

July 2018

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



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

I saw a guitar pic the other day that had on it, "I Pick You". Very fun. ☺ But here's the thing, when it comes to faith – is it us picking Jesus or Jesus picking us? Jesus picks us. Luther wrote about it this way in the 3rd article definition of the Apostles' creed: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ... or come to him... the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel...and kept me in the true faith."

We can reject God, we often choose to sin, knowing right from wrong, but we cannot 'decide' to believe – this is the gift of the Holy Spirit; we come to faith, through hearing of God's word, through prayer, through seeking, but it is the Holy Spirit that brings us to faith, to believe in what we cannot see or touch or taste – Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I love the song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus", but it is theologically wrong; correct only in that I can choose to do right or wrong, but not faith. Faith comes by the Holy Spirit working in us, sanctifying us, helping us lead a godly life, empowering us to have faith.

Brent was a bully. He lied and cheated and used people. He was never content. Desperate one day to change his life, he reached out to an old friend, who told him about sin and Jesus had lived and died a cruel death to pay for those sins he had committed so often. The Holy Spirit opened Brent's heart to hear these words and started working in him the change he longed for. It wasn't long thereafter that Brent confessed Jesus as his Lord and was baptized. With the guidance of the Spirit and his friend he started to make changes in his life. Jesus 'picked' him, and he began to pick the right behavior and paths. This perhaps is evidence of the Spirit's presence.

Galatians 5: 22-25: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control... Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

*Joy,
Pastor Terri*

PS - Johanna is back at UW Milwaukee, and so far has been enjoying her classes. She also is starting a new job on campus, working in the Office of Central Advising. She asked me to express her appreciation to the TLCW for their generous scholarship. Thank you!

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.

July reminders

Altar Guild: Louise Thomas and Patsy Manning

Garbage duty: Carl Anderson **Food Pantry run:** Deb Hagen

Lawn mowing: **02–08th:** Rich & Deb Wachholz;

09–15th: Garret Gould & Ed Heideman; **16–22nd:** John Stormoen & John Pavelec;

23–29th: Greg & Terri Soley; **30–August 05th:** Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky

We're going back to the barn!

We had so much fun last year we're going back to see another show at the Clauson Family Music Theatre located in Coloma, WI! **The Fall Spectacular Music Show** features lots of great music variety & many audience favorites from this year's shows. We have three tables (24 seats) reserved for **Saturday, September 15, 2018**. Tickets are \$48.50 (includes tax & gratuities) & are available to you, your family & friends. The doors open at 12pm & a delicious dinner is served buffet style & includes three meat entrees, potato & vegetable selections, dinner rolls, fruit salad, dessert & coffee, milk or water. All of the meals are made fresh from their kitchens. Live piano music is played during the dinner hour and followed by a fantastic **two-hour show**.

To purchase your ticket (s) send or drop off your non-refundable check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with the name of each person who will be attending. **RSVP no later than August 1, 2018**. If you need to carpool or have questions call Susie Smith at 608-547-2051.

Unapproved Council Minutes — May 21, 2018

Present: Rick Searing, Monica Wallendal, Marty Hillert, Mary DeMunck, Tom Guzman, Ken Bork, Kathy Cappel, Becky Craig, Anne Gibault, and Pastor Terri. Excused: Derek Pavelec.

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

Introductions by Council members and background on Council

Opening Devotion by Pastor Terri

Pastor Terri's Report

Numerous visits with those who cannot attend church

"Miss You" notes and birthday cards sent out to numerous people

Review of April 2018 Treasurer's Report Marty/Ken motion carried

Next month looking for direction on budget with kitchen remodel in mind

Review of April 2018 Council Minutes Marty/Anne motion carried

Set next council meeting for June 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Council Installation date is June 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Assigned Roles for new council members:

Secretary—Anne Gibault

Liaison to Worship Committee (meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. at Family Affair Restaurant)—Kathy Cappel

Liaison to TLCW—Becky Craig

Finance Committee—Mary DeMunck, Tom Guzman and Ken Bork

Nomination Committee—Meagan Grabarski, Ruth Check, and Scott Soley

4th of July Parade

Meagan Grabarski—leading Rick Searing as well. They are looking for ideas and will announce a meeting date for those interested

October Tailgate—lead needed. May need to wait to see how the kitchen remodel is coming along before planning this

December 5 Dessert Extravaganza—lead needed—waiting on this. Check in at next meeting. Ruth Check left very good notes

Motion made by Ken Bork to approve the Property Committee seeking \$147.50 to repair the kitchen storm window from the Maintenance budget Rick seconded/motion carried

Reviewed Contact information of Council members for Amy

Mission Statement: We will order and hang up a banner with our mission statement as well as have it on our beginning of the service notices that are projected

Set agenda for June 12, 2018 meeting

Other Reports:

Education Ministry—Sunday School's last day was May 6. Adult Bible Study begins June 13 at 6 p.m.

Outreach—Kids Day was April 28, 2018 at AF High School from 10:00—2:00. Susie Smith and Anne Gibault had a booth showing church activities and church information. An estimated 800 children and families came

Property Committee—minutes attached and reviewed. Next Meeting is July 9.

Worship Ministry—One worship service at 9:00 a.m. starts May 27, 2018. Nametag Sunday is the first Sunday of June, July, and August

TLCW—recently gave out scholarships to students

Education Liaison—Anne Gibault

Motion made to adjourn Ken/Tom/motion carried

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault

Stewardship Moment

Stewardship is not a week or two in the fall. It is everything we do – especially with what God has blessed us with.

Vacation Bible School

Kids going into 4k—6th grade, come join the fun! VBS is Monday—Wednesday, July 23-25th from 9-12pm and includes lunch. This year's theme: "Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus". Registration forms are due **July 9th**, to ensure enough supplies. **We are looking for adults and older teens to help**, please contact the office: 608-564-7920.

Thank you!

Thank you to Brian, Darlene & Lloyd Hovorka for removing over-grown shrubs that were in the steeple garden. These shrubs were starting to cause damage to the bricks. Please take a few moments the next time you are here and take a walk around the steeple garden. It is a beautiful place of peace and solitude. We are seeking a new contact for brick engraving, we'll let you know when a brick can be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one.

Church Pot-luck Picnic

Save the date of Sunday, August 26th for a morning of fun. Join us for worship at 9:00 am followed by outdoor games, a scavenger hunt and a pot-luck meal served at 11:00 am at the park across from the church.

Baby Kits Success

As a team of loving, caring servants of God, we were able to meet our goal of making **70 Baby Kits** for Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you to those who gave packages of cloth diapers—those who dropped money in the children's piggy bank and those for putting money into the loose cash offering for diapers. We did it!!! We were able to purchase 14 packages of cloth diapers. Now the women of TLC will attempt to make the remaining 140 t-shirt diapers. Help out another in your own way...because God made us all different you see...use your own gifts to give...improving someone else's life to live. Respectfully, Penny Ross, Chairman.

KFC – Kids For Christ

***Bible Verse:** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Galatians 5:1

***Activity:** Painted salt fireworks. Need: black paper, white glue, table salt, water color paint or food coloring, cookie sheet. Place paper on cookie sheet. Using the glue, design your firework, while glue is still wet sprinkle with salt generously. Gently shake salt off onto tray or newspaper. Dilute paint so it will be very wet on brush and carefully touch the salt (don't drag brush). This can be done while glue is still wet or after it has dried. If using food dye, dilute in a cup and use a paint brush or eye dropper to color salt.

***Table Talk:** Do you think God likes fireworks? Why or why not?

***Bedtime Prayer:** Dear God, you are awesome. Thank you for the colors you make, like the color of flowers and the colors that explode with fireworks. Amen.

***Houston Trip** group returns July 2nd. Please keep them in your prayers.

Summer Bible Study

We are studying the book of ACTS. Come and join us as you are able. We are meeting in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday's at 6pm.

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.

July 1st — 9:00 am

Ushers: Steve Peterson & Rick Searing
Liturgist: Karen Soley
Lector: Debbie Hagen
Greeters: Roxie & Morgan Irey
Acolytes: Myles & Mayson Nawrot
Com. Brs: Jill Renner & Roxie Irey

July 8th — 9:00 am

Ushers: Lloyd Hovorka/John Stormoen
Liturgist: Meagan Grabarski
Lector: Ruth Check
Greeter: Darlene Hovorka
Acolytes: Mia Moore & Alyssa Pavelec
Com. Brs: Mike & Kathy Kuss

July 15th — 9:00 am

Ushers: Seth Hamilton & Hank Sauer
Liturgist: Mike Kuss
Lector: Kari Banovec
Greeter: Louise Thomas
Acolyte: Eli Olson
Com. Brs: Steve & Danna Peterson

July 22nd — 9:00 am

Ushers: Ed Heideman & Tom Guzman
Liturgist: Paul Brown
Lector: George Goltz
Greeter: Carl Anderson
Acolyte: Eli Hamilton
Com. Brs: Bud & Judy Hatlevig

July 29th — 9:00 am

Ushers: John & Derek Pavelec
Liturgist: Tom Guzman
Lector: Jeff Chase
Greeters: Hank & Nancy Sauer
Acolyte: Megan Craig
Com. Brs: Lenna Hamilton & Liana Glavin

Come One, Come All!

Please help paint the second stained glass window in honor of our church's **165th** anniversary this year! The glass and paints are located in the Fellowship Hall. Stay a few minutes after worship and let the painting spirit move you!

Local Food Pantry

This month we are asking you to donate canned beets and spinach as part of helping to keep the shelves stocked at our local food pantry. These are a favorite of the elderly folks!

Seeking Candy & Youth Walkers!

Our Parade Committee is seeking candy donations & youth to walk during the parade. Please drop donations of candy off to the office by Thursday, June 28th. Sign-up sheet in Narthex for walkers!

Relay For Life

This year's event will take place on Friday, July 20th, 4:00 pm at Mauston High School located at 800 Grayside Ave. in Mauston. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Deshler at: 608-783-5001 ext. 102.

Million Dollar Mission Jar Challenge

\$1 a day for the ELCA. Donations to this challenge will be used toward the 5-year campaign for the ELCA in supporting all of our church's **mission and ministry**. This year's priority includes Fund for Leaders and Youth and Young Adults. Through these ministries, we are accompanying youth and young adults in their faith journeys and supporting talented, gifted seminarians as they prepare to begin a life of rostered ministry. You can bring donations to the large jar in the narthex.

Here's what's happening in July!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Worship —Name tag day!	2 6:00 pm Stitches & Pearls	3 8:30 Quilting	4 Independence Day—office closed, no Bible Study	5 Office closed	6	7 9:00 am Iva Circle Wedding
8 9:00 am Worship	9 6:00 pm Property VBS reg. forms due	10 8:30 Quilting 5:30 pm Council	11 6:00 pm Bible Study	12	13 National French Fries Day	14
15 9:00 am Worship	16	17 7am Worship mtg 8:30 Quilting	18 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due	19	20 National Ice Cream Soda Day	21
22 9:00 am Worship	23 9-12pm VBS	24 8:30 Quilting 9-12pm VBS	25 9-12pm VBS 10-3pm Veterans Fair	26	27 Take your pants for a walk day	28
29 9:00 am Worship 10 am TLCW mtg.	30	31 8:30 Quilting		We'll take your crushed aluminum cans!	Don't forget your A-F County Market receipts!	Meals on Wheels #339-4251 Diane VanBeek
Faith in Action #339-0504	Church Office phone # 564-7920	<i>Look for us on Facebook: Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church & Church Women</i>	Office Hours 9-2:30pm M-Thurs.	Church email: churchoffi ce@arkdal etlc.org	Church website: arkdaletlc. org	Pastor Terri's home # 339-6536

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Opening Devotion by Pastor Terri John 13: Describe a memorable Valentine's experience, wedding experience. In what ways do we experience Jesus's love for us? How do we demonstrate Jesus's love for one another? How do we demonstrate love for our community and church?

Pastor Terri's Report

15 visits to those who cannot attend church

2 funerals, 1 baptism, 5 weddings coming up

Pastor Terri gone July 19—22 for vacation with Mark Teslik filling in and possibly gone on July 1

Houston trip—June 25 and returns July 2nd

Look at having Crossways present

Review of May 2018 Treasurer's Report Ken/Tom motion carried

Review of May 2018 Council Minutes Kathy/Ken motion carried

Guest Presenter: Mike Kuss Synod Assembly Follow-Up Presentation

Elections, budgeting,

Breakout session on Stewardship—Theme recognizing and removing obstacles from generosity;

How are we better able to fundraise? The gap between donor willingness and capacity to give

Recognize those that time and services too. Possibly put those up on our projected announcements

Set next council meeting for July 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Fourth of July Parade Update:

Theme Things are Blooming and Growing in Trinity Arkdale

Meagan getting the permit

Ken has the UTV

Look at getting a sign made with our theme

Looking for flowers for our float to borrow for the float

August 26 Church Picnic

Pastor Terri reserved the park

Pastor Terri will talk to fellowship to see what they will do and what Council will do. Last time we had games too.

Spending Dollar Review

Council will look the packet Amy prepared with policies

Review policy in the next couple of months

Look at packets and see what is duplicated

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Kitchen Remodel Budget Planning

Need to figure out the dollar amount on our loan

Bids went out today

Congregation approved \$70,000 for the project

Other Reports

Pastor Terri gave us the thought of “Where do we see this church going? What do we want to plan for?” Now that we reviewed our Mission, what is our Vision?

Education Ministry—VBS July 23, 24, and 25

Looking for teachers and ideas

Shipwrecked theme

Property Committee—Committee request for quote on the back stairs

Worship Ministry—nothing to report

Outreach—Susie reserved a table at the Veterans Fair that is taking place on Wednesday, July 25 from 12:00—3:00 at the Adams Community Center.

Susie also prepared a letter and bulletin advertising reserved seats at the Clauson Family Music Show taking place September 15, 2018.

TLCW—nothing to report

Motion made to adjourn Ken/Tom /motion carried

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Gibault