

# February 2018



Trinity Lutheran Church—PO Box 65, Arkdale, WI 54613

## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

In 2015 the document "*Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist*" was published. It is a declaration of the consensus achieved by Lutherans and Catholics on the topics of church, ministry and Eucharist; it states 32 things we agree upon. It is part of an ongoing dialogue since 1965 here in the states, and it recognizes commonalities and things yet to be resolved. It is a HUGE step toward Christian unity and joint commitment to witness to the Word and Work of God.

On Oct. 31 of 2017 a document was signed entitled "Joint Statement on the Occasion of the Catholic-Lutheran Commemoration of the Reformation. [A copy will be put up on the bulletin board.] Representatives from the ELCA and the Roman Catholic Church signed this document. This Document is about recognizing our need for unity in Jesus' name, and it was in Christ's prayer on our behalf, "*that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*"

This is part of what is said within this document: *We emphatically reject all hatred and violence, past and present, especially that expressed in the name of religion... we hear God's command to set aside all conflict... We pray to God that Catholics and Lutherans will be able to witness together to the Gospel of Jesus Christ... that we may stand together in service, upholding human dignity and rights... We urge Lutherans and Catholics to work together to welcome the stranger, to come to the aid of those forced to flee because of war and persecution, and to defend the rights of those who seek asylum... as part of the Body of Christ, into which we are incorporated through Baptism... to be faithful heralds of God's boundless love for all humanity.*

We have come a long way since 1517 and the war over the ideas that the Reformation raised. But the topic of grace is never old. The idea to hold Scripture as the written source for which all else is based upon - should never be forgotten and upheld. The belief that salvation comes through Christ alone – is primary and crucial to the Christian faith; as Luther would say – this is most certainly true. But – we still need to be courteous and compassionate of those who do not yet understand this.

Our common goal, our Great Commission, is to make disciples of all people, to teach them all we know about Jesus Christ, to Baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28. Christians divided has never been the answer, and never solved anything. There is room for different interpretations. There is room for different worship and music 'stylings'. There should never be room for hatred among our brothers and sisters of the Christian faith. Mug slinging has to stop, mutual respect encouraged, for the work of Christ must continue.

Joy,

*Pastor Terri*



## **KFC – Kids For Christ**

**\*\*Houston, TX Trip youth** are serving Ash Wednesday supper, Feb. 14. We need everyone to bring desserts and to help with prepping, serving and clean up, etc. Dinner is 5:30 to 6:45. Donations are needed: potatoes, milk, shredded cheese, sour cream, bacon bits, butter, and other toppings. Worship service is at 7:00 pm.

**\*\*Pizza orders** start now and are due February 21<sup>st</sup>. These will get made at the community center on March 10th at 1:00 pm with pick up time of 4:30-5:00 pm.

**\*\*Rock-A-Thon** is March 2nd from 6-11pm. Start looking for sponsors! No overhead costs!

**\*\*Bible Verse:** Leviticus 19:18, Do not seek revenge or *BEAR* a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself.

**\*\*Activity:** Polar BEAR cupcakes: make your favorite cupcakes. Let cool. Put coconut flakes in a bowl. Frost one cupcake with white frosting. Press into the frosting 3 chocolate chips (point down) across top [or choc covered raisin], then a peppermint patty or an Oreo cookie into the middle. Now press the top of the cupcake into the coconut flakes.

**\*\*Prayer:** Lord, As you love me, help me love those I see. A grudge I don't want to bear, but for others I will show your love and care. Amen.

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**Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study** on 1 Peter led by Paul Brown: **Feb 11, 18, 25 and March 11, 18 & 25**, gathering in the back of the Fellowship Hall between services, 9:15am. 1 Peter reminds those who would follow Jesus that they are born into a wonderful inheritance as God's own people. This doesn't guarantee that our faith won't be tested or that they won't experience suffering, but the author of 1 Peter assures us that our relationship with God is guaranteed by the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the end, we won't be put to shame. And in the meantime, we cast our burdens on Christ who loves us beyond measure! *Grab a beverage & a goodie & Come join us!*

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**Lenten Challenge-** During the 40 days of LENT – you will have the opportunity to **help with hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and elsewhere in the Caribbean**. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by these hurricanes for years to come. These gifts will be our offering for the May's Synod Assembly where the Sunday offering has been earmarked for this effort. The Bishop of the Caribbean synod, Rev. Felipe Lozada Montanez, will receive this offering that day on behalf of the Caribbean synod. Damage recovery has been slow. Electricity, drinking water, gas lines, hospitals, churches and homes have all been affected.

**Puerto Rico's symbol is a Coqui, a tiny frog that makes a sound like a whistle. Adopt a frog for a buck. You can take a frog home with you OR pin it on the bulletin board.**

*“But God has put the body together... its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”* 1 Corinthians 12:24b-26

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**We need 10 wood pant hangers to store Christmas swags. Please leave in the office mailbox. Thank you!**

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**March 10 - LEAD 2018 - First Lutheran Church (Janesville).** This is for congregational leaders, council, committee chairs and any interested parties. If interested call Pastor Skildum.

## **Unapproved Minutes from Council meeting, January 8, 2018 @ 5:30 pm**

Present: Rick Searing, Anne Gibault, Guy Groshek, Peg Groshek, Monica Wallendal, Ken Bork, Mary DeMunck, Tom Guzman, Pastor Terri, Marty Hillert & Meagan Adelman.

President Rick Searing called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Opening Devotions: Talk about a time where you asked for something and didn't receive it...or 'What stresses you'?

Reviewed Pastor Terri's Report- numerous visits, two funerals in December and one in January, three weddings on the books. Rev. Kottke, Bishop's Assistant, will be leading worship on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Guzman present to fill in for absent member Robert Schiefer.

Review December 2017, Treasurer's Report, Marty inquired where the \$18,000 donation was put in the treasurer's report, should be in a separate line item?? Monica will adjust, she too felt this would be best delineated in separate line, asked for councils input. Marty/Ken/passed.

Review December 2017, Council minutes, Marty/Ken/passed.

Set next council meeting for Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm, dates of meeting may fluctuate depending on consensus of the group.

Glenn Quinnell present for a briefing on the Kitchen Remodel. Have a rough estimate of the cost to bring to the congregational meeting at the end of the month.

Will add to congregational meeting agenda a possible remodel to one of the restrooms to make it more accessible for wheelchair/disability use.

Reviewed budget to be presented at annual meeting.

New property committee liaison appointed, Tom Guzman.

Discussion of yearly photo memorial of those we lost; may be able to do something with the projector... Pastor suggested doing this at All Saints Day.

### **Other Reports**

Education- Houston trip meeting upcoming.

Outreach- Susie's report attached, reviewed.

Worship Ministry- next meeting is January 16, 2018, discussion on Lent will be next on agenda.

TLCW

Motion to dismiss at 7:15 pm, Peg/Ann passed

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Meagan Adelman

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### **SAVE THE DATE! Synod Assembly 2018 – Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6 at the Kalahari, Wis. Dells—**

There will be a bishop election this year, more info at: <https://scswbishopelection.org>. Plus there will be a number of other positions to be filled this year as well. We are allowed 2 persons to attend and vote; we prefer that it be one man and one woman, and no, it doesn't have to be a couple. Prayerfully Consider attending.

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**Help wanted—**We are in need of **communion assistants** for second service and **communion bearers** and **ushers** for both services. Please let Amy in the office know if you can help. 608-564-7920 or [churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org](mailto:churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org).

**A-F County Market Receipts Wanted!** - The TLCW receives **2.9%** for each dollar spent at A-F County Market this year! Please keep placing receipts in the box by the elevator or mail them directly to the church. Money raised help support school scholarships, camperships, Bible giveaways, kitchen upkeep & various community causes.

### **February reminders**

**Fellowship:** **4th**—Confirm. students; **11 & 18th**—Fellowship; **25th**—Altar Guild (Jan.--Apr.)

**Altar Guild:** Darlene Hovorka & Susan Searing

**Garbage duty:** John Pavelec; **Food Pantry run:** John Stormoen

### **Snow removal:**

**Feb. 05-11th:** Glenn Quinnell & John Stormoen; **Feb. 12-18th:** Hank Sauer & Carl Anderson

**Feb. 19-25th:** John Pavelec & Tom Guzman; **Feb. 26-Mar. 4th:** Ed Heideman & Scott Soley

### **Stewardship thought of the month:**

#### **Don't Compromise on Sleep.**

Remember when your baby was born & the doctor told you to be sure to take naps whenever the baby slept? Of course you were thinking of all the dirty laundry, the dishes and the fact that you hadn't probably taken a shower. But if you were smart, you took a nap. Because you knew that a cranky mom or dad is no good to anyone.

The same thing holds true now. The lack of sleep will catch up with you, and you'll find yourself sick and unhappy. I can tell you from experience that it isn't worth it. You'll do much better and get more done if you are sleeping well. One thing that experts are saying is to turn off screens an hour before bed, that is turn off computer screens, cell phones and iPads. There is something about the kind of light/energy they emit that disrupts the brain's nocturnal sleep mode.

### **In the Library**

'A Sand County Almanac and Sketches Here and There' by Aldo Leopold

'I Hate to bother You, But...*Clues for Youth on Personal Problems*' by W. E. Hulme

'The Rest of God: *Restoring Your Soul by Restoring Sabbath*' by M. Buchanan

**The Meals on Wheels Program** received an outpouring of love & support for their blizzard box program from local churches, Adams County 4-H groups and the Homemakers Clubs. Our church donated **16 Blizzard Boxes** for the homebound recipients to have as emergency backup meals when there is no delivery due to inclement weather. A big thank you to all of you for your contributions!

**Office seeking a few tools**—a hammer, pair of wire cutters and a box cutter/knife are wanted. If you'd like to donate, please leave the item in the office mailbox at the bottom of the stairwell. Thank you!

If you can't assist when scheduled, **please find your own replacement** & call the office by 12pm on Wednesday's with changes. **Please arrive 15 minutes before service begins!** 608-564-7920.

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**February 4th --8:00 am**

Ushers: Lloyd Hovorka/John Stormoen  
Liturgist: Tom Guzman  
Lector: Darlene Hovorka  
Greeter: Audrey Stormoen  
Acolyte: Nick Prasalowicz  
Com. Brs: Joe & Myrna Baumel

**February 4th --10:15 am**

Ushers: Seth Hamilton & Hank Sauer  
Com. Assist.: Nicole Quinnell  
Lector: George Goltz  
Greeter: Bryan & Nicole Quinnell  
Acolytes: Cody Hendricksen/Macy Farrell  
Com. Brs: Glenn & Peggy Quinnell

**February 11th --8:00 am**

Ushers: Tom Guzman & Ed Heideman  
Liturgist: Darlene Hovorka  
Lector: Tom Guzman  
Greeters: Bud & Judy Hatlevig  
Acolyte: Myles Nawrot  
Com. Brs: Randy & Mary DeMunck

**February 11th --10:15 am**

Ushers: John & Derek Pavelec  
Com. Assist.: Roxie Irey  
Lector: Krista Pavelec  
Greeters: Hank & Nancy Sauer  
Acolytes: Eli Hamilton & Ryan Banovec  
Com. Brs: Hank & Nancy Sauer

**February 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Ash Wed.**

Ushers: Glenn & Bryan Quinnell  
Com. Assist.: Nicole Quinnell  
Lector: Karen Soley  
Greeters: Randy & Mary DeMunck  
Acolytes: Eli Olson & Mia Moore  
Com. Brs: Randy & Mary DeMunck

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**Summer Bible Study**— what time of day would you prefer?? Please let Pastor know!

**February 18th --8:00 am**

Ushers: Lloyd Hovorka/John Stormoen  
Liturgist: Dianna Steigerwald  
Lector: Mike Kuss  
Greeter: Carl Anderson  
Acolyte: Megan Craig  
Com. Brs: Joe & Myrna Baumel

**February 18th --10:15 am**

Ushers: Glenn & Bryan Quinnell  
Com. Assist.: Roxie Irey  
Lector: Garret Gould  
Greeter: Roxie Irey  
Acolytes: Robert & Morgan Irey  
Com. Brs: John Pavelec/Nicole Quinnell

**February 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 pm – Lent**

Usher: Hank Sauer  
Acolyte: Robert Irey

**February 25th --8:00 am**

Ushers: Tom Guzman & Ed Heideman  
Liturgist: Meagan Adelman  
Lector: Peggy Groshek  
Greeters: John & Audrey Stormoen  
Acolyte: Mason Nawrot  
Com. Brs: Randy & Mary DeMunck

**February 25th --10:15 am**

Ushers: John & Derek Pavelec  
Com. Assist.: Nicole Quinnell  
Lector: Krista Pavelec  
Greeters: Bryan & Nicole Quinnell  
Acolytes: Matthew & Alyssa Pavelec  
Com. Brs: Hank & Nancy Sauer

**February 28th – 7:00 pm – Lent**

Usher: Randy DeMunck  
Acolyte: Nick Prasalowicz

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**Bad weather?** Call the church (608-564-7920) & listen to the message on the answering machine to see if service is still on. When in doubt, stay home and stay safe.

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**Interested in church membership?  
Contact Pastor Terri—564-7920.**

# Here's what's happening in February!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Meals on Wheels</b> <b>#339-4251</b> <b>Diane VanBeek</b>				1	2	3 9:00 am Iva Circle
<b>4</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Fellow. 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship & Baptism	5	<b>6</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Choir & Confirm.	8	<b>9</b> 12:30 pm Card making class	10
<b>11</b> 8 am Worship 9 am-Fellow. & Bible study 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship 11 am TLCW potluck meeting	12	<b>13</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>14</b> 5:30 Choir 5:30 Supper 7:00 Ash Wed. service	15	16	17
<b>18</b> 8 am Worship 9 am-Fellow. & Bible study 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Council 6 pm Stitches & Pearls	<b>20</b> 7am Worship mtg 8:30 Quilting 7pm Hannah Circle	<b>21</b> 9am Newsltr. Art. due 5:30 Choir 6:00 Confirm. 7:00 Worship	22	23	24
<b>25</b> 8 am Worship 9 am-Fellow. & Bible study 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship	26	<b>27</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>28</b> 5:30 Choir 6:00 Confirm. 7:00 Worship			
<b>Faith in Action</b> <b>#339-0504</b>	<b>Office phone #</b> <b>564-7920</b>	<b>Look for us on Facebook:</b> <b>Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church &amp; Church Women</b>	<b>Office Hours</b> <b>9-2:30pm M-Thurs.</b>	<b>Church email:</b> <b>churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org</b>	<b>Church website:</b> <b>arkdaletlc.org</b>	<b>Pastor Terri's home #</b> <b>339-6536</b>

**An invitation from Susie Smith, Outreach Coordinator.** Ladies let's chase away the winter blues! I'd like to invite you and a friend to join me on Friday, February 9th at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a **FREE** card-making class. I've been a paper crafter for over ten years and would love to share my craft with you. No experience is necessary! I'll provide all the paper, embellishments and products so you'll leave with quality cards you will be proud to send to family and friends. **Space is limited to ten!** Call my cell phone at (608) 547-2051 or email [sjsmith20@frontier.com](mailto:sjsmith20@frontier.com) to reserve your spot. Come join the fun!

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**Bible Moment:** In the Bible

1. The longest name: Maher-shalal-hash-baz. Isaiah 8:1.
  2. Most common name: over 30 Zachariahs with Azariah the runner-up with almost 30. 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Meshullam.
  3. In January of 1961 John F. Kennedy quoted Luke 12:48 in his inaugural address, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required."
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**Important Reminder—**The Congregational meeting is January 28th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. There is only one service that day at 8am, no Sunday school class. The 2017 annual report & 2017 Contribution Statements are on the Narthex table.

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**Youth Raffle** - The youth have two t-shirts to raffle off. ***"Lutherans – more than just donuts after worship."*** Buy a chance for just \$1 starting on Ash Wednesday, the winners will be announced at Easter Breakfast, April 1st. Both are size medium, one orange & the other is teal. Proceeds from the t-shirts will be for the youth trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this summer.

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**Faith in Action of Adams County**

Trinity Lutheran Arkdale was the supporting church back in 2005 that allowed use of our 501c to apply for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant. Lucille Davis was involved with this start-up process.

**We as a congregation need to continue what we helped develop—neighbors helping neighbor.**

We lost a great helper in Jeanne Heideman this year. We are looking for more church volunteers to try & fill her shoes. You can help drive people to and from; do light chores; just be a friend or do volunteer work like brat frys & other events to raise funds for the operation of Faith in Action.

Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex or ask Ed Heideman, Terri Soley, Barb Albrecht, Barb Bennett or Penny Ross how to obtain an application to participate.

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Here are some **Church Bulletins BLOOPERS** that actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

1. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
2. The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
3. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
4. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
5. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

I don't know how many are going to Houston nation wide, but over **700** youth and adult leaders from across our synod here in central WI are heading to Houston this summer for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. **25** of them will be from our congregation! Your prayers and support are needed! Fundraisers to consider: Pizza orders beginning now, Ash Wednesday Baked potato and soup bar, Feb. 14th, Rock-A-Thon pledges for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Consider helping with Pizza making on March 10th.

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LENT: Lent begins **February 14** with **Ash Wednesday**. There will be a **Texas Chili, Soup & Baked Potato Bar** before the service. This year Wednesday night worship will be styled after **Taize Worship**. Come to this reflective and soul-filled service. Come and be nourished with scripture and silence, of song and healing prayer – all in a beautiful, quiet, candlelit setting. Meditations will be on lessons from the book of Proverbs. Brother Alois from Taize, France wrote, "The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by the Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us... Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him." Psalm 131, "I have calmed and quieted my soul ... hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore."