rake & Run service project
- \* Sunday, 10/17 – 6:30pm @ First Lutheran
- \* Thursday, 10/21 – Sunday, 10/24 – Fall Service Trip (details to come)
- \* Sunday, 10/31 – Bonfire/Halloween party (details to come)

Please check out Fusion's website ([www.fusion-ministry.com](http://www.fusion-ministry.com)) for more information. Also follow along on Facebook (@fusion56267) and Instagram (@fusion56267).

\* Pedersen Funeral Home Gatherings Luncheon for Widows & Widowers will be Sunday, October 10th at 12pm at Southside of the Old No. Bar & Grill in Morris. Please call Rose (589-3220) with any questions.

\* Holy Communion service w/ installation of new synod bishop, The Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson, on Sat., October 9th, at 2p; Granite Falls Lutheran Church. RSVP at [www.swmnelca.org/installation](http://www.swmnelca.org/installation).

\* Glenwood Lutheran Church meatball supper on Wed., October 20th from 4:30p-7p – all tickets are \$12. Menu is meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, coleslaw, bread, and home-baked desserts. All meals will be take-out only.

\* Opportunity to work with Hancock Reform Church on Samaritan's Purse Operation Christ Child shoebox – pack a shoebox with gift to send (and \$9 mailing fee donation). Boxes will be brought to Hancock Reform during the second week of November and they will send out the following week- let Kayla know if you'd like to participate (need to get the shoeboxes ordered).

\* Trinity's Mission Fest will be on Sunday, November 14th.

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26 ● 9:30am Worship ● 6:30pm Sr. High Fusion	27 ● 4:30pm Book & Bible St	28 ● 4:30pm Book & Bible St	29 ● 9am Weekly Devotional ● 6pm Element - Who Wh	30	Oct 1	2 ● 9am Element - 6th grad
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