



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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

From the Pastor's Study—February 2019

Rev. C. Richards

Trinity Messenger February 2019

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“Do whatever he tells you.” – Mary, Jesus' Mother.

It's good advice really. Do whatever he tells you. Jesus that is.

This is what Mary says to the servants at the wedding party they were invited to when the wine runs out, and everything is about to grind to a halt, embarrassing the family, the couple, and probably proving dangerous for those who had to travel back home (as water was very hard to come by, and in the desert, could go bad in the cisterns in which it was stored).

We were talking about this the other day at worship. Or, I guess I was talking about it. Expecting, or at least hoping you were all listening.

But I've been thinking about it more since then.

It stuck with me. Because Mary clearly is aware of Jesus abilities. She expects him to fix it. She leans over to him and says – “Do something!”

And like any adult son at a wedding with his mother, Jesus says “What concern is that to you and me?”

And then, every mother ever, she ignores him and lets them know that he'll take care of it. “Do whatever he says” she instructs them.

I wonder what sorts of things she had witnessed over the years to have such confidence? While the gospel says that this is his first miracle, I can only assume it means his first *public* miracle. Because by Mary's manner and tone, it is clear that this is a fairly common thing.

I wonder what sort of stories she had. Knowing Jesus, he had probably asked to her to keep them to herself. Or even more likely, she had learned over the years that it was best to keep those things in the family, especially when we look at how folks in the area responded to Jesus – they showed up in the *thousands* just to catch a glimpse of him.

Of course – this extends to us as well. I hear many stories of God's activity in your lives. Times when a dream or a feeling prompted you to action. Times when you couldn't believe the way events had come together in a certain way, confirming your suspicions or hunches that God was involved. I have heard of your visions and prayers, your interpretations of scripture and your hopes for the future of our community and of our congregation.

Jesus is active and present in the life of our congregation as well. And we have stories too. But we often keep them to ourselves. We don't always know how to explain our experiences or what words to use. But make no mistake, Jesus is alive and well.

This month my challenge to you is that you take time at home to reflect on how you might share a story about how God has acted in your life recently. Try it out with a family member or a friend. Try it out with me! I'd love to hear all about it! See what happens. Christ's Peace to you all. PrCR

CHILDCARE NEEDED

Starting the first Sunday in February we will be presenting a bible study on stewardship and living your best blessed life. We will be providing activities for children of all ages so parents can attend the sessions if they wish. We need volunteers (any age) to supervise the children. Games, crafts, and books provided.

Sign up for one Sunday or several Sundays.

Contact Holly Rutter (holly.rutter@gmail.com) or Pastor Chris

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God's Blessings-Jodi Jergenson (320)-287-0222

Dear Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your generous donation. Because of you, 20 community youth and 53 second graders have another positive adult in their life. Thank you! Erin

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to RUSC Kinship Mentoring.



At RUSC Kinship Mentoring it is our vision that every young person in our community will have a responsible and concerned adult who will provide guidance and support, help set and accomplish goals, and act as a positive role model. Your donation directly impacts our ability to work towards making this vision a reality.

Thank you for investing in the youth in our community and taking action towards creating a more vibrant community.

With Kind Regards, Erin Koehntop, Executive Director

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

December 28, 2018

Greetings from Luther Crest! Thank you for your continued partnership. Your gift of \$176.00 makes a difference in our ministry.

Camp these days is bustling with winter retreat activity and preparations for Summer 2019. We are getting more and more summer registrations and busy interviewing and hiring our 2019 Summer Staff Team as well.

In addition, we recently launched the Rise Up Campaign to remove our debts from our Cabin, Dining Hall, Chapel and Green Space projects and to set Luther Crest on a strong foundation once again.

Your congregation's support makes a difference! Thank you for your generosity.

Check out www.luthercrest.org for the latest news from camp. Feel free to stop by for a visit any time.

Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

David Holtz, Executive Director

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

January 5, 2019

Greeting from Luther Crest! Thank you for your continued partnership. Your gift of \$750.00 makes a huge difference in our ministry.

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Have a Blessed New Year.

David Holtz, Executive Director

Trinity Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the care package sent to me for finals week.
I appreciated it. Thanks again.
Jacqueline Boots



Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of \$800.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share with you one way your support is making a big difference.

In Mosul, Iraq, the fighting may have stopped, but the scars of war remain— especially for the children. Eight year-old Zahraa saw her home destroyed and her sister killed during the violence. But the compassion of people like you has helped her.

Your gifts fund the “I am Safe” community center in West Mosul, where Zahraa and other children come to get help with their trauma. The first time she visited the center, she was asked to color and drew pictures of death and destruction. With the help of supportive staff and programs designed to help her, now Zahraa is coloring scenes depicting life: birds and flowers, and sunshine. Her mother says she plays and smiles more now as well.

This is just one example of how your support alleviates suffering around the world. Please keep in touch so we can show more of how you are making a difference. Be sure to visit our website, lwr.org, for stories and updates. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at 800.597.5971 or lwr@lwr.org.

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards,
Daniel V. Speckhard, President and CEO

Dear trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus,

Thank you for your gift which makes possible so many avenues of outreach and programming! Lutheran Campus Ministry-Morris seeks to build strong relationships and support young adults as they learn and grow.

Deepening Faith Through studies and worship LCM creates a time for prayer and meditation on scripture for students. We hope this will provide a strong Lutheran foundation and perspective for students.

Expanding Minds Conversation over coffee to build relationships between Lutheran Campus Ministry and students and students & God.

Building Community The opportunity to touch lives through the food hospitality of LCM, a place of welcome, fellowship, and community building.

Inspiring Service Supporting the CROP Hunger Walk, collecting for the food shelf, and coordinating with campus groups to further the mission of social justice, advocacy, and inclusivity.

With God's Grace,

Amanda Johnson
LCM-Morris Office Manager

LCM-Morris is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We received your tax deductible gift of \$750.00 December 2018.



Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

What a blessing it was to receive your gift in the mail! Thank you so much for your check in the amount of \$800.00 received on 1/10/2019 designated for Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota.

With all of the ways your benevolence dollars might be invested, we are so grateful you have shared them with those who use the services of LSS of MN. It's because of you that LSS is able to provide:

- a hot nutritious meal or a caring companion for an older adult
- financial or family counseling for a returning veteran
- a second chance for a homeless youth
- independence for a person with a disability
- recovery from natural disaster for a family trying to rebuild
- and so much more!

As a member of the Church Partnership Team, I, or one of my colleagues, would welcome the opportunity to come and visit you personally. We are available to preach, lead an adult forum and/or meet with your congregational leaders to discuss future ways we might partner together. Please contact me to set up a time that would work on your church calendar.

To learn more about our programs in your community and in our state, visit www.lssmn.org. You'll find lots of information about how you can become more involved as a volunteer or advocate

Thank you again for your important contribution. Your gift will provide new life and hope to the 1 in 65 Minnesotans who utilize the services of LLS of MN each year.

Many blessings, The Rev. Kathryn A. Tiede, Senior Director of Church Partnerships and Philanthropy
Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota

Happy New Year to all of Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the thoughts, prayers, and all your support. Thank you for the gift card—we are enjoying our time in Texas. Always, Jerod, Lindsay Graff

Trinity family,

Merry Christmas and a very happy new year to you all. Thank you for the thoughts and prayers especially during this holiday season. We very much appreciate them. Also thank you for your gifts to all of us military families. With love, Kaleb & Brooke Pugsley

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus,

Thank you for donating \$800.00 to Feed My Starving Children on January 14, 2019 at the 1908-090EA Morris, MN West Central Area Churches Event! Your gift has provided 3,636 nutritious meals to those who are desperate for food. Thank you for handing hope to them in Jesus' name.

The food funded through your donation provides a critical foundation for a child. It is the first step towards a hope-filled life for them and their families. They rely on you to provide MannaPack meals so they can focus on becoming self-reliant. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for hearing their cries and being a beacon of hope to God's kids.

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” - Hebrews 10:23
Until all are fed, Mark Crea, Executive Director/CEO

Trinity Lutheran Women

Deborah Circle

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

Hostess:

Bible Study: from Gather

Ruth Circle

Tues., Feb 19 @ 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 25 & 26.

Quilt making continues

As an ongoing project.

Cost of sending each

Quilt to LWR is \$2.50



Trinity Women Organizational Meeting January 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Thale.

The Ladies' book was handed out to those present and is available for pickup.

The Theme Verse for 2019:

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.
Philippians 2:4*

General offering was received.

Diane read the report from the last meeting, October 7, 2018.

No Treasurer's report was given.

Installation of 2019 Officers

Co-Presidents	Karen Edlund Thale Ludwick
Vice President	Sandy Anderson
Secretary	Diane Estenson
Treasurer	Renee Kannegiesser
Committee for Action	Barb Barsness Lois Ness Barb Wentz

There were no additional nominations or volunteers

Lorna Driggins made a motion to accept the ballot as presented. Jan Pieske seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

Women are requested to read the new books noting changes made for 2019 and dates of events.

Linda Retzlaff asked if the donations of purses filled with needed items should continue to be given to Some Place Safe. Linda will talk to someone at the office.

Lois Ness discussed the diminished use of the church library and asked that it be considered whether to continue having the library in operation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane Estenson, Secretary

+++ Worship +++

ACOLYTES AND BULLETIN FOLDERS

- * 3 Wyatt Mithun
- 10 Brayden Ness
- 17 Pierce Richards
- * 24 Morgan Ahrenholz

- MUSIC**
 February 3
 February 10
 February 17
 February 24

- READER**
 Joel Hanse
 Johanna Knorr
 Jeannie Maanum
 Barb Barsness
- COMMUNION SERVER**
 Jere or Paulette Solvie
 Preston Moser

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

**Trinity Lutheran Church
 Giving & Expenses
 January 1-21, 2019**

	Jan 1-21,19	Budget
Income		
4000 - General Income	6,988.00	10,936.93
Total Income	6,988.00	10,936.93
Expense		
6000 - Expenses	7,560.27	8,266.37
7000 - Budgeted Outreach	725.00	366.99
9000 - Unbudgeted Mission Outreach	000.00	62.07
Total Expense	<u>8,285.27</u>	<u>8,695.43</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,297.27</u>	<u>2,241.50</u>

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, February 3, Sunday, February 24
 Communion Preparation Work Group 5 & 6
 February 3 Linda Retzlaff, February 24 Vicky Brandt Please have communion set up before the beginning of the service.

Ushers: Luke & Lisa Banta, Lonnie & Pat Anderson, Richard & Barb Barsness

Greeters: Feb 3 Dan & Billie Osterman
 Feb 10 Peter & Joyce Brandt
 Feb 17 Tim & Jodi Jergenson
 Feb 24 Tim & Renee Kannegiesser

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.

February Birthdays

1. Brian Payne
Steve Edlund
3. Scott Carbert
Paulette Solvie
Diane Estenson
4. Andy Aaberg
Daniel Bratton
LeRoy Edlund
5. Linda Retzlaff
Joe Boots
Kayla Schmidgall
Kim Bouressa
6. Barb Wentz
Joel Hanse
Randy Erlandson
9. Lynn Asmus
10. Joel Mickelson
12. William Osterman
14. Barbara Hesse

Remember these people in your daily prayers

15. Alissa Steffens (Maanum)
Roxane Malland
18. Don D. Hansen
19. Kimberly Brandt
Courtney Jergenson
20. Eric Berg
Dawn Driggins
Tierra Bedel
22. Lila Estenson
Jarrett Carlsen
Lisa Banta
23. Ella Anderson
24. Jason Braaton
Sophia Carlsen
25. Aaron Larson
26. Joyce Brandt
Mark Tollefson
Grayson Huntley
27. Barbara Jergenson
Mitchell Maanum
28. Norma Engebretson
Tom Olson
Matthew Anderson
29. Jacob Banta



February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Food Shelf Offering 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Sunday School \ Fellowship	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School \ Fellowship	11 9:00 Deborah Circle	12	13 10:30 MLH 6:00 Confirmation	14	15	16
17 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	18	19 1:30 Ruth Circle	20 11:00 Skyview Plaza	21 3:00 West Wind	22	23
24 Luther Crest Offering 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Sunday School \ Fellowship	25 DO DAYS	26 DO DAYS	27 6:00 Confirmation	28 2:00 Bible Study MLH		

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COFFEE SERVERS



February 3 Choir in honor of Phyllis

February 10 Would you serve?

February 17 Would you serve?

February 24 Would you serve?

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