

World Relief Back Packs-We will be handing out back packs at 9am church service on Aug. 18th. Ya'll did a great job of filling 60 back packs in 2018. Our goal is 100 for 2019. Please fill them with the following items: **4– 70 ct. wide or college ruled notebooks, 1—blunt scissors; 1– box of 24 Crayola crayons; 1—2 1/2” eraser and 1—pencil sharpener.** TLCW will provide the back pack, 5 pens, 5 pencils & 1 ruler. Education is important for every child worldwide. Trinity Lutheran Church Arkdale can help make a difference for many children. **Thank you** in advance—Penny Ross.

4th of July Parade! Thank you TLCW & Penny for donating candy. Thank you A-F County Market for donating 1,000 ice cream cone coupons. Thank you volunteers for walking the parade! Trinity was nicely represented!

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

Sometime this month we will sing I Love to Tell the Story, written by Katherine Hankey. And Katherine did love to tell others about Jesus, our Savior. She was born in 1834 into a wealthy English family, but her desire and joy was to see people come to know Jesus and to help the poor and downhearted. At a young age she started conducting Bible studies all over the city of London. When she was thirty she got very sick and was told that she had to take some time off from her Bible Studies and rest. For a year, she rested but did not lay dormant. It was during this time that she took her pen and wrote a very long poem about Jesus Christ. It was from the second half of her poem where we find the words to our hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story."

It was set to music by William G. Fischer. According to hymnary.org, he taught music at Girard College, worked in the book bindery of J. B. Lippencott Publishing Company and co-owned a piano business and music store—all in Philadelphia. In 1876 he conducted a thousand-voice choir at the Dwight L. Moody/Ira D. Sankey revival meeting in Philadelphia. Fischer composed some 200 tunes for Sunday school hymns and gospel songs! Impressive. Thanks be to our Lord for Katherine Hankey and Mr. Fischer.

Songs teach us many things, hymns especially are a musical form of a sermon of sorts, and can reach places mere words cannot touch. You may not remember the Bible verses about grace, but you probably remember the first verse of Amazing Grace. ☺

If we haven't sung your favorite hymn in a while, let me know; put a note in the brown box on the narthex table. Think about your favorite hymn. Ask yourself why is it your favorite. What hymn makes you cry – why? What hymn always makes you feel better or stronger? Hymns like "I Love to Tell the Story" are poetry set to music, and all our hymns convey a message about our Lord God, be it about his glory or healing, love or faithfulness. Even if you don't sing – reading along is powerful and uplifting.

Another thing to look for in August is a pair of sandals on the narthex table. I am challenging the VBS youth and everyone, to consider your footwear. Over 1.5 billion people suffer from soil transmitted diseases worldwide. Without shoes, children are especially vulnerable to soil-transmitted diseases and parasites that can cause illness, pain and even death, particularly in 3rd world countries. There's an organization that makes shoes for kids that actually can change up to 5 different sizes, literally growing with the child. Prayerfully consider a donation to help distribute such shoes to kids in need. Checks can be made out to 'Because International', writing on the memo line 'shoes that grow'.

Also new this year VBS will be in the evening, not in the am, and volunteers are always welcome!

Joy, *Pastor Terri*

Stewardship Moment: I was recently in a hotel; the key was a plastic card. And it got me to thinking about gift cards, the samples in the mail, phone cards, credit cards, each a piece of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), and they can really add up. Americans alone purchase 2 billion gift cards each year. More than 75 million pounds of PVC material from plastic cards enters the waste stream each year — underscoring the importance of disposing of your old cards responsibly. Though PVC is recyclable, the magnetic part and the holograms on them make it complicated. So in efforts to keep plastic out of landfills, make sure to turn in your hotel key card so it can be re-used. Also, try to re-load gift cards, versus purchasing new ones. Today many retailers now offer electronic gift cards that can be redeemed for online orders or by showing the code on your phone at the store. And those sample plastic cards in the mail - put them in your recycling bin OR save them for next month's craft idea.

Congratulations to Heart Prairie Lutheran Church of Whitewater, celebrating their 175 anniversary! And to St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Loganville for winning the 2019 Heart & Hands Award!
We are a very rural synod. We are headquartered in Madison because it's centrally located to our 13 counties; 70 - 80% of our congregations are in rural communities. For some, this means we are serving farming communities who are experiencing a financial crisis not seen since the 80's and because of this, we are seeing a rise in emotional trauma and deaths by suicide.

St. Peter's Loganville recognizing a deep need organized experts to come together with their beloved community through their **Farm Stress and Suicide Forums** hosted by the church. These forums are designed to inform and support, to connect with their neighbors, to lift up and walk with...literally wrapping their arms around those who are suffering through their adversity and to give them hope and healing.

In addition to these regular forums, they evangelized by informing the media to tell their story of how God is at work in their midst and their story was indeed covered by a media outlet. This congregation understands that building beloved community happens through and in Jesus Christ. Congratulations to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Loganville!

TRAVEL - Visit: Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Munich & Rothenburg -Including the Passion Play of Oberammergau. Faith Lutheran Church (Janesville) is hosting this trip and invites anyone who would like to join them on this unusual tour -11 days: July 13-23, 2020. Hosted by: Pastor Felix Malpica. Cost: \$4,659 per person from Chicago. For a full brochure & reg. form, visit: <https://www.faithlutheranjanestown.org/travel-with-flc>.

Learn & Grow! Are you interested in deepening your faith & knowledge of theology? Diakonia is a two-year program of spiritual formation & theological education for anyone wishing in good faith to study Holy Scripture & the church's teachings. The Fall term begins in September. If interested, contact Barb, the Diakonia Coordinator at 608-535-0264 or email her at: scswdiakonia@gmail.com.

Looking for a few members to be on a committee to review and update a policy packet. If interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible. 608-564-7920 or churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org.

Here's what's happening in August!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VBS registration due	2	3 9:00 am Iva Circle
4-Name tag 9:00 am Worship & Baptism	5 6:00 pm Stitches & Purls	6 8:30 Quilting	7 6:00 pm Bible Study	8	9 7:00 am Fairground clean-up	10 7:00 am Fairground clean-up
11-Hawaiian shirt day 7am Fair- ground clean. 9am Worship 10am Council	12 7:00 am Fairground clean-up	13 8:30 Quilting	14 6:00 pm Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9:00 am Worship	19 6-7:30 pm VBS	20 7am Worship mtg. 8:30 Quilting 6-7:30 pm VBS	21 9am News- letter Art. Due 6pm Bible Study 6-7:30 pm VBS	22	23	24 9am Youth Brat Fry at A-F Cty Mkt.
25 9am Worship 11:30 Fellowship hall reserved	26 6:00 pm Property meeting	27 8:30 Quilting	28 6:00 pm Bible Study & Choir	29	30	31

Faith in Action—339-0504—Monday-Thursday, 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!

LUAD— Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters

LUAD is a synod ministry supported by your mission support, and made up of volunteer members from all over our synod. More information is at info@luad.org or call the emergency response number at 888-237-0433.

Bible Moment. Which of the following words/phrases are **not** found in the Bible? (KJV & RSV Versions)

01. By the skin of my teeth.
02. A house divided against itself will not stand.
03. A Drop in the bucket.
04. Fleshpots.
05. Jumpin' Jehosaphat!
06. Scapegoat
07. (cast) Pearls before swine.
08. For everything there is a season.
09. Ends of the earth.
10. Behemoth.
11. Kiss of death.
12. Gird your loins.

KEY #5 & #11 though based on Biblical events are Not in the Bible. #1. Job 19:20; #2. Matt.12:25; #3. Isaiah 40:15 & 17; #4. Exod.16:3; #6. Levit.16:8; #7. Matt.7:6; #8. Ecc.3:1; #9. In Deut.33:17, Job 28:24, Prov. 17:24, Is.24:16 & in Psalms: 2, 8, 22, 48, 59, 65, 67, 72, 98; #10 Job 40:15; #12 - 2 Kings 4:29 & 1Peter 1:13.

KFC Kid's For Christ:

Older Kids: Fair Grounds Clean Up – 7am Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings. Meet at the 4-H building.

VBS is August 19-21, 6-7:30 PM. Registration due by August 1st! Volunteers needed.

Bible Verse *"Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl."* Deuteronomy 25:5.

Activity: CD Basket: Need an old CD, an oven, oven safe bowl & a cookie sheet. Warm oven to 225-250. Turn oven fan on or open window. Place bowl upside down on cookie sheet with the CD centered on top of bowl, shiny side up. Place in oven and "bake" until the CD starts to get soft and bends to the shape of the bowl. You can use chop sticks or what have you to help shape bowl – caution CD will be hot. You can simply use your new bowl as a decorative item, or fill it with cotton balls for the bathroom, potpourri for the living room table or with paperclips for your desk (may wish to cover hole). You can also paint it with acrylic paint. Do not use with food. (Next month: *save up plastic credit cards/gift cards for the craft*).

Prayer: All through the night I humbly pray, O Lord be my guard and guide. My sins forgive and let me live, and blest Jesus be by my side. Amen.

Not too late: Memorize Joshua 1:9 and recite it for Pastor to receive a mini squishy Mochi toy as your reward. *"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

God's Work, Our Hands is September 22

This year – Freedom Sunday. **This year we can Help rescue slaves.** Information will be available on human trafficking in September. Freedom Sunday is an invitation for us to learn about modern slavery and partner with IJM (International Justice Mission) to end it for countless, men, women and children.

Unapproved Council minutes, July 9, 2019-5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Present: Mary DeMunck, Becky Craig, Marty Hillert, Marge Edwards, Meagan Grabarski, Derek Pavelec, Monica Wallendal, Kathy Cappel, Pastor Terri, and Anne Gibault. **Excused:** Ken Bork
Meeting Called to Order by Vice President Derek Pavelec at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor's Opening Devotion: New book Getting Your Feet Dirty Don Everts

Pastor's Report:

Visitations: 15 with 2 more planned

At the Altar: 3 weddings planned for this year

At the Font: 2 baptisms planned

At Rest: none

At the Book: starting a new book for devotions for Council meetings

Other: Our top Facebook post was in June in with the garage sale and it reached 1,205 people

Treasurer's Report:

Update on church finances 6 months into the year

Looked at income and expenses so far this year

Council is encouraged to look in detail through the report and ask questions

Motion to Approve: Marty/Kathy

Secretary's Report:

Reviewed last month's report

New roles were listed in last month's report—add in all roles for next month

President—Ken Bork

Vice President—Derek Pavelec

Treasurer—Monica Wallendal

Secretary—Anne Gibault

Finance—Marge Edwards, Monica Wallendal, Ken Bork, and Mary DeMunck

Personnel—Meagan Grabarski, Anne Gibault, and Marty Hillert

Property—Derek Pavelec and Ken Bork

TLCW—Becky Craig

Endowment: Marty Hillert

Worship Ministry—Kathy Cappel

Education Ministry—Anne Gibault

Motion to Approve: Meagan/Marge

Next Council Meetings:

August 11, 2019 following church

September 19, 2019 at 5:30 at church

Will look at dates for the upcoming year when all council members are present.

Possibly look at Thursdays

Council Induction of all members next Sunday, July 14 at 9:00 a.m. Group photo

Parade Report—Meagan Grabarski

Had lots of volunteers!

Next year 2 five gallon buckets of candy.

Next year start collecting candy earlier.

Policy Updates:

Updated Child/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

Updated: Incident Report

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Updated: Volunteer Application

Updated: Code of Conduct

Updated: Social Media

In-Progress: Continuing Resolutions—Rick Searing and Marty Hillert will seek additional volunteers to review this

Other Reports:

Education Ministry:

VBS August 19--21 during the evening from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. 2 volunteers so far and always looking for more. Some students already have registered. Shipwreck theme.

Fundraisers:

Fairgrounds clean up

Brat Fry August 24 at County Market: Start grilling at 9:00 a.m.

Outreach—Susie working on a project for Women’s Night Out in the fall.

Property Committee—Rummage sale, getting lawn mowing done, fire inspection done in June

Worship Ministry—The Back Row boys sang for service, Sandy is looking at 2 different Christmas cantatas for choir. The idea of moving to one service was brought up. There was a robust discussion about having one service time.

TLCW—Becky

Endowment Committee—The next meeting is later this month.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Marty/Meagan

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Gibault—Council Secretary

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.

	<u>August 4th --9:00 am</u>	<u>August 11th --9:00 am</u>
Ushers:	Hank Sauer & Rick Searing	John Pavelec & Steve Peterson
Liturgist:	Mike Kuss	Paul Brown
Lector:	Kari Banovec	Aiden Gould
Greeters:	Hannah Oleson & Zoey Nawrot	Roxie & Morgan Irej
Acolytes:	Matthew Pavelec & Zarek Nawrot	Robert Irej & Merrik Moore
Com. Brs:	Lisa Parker & Lori Henthorne	Lenna Hamilton & Liana Glavin

	<u>August 18th --9:00 am</u>	<u>August 25th --9:00 am</u>
Ushers:	Garret Gould & Seth Hamilton	Rick & Sue Searing
Liturgist:	Tom Guzman	
Lector:	Kallysa Farrell	Jeff Chase
Greeters:	Hank & Nancy Sauer	Becky & Kelly Oleson
Acolyte:	Cody Hendricksen	Macy Farrell & Delilah Renner
Com. Brs:	Jill Renner & Zoey Nawrot	Steve & Danna Peterson

Choir begins on Wednesday **August 28 at 6:00 pm** and is open to anyone HS age and above who loves to sing! No audition, just a willingness to join us in making a Joyful Noise unto the Lord! We have some new music to explore so step on up and come aboard! Looking forward to a beautiful new season!! Sandy Pheiffer 🎵

Thank you again to all of the generous donors and volunteers for the recent rummage sale – our current receipts have reached \$4,700, \$59,450 since 2002. John Stormoen

Help wanted– looking for someone to wash the church sign by the highway. Please contact the office if you can help. 608-564-7920.

This year's **Prevent Suicide Walk/Run/Ride** - Starts at 11am, Saturday Sept. 7th from the Friendship Park. There will be food available after for a small fee. Participants can choose to do a 1.5 mile walk, 5 mile bike ride or 8k run. There's a raffle, plus door prizes too. Mark your calendar today!

August reminders

Altar Guild:	Edith Westra and Dana Henriksen		
Garbage Run:	John Pavelec		
Food Pantry Run:	Susie Smith		
Lawn Mowing:	05th: Ed Heideman/Steve Peterson	12th: Scott Soley	
	19th: John Stormoen/John Pavelec	26th: Greg & Terri Soley	
Flowers:	04th: Gary/Karen Meunier	11th: Lloyd/Darlene Hovorka	
	18th: Sandy Pheiffer	25th: Tom/Sharon Guzman	

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!

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.

Summer Fun at Trinity!

Sunday, August 11th **Hawaiian shirt day!**
Sunday, September 1st **red, white & blue day!**

Stuff The Bus– now until **August 11th** we are collecting school supplies for our local community. We have a box in the Narthex to place items. This program helped **over 400** students last year. Items needed: notebooks, folders, backpacks, markers, pencil pouches, colored pencils, glue sticks, water colors & scissors.

Backpack blessing is scheduled for **Sunday, August 25th**. Please have your child bring their school backpack with them to service. There will be a time during the service when we will have a special blessing for the upcoming school year.

Get involved—we have various groups here at the church that welcome new faces anytime! Stitches & Purls, meet the 1st Monday of the month at 6pm; Iva Circle (quilting), meet the 1st Saturday of the month at 9am; Bible Study, meet Wednesday’s during the summer, Tuesday’s the rest of the year at 6pm, Quilting meet Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am & Choir meet Wednesday’s at 6pm during the school year.