

something “holy.” The time of rest from work is called ‘holy’ by God himself. And in Gen 2:2-3 it states two times that God himself rested, and if God can take a break – definitely so should we, giving thanks to our most Holy God. You don’t have time to not carve out time to spend with God and for R n R. There is - a season and time for every matter under heaven. Ecc. 3:12-13 “There is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God’s gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.”

What Joy is ours,
Pastor Terri

Personal Note: A big **Thank You** to Rick Searing and Ruth Check for bringing the message to our worshiping community while I was away in Germany with my friend Karen. It was greatly appreciated! I had a wonderful time, visiting many Lutheran historical sites, and eating good food. And to Paul Brown who will bring the message mid July. ☺

Micah Tyler at the A-F Fine Arts Center! Thursday, September 12th, 7pm. Tickets on sale now for \$15 presented by Thrivent. Tickets & info: afasd.tix.com or 715-325-8474.

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From the Pastor’s Pen

Dear friends,

Summer is definitely here. I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1 [*ee-clee-zee-as-tees*] “For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.” For us it’s now time for mowing and planting, gardening, fairs, cutting wood and other outdoor activities and chores. In the following verses of Ecc. 3, it also says there is a time to laugh and a time to dance, even time to hide and seek (vs 6). The good Lord has given us work and rest and times to enjoy each other’s company. Make sure to utilize all three, and see the blessing in them.

On the webpage for theologyofwork.org their Introduction to Rest and Work says this: *Human beings need a rhythm of work and rest in order to live up to their God-given potential. Just as God gives people important work to do, God also asks people to rest periodically from their labor. Work gives each individual the opportunity to partner with God in his goals for creation, while rest lets that person enter into communion with God in enjoyment of creation. Ideally, all people would work and rest in comfortable alternation, leaving humanity physically healthy, mentally stimulated, and spiritually fulfilled.*

The article continues: *Many neglect to rest or do not have the opportunity to rest, given the patterns of their lives. With the dizzying advance of technology, people can work anywhere and anytime. In 2014, The Economist reported that 60% of people who use smartphones are connected to their offices for 13.5 or more hours a day. (“Why is everyone so busy?” The Economist, December 20, 2014)... consumed by the need to earn a paycheck, care for children or aging parents (or both), and fulfill others’ needs and expectations of them. Over-worked, they find it increasingly difficult to experience the kind of life-restoring, humanizing rest that they need.* I know it’s about balance. Work is necessary and rest IS necessary.

In Genesis 2:2-3 it says, “*On the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.*”

I agree with the article when it noted: *Today, many people think of rest as something they have to do so that they can work. Given the choice, some people would prefer bodies that did not need rest. In modern society, rest is often seen as the opposite of productivity. [And yet] Rest is a functional necessity, serving the higher end of work, devoid of higher meaning or significance.*

After six days of creation, God looks at all that he had made and said “it was very good” (Gen 1:31). But it is not until the seventh day that for the first time, God calls

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UNAPPROVED—Congregational Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2019—9:15 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by President Rick Searing at 9:15 a.m.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Terri Skildum

Set the Agenda

Add Nominations for members on the Endowment Committee—need 2 members

Add ideas on painting

Synod Assembly Report by Pastor Terri

Things went well and the assembly wrapped up quickly

Secretary's Report by Anne Gibault

Motion to accept/second Ken Bork/John Stormoen

Treasurer's Report by Monica Wallendal

Motion to accept/second Kathy Cappel/Kris Bougie

Nominations for Council

Scott Soley, Ruth Check, and Meagan Grabarski were the committee

Need 2 People: Meagan Grabarski and Marge Edwards were nominated

Motion made by Rick Searing to accept those nominations and approved by those in attendance

Nominations for Endowment Committee

Rick Searing and Kurt Mikolite nominated Motion made by Ken Bork and approved by those in attendance

Nominations for 2020 Nominating Committee

Rick Searing per guidelines church guidelines and John Stormoen volunteered

Church Rummage Sale Coming Up on June 6, 7, 8, 2019

1st 24 people to volunteer to help get a wonderful T-Shirt donated by Thrivent

Old Business

none

New Business

Glenn Quinnell Back Steps—we are grandfathered in. Note that the back steps don't meet the current code. New quote was \$25,000 for covered steps

Suggested that Glenn to continue to do research on ideas for the steps and present at the January meeting

Painting the Fellowship Hall Idea

Bring ideas to January Congregational Meeting

Look at painting for the 2020 budget as we have not budgeted it for this year

Active Shooter Plan Question—Council Members and Ushers have been trained. We have had 2 safety meetings. The plan is not shared with everyone as research shows that in rural churches most of the threats come from within the congregation due to domestic issues. If there is an issue, those trained will direct the congregation how to act. Council was also trained in forms of harassment and bullying in the workplace.

Mike Kuss—consider making our building more energy efficient possibly with solar panels.

Consider an exploratory committee to look into this.

Kurt Mikolite—Thinking about internet security at our church: Do we have a VPN—virtual private network? It makes things much more secure for our church

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Here's what's happening in July!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm Property & Stitches & Purls	2 8:30 Quilting	3 6:00 pm Bible Study	4 Office closed— 4th of July	5	6 9:00 am Iva Circle
7-Name tag 9:00 am Worship	8	9 8:30 Quilting 5:30 pm Council meeting	10 6:00 pm Bible Study	11	12	13
14-Animal print/hat day 9am Worship & Council Induction	15	16 7am Worship mtg 8:30 Quilting	17 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due 6:00 pm Bible Study	18	19	20
21 9:00 am Worship	22	23 8:30 Quilting	24 6:00 pm Bible Study	25	26	27 Fellowship Hall Reserved
28 9am Worship 10 am Endowment mtg	29	30 8:30 Quilting	31 6:00 pm Bible Study			

Faith in Action—339-0504—M-Th, 9-3 pm, faacwi@gmail.com

Meals on Wheels—339-4251 Diane VanBeek

Look for us on Facebook: Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church & Church Women

Pastor Terri—home: 608-339-6536

Don't forget, we collect A-F County Markets receipts and aluminum cans!

Motion to Approve Complaint and Child/Adult polices with suggested changes Kathy/Becky

Next Council Meeting is July 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Add to our Next Agenda: Before next meeting, look at finding a new date for Council meetings. Council members should look at their schedules to see what days of the week are best and bring those dates to our next meeting.

Induction of New Council Members: July 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Positions: Ken Bork President; Derek Pavelec Vice President; Marge Edwards Finance; Meagan Grabarski Personnel; Property—Derek Pavelec/Ken Bork

Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for those listed above Marge/Anne

Tabled Policies: Background Checks—Pastor Terri has been working on creating one and will continue to revise our draft.

Read through and discussed pages Policy Manual 17-25 will be replaced by the pages discussed tonight. Pastor Terri will work on our Social Media Policy. Table until next meeting.

Elect Committee to edit the Continuing Resolutions Packet: Look through and see if there is anything that needs to be moved into the Policy Manual. Table until next month. Council will review the Continuing Resolutions before the next meeting.

4th of July Parade—Meagan Change how we do the parade. Walk along the sidewalk and hand out ice cream coupons. Megan will check to see if we can walk rather than have a float. We can have a map of the route and divide—Ken will make it and Meagan will announce it on Sunday.

Other Reports:

Education—Pastor Terri New VBS format: shorter time, one snack, looking at going to the Rome splash pad to go with the Shipwreck theme. Aug 19—21, 2019

Outreach—Susie Smith Senior Fair on May 22 was a success! Very positive comments about our church, luncheons, Harvest Dinner, and awesome choir.

Property Meeting is July 1

Worship Ministry Changing to the Nicene Creed, Trying out Theme Sundays this summer. Add reminders of our themes and colors to wear to the devotional emails.

TLCW Kitchen Dedication was very well received.

Endowment Paid for many `camp fees this year

Motion to adjourn at 7:00: Kathy/Becky

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Gibault
Council Secretary

Recognition of Rick Searing and Tom Guzman for their efforts and talents on Church Council
Adjourned Meeting at 10:00 motion made/seconded by Sandy/Pat
Closed with The Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Gibault
Council Secretary

July reminders

Altar Guild: Penny Ross, Marge Edwards, Nancy Dix & Darlene Hovorka
Garbage Run: Carl Anderson
Food Pantry Run: Terri Soley
Lawn Mowing: **01st:** Greg & Terri Soley; **08th:** Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky
15th: Glenn & Peggy Quinnell; **22nd:** Carl Anderson & Hank Sauer; **29th:** Brian & Donna Olson
Flowers: **07th:** Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka; **14th:** Sandy Pheiffer; **21st:** Tom & Sharon Guzman; **28th:** Greg & Terri Soley

A-F County Market Receipts Wanted! - 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!

St. Croix Hospice—is looking for volunteers to visit patients with life limiting illness in your community. No experience required. If you would like more information about being a loving presence to someone at this most sacred time in their lives, please contact Nicole Revels at 608-448-4200.

Be in the know! Want to know what’s going on in our South Central Synod of the ELCA? Sign up for the ‘What Matters’ email! To get on the list email: vickih@scsw-elca.org.

2018 Quilts & Kits-We had some of our personal care kits go to Guatemala last November. The remaining quilts, school kits, baby care kits and personal care kits went to Syria in February of this year! Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and to those that donated items or funds to make these kits possible. God’s work, our hands.

Homebound? If you are unable to come to church, please contact Pastor Terri to set-up a time when she can come to you for a short visit and bring communion. 608-564-7920.

Vacation Bible School—VBS! Come join the fun **August 19—21st from 6-7:30 pm!** The theme is “Shipwrecked” Rescued by Jesus. All students going into Pre-K thru 6th grade are invited. There are permission slips available in the Narthex. Please register no later than **August 1st** to ensure enough supplies.

Bible Moment: The word ‘insect’ is in the Bible. How is the word used? True or False:
___ 1. As an insult [Further readings: Isaiah 41:14; Leviticus 11:23; Psalm 50:11]
___ 2. To describe what cannot be eaten ___ 3. Part of the 1st day of creation
___ 4. A house infestation ___ 5. A type of offering sacrifice
___ 6. As part of what God claims as His own ___ 7. A form of dress

Key: True- 1,2,6; rest are false

«**Bible Verse:** You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you." Nehemiah 9:6. "I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine." Psalm 50:11.

«**Activity:** Butterfly feeder: dish that can hold water such as a small shallow bowl, and something for a stand, like a sundae glass or tall glass. You will also need strong glue like a 100% silicone or no-nails glue, ½ cup sugar and 2 cups of water. Sand or rocks are optional or a colorful sponge. Glue plate/bowl to the stand/glass (narrow end of glass to plate). Once glue is dried turn upright. Line bottom with the sand or rocks or put pieces of the sponge on the plate.

Nectar: In a pot, boil water and sugar until dissolved. Let cool. Pour in the nectar but do not cover the rocks or sponge to the top. If using sand, make little puddle spots. Butterflies will stand on the rock/sponge/sand as they drink in the nectar. Slices of over-ripened banana can also be laid on the plate. Fill the nectar as needed. Place feeder near or in the middle of flowers. A brightly colored dish is best.

«**Table Talk:** Do you know the stages of a butterfly? What is your favorite color of a butterfly?

«**Bedtime Prayer:** Dear Lord you give all living things life. And you have asked us people to help care for all living things. Help me learn how to care for all your creatures, especially butterflies and my family. Amen.

Carl Anderson (79)	Charlie & Helen Anderson (4 each)	Jeff Chase (15)	Ruth Check (4)
Randy DeMunck (8)	Karen Garber (3)	Ray Groskinsky (8)	
Tom Guzman (8)	Judy Hatlevig (4)	Sharon Guzman (7)	
Al Hendrickson (12)	Mike Kuss (2)	Gordon Langer (6)	
Gary Neunier (4)	Karen Neunier (11)	John Pavelec (26)	
Joyce Pavelec (4)	Harvey & Ruth Peterson (11 each)	Karen Post (2)	
Tom Post (9)	Glenn Quinnell (91)	Peggy Quinnell (17)	
Penny Ross (77)	Hank Sauer (15)	Susan Searing (18)	
John Stormoen (135)	Monica Wallendal (12)	Nancy Weiner (5)	
Edith Westra (8)	Sue Holtz (4)	Bonnie (Visitor) (4)	
Total raised: 2002: \$6,741 ; 2003: 4,217 ; 2004: 3,767 ; 2005: 5,827 ; 2006: 4,939 ; 2007: 3,837 ;			
2008: 3,688 ; 2009: 3,424 ; 2010: 2,741 ; 2011: 3,169 ; 2013: 4,038 ; 2015: 3,150 ; 2016: 1,200 ;			
2017: 4,016 ; 2019: 3,086 . Grand total: \$57,840. Plus pending sales.			

	<u>July 7th --9:00 am</u>	<u>July 14th --9:00 am</u>
Ushers:	Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky	Ed Heideman & Rich Wachholz
Liturgist:	Darlene Hovorka	Dianna Steigerwald
Lector:	Ruth Check	Lloyd Waller
Greeters:	John & Audrey Stormoen	Ed Heideman & Carl Anderson
Acolyte:	Eli Olson & Ryan Oleson	Megan Craig & Amber Schiefer
Com. Brs:	Randy & Mary DeMunck	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka

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