

Parsonage Rental—Council voted to retain the security deposit of the previous renter to cover cleaning costs.
Motion to confirm the the electronic vote of the new parsonage renters and to retain the security deposit to cover cleaning costs Motion: Marty/Marge
Anne to attach the email voting results to the minutes
Microsoft Office Software Update Needed for the new Windows 10. Recommend the yearly purchase price of \$80 for 2 desktops Motion: Marty/Kathy
TLCW: Seeking approval to spend own money to hire Fenske to paint the fellowship hall including painting the lower paneling and south entry way—no one had an objection
Other Reports:
Education Ministry—Sunday School has started. Next Wednesday Confirmation will be collecting money to donate to the Feed My Starving Children outside of local gas stations. Pastor Terri checked the background of the organization and they are a good organization to donate to.
Outreach—Susie—finishing working on things for Women’s Night Out
Property Committee—Council is requesting that the Property Committee prioritize items within their 2020 Annual Budget; anything we can get in advance to look at would be helpful
Worship Committee—we have been working on ideas for the Nativity; December 11 Cantata; Council provides desserts
TLCW—discussing painting the fellowship hall
Endowment Committee—Meeting October 20, 2019
Marty Hillert will request from Aaron Hoernke where we are at in the Endowment Fund
Other: Delegate (s) are needed for November 2, 2019: Synod Assembly in Madison. Marty Hillert volunteered to attend

Motion to Adjourn at 6:55 Marty/Derek

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Gibault
Council Secretary

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From the Pastor’s Pen

Dear friends, the following is an edited musing of Dustin Cooper:

Every night a father tucked his daughter into bed and they would repeat their familiar routine. The little girl would say, “I love you” and her dad would say, “I love you first.” One night, however, the little girl interjected a change. After hearing her father say, “I love you first,” she proclaimed, “I love you always!” And that became their new routine. The little girl has grown and is now a young wife and mother, but daughter and father continue to share these words. The exchange continues to affirm their love and connection. One will say, “I love you first” and then wait to hear the response, “I love you always.”

The love between a parent and child is wonderful, and yet, how much greater and more perfect is the love between God the Creator and those claimed as God’s children? This is the image of the God we have come to worship today: A God whose love reaches back into all our yesterdays and stretches into all our tomorrows. A God who always loves and forgives, who is always there to guide us when we are lost, to strengthen us when we are tired, and who overwhelms our hearts with love and grace. When we go to God in worship we praise and acknowledge the One who loves us first AND who will love us always.

Years ago a widow gave her last two coins as an offering to God. Many still wonder what motivated such a sacrificial gift. Surely she did not expect to have her name engraved on a wall or have the street in front of the Temple named in her honor. She clearly did not anticipate her gift would be lifted up as an example for others to follow centuries later. So what motivated her gift? Maybe it was a heart-felt desire to declare her life had been blessed by a God who had always met her needs, or perhaps she felt blessed by a God who loved her first and always. The widow’s sacrificial offering was the very best way she knew to express that she loved God first. She would love God always.

Too often the offering plates on Sunday are viewed as just part of the way we pay the bills and what not. Yet at its very core, the offering is so much more. When we collect the offering, you are invited to proclaim, through faith, that you love God first. You love Him more than your jobs, your assets, your possessions, your hobbies, and even your families. The offering is the time to proclaim your trust in God, above all else, in a world of uncertainties.

It is in giving we stay connected to what is really important in life and not allow materialism to define who we are; and it is in giving that we gain a deeper understanding of the depth of sacrificial love God has for us. It is in giving that we grow in our own personal journey as a follower of Jesus. It is in giving we say to God and to the world those simple, yet life-defining words: “I love you first, and I will love you always.”

Even if you have given electronically or give once a month, or unable to give – no matter – when you see the plates – think of how much God loves you. Think of what you have given or of what you are able to offer (volunteer time, prayer time or gifts of service) to the one who loves you continually, eternally. This is **the higher purpose of giving**, and why it is part of our worship service and our discipleship walk.
Joy, Pastor Terri

Stewardship Idea: Subscribe to National Wildlife Federation at <https://www.nwf.org/Get-Involved/Subscribe>. Think about pollinators when planning for next spring.

Funny Bible Moment: Genesis 25:30 Esau said to Jacob: “I'm starving; give me some of that red stuff.” ☺ (Good News Translation)

ATTENTION: The 2019 Synod Assembly continues with a SPECIAL meeting - Saturday, November 2nd from 10-2pm at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie. We would like to send 2 voting members from our congregation. This meeting we will vote on the 2020 synod spending plan. Let Pastor Terri or Ken Bork know if you are interested in being our delegates.

Our kits & quilts will get shipped the end of this month. We will have our kits/quilt blessing service on October 13th. We ask that day for a \$5 donation to help off-set shipping costs. If you are unable to attend that day and would like to make a donation, checks can be made out to the church & in the memo line write “Quilt Sunday”. Thank you for your generous donations of items, time & funds. God’s work. Our hands.

Your offering, covering **19 pairs** of ‘Shoes That Grow’, was wonderful and has been sent. Thank you!!

Interested in a tour of Alpine Europe, including the Passion Play of Oberammergau? It’s next summer, July 13-23, 2020 with Pastor Malpica from Faith Lutheran in Janesville. For info call (608)754-0261 or visit: <https://www.faithlutheranjanestown.org/travel-with-flc>.

Daylight savings time is November 3rd. Turn your clocks back one hour before bed on the 2nd.

- KFC Kids for Christ**
- **Adults ONLY:** Deputy Murphy will be here to present “Hidden in Plain Sight” Oct. 30, 6pm.
 - **Confirmation:** We will be going to Prairie Du Sac On October 25 to assemble meals for the ‘Feed My Starving Children’ program.
 - **Sunday School:** Check out the dove we painted downstairs on the wall. Next month – Christmas Program practice begins.
 - **5th Graders:** First Communion Classes: Oct. 13, 20, 27 & Nov. 3 @ 9:15 with Pastor Terri.
 - **Bible Verse:** The light (Jesus) shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:5.
 - **Activity: leaf jar.** Need white glue or mod podge, leaves (dry leaves will work better than fresh), tea candle, a clear jar, a small paint brush. Paint jar with glue, place leaves on it and paint more glue over leaves. Let dry. Add a candle.
 - **Prayer:** Dear Lord, shine in me your good stuff. May people see your goodness and praise you. Amen.
 - **Table Talk:** Why are you scared of the dark? How can Jesus help?

PRESENTATION At Arkdale Trinity Church: Hidden in Plain Sight
Deputy Murphy will tell us about drug and alcohol usage and equipment. This is for Adults Only. The more we know, the better we can help all our kids and grandkids. Let the office know if you need child care. #608-564-7920.
6-8 pm, Wednesday, October 30th - in the Social Hall.
This is sponsored by the Adams’ Sheriff Dept. & the Adams County Drug Free Task Force.

Here’s what’s happening in October!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 Quilting 6pm Bible Study	2 6:00 pm Choir & Confirmation	3	4	5 9:00 am Iva Circle
6-Bible Sunday 8 Worship 9 Fellowship 9:15 Educ./ Harvest Dinner mtg. 10:15 Worship	7 6:00 pm Stitches & Purls	8 8:30 Quilting 6pm Bible Study	9 2pm Aging & Disability class 6pm Choir & Confirm.	10	11	12 Third quarter statements available!
13-Quilt Sunday 8 Worship 9 Fellowship 9:15 Educ./ 1 st Communion class 10:15 Worship & Baptism	14	15 7 Worship mtg. 8:30 Quilting 6pm Bible Study	16 2pm Aging & Disability class 6pm Choir & Confirm.	17 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due 5:30 Council	18	19
20 8 Worship 9 Fellowship/ Endow. Mtg. 9:15 Educ./ 1 st Comm.class 10:15 Worship 12pm Class	21	22 8:30 Quilting 6pm Bible Study	23 2pm Aging & Disability class 6pm Choir & Confirm.	24	25 Kitchen reserved	26 Kitchen reserved
27-Commitment Sunday 8 Worship 9 Fellowship 9:15 Educ./ 1 st Comm.class 10:15 Worship	28 6:00 pm Property meeting	29 8:30 Quilting 6pm Bible Study	30 2pm Aging & Disability class 6pm Choir & Confirm. 6-8pm Hidden In Plain Sight class	31		

If you can't assist when scheduled, please find your own replacement and call or email the office with the changes. Please arrive 15 min. prior to the start of service.

October 6th --8:00 am
Ushers: Randy & Mary DeMunck
Liturgist: Mike Kuss
Lector: Mike Kuss
Greeters: Al & Grace Hendrickson
Acolyte: Eli Olson
Com. Brs: Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka

October 13th --8:00 am
Ushers: John Stormoen/Lloyd Hovorka
Liturgist: Paul Brown
Lector: Ruth Check
Greeters: Randy & Mary DeMunck
Acolyte: Megan Craig
Com. Brs: Joe & Myrna Baumel

October 20th --8:00 am
Ushers: Ray Groskinsky/Tom Guzman
Liturgist: Darlene Hovorka
Lector: Lloyd Waller
Greeters: Charles & Helen Anderson
Acolyte: Mayson Nawrot
Com. Brs: Ruth Check & Penny Ross

October 27th --8:00 am
Ushers: Carl Anderson & Tom Post
Liturgist: Dianna Steigerwald
Lector: Sandy Pheiffer
Greeters: Ray Groskinsky/Tom Guzman
Acolyte: Davion Hoernke
Com. Brs: Becky & Megan Craig

Reminders for October!

Altar Guild: Danna & Katie Peterson & Meagan Grabarski

Garbage Run: Les Kirchner

Food Pantry Run: Ruth Check

Fellowship: 06th: Sparby Sisters;
13th, 20th, 27th: Fellowship committee

Free CPR/AED Class-- we will hold a class here at the church on October 20th at 12pm. Pizzas will be provided at 11:30. This is **not** a certification class. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

All Saint's Day is November 3rd. We will have a special service remembering our members that have been newly baptized and those that have returned to their eternal resting place this past year.

October 6th --10:15 am
Ushers: Seth Hamilton & Hank Sauer
Com. Assist.: Danna Peterson
Lector: Becky Pease
Greeters: Becky & Kelly Oleson
Acolytes: Mia Moore & Delilah Renner
Com. Brs: Lenna Hamilton & Liana Glavin

October 13th --10:15 am
Ushers: Craig Irey & John Pavelec
Com. Assist.: Nicole Quinnell
Lector: Aiden Gould
Greeter: Cathy Williams
Acolytes: Alyssa Pavelec/Caylee Frank
Com. Brs: Jill & Delilah Renner

October 20th --10:15 am
Ushers: Glenn & Bryan Quinnell
Com. Assist.: Jennie Moore
Lector: Kallysa Farrell
Greeter: John Pavelec
Acolytes: Eli Hamilton & Merrik Moore
Com. Brs: Nancy Sauer & Alyssa Pavelec

October 27th --10:15 am
Ushers: John & Derek Pavelec
Com. Assist.: Roxie Irey
Lector: Jeff Chase
Greeters: Hannah Oleson & Mia Moore
Acolytes: Matthew Pavelec/Zarek Nawrot
Com Brs: Roxie & Morgan Irey

A-F County Market Receipts Wanted!

A-F County Market donates **3%** for each dollar spent this year to the TLCW! Please keep placing receipts in the box next to the elevator in the Narthex or mail them directly to the church. Money raised help support TLCW scholarships, camperships, Bible giveaways, kitchen upkeep, LWR Kits & more!

Dear Member (s),
It's that time of year again! Please take a few moments and fill this form out. If you currently volunteer for something, please fill out again. **Commitment day is Sunday, October 27th** this year. Please bring this form with you that day or if you are unable to attend that day, please mail or drop off your reply no later than October 28th.

This is the time of year when our Finance Committee starts developing the budget for 2020. In order to accurately budget, **we need your reply.**

 Yes - I/we have talents to share & have completed what I/we would be willing to assist with.

 No - I'm/we're not able at this time to help outside of attending Worship.

Name & phone #:

Email:

Spouse name & phone #:

Email:

Envelope # _____ My/our pledge for 2020 is as follows:

Building Improvement: General Budget Operating expenses:

\$ _____ per week \$ _____ per week

\$ _____ per month \$ _____ per month

\$ _____ per year \$ _____ per year

 I/we will support the ministry of Trinity Lutheran without a specific pledge.

 I/we would like to start giving electronically. Please mail me/us a form.

The church understands that this is your best estimate of giving & that your financial situation may change. Please call our office (608-564-7920) with any changes or concerns.

Time & Talent – Please use your initials if multiple people are using this form.

Building & Grounds

☐ Painting ☐ Repairs—general ☐ Mowing (Rotational) ☐ Electrical
☐ Plumbing ☐ Wood working ☐ Snow shoveling (Rotational) ☐ Decorating
☐ Gardening (Rotational) ☐ Take garbage to the dump (Rotational)

Music

☐ Choir (Wednesday’s 6pm practice Sept.-May) ☐ Play organ/piano
☐ Vocal Solo ☐ Play instrument (name of instrument) _____

Office

☐ Answer telephones (When secretary gone) ☐ Bulletin/Newsletter folding
☐ Computer skills (Excel/Word experience) ☐ Library work (Change books
& refile) ☐ Finance/Counter (Rotational basis, Monday’s)

Teaching

☐ Adult Bible Study ☐ Confirmation (September—May)
☐ Sunday school (September—May) ☐ VBS (3 days in July or Aug.)

Worship Assistant (Rotational basis, **please circle time preferred: 8:00 or 10:15**)

☐ Altar Guild (Monthly rotation) ☐ Assisting Liturgist ☐ Communion Assistant
☐ Communion Bearer ☐ Greeter ☐ Lector/Reader ☐ Ushering
☐ A/V Equipment operator during worship service

Evangelism

☐ Fair booth (August) ☐ Kids Day booth (April) ☐ Mentoring—New Members
☐ Blizzard Boxes ☐ Women’s Night Out (Nov.) ☐ Parade of Trees (Nov./Dec.)
☐ Senior Fair/Veterans Fair (summer) ☐ Holiday Happenings (Nov./Dec.)

Fund-raising

☐ Rummage Sale in June (on odd # years) ☐ Tailgate in October (on even #
years) ☐ TLCW Harvest Dinner (every year on election day in November)

Other

☐ Prayer Chain (Phone tree/email system) ☐ Stitches & Purls group
☐ Fellowship hour (Sept.—May) ☐ Public speaking
☐ Quilting (Tuesday’s) ☐ Driving/Ride Share
☐ Take Food to Food Pantry (Rotational) ☐ Dramatic readings/plays/skits
☐ Stewardship Committee ☐ Preaching when Pastor gone
☐ Nominating Committee for Council
☐ Bible Study
☐ Photography

Unapproved Council minutes, September 19, 2019 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Present: Mary DeMunck, Becky Craig, Marty Hillert, Marge Edwards, Derek Pavelec,
Monica Wallendal, Kathy Cappel, Pastor Terri, and Anne Gibault

Excused: Ken Bork and Meagan Grabarski

Meeting Called to Order by Vice President, Derek Pavelec

Pastor’s Opening Devotion: We reflected on Psalm 121. I lift my eyes up to the hills.
Where does my help come from? It comes from the Lord.

Pastor’s Report:--update this

Visited all the nursing homes and did some home visits. 15 visits this month
At the Font: 1 coming up.
At the Altar: 1 wedding coming up
At Rest: 1 funeral
Freedom Sunday will be September 22 with a Theme of “God’s Work. Our Hands.” This
year we will be focusing on learning more about human trafficking.
Pastor will attend the Bishop’s Convocation, October 6—8. She will preach before
leaving.

Treasurer’s Report:

Went through report
Motion to Approve Marty/Kathy
Next month there will be a budget review and then start looking ahead to budgeting for
next year.

Secretary’s Report:

Reviewed last month’s report
Motion to Approve Marge/Mary

Next Council Meeting Date:

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Stewardship Committee: Commitment Sunday is October 27: Theme is Not Your

Parents’ Offering Plate

Need Temple Talkers for:

10/6	1 st Service	2 nd Service
10/13	1 st Service	2 nd Service
10/20	1 st Service	2 nd Service

*Look at changing” General Budget” to” Ministry Funding Plan”

Continuing Resolutions: Committee has not met yet due to scheduling.

Mike Kuss, Marty Hillert and Rick Searing are working on going through what we have
They condensed the Continuing Resolutions and Organizational and Policy Manuals.
Council to review for the next meeting.

As council members attend committee meetings, request that each committee update
their information

Last chance for Council Members to make any changes to the manual

Insurance for Pastor: Move to retain current plan of Gold+ Motion: Marty/Mary
**ELCA is becoming a sanctuary denomination—an explanation was given as to what
that means**

*looked over the definition of what it means

*we will await further action by the ELCA

Message Regarding the resignation of Bishop Viviane-Breitfeld—we wish her well and pray
for her next step in her journey

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