



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

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

**Rev. C. Richards**

As I write this I am in the midst of preparing for a funeral – Phyllis Helgerson, a much beloved and kind member of Trinity, and also one of our organists for many years, passed away surrounded by family this weekend. Music and Musicians have been much on my mind as I have been working to recruit two new organists for our congregation, Teresa and Keni. They are both getting started this month. We are also starting a worship band, and updating hymnals.

After getting snowed in, I tuned my own piano for the first time last week. I found an antique piano tuning wrench from Boston on Ebay. It seemed like it was around a 100 years old. Brass fittings, slightly cracked rosewood handle, all kinds of character, and dirt cheap from an antique store. When it came in the mail after dinner one evening, I trooped out to the mailbox in white-out twilight. Then, back into a howling northwest wind to bring it to the house. The next morning, a snow day, I got to work. 8 hours later, my ears were ringing and it was all done.

Tuning a piano isn't really an exercise in tuning. It is more a puzzle in creating 88 semitones of "disharmony" that overall make a tuning. Really! You tune a piano by getting many of the central intervals evened out in octaves and fifths, but then you "de-tune" the upper registers slightly upwards by an increasing margin, and the lower registers lower as well, so that when you play large chords, and sustain long arpeggios (runs of chord notes) the sustained notes won't clash with one another or cancel each other out. It is a quirk of physics and our own biology that our ears hear harmonies that when spread out over too large a range, need to be adjusted a little to sound right so the partials and harmonies will sound out and reinforce one another.

There was this moment when I finally had everything close enough to start finely adjusting the last few notes. I played a certain section of a French piece of music I really love, a Ballade by Claude Debussy. I hadn't played anything on the new tuning yet. I stopped in the middle of a lovely section. All the notes ringing together. All the harmonies just sang in the piano and in the room. It was just stunning. That piano had been so out of tune for so long, I had forgotten how it should sound, how it *could* sound. For the whole day until then I had been working on the "disharmony". But when it was all ringing together (and I *mean* ringing) it was so beautiful.

I think God's kingdom is like that. When we are working for God here on earth. All of those things that sound like disharmony in individual lives, when they come together in fellowship and forgiveness, in grace and in service, we start to hear the strains of God's master score ringing through. Phyllis's kindness was like that, her service to our congregation's worship life the same. Our new musicians will bring new music to our worship lives and our congregational fellowship. We all have opportunity to add harmony to the fellowship of Christians, here locally, and wherever there is need of love and kindness.

What parts of the tune, which dis-harmonies do you contribute? Which parts of the music do you most love to hear? Christ's Peace to you this month as you listen for God's tune! - PrCR

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*Psalm 96 – Message Paraphrase by Eugene Peterson*

*Sing God a brand-new song! Earth and everyone in it, sing!*

*Sing to God—worship God!*

*Shout the news of his victory from sea to sea,*

*Take the news of his glory to the lost,*

*News of his wonders to one and all!*

*For God is great, and worth a thousand Hallelujahs.*

*His terrible beauty makes the gods look cheap;*

*Pagan gods are mere tatters and rags.*

*God made the heavens— Royal splendor radiates from him,*

*A powerful beauty sets him apart. Bravo, God, Bravo!*

*Everyone join in the great shout: Encore!*

*In awe before the beauty, in awe before the might.*

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING      January 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Congregational President Lonnie Anderson.

Pastor Chris Richards led us in prayer.

Kathy Banta made a motion seconded by John Ettesvold to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

Allan Rutter made a motion seconded by Jere Solvie to accept the Secretary's Report of the last Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

Pastor Chris presented his **Pastoral Parochial Report**.

**Reports:**

Lonnie called for review, questions or comments on reports.

Julie Rutter made a motion seconded by Barb Hesse to accept all reports as printed in the 2018 Annual Report. Motion passed.

There was no OLD BUSINESS

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**The 2019 Budget** was presented by Joel Hanse.

Joel made a motion seconded by Kathy Banta to accept the proposed budget. Motion passed.

A **Luther Crest Rise UP Campaign** update was presented by Barb Barsness. Trinity was thanked for the contributions. Barb encouraged those who haven't been to Luther Crest recently to visit when the weather is warmer.

The Nominating Committee's ballot was presented by Lonnie Anderson with the additions of Holly Rutter and Amy Richards as Synod Assembly Delegates. Jeff Anderson made a motion seconded by Allan Rutter to close nominations and, with the additions made, cast a unanimous ballot. Motion passed.

Appreciation was given for Leaders/Officers who have fulfilled their appointed positions: Lonnie Anderson and Jeff Anderson.

Paul Carbert made a motion seconded by John Ettesvold to adjourn. Motion passed.

Pastor Chris closed the meeting by leading us in the singing of The Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Estenson, Secretary

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING                      January 27, 2019

President Scott Estenson called the meeting to order following the Annual Meeting.

Diane Hanse made a motion that Joel Hanse remain as Treasurer of Trinity. The motion was seconded by Jerry Carlson. Motion passed.

The next council meeting will be held on Monday, February 11th, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Estenson, Secretary

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, February 11, 2019  
5:30 pm

Present: President Scott Estenson, Vice-President, Holly Rutter, Pastor Chris, Treasurer Joel Hanse, Secretary Diane Estenson, Parish Secretary Jody Mickelson.  
Committee Chairs: Diane Hanse Worship, Barb Hanse Outreach, Jerry Carlsen, Properties Guest, Amanda Barsness

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Estenson.

Pastor Chris gave devotions.

A motion was made by Diane Hanse and seconded by Joel Hanse to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Motion made by Barb and seconded by Holly to approve the Secretary's minutes as published in the Messenger. Motion passed

A motion was made by Holly and seconded by Diane H. to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Pastor's report was given.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business** None

Amanda Barsness discussed with the council the possible move/conversion of the library to a children's room, an area designated for use as a nursery where mothers/parents could bring babies/small children. Furnishings would be donated, needed is the area and speakers. Further assessment of spaces will be made and discussion will continue at next meeting.

Next Meeting will be Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm.

Barb made a motion, seconded by Joel to adjourn. Motion passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diane Estenson, Secretary.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (via email)  
February 20, 2019

At the February 11 Council meeting Pastor Chris raised the subject of adding a part time "Social Media Administrator" (SMA) to assist with creating a new web site as well as other social media, a person to do online maintenance and social media presence, for two hours a week. He has someone in mind for this position. It's the sort of thing that needs someone who can list it all out, keep on top of it, and not feel stress or burden in doing so.

Barb Hesse made a motion that Pastor Chris hires, as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, a person to fill the 2-hour a week media position. The position to be paid from the aforementioned sources.

Holly Rutter seconded the motion.

Motion by Barb Hesse to hire a social media person has a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Special meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Diane Estenson, Secretary

Dear Trinity Church Family Members,  
On behalf of all of us, I want to Thank you all for thinking of us during the holiday Season. It was very appreciated and a welcomed surprise that was helpful. Truly, the support that Trinity has given us these last few years has been a blessing to us all.

A sincere thank you.

God Bless, Kathy, Jacob, McKenna, Morgan, Jesslyn & Riley



Dear Friends at Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your recent donation for the upcoming West Central Area Churches Mobile Pack Event. Your gift will provide ten children with a daily Manna Pack meal for an entire year.

We are grateful you are partnering with us to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

Until all are fed,

Katie Olson

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Morris Area Schools, we would like to thank you for your support of the programs that we operate. Specifically, we greatly appreciate your donation of \$750.00 towards the Angel Fund.

Without the generous support of your business, our school district would not be able to provide the same number of quality opportunities for students, staff, and community members.

Thank you for supporting the Morris Area School District. With appreciation, Rick Lahn, Superintendent, Morris Area School Board Anthony Ekren, Jennifer Goodnough, Dick Metzger, Mike Odello, Doug Stahman, Robyn VanEps, Kurt Wulf

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus,

Someplace Safe is pleased to have received your recent Mission Fest gift in the amount of \$800 each for Pope and Stevens County. Your belief and support of our organization allows us to reach approximately 4,000 local individuals each year through community Advocacy Offices, Parenting Time Centers, Community Thrift Stores, and Safe Harbor programming. Not only that, Someplace Safe is grateful to have received your support during this, our 40th Anniversary year! Working together, for the past 4 decades we are creating safer communities and empowering victims of crime on their path to becoming strong, healthy survivors.

*I felt listened to, the advocate understood my situation and provided help and ideas I would not have thought of.*

Survivor who utilized Someplace Safe services

No Matter what the need, such as assistance filling out a protection order, emergency safe housing, clothing and furnishings to start over in a new home, a supervised parenting time, or simply a listening ear ... Someplace Safe is available to community members to guide the way to a safer, healthier future.

With your support, look at what we have accomplished this past year:

Over 420 nights of safety were provided to adults and children who were victimized by violence and abuse;

Emergency meals were provided over 1,150 times to adults and children while in safe housing;

Crisis assistance was provided to crime victims over 2,500 times through the agency's 24-hour crisis line;

The Someplace Safe Thrift Stores provided 200 store vouchers to 472 victims of crime and community members in need, valued at nearly \$14,000.00;

Over 1,400 safe exchanges and supervised parenting time visits were conducted at Someplace Safe Parenting Time Centers; and

Professional Trainings and Community Presentations were provided to nearly 14,650 individuals.

Thank you again for making a difference in the lives of others and for doing your part in creating safer families and safer communities for all. If you would like to learn more about Someplace Safe and our 40th Anniversary Year, visit us online at [www.someplacesafe.info](http://www.someplacesafe.info).

With Sincere Appreciation, Ashley Zach Someplace Safe | Director of Development & Communications

# On-line giving

Just a little reminder that Trinity implemented On-Line Giving as a way to return a portion of the gifts that God so graciously gives to us.

A few people in our congregation are taking advantage of on-line giving (including some who are members that do not live near enough to be regular attendees). The advantages to online giving include regular giving to the church even when attendance is irregular and time saving on Sunday when struggling to get everyone ready to attend church. (This is particularly true for younger families with children)

The app can be accessed via our church website ([www.tlccyrus.com](http://www.tlccyrus.com)) and from your smart phone (both android and iphone).

The first and most flexible way to give is to go to our website, [www.tlccyrus.com](http://www.tlccyrus.com) and look for the give now button. It looks like this:



Just click on the button and a new page will open that looks like

You fill in the blanks in the areas you wish to give. Note, there are two slots where you can specify where the funds go, e.g. Cemetery, Sunday School, Youth, Church Treasurer, you name it.



**When you do this on your computer these screens are MUCH larger!! You can really read the words**

After specifying the frequency and start and end date click continue to go to this page



This is where you put in your bank information and/or your credit card info from which your contribution will come. Then Process. Note, you can set up a profile that will store your information in a Vanco owned secure cloud. This will make the process more streamlined the next time.



For the REAL techies, there is a mobile app that is downloadable from either your android or iphone app store (free). It does pretty much the same thing, except it can't handle special designations. Look for the Give+ logo in your app store.

If you have questions don't hesitate to contact me. Joel (Treasurer) Hanse

# Trinity Lutheran Women

## Deborah Circle

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

Hostess:

Bible Study: from John

## Ruth Circle

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

Hostess:

Bible Study: from John

## 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



**Baby Care Kit** Assembly will be Sunday, March 10th after church. Items needed listed below.

- 2 light weight cotton t-shirts—no onesies
- 2 long—or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with light yarn, up to 52” square
- 4 cloth diapers—flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color
- 2 bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins of large safety pins

Do not add other items or leave out any of the listed items. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. **WRAP ITEMS IN ONE OF THE RECEIVING BLANKETS AND SECURE WITH DIAPER PINS.**

TIPS: Sizes up to 24 months may be used.

Diapers can be made from flannel or recycling t-shirts

No Onesies or footed sleepers.

**+++ Worship +++**

**ACOLYTES AND BULLETIN FOLDERS**

- \* 3 Sydney Logeais
- 6 Brayden Ness
- 10 Pierce Richards
- 17 J & M Ahrenholz
- \* 24 Aidan Davis
- 31 Desamus Estrada

- MUSIC
- March 3
  - March 6
  - March 10
  - March 17
  - March 24
  - March 31

- READER
- Kathy Banta
  - Julie Rutter
  - Pierce Richards
  - Dennis Dahl
  - Denise Olson

- COMMUNION SERVER
- Dena or Scott Carbert
  - Jodi or Tim Jergenson
  - Linda or Dennis Dahl

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Giving & Expenses**

	Jan 1-Feb 1	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
4000 - General Income	20,078.00	24,217.50
5200 - Fellowship Inc	60.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	20,138.00	24,217.50
<b>Expense</b>		
6000 - Expenses	18,881.18	18,355.76
7000 - Budgeted Outreach	1,225.00	1,133.47
9000 - Unbudgeted Mission Outreach	0.00	137.47
<b>Total Expense</b>	20,106.18	19,626.70
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>31.82</u></b>	<b><u>4,590.80</u></b>

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

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, March 3, Wednesday, March 6, Sunday, March 24

Communion Preparation Work Group 5 & 6

March 3 Renee Kannegiesser, March 6 Thale Ludwick, March 24 Jeannie Maanum. Please have communion set up before the beginning of the service.

Ushers: Allan & Julie Rutter, Jere Solvie, Adam & Katie Erickson

- Greeters:
- Mar 3 Lynn & Keith Asmus
  - Mar 6 Tom & Denise Olson
  - Mar 10 Joe & Jean Boots
  - Mar 17 Matt & Jen Huntley
  - Mar 24 Johanna Knorr
  - Mar 31 Wade & Jeannie Maanum

**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.

**March Birthdays**

**Remember these people in your daily prayers**

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Roger Pieske               | 21. Kenneth Lindor       |
| 5. Pam Hoddinott              | Andrew Wink              |
| 7. Claire Bruland             | 22. Haley Erdahl         |
| Madison Erdahl                | 25. Joel Thompson        |
| Sarah Lilienthal              | 26. Jerry Jergenson      |
| 8. Avis Brandt                | Kadam Erickson           |
| Dena Carbert                  | 27. Klaire Lucille Wente |
| 10. Trent Mithun              | 28. Chelsea Engebretson  |
| Pastor Chris Richards         | 30. Tony Amborn          |
| 12. Renae Olsen (Mullins)     | Betty Raasch             |
| Shannon Fernolz               | 31. Jennifer Huntley     |
| 13. Michaela Brezinka-Fassler | Richard Giles Jr.        |
| 14. Neil Rutter               |                          |
| 15. Charles Bright            |                          |
| Lori Berg                     |                          |
| 16. Ryan Cole                 |                          |
| 17. Kyle Schiefelbein         |                          |
| 18. Rachel Banta              |                          |
| 20. Shari Clusiau (Larson)    |                          |



# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3 Food Shelf Offering</b> 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Sunday School \ Fellowship	<b>4</b> 7:30 Gideons	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service/Communion	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School \ Fellowship Baby Care Kit Assembly	<b>11</b> 9:00 Deborah Circle 5:30 Church Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11:00 Skyview Plaza 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School Fellowship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1:30 Ruth Circle	<b>20</b> 10:30 MLH 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	<b>21</b> 3:00 West Wind	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Luther Crest Offering</b> 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Fellowship	<b>25</b> DO DAYS	<b>26</b> DO DAYS	<b>27</b> 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 KMRS Broadcast</b> 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School Fellowship						

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## **COFFEE SERVERS**

**March 3 Avis Brandt**

**March 10 Julie R. & Pat A.**

**March 17 Estenson's & Malland's**

**March 24 Would you serve?**

**March 31 Would you serve?**

