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From the Pastor's Study—June 2018

Rev. C. Richards

I spent a morning reminiscing with a parishioner in the nursing home the other day. It was a peaceful time filled with smiles and surprises. We found ourselves often saying, “can you believe that those two are getting married now? They were kids just a few years ago” or “I can’t believe that this person ended up here!” or “they are back in the area now... I remember when...”

It is one of ongoing mysteries of life as we grow older, to trace the course of any one life and all the ways it encounters and affects others. Around here in Cyrus, that is often amplified by family kinship and the various family connections between Pope and Stevens County. It’s a story written across many gravestones and baptismal records, confirmation certificates and newspaper clippings.

Tending to this garden of stories and relationships, interactions and potential – this is part of the work of a Christian. I was reminded of this the other day after my visit with that parishioner. I was preparing for the coming week’s sermon when I noticed a character in the book of John who pops up three times.

His name is Nicodemus. He shows up at night to talk with Jesus in chapter 3, then again in chapter 7 towards the end, pushing back against the Pharisees (of whom he is a part) and then finally at the end of the book when he arrives with Joseph of Arimathea with 100 pounds of spices and burial anointing oil to prepare Jesus’ body. That’s the last we hear of Nicodemus – a Jewish leader, Pharisee, and also someone who loved Jesus.

It’s amazing the way his life must have changed. His whole life he’d been faithful to the Torah and respected in the community, eventually a leader – and probably on the head council or upper echelons of leadership. Yet we find him visiting Jesus at night – admitting that Jesus must be from God, but not knowing how to make sense of God’s new plan for us. “How can anyone be born again after growing old?” He asks in confusion (John 3:4).

By Chapter 7 he has begun to push back. The pharisees want to arrest Jesus without a trial – but Nicodemus says, “Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?” (John 7:51)

Finally he comes to honor Jesus in a way that is amazing and powerful. At great cost and at personal risk to himself and his reputation, he prepares Jesus for burial. I know how hard it is at the end of life for others to show up, to help, to be present, to do the hard jobs. Nicodemus showed loyalty and faith to Jesus in a way even the disciples could not.

The ways of God in this world are rarely straight lines. Rather, they are winding paths with stopovers and vistas. They are unexpected side trips and surprise discoveries of new friends or new paths. When the Spirit gets involved, it is a marvel how new connections and possibilities open and blossom. As summer arrives and we consider the past and the future – I encourage you to take time to marvel at God’s ways in this world – never straight, always roundabout, full of joy and surprise, and ultimately fruitful and leading us to a home that larger and more varied than we can imagine.

Christ’s Peace! PrCR

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 22, 2018
7:10 pm

Present: Pastor Chris, President Lonnie Anderson, Vice President Holly Rutter, Secretary Diane Estenson, Parish Secretary Jody Mickelson
Committee Chair: Barbara Hesse

Pastor Chris gave devotions on the book of John, chapters 3 and 7.

Meeting was called to order by President Lonnie Anderson
For lack of a quorum, no formal motions were made.

Pastor's report was given.

Since the April 17th meeting the following two items of business were conducted via email:

April 26: As we discussed at our last meetings, we are in need of a replacement on Council for the Outreach Committee (Dennis Pieske's spot). Holly Rutter made a motion to appoint Barb Hesse as Outreach Committee Chair for the remainder of the year to fulfill Dennis Pieske's term. Joel Hanse seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

May 11: The updated information regarding the A/C replacement in the church was reviewed by Council members. A motion was made by Jeff Anderson to have Ellingson's Plumbing, Heating, A/C and Electrical install two new conditioner units and keep our current furnaces as per the quote. The motion was seconded by Joel. An affirmative vote to proceed was given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dispersing of the 2017 Mission Fest funds was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

The establishment of a Youth and Education Committee was discussed

The next Council meeting will be held June 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Chris led us in prayer and we closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Estenson, Secretary

Thank You to Dad's Trinity Family for your prayers and visits during his recent illness and passing. Your concern and support meant a lot to all of us.

Thank you to all that participated in his funeral—Pastor Chris for his heartfelt message, Diane and Jere for the beautiful music, the Trinity ladies for the excellent meal, and anyone else that had a part in honoring Dad. He will be missed by all, but we are at peace knowing he is with Mom again.

The Family of Gorden Thompson



Billie Marie, and everyone at Trinity Lutheran Church -

We just wanted to thank you for your generous donation of bread and the \$121.50 in addition!!

Thank you for helping create another successful Bread and Bowls!

This year we were able to raise: \$1,765.65 from 184 people for three community organizations!

Thank you! - Office of Community Engagement

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the kindness & support shown from our Trinity Family. The turnout for our Relay for Life "Sub" Fellowship was wonderful. All the money raised will go to the American Cancer Society in search for a cure for cancer.

God Bless, Peter & Joyce

Trinity Lutheran Women

Deborah Circle

Mon., June 11 @ 9:00 a.m.

Hostess:

Bible Study: from Gather

Ruth Circle

Tues., June 19 @ 1:30 p.m.

Hostess:

Bible Study: from Gather

Elizabeth Circle TBA

Martha/Mary

Noon Circle – TBA

Night Circle – TBA



Do Days

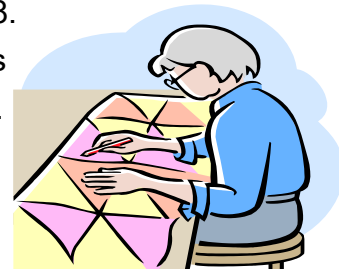
Tues and Wed 27 & 28.

Quilt making continues

As an ongoing project.

Cost of sending each

Quilt to LWR is \$2.50



June 10th Personal Care Kit Assembly following worship - List of Items needed.

- > 1 dark colored light weight bath towel (52" X 27")
- > 2 4-5 oz. bath size bar of soap in original wrapper
- > 1 adult toothbrush in original wrapper
- > 1 sturdy comb (wide teeth preferred) (remove packaging) No picks.
- > 1 metal nail clipper (remove packaging)

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

All items should be in new and good condition.

Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

WRAP ALL THE ITEMS IN THE TOWEL AND TIE SECURELY WITH RIBBON OR YARN.

There are totes in the narthex for the in-kind offering requested by the W/ELCA SWMN Synod Convention. The convention is June 29-30 in St. Cloud so we'll need the items by Sunday, June 24. We need Christian literature, shoes, and they are asking for white socks and lip balm for the VA in St. Cloud.

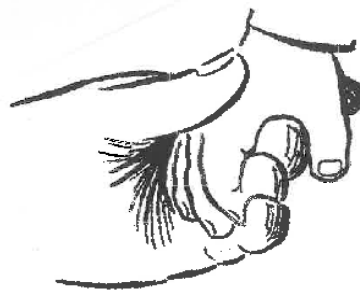
June 29th and 30th W/ELCA SW MN Synod Convention
at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud MN

Deborah Circle will be meeting the 2nd Monday of the month from now on.

Cyrus Seniors 4th of July Party will be on Thursday, June 28th at 11:30 am at the Minnewaska House.

An Open House Wedding Shower celebrating the marriage of Brett Edlund and bride-to-be Leila Persson will be held on Saturday, June 30 from 2-4 p.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Registry at Target. In place of a card please bring a favorite recipe.

Happy Father's Day



+++ Worship +++

ACOLYTES AND BULLETIN FOLDERS

- 3 Brayden Ness
- * 10 Desamus Estrada
- 17 Pierce Richards
- * 24 Jacob Ahrenholz

MUSIC

- June 3
- June 10 Cheryl Bright
- June 17
- June 24

READER

- Holly Rutter
- Jeannie Maanum Scott or Kathy Banta
- Denise Olson
- Barb Barsness Tim or Jodi Jergenson

COMMUNION SERVER

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, June 10, Sunday, June 24
 Communion Preparation Work Group 5 & 6
 June 10 Renee Kannegiesser, June 24 Dianne Ronnie, Please have communion set up before the beginning of the service.

**Trinity Lutheran Church
 Financial Status As of
Jan 1—May 22, 18**

	<u>Jan 1 - May 22, 18</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	74,284.89	73,423.87
Total Expense	<u>67,226.51</u>	<u>67,730.62</u>
Net Income	7,058.38	5,693.25

Ushers: LeRoy & Karen Edlund, Jere & Joyce Ettesvold, Scott & Kathy Banta

Greeters: June 3 Allan & Julie Rutter
 June 10 Roger & Jan Pieske
 June 17 Lynn & Keith Asmus
 June 24 Joe & Jean Boots

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.

Food Shelf: (May) \$ 292.00

Luther Crest:

Remember these people in your daily

June Birthdays

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| 1. Hayley Aaberg | Eli Dalen |
| 2. Steve Mullins | Asher Huntley |
| Tyler Berg | 14. McKenna Amborn |
| 3. Spencer Berg | 16. Bryan Simon |
| Brett Edlund | Nathan Kolden |
| 4. Amy Richards | Avery Monty |
| 6. Michael Mithun | 17. Ann Mullins |
| 7. Ryan Gades | 18. Karl Retzlaff |
| Lila Richards | Wesley Monty |
| 8. Bjorn Henry | Brandon Crow |
| 9. Jacobs Boots | Darrell Malland |
| 10. Louise Engebretson | 20. Chase Meixel |
| Sarah Anderson | 24. Megan Zahradka (Brandt) |
| 11. Gordon Alfson | 26. Rose Thompson |
| Fallon Backman (Meixel) | Peggy Pieske |
| Lennie Solvie | 28. Riccardo Crader |
| 12. Ron Hansen | 29. Blake Okeson |
| Craig Ronnie | 30. Dianne Ronnie |



June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Food Shelf Offering 10:30 Church in the Park At Donut Lake 11:30 Potluck Picnic	4	5 2:00 Cyrus Seniors	6	7	8	9
10 Feed My Starving Children Offering 9:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Feed My Starving Children Brunch Personal Care Kit assembly after church	11 9:00 Deborah Circle	12	13 11:00 Skyview Plaza	14	15	16
17 Happy Father's Day 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	18	19 1:30 Ruth Circle	20 10:30 MLH	21 3:00 West Wind	22	23
24 Luther Crest Offering KMRS Radio Broadcast 9:30 Worship/Communion	25	26 Luther Crest	27 DO DAYS Women's Week	28 DO DAYS 11:30 Cyrus Seniors 4th of July Party at Minnewaska House	29 W/ELCA SW MN Synod Convention Bethlehem Lutheran St. Cloud, MN	30 2:00 Leila Person's Bridal Shower

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COFFEE SERVERS

June 3	Potluck Picnic @ Donut Lake
June 10	FMSC Brunch/Offering
June 17	Would you serve?
June 24	Would you serve?



June 10th Personal Care Kit Assembly following worship.

Feed My Starving Children Offering
Sunday, June 10th Coffee & Brunch served after church.