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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

At this year's May Synod Assembly, I heard this poem being recited, and it made me cry.
From the Kenyan-born Somali poet Warsan Shire entitled "Home" **[Warning graphic]:**

No one leaves home unless - home is the mouth of a shark.

*You only run for the border - when you see the whole city running as well; your neighbors
running faster than you, breath bloody in their throats.*

*The boy you went to school with - who kissed you dizzy behind the old tin factory is holding a
gun, bigger than his body.*

You only leave home - when home won't let you stay.

No one leaves home - unless home chases you, fire under feet, hot blood in your belly.

*It's not something you ever thought of doing, until the blade burnt threats into your neck, and
even then you carried the anthem under your breath - Only tearing up your passport in an
airport toilets, sobbing as each mouthful of paper made it clear that you wouldn't be going
back.*

*You have to understand, that no one puts their children in a boat, unless the water is safer
than the land.*

No one burns their palms under trains- beneath carriages-

No one spends days and nights in the stomach of a truck - feeding on newspaper,

Unless the miles travelled means something more than journey.

No one crawls under fences - No one wants to be beaten – pitied-

No one chooses refugee camps or strip searches,

Where your body is left aching or prison, because prison is safer than a city of fire,

and one prison guard in the night - is better than a truckload of men who look like your father.

No one could take it. No one could stomach it. No one skin would be tough enough...

*The go home blacks – refugees - dirty immigrants - asylum seekers- sucking our country dry
- niggers with their hands out - they smell strange – savage - Messed up their country and
now they want to mess ours up.*

How do the words, the dirty looks, roll off your backs...

*Maybe because the blow is softer than a limb torn off... the insults are easier to swallow than
rubble, than bone, than your child's body in pieces.*

I want to go home, but home is the mouth of a shark. Home is the barrel of the gun.

And no one would leave home, unless home chased you to the shore,

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unless home told you to quicken your legs, leave your clothes behind, crawl through the desert, wade through the oceans – drown – save - be hungry – beg - forget pride- your survival is more important.

No one leaves home until home is a sweaty voice in your ear saying- leave, run away from me now. I don't know what I've become, but I know that anywhere is safer than here.

I edited this poem a bit, for it was too much for me. I have seen signs in protests on the internet, quoting lines from this poem. Parts of this poem were read before the resolution concerning immigrant children. Now, I do not know the answers to immigration or illegals or war or any of the issues that make people risk their lives to get somewhere else, but I do know, that we are to love God above all else AND love and serve others in His name. I know that the Israelites starving traveled to Egypt for food, where Pharaoh's right hand man, Joseph, had pity on them. At least twice the Israelites were exiled from home. Psalm 137:1-3 **"By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked ... our tormentors demanded..."**

So at the very least, we are to have compassion and empathy, and remember the golden rule. I encourage you brothers and sisters to also pray for all those who find themselves leaving home under trying circumstances. Pray for all those who mourn the loss of what was, their work, their neighborhood, their friends, their loss of family, and their sense of self; their identity is now a dirty word. May the Lord bring about His solutions, safety, wisdom and aid, and grant courage, mercy and healing for them, for those who come to their aid, for those who govern and for us. 'Be kind and compassionate to one another'. Ephesians 4:32a.

The peace of the Lord be with you,
Pastor Terri

Personal Note: I will be traveling to Germany for a week in June, seeing some of the places Luther had been. Frieden meine Freunde!

Congratulations 2019 Graduates!- Graduate Sunday is June 2nd!

- Collin Fish**—Graduating from A-F High School. Employed with Allied Cooperative.
- Alisha Prasalowicz**—Graduating from A-F High School. Attending Western WI Technical College, general studies.
- Braedyn Quinnell**—Graduating from A-F High School. Playing baseball at UW Whitewater, majoring in business.
- Jamar Wertjes**—Graduating from Necedah High School. Attending classes in the health care field.
- Zach Olson**—Graduated from UW-River Falls with an Ag. Engineering degree.

TLCW Scholarship Recipients of \$500!

Graduating High School Seniors - **Alisha** Prasalowicz - Western Technical & **Braedyn** Quinnell - UW Whitewater. College Members - **Hannah** Glavin - UW Green Bay, **Johanna** Skildum - UW Milwaukee, **Leah** Goltz - Judson University, **Alyssa** Kubly - UW Milwaukee.

Unapproved Council minutes, May 14, 2019—5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

- *Present:** Rick Searing, Tom Guzman, Derek Pavelec, Becky Craig, Pastor Terri, Kathy Cap-pel, Monica Wallendal, Ken Bork, Mary DeMunck, Marty Hillert, and Anne Gibault.
- *Meeting called to order** at 5:30 by President Rick Searing
- *Opening Devotion** by Pastor Terri: Psalm 107: How is the experience of losing one's focus similar to losing your way in the desert? What are some challenges Council is facing? Facing smaller attendance and looking at needing more volunteers. Where is God leading our group? Helping our local area people too. Don't be complacent.
- *Pastor Terri's Report:** Visits—14 visits; At the Altar—2 weddings planned; At the Font—none; At Rest—3 funerals; At the Book—Taking a workshop on Human Trafficking on May 16; Other—Rogation Sunday was April 28, Synod Assembly was May 4—5 and went well, Pastor gone to Germany on June 14 and returning late 23/24. Facebook Posts: Rogation Sunday reached 781, Kids Worship reached 804 people.
- *Treasurer's Report:** Read and Discussed Motion to approve Marty/Ken seconded
- *Secretary's Report:** Read and Discussed Ken/Kathy passed
- *Request to use kitchen and building: Council concurs with the request to use the building. Let Pastor Terri know of any challenges.
- *Motion to incorporate the 3 proposed policies into our policy manual Derek/Ken
- *Next Council Meeting** is tentatively June 11 at 5:30 p.m. We will wait to hear from new council members on their availability
- *Biannual Meeting:** May 19, 2019 following first service
- *Other Reports:**
- *Education Ministry**—Last day of Sunday School is May 19
- *Outreach**—Kids Day Alyssa Pavelec & Hailey Diemert did a fabulous job representing Ark-dale Trinity Lutheran Church. Susie has a table reserved for the Senior Fair on May 22, 2019.
- *Property Committee—Storm Windows:** Motion to use extra money from insulation to use for storm windows Derek/Ken
- *Worship Committee**—Pastor gone a few days, Mike Kuss looking at solar panels to offset utility costs
- *TLCW**—Kitchen Dedication on June 9 at 10:00 a.m.
- *Endowment**—funded 100% of costs for camperships for students, working with Amy O to set guidelines for future giving, will now look at reinvesting funds that are available as less money was needed for kitchen remodel
- *Other:** 4th of July Parade—looking for help, need more than 4—5 people to hand out our great ice cream coupons; looking for ideas for the float; maybe split people working on the route
- *Council Training:** Watched a video on harassment shared by Rick Searing
- Motion to adjourn at 7:00 Kathy/Ken
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer
- Respectfully Submitted,
- Anne Gibault, Secretary

Here's what's happening in June!						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Don't forget your A-F County Market receipts!</i>		<i>We'll take your crushed cans!</i>	Meals on Wheels 339-4251 Diane VanBeek	<i>Faith in Action 339-0504</i>		1 <i>9:00 am Iva Circle; Fellowship hall resv.</i>
<i>2-Name tag 9am Worship & Grad. Rec. 10am Kitchen dedication breakfast</i>	3 <i>6:00 pm Stitches & Purls</i>	4 <i>8:30 Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study</i>	5	6 <i>Trinity's Rummage Sale 9-5</i>	7 <i>Trinity's Rummage Sale 9-5</i>	8 <i>Trinity's Rummage Sale 8-4</i>
9-Pentecost 9:00 am Worship Wear red	10	11 <i>8:30 Quilting 5:30 pm Council meeting</i>	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15
16 <small>-Father's Day</small> 9:00 am Worship	17	18 <i>7am Worship mtg 8:30 Quilting 6pm Bible S.</i>	19 <i>9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due</i>	20	21 <i>Summer Begins!</i>	22 <i>Don't forget your A-F County Market receipts!</i>
23 <i>9am Worship 12:30— Fellowship hall resrv.</i>	24	25 <i>8:30 Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study</i>	26	27 <i>We'll take your crushed cans!</i>	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship	Church Office 564-7920	<i>Look for us on Facebook: Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church & Church Women</i>	Office Hours 9-2:30pm M-Thurs.	Church email: churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org	Church website: arkdaletlc.org	Pastor Terri after hours 339-6536

<u>Kitchen Dedication Celebration</u>	
Join us for a breakfast as we have an official dedication for the newly remodel kitchen on June 2nd after the 9:00 am worship service!	
<u>June reminders</u>	
Altar Guild:	Karen Soley & Lenna Hamilton
Garbage Run:	Steve Peterson
Food Pantry Run:	Sue Searing
Lawn Mowing	03rd: Ed Heideman & Steve Peterson; 10th: Brian & Donna Olson 17th: Scott Soley; 24th: John Stormoen & John Pavelec
<u>A-F County Market Receipts Wanted!</u>	
In celebration of 30 years in business, A-F County Market will donate 3% for each dollar spent this year! Please keep placing current receipts (June 1st→) in the box in the Narthex or mail them directly to the church. Money raised help support TLCW scholarships, camperships, Bible giveaways, kitchen upkeep, LWR Kits & more!	
<u>Trinity's Yard Sale</u>	
Thursday & Friday, June 6 & 7th; 9-5 pm Saturday, June 8th; 8 am-4 pm at Big Toys Super Storage, Located at Hwy 21 & 20th Ave.	
<u>Bible Moment</u>	
Joshua 1:9 <u>"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."</u>	
+ Have you ever been afraid of something? Someone? Trying something new? + What have you ever done, even though you were afraid or hesitant to do it? + Knowing God goes with you, no matter what, how does this make you feel? + Look up Deuteronomy 31: 6. List the words that are in the verse above or are similar: + Do you feel stronger? Less fearful?	
<u>Food Pantry</u>	
We have a grocery cart in the Narthex and our volunteers want it full to take to the local food pantry! Here is a greatest needs list of items. Baked beans; canned beets, spinach, fruit, tuna, pork & beans or grape jelly; Chef Boyardee products (kids love); crackers; flavored & Ramen noodles; individual pudding or fruit cup; instant potatoes; ketchup/mustard; Macaroni & cheese; Manwich; peanut butter; Tuna and Hamburger helper; shampoo; bar soap; body wash; toilet tissue; toothpaste/toothbrushes. Please lookout for sales and donate to our cart if you are able.	
<u>Bulletin bloopers (not ours!)</u>	
The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on The Water.' Sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'	
<u>Kid's Day</u>	
Thank you to Alyssa Pavelec, Hailey Diemert and Deb Diemert for representing Trinity at Kid's Day this year. A ring toss cross game with prizes was offered.	

Stewardship Moment

Micro Prairies. Glimpses of beautiful butterflies are getting scarcer. Bees are in trouble. These small spaces can even help with flooding in some cases. Grass only can hold about 1 inch of rain water; a micro prairie up to 9. Even a small patch turned into a little prairie can help make a difference to native insects and pollinators, including swamp metalmark and monarch butterflies, hummingbirds and endangered rusty-patched bumblebees that were once plentiful in Wisconsin. No yard is too small; the key is native plants: Jack in the Pulpit, milk weed, Common Blue Star. Neil Diboll, an expert on native plants, “Studies have shown that green spaces in cities improve air quality, reduce summer temperatures and benefit people’s mental health.” “Restoration of the planet does not depend solely on preservation of large tracts of land in a pristine condition,” he added. “Small plantings of native plants, in urban and suburban landscapes, can provide critical habitat for a wide variety of birds, pollinators... beneficial insects — even reptiles and amphibians.” Micro can be big.

Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat

Calling all men—Find Some New Coaches at the next ‘One Year to Live’ Retreat! **September 13-15, 2019**, register today – space is limited. Where: MacKenzie Environmental Education Center, Poynette, WI. This retreat has been life changing for many attendees! Join with men of all ages seeking to follow the guidance of Proverbs 27:17. <http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org>. Call/text LMM synod leader, Jim (920) 763-3433 w/ other ?s.

KFC – Kids For Christ

★**Adults & older youth** let Pastor know if you would like to help/teach with **VBS** this summer.
★**Easter Breakfast** raised \$519 for our youth!
«**Bible Verse** Challenge. Joshua 1:9 “Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” First 12 to recite this verse to Pastor Terri will receive a prize.
«**Activity: Can Do:** Need two cans of the same size, string and something to punch a hole in the cans. Turn a tin can upside down and drill/punch 2 holes in each can on the sides near the sealed end, holes opposite each other. At the sealed end, suggest a hand held can opener, used on the side of the can instead of the top. Thread nylon cord/string through the holes and tie the ends together so that the loop is about two feet long. Place feet on the stilts holding onto the cord. As you lift up your foot, pull up on the rope so the can stays with foot. You ‘can’ do it with practice. Be courageous!
«**Table Talk:** Have you tried anything new lately? Is there something you want to do that you’ve never done? How can Jesus help you be courageous?
«**Bedtime Prayer:** Dear God, it’s hard to be brave. Please help me to remember that You are with me, and help me to have courage. Amen.

Thank you clean-up crew

Thank you to those that came out and cleaned up the outside church property from what winter left us. Carl Anderson, Al Hendrickson, Brian & Donna Olson, Ed Heideman, Bryan, Glenn & Braedyn Quinnett, Tom Guzman, John Pavelec & Ray Groskinsky.

If you can’t assist when scheduled, please find your own replacement and call or email the office with the changes. *Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of service.* 608-564-7920; churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org

June 2nd --9:00 am

Ushers: Garret Gould & Rick Searing
Liturgist: Diana Steigerwald
Lector: Jeff Chase
Greeter: Cathy Williams
Acolytes: Hannah Oleson/Zoey Nawrot
Com. Brs: Lenna Hamilton & Liana Glavin

June 9th --9:00 am

Ushers: Steve Peterson/Hank Sauer
Liturgist: Karen Soley
Lector: Krista Pavelec
Greeter: Debbie Hagen
Acolytes: Mia Moore & Lily Bittner
Com. Brs: Jill Renner & Alyssa Pavelec

June 16th --9:00 am

Ushers: John & Derek Pavelec
Liturgist: Meagan Grabarski
Lector: Garret Gould
Greeters: Hannah Oleson & Mia Moore
Acolytes: Alyssa Pavelec/Hailey Diemert
Com. Brs: Hank & Nancy Sauer
Leader: Rick Searing

June 23rd --9:00 am

Ushers: Sue Searing/Danna Peterson
Liturgist: Mike Kuss
Lector: Karen Groskinsky
Greeters: Rick & Sue Searing
Acolytes: Eli Hamilton & Ashton Quinnett
Com. Brs: Roxie & Morgan Irey
Leader: Ruth Check

June 30th --9:00 am

Ushers: Garret Gould & Seth Hamilton
Liturgist: Paul Brown
Lector: Sue Searing
Greeters: John Pavelec & Debbie Hagen
Acolytes: Matthew Pavelec/Merrik Moore
Com. Brs: Steve & Danna Peterson

Summer Fun at Trinity!

Sunday, June 9th wear **RED** in honor of Pentecost

Sunday, July 14th wear an **ANIMAL PRINT OR a HAT** (baseball cap, straw hat, cowboy hat, etc.)

Sunday, August 11th wear a **HAWAIIAN SHIRT**

Sunday, September 1st wear **RED, WHITE & BLUE**

Crossways Campaign

We did not reach our goal of \$1,000—we surpassed it! Thank you all, we raised \$1,357.86.

A Prayer for Courage

God make me brave for life-
Oh, braver than this!
Let me straighten after pain
As a tree straightens after rain
Shining and lovely again.

God make me brave for life
Much braver than this!
As the blown grass lifts, let me rise
From sorrow with quiet eyes
Knowing Thy way is wise.

God make me brave, life brings
Such blinding things
Help me to keep my sight
Help me to see aright
That out of the dark come—Light.
— Grace Noll Crowell