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**From the Pastor's Study—January 2019**

**Rev. C. Richards**

*"Until I see the marks in his hands and his side, I will not believe"* - Thomas the Apostle

I've been having a hard time with my phone lately. It has one of those fingerprint sensors. Whenever I want to unlock it and use it, which is probably 20-30 times a day, I stick my right thumb or my left thumb onto the sensor and it reads it and unlocks itself. Well – it used to at least.

As you are probably aware I just finally reached the end of a long period of home building. I was blessed (or cursed depending on the day) with being able to do some of the work myself, or, to help my general contractor with many of the tasks. This was out of necessity rather than any manly notions of ownership and creation. I couldn't afford to build a house with material and labor costs – unless I did as much of it myself as I could– and usually to a lower standard of quality – but hey, done is done!

There's still plenty to do but we are moved in and hopefully it's the last home we'll ever own. But since completing most of the work I signed myself up for, I can't get my dumb smart phone to unlock. It's because my hands are so beat up with new scars and cuts. My thumbprint has changed too much.

I hadn't realized how much this was the case until I took my first bath after moving in. After getting my robe on, I saw how my hands got extra wrinkly and pruned. I was stunned when I looked at them more closely though – there were multiple dozens of white lines crisscrossing all over the place. All of the wounds of 6 months of work – all the marks of what I put into it and what it left with me were suddenly plain to see. At first I regretted not wearing work gloves! But then I was struck with another thought.

This is what happens when we build things that matter to us. Isn't it? We are marked by it – physically and spiritually. I know this is the case for artists and craftsman, musicians, and teachers too. When we invest ourselves in our work, we put something of ourself into it, and likewise, something of what we create or work on gets lodged in our hearts as well ( or my thumbs ). Farmers don't just farm, they also *become* farmers – they and their families marked by the land and the work while likewise they mark their farm sites – like a new generation taking over the farmhouse on a century farm.

CPA's and Bankers, Doctors and Builders, Cooks and Landlords, they leave marks on the community – for good or ill, and it marks them just as plainly. We all leave marks on our homes and communities. They marks us as well. As Christians, we are called, by God, to leave marks of his love on all those we work with. This is what we mean when we use the churchy word – vocation – our call to leave God-marks.

Previously I have heard Thomas' words above as shrewd or skeptical. But now I hear something else in them as well. Jesus' love for us marked him forever. Physically, spiritually, emotionally. God's love for us marks us forever as well. And our love for God and for our neighbors marks us deeply. It is the same to say in the positive form, like Thomas "I will believe (and the Greek here is also trust, faith in, be loyal to) when I see the marks on Jesus' hands and feet and side."

We all bear scars, visible or inwards, from the ways we've loved others – be they family or stranger. But we also bear the indelible mark of the cross given to us in baptism. And it is this cross which Christ sees on us, the mark of the cross that marked him – and it is in his name that we go forth to love and mark others with God's gifts of grace, forgiveness and mercy for all the world. Christ's Peace - PrCR

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 6:00 pm

Present: President Lonnie Anderson, Vice-President Holly Rutter, Pastor Chris, Parish Secretary Jody Mickelson. Committee Chairs: Jenny Huntley, Education, Diane Hanse, Worship, Barb Hesse, Outreach, Jeff Anderson, Properties

Meeting was called to order by President Lonnie Anderson.

Lonnie Anderson and Pastor Chris gave devotions.

A motion was made by Barb Hesse, and seconded by Jenny Huntley to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Motion made by Diane Hanse and seconded by Jeff Anderson to approve the Secretary's minutes as published in the November Messenger. Motion passed.

Motion made by Holly Rutter and seconded by Barb Hesse to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Pastor Chris gave his report. 2 organists have responded to the ad and one has had an interview and offered the position. Waiting to hear formal acceptance.

Old Business – The 2019 budget was reviewed and discussed by council. Giving needs to increase. Council will be presenting "A Blessed Life" by Robert Morris beginning in January. Diane Hanse made a motion seconded by Jeff Anderson to present the 2019 budget at the congregational annual meeting on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. 2019.

Mission Fest funds in the amount of \$8,983.81 will be distributed evenly between the following missions:

Marie Sandvik Center	Stevens County Someplace Safe
Feed My Starving Children	Lutheran Social Services
Pope County Hospice	Lutheran World Relief
Global Health Ministry	Courage Cottage
Trinity Women Stewardship	RUSC Kinship Mentoring
Trinity Money for Missions (for TLC to send people on missions)	

New Business

None

Board Reports – Education - Jenny Huntley gave update on Sunday School Christmas program and the possibility of organizing childcare during church events so families with younger children can attend.

Worship – services and hymns planned through January.

Properties – Jeff Anderson reported on the finished sanctuary LED lighting and new motion lights on back steps.

Outreach – nothing new to report

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> after services. Council will provide coffee and donuts.

Jenny made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb. All approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by, Holly Rutter, Vice President

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Special Council Meeting  
December 19, 2018 via email

Sent Wednesday, December 19 at 9:10 AM

Subject: Authorization Vote

We will need a motion and second and majority affirmative responses to allow Joel to use funds from sale of parsonage (Building Fund), if needed, to handle necessary expenditures for year-end closing.

Please forward motion, seconds and affirmative vote or nay vote ASAP.

Thanks

Lonnie

**3:28 PM**

I will make the motion to allow Joel to use funds from sale of parsonage (Building Fund), if needed, to handle necessary expenditures for year-end closing.

With the caveat that we replace the funds to that account in 2019 if possible.

Barb Hesse

**3:30 PM**

I second the motion.

Jennifer Huntley

**6:22 PM**

Joel and Diane both vote in favor of the motion.

**9:40 PM**

Jeff also votes in favor of the motion.

Jeff Anderson

Holly is in favor of the motion

Holly Rutter

**Friday, December 21, 2018 7:08 AM**

At this time my count shows:

Council Member Barb Hesse Yes

Council Member Jennifer Huntley Yes

Council Member Diane Hanse Yes

Treasure Joel Hanse Yes

Council Member Jeff Anderson Yes

Council VP Holly Rutter Yes

Secretary Diane Estenson – No response

The motion passes

We have a consensus for approval that allows Joel to close books at year end.

Thanks Much

Lonnie Anderson



Thank you for the lovely little Poinsettia. Joyce Meyer

Thank you for the goodies basket, it was enjoyed! Erland, Jody and Matt

Thank you members of the Ladies Aid for the Christmas Basket. I appreciated it very much.  
Ardy Yungerberg

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all at the Trinity Lutheran at Cyrus. Thank  
You for the nice tray of goodies. To all my friends at Trinity. Kenny

With sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness. Thank you so much for the goodies delivered to our house.  
They were yummy. Thanks also for all the thoughts and prayers. I am well on my way to recovery and look forward to seeing everyone soon! Love Sandy Anderson

Dear Friend,

Thank you to everyone who prayed for an financially supported our Thanksgiving dinner efforts. By God's grace we got everything done with ease and little to no stress. We served two hundred twelve plates of food and we gave all who attended a warm quilt. It was a peaceful and pleasant day. We always enjoy the atmosphere of our Thanksgiving dinner. The volunteers make the day a great success! They truly lighten the load.

December will be here and gone before we know it. The party for the ids is on December 8th. They will enjoy pizza, treats, making gingerbread houses and games. We will miss them as we take a month off over the winter break. We will be in need of hiring at least two teachers when we come back in January. Please pray for us as we put out the word.

We are looking for volunteers for Christmas Eve. Please call if you are interested in helping. We have new service times, 2pm and 4pm. Volunteers would be needed from 12:34 pm until about 6pm. We wanted to make it earlier to avoid folks being out in the colder temperatures and so volunteers can make it to their own church services. The Lord Jesus has seen us through another year and we are grateful We are hoping to find ways to keep costs down and are praying for more support so that we can continue on until the Lord returns or calls us home.

Grace and Peace, Kristen Hink, Director - Laurie Whitmore, Assistant Director Marie Sandvik Center, Inc.  
\$500.00 Donation

<u>Trinity Lutheran Schedule of Officers</u>	<u>Term/Yr</u>
Congregational President (vote for 1-2 yr term)	Odd Year
<b>Lonnie Anderson</b>	2019
Vice President (vote for 1-2 yr term)	Odd Year
Holly Rutter	2019
Secretary (vote for 1-2 yr term)	Even Year
Diane Estenson	2020
Council Member – Education (vote for 1-2 yr term)	Even Year
Jenny Huntley	2020
Council Member – Worship (vote for 1-2 yr term)	Even Year
Diane Hanse	2020
Council Member – Properties (vote for 1-2 yr term)	Odd Year
<b>Jeff Anderson</b>	2019
Council Member – Outreach (vote for 1-2 yr term)	Odd Year
<b>Barb Hesse</b>	2019
Memorial/Trust Fund (vote for 2-2 yr term)	Odd and Even Year
Scott Carbert	2020
Adam Erickson	2020
<b>Barb Wentte</b>	2019
<b>Pat Carbert</b>	2019
Luther Crest Ambassadors (vote for 2-1 year term)	Each Year
Jodi Jergenson	2019
Tim Jergenson	2019
Synod Assembly (vote for 2-1 year term)	Each Year
<b>Joel Hanse</b>	2019
<b>Diane Hanse</b>	2019
Nominating Committee	Odd and Even Year
One Each Year	
Jere Solvie	2020
<b>Harlan Wentte</b>	2019

We would like to thank the following officers for their service: Lonnie Anderson, Holly Rutter, Jeff Anderson, Barb Hesse, Barb Wentte, Pat Carbert, Jodi Jergenson, Tim Jergenson, Joel Hanse, Diane Hanse, and Harlan Wentte.

Volunteers are also needed for President, Properties, Outreach, Memorial/Trust Fund, Synod Assembly, and the Nominating Committee. Please consider volunteering in helping to lead our church. This is a great way to serve the Lord. If interested please let Lonnie, Jere or Harlan know before January 11<sup>th</sup>

# Trinity Lutheran Women

## Deborah Circle

Mon., Jan 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

Hostess:

Bible Study: from Gather

## Ruth Circle

Tues., Jan 15 @ 1:30 p.m.

Hostess:

Bible Study: from Gather

## Elizabeth Circle TBA

## Martha/Mary

Noon Circle – TBA

Night Circle – TBA



## Do Days

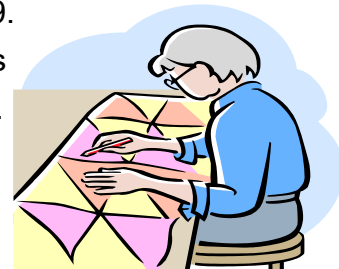
Mon and Tues 28 & 29.

Quilt making continues

As an ongoing project.

Cost of sending each

Quilt to LWR is \$2.50



Happy New Year!!!

Thank you to all who made the “Taste Of Christmas” party so festive with all the beautiful decorations and of course, totally delicious food. Thank you to those who packed boxes of food and delivered the poinsettias, cookies and boxes to those on our list.

The ladies booklet is available and is at church. Please pick up your copy. Thanks to Diane Hanse, Barb Barsness, and Jody for their help with getting the booklet printed and labeled. These booklets won't be mailed out so be sure to ask for yours.

The organizational meeting will be Sunday, January 13 after church. A general offering will be taken at that time.

The theme verse on our booklet this year is from Philippians 2:4:

Let each of you look not only to his own interests  
but also to the interests of others.

When we do things for others it always makes us feel so much better and is good for our mental health. Making that visit to someone you haven't seen for awhile is so good for both of you.

God Bless Us (Everyone) in 2019!!!!

**+++ Worship +++**

**ACOLYTES AND BULLETIN FOLDERS**

\*January 6 Luke Joos  
 January 13 Payton Larson  
 January 20 Jada Lilienthal  
 \*January 27 Sydney Logeais

January 6  
 January 13  
 January 20  
 January 27

**MUSIC**

**READER**

Diane Hanse  
 Denise Olson  
 Dennis Dahl  
 Diane Estenson

**COMMUNION SERVER**

Scott or Dena Carbert  
 Tim or Jodi Jergenson

**Sunday School children come at 9:10 am the morning they sing at worship**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, January 6, Sunday, January 27  
 Communion Preparation Work Group 5 & 6  
 January 6 Diane Hanse, January 27 Thelma Hansen—have communion set up before the beginning of the service.

Ushers: Clori & Jerry Carlsen, Pat & Paul Carbert, Holly RUTter

Greeters: Jan 6 Jeff & Sandy Anderson  
 Jan 13 Jere & Paulette Solvie  
 Jan 20 Dennis & Linda Dahl  
 Jan 27 Darrell & Roxane Malland

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Financial Status As of**

December 17  
 Actual: \$16,2430.00  
 Budget: \$18,0041.00

**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.

**January Birthdays**

**Remember these people in your daily prayers**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Phyllis Helgerson  | 17. Jacqueline Boots |
| 2. Laura Mithun       | 18. Cassandra Sykes  |
| 3. Sydney Engebretson | Logan Anderson       |
| 4. Tim Kannegiesser   | 19. Warren Osterman  |
| 5. Eric Joos          | 21. Patty Anderson   |
| 6. Chad Larson        | Eric Rau             |
| Richard Mithun        | Morgan Wolff         |
| 7. Rollyn Strand      | 22. Nancy Barsness   |
| Hayden Banta          | Sydney Logeais       |
| 10. Myla Huntley      | 23. Tyler Mithun     |
| 12. Betty Sayre       | David Lilienthal     |
| Rachel Smith          | 25. Denise Olson     |
| 13. Zoey Schmidgall   | 26. Bruce Solvie     |
| 14. Nathan Pieske     | 27. Ken Schiefelbein |
| Jada Lilienthal       | 31. Mark Estenson    |
| Ellen Clusiau         | Lisa Gades           |
| Matthew Huntley       |                      |
| 16. Jaxtyn Harris     |                      |



# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6 Food Shelf Offering</b> 9:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Sunday School Fellowship	7	8	9 11:00 Skyview Plaza 6:00 Confirmation	10	11 Annual Meeting Reports DUE	12
13 KMRS Radio Broadcast 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School Fellowship Trinity Women General Mtg. Organizational Mtg. Installation of Officers	<b>14</b> 9:00 Deborah Circle	<b>15</b> 1:30 Ruth Circle	<b>16</b> 10:30 MLH	<b>17</b> 3:00 West Wind	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	<b>21</b> Messenger Articles DUE 7:30 Gideons	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 Confirmation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Renee Mullins Dane Olsen Wedding
<b>27 Luther Crest Offering</b> 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship/Communion <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> 10:30 Sunday School	<b>28</b> DO DAYS	<b>29</b> DO DAYS	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



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## **COFFEE SERVERS**

<b>January 6th</b>	<b>Jodi &amp; Kendra Jergenson</b>
<b>January 13th</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Barb Barsness</b>
<b>January 20th</b>	<b>Lisa Banta &amp; Laura Aaberg</b>
<b>January 27th</b>	<b>Church Council</b>



**Annual Meeting will be following  
Worship Service on  
Sunday, January 27, 2019**