

**May 2018**



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

## **From the Pastor's Pen**

April showers bring May flowers! But for me, and for many, this is allergy season. I sneeze, my eyes get puffy and my nose is stuffy. But I will endure. I love flowers, the delicate leaves, the green of the stem and the scent that is not the smell of winter. Giggle. God is so good. He gives us so much to delight our senses: things to touch and to smell, things to taste, and wonders to behold and curiosities hear. I stopped the other day in the parking lot just to listen to the robins. The other night I heard a raccoon, not sure that delighted me... but it is a neat sound. Have you ever heard a turkey and think it sounds kind of like a rusty door?

I thank the good Lord for the gift of all my senses. We can too often take them for granted – until we start to lose them. At times I found myself wondering about those with diabetes that loose sensation in their feet. And as we age, our eyes aren't as elastic as they once were, making the fine print even harder to see. These losses are part of the natural order of life, and to help, I hope people will use the tools on hand, such as the hearing devices in church. They are simple to use and they help significantly to listen to the worship service.

We are almost done renovating two of our bathrooms to be more wheelchair accessible. They are now 'Family bathrooms', meaning they are no longer male or female – just make sure to lock the door when you enter. This is one place where a surprise visitor is not needed.

Another thing we have to help as our bodies lose capabilities are a couple of wheelchairs by the ramp doors. We also have our chair-lift. If you are struggling with stairs, having a bad knee day or what have you, please use this tool. There is nothing to be embarrassed about in using it, just as there is no shame with using a cane or walker. Better safe than sorry. The lift is slow like a herd of turtles, doesn't bite and will get you to where you need to be. I have used it, especially after my surgery, and was thankful to have it.

Gen. 27:27 "When Isaac caught the **smell** of his clothes, he blessed him and said, "Ah, the **smell** of my son is like the **smell** of a field that the LORD has blessed."

Take 10 minutes and look around, touch the petal of a flower, take a deep breath, what are the different things you are smelling? Spring is in the air; can you taste it? Praise be to God!

*Joy,  
Pastor Terri*

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## **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 scholarships, camperships, Bible giveaways, kitchen upkeep & various community causes.

### **May reminders**

**Sunday Fellowship:** 6th—Fellowship; 13th—Mother's Day; 20th—Graduation; 27th—None

**Altar Guild:** Karen Soley & Joyce Pavelec

**Garbage duty:** John Pavelec **Food Pantry run:** Peggy Quinnell

**Lawn mowing:** April 30-May 6th: John Pavelec & John Stormoen;  
07-13th: Greg & Terri Soley; 14-20th: Ray Groskinsky & Tom Guzman;  
21-27th: Ed Heideman & Rick Searing; 28-June 03rd: Carl Anderson & Hank Sauer

### **Mark your calendar!**

Didn't make last year's show? We have reserved seating to see the Fall Spectacular Show at the Clauson Family Music Theatre located in Coloma! Save the date of Saturday, September 15th, more details will follow as it gets a bit closer.

### **Congratulation to our 2018 Graduates!**

Graduate recognition and TLCW Scholarship recipients is Sunday, **May 20th** at the 10:15 am worship service. This year's high school graduates are:

**Kyler Bork**—Graduating from A-F High School. Entering the construction trade.

**Natalie Gould**—Graduating from Edgerton High School. Natalie will be attending Madison Technical College in Madison, WI for General business.

**Sydney Quinnell**—Graduating from A-F High School. Sydney will be attending the UW of Oshkosh for Pre-Vet.

### **KFC – Kids For Christ**

**\*Thank you** to all for your support of the youth's Easter Breakfast! \$586.92 was raised and will be used for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this year & other youth events.

**\*Bible Verse:** Psalm 65:8 "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders."

**\*Activity:** Butterfly flock. There is a template for butterflies in the narthex. Cut out as many as desired. Make a mobile or attach to a picture frame or make a swirl of them on a door or wall (suggest poster putty).

**\*Table Talk:** Ask: When the butterfly comes out of the cocoon and looks around, what is it thinking?

**\*Bedtime Prayer:** Oh Lord, when I look around I can see so many awesome things. And \_\_\_\_\_ is one of them. Thank you. Amen.

### **Baby Care Kits 2018!**

Collecting April 15th — May 13th. Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary event for a mother living in poverty. **Our goal for 2018 is to repeat 35 girl & 35 boy baby care kits.** Thanks to **Sharon Christensen** who has found a new source for items in Iowa County and **Leah Goltz** who did an awesome job of donating items from yard sales last fall, we don't have such a huge job ahead of us.

We will focus on baby diapers—found at Shopko for \$15.99 or Wal-Mart for \$13.97. Also baby diaper pins, sweatshirts with hoods sized 6 months to 24 months and gently used cotton t-shirts to make into diapers. **As a team of loving individuals we can meet our goal.**

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### **May Congregational Meeting**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 20th, 9:00 am. This meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall. All voting members are strongly encouraged to attend.

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### **Holy Land Travel - Join Pastor Nick Utphall of Advent Lutheran Church in Madison for This Outstanding Trip!**

Explore the locations of Jesus' last week, learn how Lutherans are working for the healing of Jerusalem, and more. Pastor Nick Utphall is leading a trip to the Holy Land, November 2-12 with a cost of \$3,189 (including flights, accommodations, tours, and most meals). You can find info through this link, <https://gtd.org/post/pdfbrochure/181104.pdf> and registration is open.

Please contact Nick at [mcnicks@tds.net](mailto:mcnicks@tds.net) if you're interested or with questions. **An informational meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 29 at the church, 7118 Old Sauk Rd near West Towne Mall.** *Editor's note: Pastor Nick Utphall serves on the synod's Holy Land Advocacy Team and has made several trips to the Holy Land. This is an opportunity of a lifetime!*

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### **May Food Pantry Collection**

For the month of May we are asking for donations of peanut butter and Chef-Boyardee products. We have volunteers that take turns each month to get items from our grocery cart to the shelves of our local food pantry. Thank you in advance for helping to keep the shelves stocked!

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### **Stewardship Moment**

Burning fossil fuel is a problem such as coal, oil and natural gas; it floods the coastal cities, incinerates forests and villages, intensifies damaging storms, and in general, it hurts the earth. If you need to drive (most of us do) or fly, consider off-setting your carbon footprint: <http://www.climatestewards.org/>. Learn more about your personal carbon footprint by measuring it! Prof. Katharine Hayhoe recommends stepping on the carbon scales here: <http://coolclimate.berkeley.edu/calculator>.

## **Unapproved Council Minutes—April 16, 2018**

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

President Rick Searing called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

Opening Devotions: Do you have a childhood hero/favorite grandparent??? Who in your family are you most like and why?

Pastor Terri's report:

Numerous visits, two weddings in the next month, one upcoming baptism, two funerals in April.

Pastor is planning to attend 'Reformation and Renewal' at Wartburg Seminary, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> as part of her continuing education.

Pastor sent out a number of 'miss you' notes and birthday cards.

Review March 2018 Treasurer's Report, Tom/Marty/motion carried.

Review March 2018 Council Minutes, Marty/Anne/motion carried.

Set next council meeting for May 21, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Approved via email vote after last month's meeting for a room at the Kalahari for Mike & Kathy Kuss to attend the Synod Assembly in May.

Motion made by Marty Hillert to approve the property committee's recommendation for Dellwood Plumbing & Heating's install of a new Carrier air conditioner at a cost of \$2995. Tom second/motion carried.

Tom discussed the reconstruction of the fellowship back steps. General Engineering recommends that the exit needs to be brought up to code, they are including in their plans an enclosed staircase with foundation, insulated walls and a roof. The upper landing will include a space for a wheelchair which is called an 'Area of Refuge'. Property committee is asking for \$2400 of the approved \$5200 for the step project to be used for this and re-budget \$10,000 (rough guess) for next year or vote for additional funds at the May congregational meeting. The council decided that the construction project will be postponed until we have further information. Tom made a motion to approve the design of \$2400 for the stairway project/Marty second/motion carried.

Pastor is asking for a new mic as the current one will be banned from use in the near future. Bundy Audio can get one for \$329 for the receiver system and \$89 for Pastor's ear hook mic. Seeking up to \$450 for replacement. Tom motioned to approve the purchase/Marty second/motion carried.

Set agenda for May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Discussion of council terms.

### **Other Reports**

Education- confirmation is up to test review, youth-led worship was postponed to 4/22 at the 10:15 am service. Houston youth gathering, leaving June 25, returning July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Outreach- Kid's Day booth upcoming April 28th.

Property Committee- minutes attached and reviewed. Next meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Worship- meeting tomorrow, Taize worship style for lent went over well. Recently changed worship setting.

TLCW- working on scholarships, due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bake Sale on Palm Sunday went well.

Motion to dismiss. Meagan/Anne/motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:50 pm. Respectfully submitted, Meagan Grabarski

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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**May 6th --8:00 am**

Ushers: Ray Groskinsky/Lloyd Hovorka  
Liturgist: Dianna Steigerwald  
Lector: Lloyd Waller  
Greeters: Bud & Judy Hatlevig  
Acolyte: Alicia Puerling  
Com. Brs: Joe & Myrna Baumel

**May 13th --8:00 am**

Ushers: Ed Heideman/John Stormoen  
Liturgist: Meagan Grabarski  
Lector: Sandy Pheiffer  
Greeter: Carl Anderson  
Acolyte: Myles Nawrot  
Com. Brs: Randy & Mary DeMunck

**May 20th - 8:00 am**

Ushers: Tom Guzman & Lloyd Hovorka  
Liturgist: Mike Kuss  
Lector: Darlene Hovorka  
Greeters: Ray & Karen Groskinsky  
Acolyte: Eli Olson  
Com. Brs: Ray & Karen Groskinsky

**May 27th --9:00 am**

Ushers: Randy & Mary DeMunck  
Liturgist: Paul Brown  
Lector: Tom Guzman  
Greeter: Ed Heideman  
Acolyte: Megan Craig  
Com. Brs: Joe & Myrna Baumel

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**May 6th --10:15 am**

Ushers: Glenn & Bryan Quinnell  
Com. Assist.: Nicole Quinnell  
Lector: Aiden Gould  
Greeters: Louise Thomas & Roxie Irey  
Acolytes: Robert & Morgan Irey  
Com. Brs: Louise Thomas & Roxie Irey

\*\*\*\*\* **9:00 am Summer service starts Sunday May 27th!** \*\*\*\*\*

**May 13th --10:15 am**

Ushers: John & Derek Pavelec  
Com. Assist.: Roxie Irey  
Lector: Krista Pavelec  
Greeter: Roxie Irey  
Acolytes: Matthew & Alyssa Pavelec  
Com. Brs: Hank & Nancy Sauer

**May 20<sup>th</sup> --10:15 am**

Ushers: Seth Hamilton & Rick Searing  
Com. Assist.: Sue Searing  
Lector: Rick Searing  
Greeter: Sue Searing  
Acolytes: Ryan & Hannah Oleson  
Com. Brs: Glenn & Peggy Quinnell

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**Bible Moment:**

Match mothers with their sons:

1-Bathsheba	a. Jesus
2-Rachel	b. John the Baptist
3-Mary	c. Solomon
4-Eunice	d. Samuel
5-Hannah	e. Jacob
6-Elizabeth	f. Timothy
7-Rebekah	g. Joseph

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**The Library Book Cart**

Methuselah's Gift by Mary Edgren: Sarah and a family of raccoons and their adventures.

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**Lenten Challenge**

We raised \$74 for the Caribbean Synod toward hurricane relief! Thank you for your support.

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**In search of a small file cabinet**

If you have a gently used 2-drawer file cabinet that will hold hanging files & would like to give it a new home, please contact Amy in the office at 564-7920.  
Thank you!

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Bible Key: 1-c, 2-g, 3  
-a, 4-f, 5-d, 6-b, 7-e.

# Here's what's happening in May!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 Quilting TLCW Scholarship form due!	2 6:00 pm Choir	3 10-11:30am Aging & Disability Group	4	5-Synod Assembly  9:00 am Iva Circle
6 8 am Worship 9 am Fellow. 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship Synod Assem.	7 6:00 pm Stitches & Pearls	8 8:30 Quilting	9 6:00 pm Choir	10	11	12
13 8 am Worship 9 am-Fellow. 10:15 Worship	14 6:00 pm Property meeting	15 7:00 am Worship meeting 8:30 Quilting	16 6:00 pm Choir	17	18	19 Young/ DeMunck Wedding
20 8 am Worship 9 am-Fellow. & Congrega- tional mtg 10:15 Worship	21 5:30 pm Council	22 8:30 Quilting	23 9am News- letter Articles Due 6pm Choir	24	25	26
27 9:00 am Worship	28 Memorial Day— office closed	29	30	31		Meals on Wheels #339-4251 Diane VanBeek
<b>Faith in Action #339-0504</b>	<b>Church Office phone # 564-7920</b>	<i>Look for us on Facebook: Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church &amp; Church Women</i>	<b>Office Hours 9-2:30pm M-Thurs.</b>	<b>Church email: churchoffi ce@arkdal etlc.org</b>	<b>Church website: arkdaletlc. org</b>	<b>Pastor Terri's home # 339-6536</b>

### **Thank you, Thank you!**

On behalf of Bryan and myself, Nicole, parents of Payton Quinnell, we cannot thank the members of Trinity enough for the outpouring support our daughter has been blessed with. Payton has an exceptional opportunity for an unpaid internship in Ghana, Africa. This was to be the summer of 2019 but has now been moved up to 2018. With all your support, Payton is able to fulfill this dream and go. We are so grateful. Thank you again.

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### **Thank you**

Thank you to Glenn Quinnell, Carl Anderson and Al Hendrickson for all your hard work making the two restrooms between the sanctuary and fellowship hall into family handicapped accessible restrooms. Thank you to Ruth Check for painting the restrooms. We are looking into adding another changing station to one of the restrooms. Please remember to lock the door behind you when in use!

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### **Aluminum Cans Wanted!**

Time to get rid of all those cans you've collected from winter! We have a covered trailer next to the church garage that would like to house your cans. The money brought in goes to our youth! Thank you to John Pavelec for hauling these to the recycling center.

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### **VBS Jars Needed**

We are looking for small glass jars such as jam jars, with lids or sturdy clear plastic jars with lids, such as a small peanut butter jar. We are thinking of making 'I Spy' jars. Please leave jars in the box labeled "Jar Project" in the Narthex. ☺

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### **Just for laughs!**

\*\*Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

\*\*Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

\*\*The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

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### **Parents of college students**

The ELCA has Lutheran Campus Ministry sites at over 180 colleges and universities across the country, including 10 sites here in Wisconsin. Many students, however, do not know these ministries exist. Would you like a campus pastor to reach out to your child? It's really easy to make this happen - just go to: <http://lumin-networkreferral.org/student-referrals/> and fill out the online web form. The campus pastor at the college or university will receive an email with the student's contact information. Questions or problems? Contact Emily Tveite, Campus Pastor at Lutheran Campus Ministry in Madison at [director@lcmmadison.org](mailto:director@lcmmadison.org) or 608-257-7178.

**From our Council President—Rick Searing**

Spring has sprung! Or.... Hopefully at the time of your reading this, the snow is gone. Trinity Lutheran is being spruced up this year with the plans for the remodeled kitchen, the remodel of two handicapped accessible family restrooms and possible improvements for the back entrance (off the dining hall). You may also have noticed the trimming of the big oak tree that hangs over the parking lot. Our thanks to Scott & Tim Soley for doing this.

My thanks to the Council and especially Ken Bork for putting up with my absence over the winter months. Our church was in good hands! We are all looking forward to an exciting 2018! See you at the May Congregational meeting May 20th!

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**New Property clean-up date!**

Mother nature decided the clean-up was not to get done on the 14th. The new date is Saturday, April 28th at 9:00 am. All ages are welcome! Please bring rakes, shovels and leaf blowers. **Thank you** to Scott Soley for plowing the church parking lot in April.