

# Congregation meeting is January 27th at 9:15 am. No educa- tion classes or second service that day!

## Metal folding chair sale!

We have been very busy organizing and have come to the conclusion we have an abundance of folding metal chairs! **We've decided to sell 100 metal chairs at \$1.00 a piece!** These are at least \$10 brand new. If you are interested in purchasing, **it's a first phone call, first serve basis.** Call the office (608-564-7920) on **Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:30 am and 2:30 pm** and notify Amy how many chairs you'd like to purchase. Messages prior to that day and emails **don't count as a call**, not everyone has email. You can arrange at that time when to pick the chairs up. We're asking just \$1.00 each but if you'd like to throw in a little extra we wouldn't turn that away!

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## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

I hope as we enter a new year you are energized for new opportunities and adventures. Try a new book or a new look or maybe a new recipe. Look for ways to refresh. Positive thinking helps – **a lot!**

Believe in yourself – God made you, and “God don't make junk”.

Look in the mirror and find 3 things you like about yourself.

Don't dwell in the past – it's done and over. Learn from it and move on.

Breathe – before a decision, pause and take 5 long and slow deep breaths.

Express gratitude. Speak it out loud, bringing thankfulness to your mind and heart.

Find a positive thing to look at, maybe print a picture or tear one out of a magazine to tape up.

Stop making excuses to be negative. Negativity and pessimism will stop new ventures, stop new relationships and give people an excuse not to talk to you.

Why bother with trying to think positive? You can't overcome if you think you can't. Instead of anticipating the worst – believe things can go well. Anticipate happiness and health.

A study at John Hopkins expert Lisa R. Yanek, M.P.H. found that people with a family history of heart disease who also had a positive outlook were one-third less (33% less) likely to have a heart attack or other cardiovascular event within five to 25 years than those with a more negative outlook. ([https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/healthy\\_aging/healthy\\_mind/the-power-of-positive-thinking](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/healthy_aging/healthy_mind/the-power-of-positive-thinking)).

It's a New Year – isn't it time to look to what could be verses what was?

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. *Psalm 150*



*Joy,*

*Pastor Terri*

## Unapproved Council Minutes—December 11, 2018—5:30—8:18 p.m.

Present: Ken Bork, Mary DeMunck, Tom Guzman, Kathy Cappel, Monica Wallendal, Derek Pavelec, Pastor Terri, and Anne Gibault. Excused: Rick Searing, Marty Hillert, & Becky Craig  
Vice President Ken Bork called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Terri's Opening Devotion—How do we all come together as a team at church and support each other? We put our trust in God.

### Pastor Terri's Report

Many visits to those who cannot attend church

At Rest: Pastor went to one funeral, has one funeral this Saturday, December 15 and one more on December 17

At the Font: A baptism will take place on December 23, 2018

First Communion: 9 had First Communion last week and one had it earlier for a total of 10 students receiving First Communion

Christmas Cards—Sent out to all shut-ins

There will be a Safety Training on January 24, 2019

### Treasurer's Report

Read, discussed Tom made motion to approve/Kathy seconded

### Secretary's Report review of November Council Meeting Minutes

Read Motion to approve minutes made by Derek/Tom seconded

Next Council Meeting Date set to January 3 at 5:30 p. m.

Policy Manual Reviewed and Discussed for submission to our insurance program

Angel Tree Program—Pastor and confirmation students shopped for Toys for Tots and Birthday Bags for the Food Pantry last month. Money for shopping came out of youth funds.

Discussed the tabled chair sale discussion—Property Committee wants to sell 100 metal chairs and 12 child desks for \$1 each. Anyone can go through Property Committee to request purchase. Not to be sold through internet or Facebook. Motion to send to property and that they will establish a date for the sale and publish the sale in the newsletter advertising the sale committee to sell Motion made by Kathy/Derek seconded.

We will look at getting another quote on insurance for the building. Amy will contact for a time to come here. Executive Committee of Rick, Anne, Ken, Monica will meet with them.

### Congregational Meeting Agenda on January 27, 2019

Add in Nominating Committee after Secretary's Report

Add in Capital Campaign after Nominating committee

Per meeting minutes from the last Congregational Meeting, our Nominating Committee is: Scott Soley, Meagan Grabarski, and Ruth Check.

Add in Approval of the Budget after Secretary's Report

Motion to approve agenda for January 27, 2019 Congregational Meeting Kathy/Anne

Crossways Capital Campaign—Motion to set a goal of \$1,000 of designated funds at an estimate of \$3.00/member Tom/Kathy

Audit Committee Approval: Committee Ruth Check, Ed Heideman, and Karen Soley.

Motion to approve committee Tom/Mary \*\*Continued on next page\*\*

## Christmas Message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Christmas comes at a descending time. The old year is coming to an end, the new year is not yet here. It is too late to accomplish goals set on the previous New Year's Day, and just enough time to realize that whatever shape or state you are in will be the shape or state in which you end the year. There is a hefty dose of "what-might-have-been."

In the Northern Hemisphere the trees are bare, fields are barren, birds have migrated, animals are hibernating, the days are short and the nights are long. The earth's colors are muted, and when there is snow the world becomes silent. Sometimes during these short days and long nights I find myself thinking about the brevity of life. This conflicts with my tendency to believe that the possibility of self-improvement and renewal is limitless: there is always another day, more time, another chance. I remember watching our first child as she slept in her cradle, thinking about the future before her and, at the same time, the reality that there would be an end.

The Ash Wednesday declaration, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," became more pointed and more poignant. The cradle-to-grave progression is our path; the inevitable decline of our strength. "As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more" (Psalm 103:15). Maybe this is why the Christmas season can be so fraught. Of course, there is anticipation and celebration, but there is also pressure and stress. Perhaps we are trying to greet the Lord's birth with our best efforts (when I was a girl, Christmas preparations were not complete until the silver was polished, and that job fell to me), but desperation can creep into the urgency to get Christmas right, to hold back the night. "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight" (ELW, 279). This is freight that Christmas can't carry when Christmas depends on us.

But Christmas also comes at an opportune time. God did not come to us that first Christmas when we were at the top of our game or when the world was perfect. Even the circumstances of Jesus' birth were a sharp reminder that all was not well – forced migration to Bethlehem, no room for the young family, born in a stall. Emmanuel – God with us – came to us and comes to us precisely at the time when our need is greatest. Our attempts to bring about perfection actually get in the way of receiving the gift. When we try to fit into an unrealistic ideal of who we ought to be instead of welcoming God into our real self, no matter how messy, then what is left on the 13th day of Christmas? Fatigue, certainly, but also the dull acceptance that life moves from cradle to grave.

On Christmas, God has reversed the cradle to grave progression. The angel announced to the shepherds: "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: for to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." Here is the new reality. Here is the truth. Our lives are not a meaningless trudge from cradle to grave, but a joyful journey – true and lasting joy – from grave to cradle. All our brokenness and death meet life and healing and hope in the child in the manger. His cradle defeats the grave. We are loved. We are alive. Now we are free to greet this holy season.

Merry Christmas, dear church.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# Here's what's happening in January!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Don't forget your A-F County Market receipts!</i>	<b>Meals on Wheels: 339-4251 Diane VanBeek</b>	1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>6:00 pm Choir</i>	3 <i>5:30 pm Council</i>	4 <i>10:00 am Church Audit</i>	5 <i>9:00 am Iva Circle</i>
6 <i>8am Worship 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship</i>	7 <i>6:00 pm Stitches &amp; Pearls</i>	8 <i>Annual Reports Due!</i>	9 <i>6:00 pm Choir &amp; Confirm.</i>	10	11	12
13 <i>8am Worship 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship</i>	14 <i>6:00 pm Property meeting</i>	15 <i>7:00 am Worship mtg 8:30 Quilting</i>	16 <i>9am Newsltr. Art. Due 6pm Choir &amp; Confirm.</i>	17	18	19
20 <i>8am Worship 9 Endow. Mtg. 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship</i>	21	22 <i>8:30 Quilting</i>	23 <i>6:00 pm Choir &amp; Confirm.</i>	24	25	26
27 <i>8am Worship 9:15 Congregational meeting No Education or 2nd serv.</i>	28	29 <i>8:30 Quilting</i>	30 <i>6:00 pm Choir &amp; Confirm.</i>	31	<i>We'll take your crushed aluminum cans!</i>	
<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: churchoffice@arkdaletc.org</b>	<b>Church website: arkdaletc.org</b>	<b>Pastor Terri's home # 339-6536</b>

## Budget Discussion

Motion to approve Christmas bonus for wonderful, efficient secretary Derek/Tom  
 Motion made to borrow \$20,000 from Endowment for kitchen remodel Tom/Cathy  
 Council decided to no longer run our church ad in the newspaper.  
 Synod to receive \$7200 for commitment for 2019

## Other Reports:

Education Ministry Program is December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 The Stinch Who Tried to Steal Christmas  
 Outreach—Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church had a tree in Tree in Parade of Trees at Gunderson Moundview Hospital  
 Property Committee—meeting soon  
 Worship Committee—nothing to report  
 TLCW—upcoming bake and lefse sale at Adams Community Bank. Also getting ready for the kitchen remodel  
 Endowment Committee—nothing to report  
 Motion Made to Adjourn at 8:18—Respectfully submitted, Anne Gibault

## Stewardship Moment

Check your faucets, toilet and shower head if any are leaking – it's a new year and time to repair them, save water and a bit on your water bill.

## Common Cents:

- 1 How many ridges on a quarter?
- 2 What last longer in circulation, the average coin or a dollar bill?
- 3 Of the US coins, which one has the 'head' facing right?
- 4 True or False? The original motto on US coins was "Mind Your Business".

1. 119. 2. Bill 22 months; coin 15-20 years. 3. Lincoln on the Penny. 4. True.

## The Library Book Cart

'For Everything A Season: 75 Blessings for Daily Life', from the Nilsen Family.

## KFC – Kids For Christ

«**Thank you** to all who helped make our Christmas program so wonderful!

«**Bible Verse:** Eccl.4:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." (Even a time to make snowmen.) :)

«**Activity:** Snowman ornament. Need a non-white ornament, white acrylic paint, black & orange sharpies and any other color desired, paint brush, egg carton or something to place ornament in to dry, ribbon optional. Paint hand of child. Place ornament in hand with the top of it close to finger tips. Have child close hand around the ornament. (if it doesn't look right, wash off right away and try again.) Place it in carton to dry. Once dry add a hat, nose, face and details with sharpies. You may want to add a name and year on the palm. :)

«**Table Talk:** What is your favorite part of winter? Why do you think God gives a winter time?

«**Bedtime Prayer:** Thank you God for winter, a time to rest and a time to play. Thank you for snow on my tongue and on my face and for snow angels. It's so fun. Amen.

**January reminders**

**Altar Guild:** Lori Henthorne, Lisa Parker, Liana & Macey Glavin

**Garbage Duty:** Carl Anderson

**Food Pantry Run:** Penny Ross

**Fellowship:** Not the month of January due to kitchen remodel

**Snow Shoveling:** **7th:** Hank Sauer & Carl Anderson; **14th:** Ray Groskinsky & Tom Guzman; **21st:** Ed Heideman & John Pavelec; **28th:** Glenn Quinnell & John Stormoen

**A-F County Market Receipts Wanted!**

The TLCW receives **2.9%** for each dollar spent at A-F County Market! **Please keep placing current receipts (Jan. 1—June 1st)** in the box in the Narthex or mail them directly to the church. Money raised help support scholarships, camperships, Bible giveaways, kitchen upkeep, LWR Kits & more!

**Workshop by “Be Healthy” Adams County**

From 5:30-6:30 pm at the A-F Elementary school during free lighted schoolhouse dinner: January **7th**, Quick, healthy meals & snacks; January **21st**: Eating healthy on a budget.

**Weekly devotion**

Email the office at: churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org to start receiving an inspiring email each Wednesday!

**Bad weather**

Phone the office (608-564-7920) and listen to the answering machine to see if service is still on. When in doubt, stay home and stay safe! Remember confirmation students, if school is cancelled, so is Wednesday night class.

**Reminder to the committee heads**

Please get your 2018 annual report submitted to the office no later than Tuesday, January 8th. **Congregation meeting is January 27th at 9:15 am.**

**Silent Auction for Kitchen Cabinets**

The kitchen cabinets, counter tops, double doors, and cupboards will be removed on January 7th, 2019 and placed on the east side of fellowship hall for your evaluation. It has been suggested that people may want them for garage or other storage. Each section is approximately 40" wide and will be identified with a silent auction number. The counter tops will be skill saw cut to fit the base once the high bid is identified.

**Please submit your bid in writing in a sealed envelope to the church office by 2:30 PM on Thursday January 10th. All items will need to be paid and picked up by Saturday the 19th before 4 PM.** Please call Glenn Quinnell at 608-547-7895 or the church office at 608-564-7920 if you have questions.

**Aluminum cans wanted!**

Please bring your cans and place them in the trailer by the church garage. Thank you!

**If you can't assist when scheduled, please find your own replacement and call the office with the changes by 12 pm Wednesday. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of service. 608-564-7920**

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

Ushers: Carl Anderson/Rich Wachholz  
Liturgist: Dianna Steigerwald  
Lector: George Goltz  
Greeters: Al & Grace Hendrickson  
Acolyte: Megan Craig  
Com. Brs: Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka

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

Ushers: Ray Groskinsky/Tom Guzman  
Liturgist: Karen Soley  
Lector: Mike Kuss  
Greeters: Charles & Helen Anderson  
Acolyte: Mayson Nawrot  
Com. Brs: Ruth Check & Kathy Kuss

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

Ushers: Randy & Mary DeMunck  
Liturgist: Meagan Grabarski  
Lector: Darlene Hovorka  
Greeter: Carl Anderson  
Acolyte: Eli Olson  
Com. Brs: Becky & Megan Craig

**January 27th --8:00 am**

Ushers: Tom Guzman & Ed Heideman  
Liturgist: Mike Kuss  
Lector: Lloyd Waller  
Greeters: Ray & Karen Groskinsky  
Acolyte: Myles Nawrot  
Com. Brs: Ray & Karen Groskinsky

**Bible Moment**

Speaking of years: Adam lived 930 years. His son Seth lived 912, and Adam's grandson, Enosh, lived to be 905. And his great-grandson. Kenan, lived to be 910 years old. The oldest man named in the Bible was **Methuselah**, who lived to be 969 years old (Genesis 5:27), also a descendant of Adam.

**Kwik Trip Dollars**

Please keep us in mind when designating where your Kwik Trip dollars will go. A total of **\$285.00** was given in 2018 to the church thanks to this program!

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

Ushers: Garret Gould/Steve Peterson  
Comm. Assist.: Danna Peterson  
Lector: Erin Pease  
Greeter: John Pavelec  
Acolyte: Ryan Oleson  
Com. Brs: Jill Renner & Zoey Nawrot

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

Ushers: Hank Sauer & Derek Pavelec  
Comm. Assist.: Nicole Quinnell  
Lector: Krista Pavelec  
Greeter: Debbie Hagen  
Acolyte: Alyssa Pavelec  
Com. Brs: Roxie Irey & Hailey Diemert

**January 20th --10:15 am**

Ushers: Glenn & Bryan Quinnell  
Comm. Assist.: Kari Banovec  
Lector: Kallysa Farrell  
Greeters: Hannah Oleson & Mia Moore  
Acolyte: Eli Hamilton  
Com. Brs: Lenna Hamilton & Liana Glavin

**January 27th --10:15 am – no service, annual meeting**

**Food Pantry 2018**

Thanks to your generosity, we've donated over **500 pounds** of food to the local food pantry. We've also collected **\$487.07** to donate which the pantry can use to purchase food in bulk. A thank you to our volunteers that take turns each month to take the donations to the pantry.