



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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

Trinity Messenger

September 2022

Field Notes: Rev. C. Richards

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"

Luke 15:1-4

While camping out in the Black Hills last month, my youngest son and I were hiking one afternoon. The National Forest in the Black Hills is expansive. While there are some marked trails, the entire space (not just marked trails) is open to hiking, wandering, and even camping.

That afternoon we were hiking in a trackless area, working our way northwest towards a dam and reservoir I wanted to see. My son asked me if we needed to worry about bears, a fair question in the Black Hills. (which by the way, as we were hiking at 7000 ft. and higher, ought really to be named the Dakota Mountains. They are far more rugged than the Appalachians, and consistently higher in elevation.) I assured him that we would be alright as we headed into untracked wilderness with no cell signal, huffing at the high altitude. He was unsure – reasonably so.

I figured this would be a growing experience for him – hiking out into the unknown, using senses and compass in a new way. He asked me a number of times – “Is this the right

way?” or “Should we turn around now?” I was comfortable navigating. Most times when he asked this question, my wandering would put us next to another National Forest Sign seemingly random, marking various things. He would ask, and then a few seconds later, I’d point out a marker, a sign, an animal trail, or a land feature to navigate our way.

This autumn we are all in a time like this. We are moving forward collectively, locally and globally, into an untracked territory. Work is changing. Many work remotely, others are downsizing. Connection is changing, with digital connection and in person connection affected. Daily life has changed. Costs are higher, businesses need workers, politics is divided, and the pandemic has affected us all. We are hiking into an untracked wilderness.

Jesus tells us that he seeks out the lost. Did you notice in his parable that ALL of the sheep are out in the wilderness together? Not just the lost sheep – all of the sheep are in a dangerous space. When you have spent time in the wilderness, you know there are real dangers. With experience and patience, one can find many ways to move safely through the untracked miles. But it is always unsettling, adventurous, and humbling.

I have often felt as my son did on our hike. I have not missed the markers – not known the way, or even how to gauge A way. I have had the deep fear in the pit of my stomach prompting “should we turn around?”

Jesus moves confidently in the wilderness. He knows the space. As faithful followers of Jesus – we can offer comfort and peace to our friends, coworkers, and acquaintances. This time is not unknown to God. We need not be in control of all the things. Rather, we can keep our eyes on the shepherd who is actively seeking us – making a path as he goes, calling us to follow graciously. In this we are doing the crucial work of sharing Christ’s peace. We share peace in anxious times, knowing that God has us safely in God’s hands.

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. 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

Fabric kits for LWR will be on October 9 – Service Group 2 is helping

Items needed for each kit:

- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits of 100% polyester)
 - Fabric should measure 2 ¼ yards of 60” wide fabric
 - 3 yards of 44” wide fabric
 - 4 yards of 36” wide fabric
- 2 spools of neutral color general purpose thread; 250-300 yards each

Do Days

Do Days will be
September 26th &
27th

Quilt making continues
as an ongoing project.

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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
September 4th	9:30am	L. Banta	J.Odello	R. & B. Barsness	B. Osterman	TBD	J. & P. Solvie
September 11th	9:30am	K. Hassler	K. Zenner	J. Knorr	N/A	TBD	T. & D. Olson
September 18th	9:30am	L. Anderson	W. Richards	S. & K. Banta	N/A	TBD	E. & S. Richards
September 25th	9:30am	K. Schmidgall	K. Zenner	R. Huebner	S. Giles	TBD	E. & S. Anderson

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

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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| 09/03 Jere Ettesvold | 09/16 Brooke Banta |
| 09/03 Jere Solvie | 09/16 Brock Erlandson |
| 09/03 Ruth Schiefelbein | 09/17 Kenny Veum |
| 09/03 Brooke Pugsley | 09/19 Nancy Flom |
| 09/03 Samuel Estrada | 09/20 Joyce Skogstad |
| 09/06 Desamus Estrada | 09/20 Craig Larson |
| 09/07 Robert Jergenson | 09/21 Tera (Engebretson) Erdman |
| 09/07 Rodney Mithun | 09/21 Kyla Koob |
| 09/10 Ashley Malland | 09/21 Wyatt Mithun |
| 09/11 Reed Kannegiesser | 09/22 Rose Larson |
| 09/13 Kellie Ashby | 09/23 Eugene Olson |
| 09/13 Robyn Mithun | 09/25 Marjorie Alfson |
| 09/14 Lonnie Anderson | 09/26 Amber Retzlaff |
| 09/15 Morgan Bedel | 09/28 Curtis Gunvalson |
| 09/15 Callan Erickson | 09/28 Alexis Carbert |
| 09/15 Lily Berg | 09/28 Asher Levorson |
| 09/16 Melloy Flaten | 09/29 Adam Erickson |
| 09/16 Cheryl Larson | 09/30 Wade Maanum |
| 09/16 Jennifer Pederson | |

back2school

● ● ● ● prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to
see new friends.

Open my ears to
hear my teacher.

Open my mind to
learn new things.

Let my heart
remember YOU are near
when I'm afraid.

Help me to
love others like you do.

I want to
shine your light
so bright in my school."

Amen.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Minutes; August 2022

Church Council did not meet in August

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Erickson, Council Secretary

****Rally Sunday – September 11th.**

During morning worship Bibles will be given out; blessing said over backpacks (bring yours to church); blessing said over teachers.

--After church there will be coffee and goodies in the fellowship hall while the Sunday School kids will help assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief

--Lunch will be served for everyone after kits are assembled. Menu is sloppy joes; chips, etc. All Sunday School parents are asked to bring cookies or bars for dessert.

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.

** Kayla will be back in the office (working Tuesdays & Fridays) on September 13th.

** Cyrus Seniors will be in Trinity church basement on Tuesday, September 6th at 2pm.

** Pederson Funeral Home's Gatherings Sunday Luncheons for Widows & Widowers will be on Sunday, September 11th, at Noon at Old #1 Southside in Morris.

**Thank you from Pope County Families In Need –

Dear Trinity Lutheran Members, Your food and gas cards have been a special blessing for so many Pope County families. Food and gas prices have created so many challenges for our P.C. families. You, as members, have been beautiful examples of goodness and generosity as you serve others who struggle with so many needs. Our Team thanks all of you for what you have provided to our P.C. families. God bless, Jan A., Director

Today



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Month ▾



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 ● 9:30am Worship	29 Do Days	30 Do Days	31 ● 9am Weekly Devotional	Sep 1	2	3
4 ● 9:30am Worship	5 Office Closed Labor Day	6 ● 2pm Cyrus Seniors-Tri	7 ● 9am Weekly Devotional ● 6pm Element: Jr. High I	8	9	10
11 ● 9:30am Worship ● 12pm Gatherings for V ● 6:30pm Sr. High Fusion	12	13 Kayla-back in office (Tue)	14 ● 9am Weekly Devotional ● 6pm Element: Jr. High I	15 First Day of Hispanic Herfi	16	17
18 ● 9:30am Worship ● 6:30pm Sr. High Fusion	19	20	21 ● 9am Weekly Devotional ● 6pm Element: Jr. High I	22	23	24
25 ● 9:30am Worship ● 6:30pm Sr. High Fusion	26 Do Days	27 Do Days	28 ● 9am Weekly Devotional ● 6pm Element: Jr. High I	29	30	Oct 1



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