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From the Pastor's Study—May 2019

Rev. C. Richards

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I have a peace lily in my study. I think my wife split it off from another we've had in the past. Lately it has been getting yellow edges to its leaves and brown dried out tips. It's as if its circulation isn't as good as it ought to be. Water and nutrients aren't making it out to the edges of the leaves.

At first I thought it was too much sun. I adjusted it and pulled it back from the window. I waited a few weeks. No change. So then I wondered if it wasn't enough water. I gave it extra water. I waited a few weeks. No change. I tried less water. Waited. Nope.

Have you done this before? Worked on a problem that is a little stubborn, a little persistent? It starts small and doesn't seem like a big thing, but it persists, it won't be easily solved. You find yourself thinking about it each time you see the source of the problem.

Finally – like any good child of the '80s, I gave in and used the internet. I had resisted until this point. Within a few minutes I had an answer. Hard water buildup around the roots was choking them out from getting enough water transfer. Overwatering wouldn't help, under watering just solidified the crystals. I needed rinse the soil well with purified or reverse osmosis water. It explained why the plant wasn't getting what it needed. Everything was in place – but something had gotten in the way! I thought hard water would be better for the plant with nutrients and such. But no, it wasn't helping.

I've been enjoying a new bible study with a group of women in the congregation. They requested a study on the core basics of adult faith, along with a conversation about the dynamic of social media and cultural pressure on women of their generation and the conflict that creates with faith, self, and friends. It has been so life-giving to me to hear their conversations!

For the "core basics of the adult faith" I provided them a copies of *Mere Christianity* – C. S. Lewis' masterwork of faith, reason, and heart. Lewis writes of the spiritual and concrete roots of our belief in our lives. But reading it again has caused me to wonder, do we have mineral buildup around *our* faith roots?

Has it become hard for you to be nourished by worship? Prayer? Scripture? Has your skepticism or cynicism found so much content in the media and culture that you are impaired in your ability to simply laugh or sit still? Are the roots of your faith blocked by easy or too simplistic descriptions of spiritual life? Have all the self-help books blocked the pathways of your soul with platitudes and 4-step answers to living well, "balance" and decluttering retreats?

Our Christian faith is rooted in the human experience of the world. We experience a gap between what we know is "right" or what would be "better" and what is "wrong" and worse. We look inside ourselves and discover that we want to do good but are unable. We experience a gnawing suspicion that there is more to this life along sudden flashes of insight into holy things. This is where Christianity begins to speak to us – where we recognize the gap between ourselves and the holy. But we must be human enough to experience and live with these things to even get to the starting point.

How might you rinse your roots this Easter and Pentecost season? How might you get good spiritual and physical nourishment deep into the core of your hearts? Christ's peace as you pray and reflect! PrCR

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 15th, 2019
5:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Estenson

Pastor Chris gave devotions.

A motion was made by Holly and seconded by Joel to approve the agenda with additions. Motion passed.

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

Barb made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Joel. Motion passed.

Pastor's report was given.

Old Business

The mowing bids for Cemeteries and Church Lawn were opened and reviewed. Joel made a motion to accept the bids. Holly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

Request was received by Robyn's Team to change the time of worship service on May 5th to 10:00. A lasagna meal will be served following the service with donations going to Relay for Life. Request approved.

Overview of Multi Congregation Youth Group Proposal presented by Pastor Chris: A group of congregations (First, Faith and Federated in Morris and Trinity, Cyrus) is having conversations about the formation of a Multi Congregation Youth Group. He will bring updates back to the council as it develops.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Joel made a motion, seconded by Holly to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Estenson, Secretary

OUR CEMETERIES

Saturday May the 4th is set as this year's cemetery cleanup day. We will start around 9:00 AM at Scandia East with bell. Bring rakes, shovels, trimmers and a good pair of gloves. We will proceed to west Scandia and then into St Petri and then Cyrus South. Our cemetery cleanup is not limited to this day, please feel free to go to any of our cemeteries and do what needs to be done at your free time. With a good crew we are done by noon. Please bring water and munchie if you want. Bigger equipment if needed will be furnished. If more work is needed we will schedule time for that later.

We would like a couple of individuals to volunteer to be cemetery sextons to help in caring for our cemeteries.

Contact Scott Estenson if you would be willing to do this and he will tell you of the duties involved.

Dear Friends,

Greetings. Linda and I are moving between Africa and Minnesota with some regularity this year. It helps with the frequent flyer miles but is something of a chore as well.

Following our annual letter, many have asked for our US address. So happy to provide our new address:

1429 Hoyt Ave W, Falcon Heights, MN 55108, USA

We also have phones there which we think may work for a while into the future.

Mark: 612-999-3188

Linda: 612-999-5476

Hoping to connect with many of you in the States!

Blessings,

Mark and Linda

Harold Kjeldahl's Address

Harold Kjeldahl
407 Iowa Ave. Apt. 4
Hoffman, MN 56339-8969

Open house bridal shower for Hilary Lindor, bride to be of Jordan Kampmeier. Saturday, June 1, 2019, 9-11 am at the Assumption Catholic Church Basement in Morris. There will be a short program at 9 am. Please include your favorite recipe for the happy couple.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Giving & Expenses
January through April 15, 2019

Income		
4000 - General Income	40,936.50	56,507.50
4800 - Revolving Income	346.00	0.00
5200 - Fellowship Hall Income	<u>138.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	<u>41,421.33</u>	<u>56,507.50</u>
Gross Profit	41,421.33	56,507.50
Expense		
6000 - Expenses	42,705.17	43,952.99
7000 - Budgeted Outreach	10,272.00	8,899.05
8500 - Youth Expenses	0.00	1,531.00
9000 - Unbudgeted Mission Outreach	<u>50.00</u>	<u>320.81</u>
Total Expense	<u>53,027.17</u>	<u>54,703.85</u>
Net Income	<u>-11,605.84</u>	<u>1,803.65</u>



I would like to thank the members of Trinity for the generous donation for my mission trip to Jamaica. It was a gratifying experience and one I won't forget. We were able to treat over 800 people in the short time we were there. Thank you so much. Judy Rau

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 March 2019.

Trinity Lutheran Women

Deborah Circle

Mon., May 13 @ 9:00 a.m.

Hostess:

Bible Study:

Ruth Circle

Tues., May 21 @ 1:30 p.m.

Hostess:

Bible Study:

Elizabeth Circle TBA

Martha/Mary

Noon Circle – TBA

Night Circle – TBA



Do Days

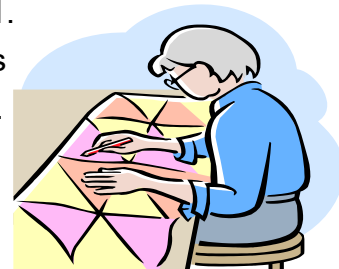
Mon and Tues 20 & 21.

Quilt making continues

As an ongoing project.

Cost of sending each

Quilt to LWR is \$2.50



Trinity Women
General Meeting
April 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Thale.

Karen read the Theme Verse for 2019 and the Preamble of the Women of the ELCA.

General offering was received.

Diane read the secretary's report from the January 13, 2019 meeting,

Renee gave the Treasurer's report.

Old Business

The Trinity Women 2019 Booklet and the Trinity Offering envelopes needing distribution are on the pew in the Narthex. If you could deliver to the intended person that would be appreciated.

Linda Retzlaff visited the Someplace Office in Morris regarding the purses filled with personal care items. These go to Local Someplace Stores for women caught in domestic violence. The speaker for the July 15th Salad Supper will be from that office and will be sharing information.

The Shoe Box Ministry to Marie Sanvig is delivered by Linda in September. A change for this year is the request that shoe boxes be filled, wrapped, and labeled, ready for distribution.

New Business

The Trinity Women host the Minnewaska Lutheran Home Birthday Party Tuesday, April 12th, at 2:30 pm. Please meet at the church at 1:30 to carpool.

The Glacial Ridge Spring Conference for Women of the ELCA is April 15th at Glenwood Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 4 p.m. followed with a light supper at 4:30. The public is invited for the program at 6:30. In-kind offering gifts go to the Pope County Families in Need.

April 28, after church, will be Baby Care Kit Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane Estenson, Secretary

Open invitation for joining Do Days. We can always use more help, there is always something to do, and good fellowship.

Also special note, that DO DAY May dates have changed to the 20th and 21st because of Memorial Day.

May 3 & 4 SW MN Synod W/ELCA Convention at First Lutheran in Marshall, MN

+++ Worship +++

ACOLYTES AND BULLETIN FOLDERS

- * 5 McKenna Ahrenholz
- 12 Sydney Logeais
- 19 Brayden Ness
- * 26 Pierce Richards

MUSIC

- May 5
- May 12 Becca Clark
- May 19
- May 26

READER

- Johanna Knorr
- Dennis Dahl
- Linda Retzlaff
- Barb Barsness

COMMUNION SERVER

- Tom or Denise Olson
- Roxane or Darrel Malland

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 5, Sunday, May 26

Communion Preparation Work Group 5 & 6

May 5 Angie Joos, May 26 Peg Pieske, Nancy Savre. Please have communion set up before the beginning of the service.

Ushers: Scott & Kathy Banta, Jerry & Clori Carlsen, Paul & Pat Carbert

- Greeters:
- May 5 Katie & Adam Erickson
 - May 12 Darrel & Roxane Malland
 - May 19 Dena & Scott Carbert
 - May 24 Karl & Linda Retzlaff

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.

May Birthdays

1. Robert Mithun
Mark Erdahl
3. Kathryn Jergenson
5. Terry Engebretson
Renee Kannegiesser
6. LaTeesha Rick
7. Jordan Kolden
8. Josephine Walcott
Jeannie Maanum
10. Linda Dahl
Corey Hansen
11. Marcella Hansen
Ardith Yungerberg
12. Maddie Finke
13. Larry Osterman
14. Elliot Richards
15. Joyce Hansen
Julie Rutter
17. Jennifer Erlandson

Remember these people in your daily prayers

18. Paul Thompson
20. Jay Pieske
21. Justin Maland
22. Janice Pieske
23. Virgil Driggins Jr.
24. Lois Gunvalson
Amy Boyle
Jeff Anderson
26. Robin Thompson
29. Derek Vanluik
30. Clarence Hansen
John Stellner
LaVonne Onstad
Allen Pederson
Ella Aaberg
31. Lucas Banta



May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 4:30 UMM Bible Study	3 SW MN Synod Convention 1st Marshall, MN	4 W/ELCA Lutheran in 9:00 Cemetery Clean -up
5 Food Shelf Offering 10:00 Worship/Communion 11:00 Relay for Life Sub Sandwiches	6	7 2:00 Cyrus Seniors	8 11:00 Skyview Plaza 6:00 Confirmation	9 4:30 UMM Bible Study	10	11
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Happy Mother's Day	13 9:00 Deborah Circle 5:30 Church Council	14	15 7:00 4-H	16 3:00 West Wind 4:30 UMM Bible Study	17	18
19 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	20 DO DAYS 6:30 Gideons Messenger Articles Due	21 DO DAYS 1:30 Ruth Circle	22 6:00 Confirmation	23 4:30 UMM Bible Study	24 Jergenson Moser Wedding Rehearsal	25 Katie Jergenson & Preston Moser Wedding
26 Luther Crest Offering 9:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Fellowship	27	28	29	30 4:30 UMM Bible Study	31	

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COFFEE SERVERS

May 5 Relay for Life—Sub Sandwiches

May 12 Holly & Patty

May 19 Would you serve?

May 26 Would you serve?



Save The Dates

VBS

July 29th thru August 1st.