

2020 Council Events to Keep in Mind

4th of July Parade; Church Picnic in August; Tailgate and Raffle in October; Dessert Extravaganza in Dec.

Other Reports:

Education—Confirmation students just filmed their skit for the Youth Led service; Adult Bible Study going well; Ash Wednesday meal baked potato bar, chili, and a chicken soup

Outreach—Susie Smith made 120 Valentines for each resident at Liberty Manor, Villa Pines and two for the Veterans at King Veterans Home

Property Committee—read and discussed minutes

Worship Committee—changing liturgy for lent, adding in music for lent, April 5th Choir Cantata

TLCW—read and discussed report

Endowment Committee—read and discussed report

Motion to Adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Kathy/Derek

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer—Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault—Council Secretary

Thank you for prayers, cards and visits! All is so very much appreciated, John & Audrey Stormoen.

“Check” it out! (Budget Info)

Church Members should know:

We are gamblers! Yes, all of us are. “Not me” each of us would say, but when we look at the church budget we discover that we are “gambling” that there will be \$50,000 in unpledged donations. Last year unpledged was \$48,831.35; so a good “bet” would be that we will have \$50,000 in 2020.

This is just a little food for thought. Next month watch for more gambling episodes.

Risky Ruth (Check)

Bible Moment Key: 1-A; 2-B; 3-A; 4-C; 5-C; 6-B; 7-C; 8-A; 9-C; 10-A.

March 2020

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From the Pastor’s Pen

Dear friends,

I want you to think about the first 5 minutes of greetings, the first 5 in the morning, the first 5 minutes with your kids when they or you come home, the first 5 at work... These first 5’s set a tone for the relationships around us and the mood that will follow.

Dr. Dobson in his book *Your Legacy: The Greatest Gift* says, “Snarls or complaints as the kids gather for breakfast will sour their behavior and attitude for hours. Greeting children after school with kind words and a tasty snack may be remembered for decades. And at the end of the day when a spouse arrives home from work, the way they are greeted will influence their interaction with you throughout the evening. A single criticism such as, “Not tuna casserole again!” will put the relationship on edge from then to bedtime.”

Even our first minutes at church make an impact, good or bad. When someone enters, do they feel wanted here or judged? Greeted with a smile – or with a stare? Did someone rush past them without even a nod of greeting? Did anyone speak to them while in our space, invite them to come again? People who have recently joined said that they became members because they did feel welcomed & wanted here, and that everyone was getting along with each other and not grumbling among themselves. They said they could feel that people wanted to be here and liked each other. Isn’t this how a family of God’s children should be?!

This is important to remember. We are not to be grumblers and ‘Negative Nancys. (*all our Nancys are wonderful – just saying.*) We can humbly & respectfully disagree, when we do have differences. We do not take them personally, knowing there is more than one way of doing things. People will have different priorities & dreams for our congregation’s goals, and this is actually wonderful – the spices of life that enrich our work here. We work toward a solution and/or compromise. So, internal discussions do not need to be shared at work or on Facebook. We may not agree on politics or unions or even football, BUT we are united in Christ, of the same Baptism; we are blessed by Christ, and together we praise our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Remember the first 5. Greeting someone is not just the greeter’s job. Introduce yourself to someone you haven’t met. Ask their name and tell them yours. Shake a hand, nod your head in greeting, smile, make sure guests know where the bathroom is and invite them to fellowship. Tell them, ‘I hope you can come again.” Don’t forget, often the first 5 may start in the parking lot. And pray for guests. Many times someone comes to church with a burden on their heart. And if someone comes to worship, who hasn’t been here for a while – don’t tease them, “*Hey is lightning going to strike*”; it’s hard to come back, if you think you will be judged.

May we always be a congregation that people feel welcomed in and wanted, where any differences of opinions can be settled reverently, where our varieties of backgrounds, talents & diversity is cherished & lifted up, and indeed where our voices unite in prayer & in praise of our awesome God.

Pastor Terri

Lent Services

Join us Wednesday's in March at **7pm** for worship service.

Daylight Savings

Remember to set your clocks **ahead** one hour before you go to bed on the **7th!**

Summer Camp

Not too early to enroll your child in a summer camp program! Many camps have **early bird registration rates**. The TLCW & Endowment have funding available. Applications are in the kiosk next to the narthex table. There is info on various camps as well but your best bet is to visit the camp website!

Receipts wanted!

A-F County Market receipts wanted! The TLCW receives **3.1%** for each dollar! Please place receipts in the box on the narthex table.

God grant me the **serenity**

To accept another snow storm,
The **courage** to drive in the snow,
And the **wisdom** to know when to stay home.

Thank you volunteers

Garbage Run:

John Pavelec

Food Pantry Run:

Terri Soley

Altar Guild:

Terri Soley,
Barb Albrecht & Karen Groskinsky

TLCW Scholarships

The purpose of the TLCW Scholarship is to assist **Arkdale Trinity Lutheran High School Senior members or college students** in undergraduate or vocational courses of study. Funds awarded from the TLCW Scholarship fund come from church members, bake sales and dinner proceeds. The average award is \$250-\$500. Guidelines & applications are in the kiosk next to the narthex table. **Applications are due May 1, 2020.**

Thank you volunteers

Fellowship:

01st: Altar Guild (May-Aug.)
8th: Altar Guild (Sept.—Dec.)
15th: Sparby Sisters
22nd/29th: Fellowship Com.
Shovel: 2nd: Ray G./Tom G.
09th: George G./John P.
17th: Glenn Q./Hank S.
23rd: Terry H./John S.
30th: Tom B./Carl A.

Pizza Fundraiser

March 8th is the last day to get your order in for pizzas! Funds raised will benefit our youth with various events such as the ELCA Youth Gathering in MN next year. The youth **thank you** for your continued support.

Sundays in Lent

Join us for the series Thy Will Be Done, focusing on a different aspect of God's will at work among us. Biblical characters will give insights each week to guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day. Jesus prayed, "Not as I will, but as you will," to his Father the night before he went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer this Lent as we seek to do God's will in our lives.

Hand sanitizer—Each pew is equipped with hand sanitizer. Thank you to whoever has been supplying these!

Just for laughs—"I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."

March Calendar of Events

Sunday 1,8,15,22,29: 8am Worship; 9am Fellowship; 9:15am Education; 10:15am Worship

Tuesday 3,10,17,24,31: 8:30am Quilting; 6pm Bible Study

Wednesday 4,11,18,25: 5:30pm Choir; 7pm Worship

Regular Happenings!

Monday 2: 6:00 pm Stitches & Purls

Saturday 7: 9:00 am Iva Circle

Tuesday 17: 7:00 am Worship meeting

Wednesday 18: 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due

Thursday 19: 5:30 pm Council meeting

Saturday 21: 12:00-12:30 pm Pizza pick-up at Adams Community Center

Note these dates!

Unapproved February 20, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes—5:30—6:40 p.m.

Present: Pastor Terri, Mary DeMunck, Kathy Cappel, Derek Pavelec, Ken Bork, Marge Edwards, and Anne Gibault

Excused: Meagan Grabarski, Becky Craig, Monica Wallendal, and Martin Hillert

Meeting Called to Order by President, Ken Bork

Opening Devotion:

When do you feel overwhelmed?

Pastor's Report:

Visitations: 16 visits made

At the Altar: 1 wedding

At the Font: 3 baptisms

At Rest: One funeral

Pastor will be attending the Rostered Leaders Gathering July 19-23, 2020 in Arizona

LEAD is March 14 at Good Shepherd in Madison—all are invited to attend

April 12 Easter, April 19th Youth Led Worship, April 26 Rogations Sunday

Pastor out of Pulpit: May 17th for Johanna's graduation: Paul Brown will lead first service and Garret Gould will lead second service

Birthday cards sent (about 40 each month)

Missing/Thinking of you cards/letters to members and Sunday School students

Assisted the Sherriff's department with 2 death notifications

Treasurer's Report:

Shared earlier via email Kathy/Marge

Secretary's Report:

Council Minutes:

Reviewed last month's report

Motion to Approve: Marge/Kathy

Set the next council meeting: March 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Solar Panel Information Shared

Council is reading information and creating questions to ask

School Seeking Funds to help sponsor

Church will make a donation Student Council through the Bible Study group Derek/Mary

Faith in Action Seeking Funds

Council will forward the request to the Endowment Fund

Insurance Review

Will inquire about the cost of Limited Flood Endorsement & National Flood Insurance Policy

The rest of the policy would remain the same

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<p><u>March 01 --8:00 am</u> Ushers: Tom Guzman/Carl Anderson Liturgist: Darlene Hovorka Lector: Sandy Pheiffer Greeters: Randy and Mary DeMunck Acolyte: Megan Craig Com. Brs: Les & Maria Kirchner</p>	<p><u>March 01 --10:15 am</u> Ushers: Hank Sauer & Steve Peterson Com. Assist.: Liana Glavin Lector: Kari Banovec Greeter: Nancy Sauer Acolyte: Hannah Oleson Com. Brs: Barb Bennett/Danna Peterson</p>
<p><u>March 04th – 7pm</u> Acolyte: Eli Hamilton Usher: Seth Hamilton</p>	<p><u>March 04th – 7pm</u> Acolyte: Eli Hamilton Usher: Seth Hamilton</p>
<p><u>March 08 --8:00 am</u> Ushers: Ed Heideman & Tom Post Liturgist: Karen Soley Lector: Tom Guzman Greeter: Judy Hatlevig Acolyte: Mayson Nawrot Com. Brs: Marge Edwards/Darlene Hovorka</p>	<p><u>March 08--10:15 am</u> Ushers: Kris Peterson/Evan Henthorne Com. Assist.: Kari Banovec Lector: Kallysa Farrell Greeter: Roxie Irey Acolyte: Ryan Oleson Com. Brs: Lenna Hamilton/Amy Stainbrook</p>
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<p><u>March 15--8:00 am</u> Ushers: Randy and Mary DeMunck Liturgist: Paul Brown Lector: Darlene Hovorka Greeters: Charles & Helen Anderson Acolyte: Davion Hoernke Com. Brs: Brian Olson & Marge Edwards</p>	<p><u>March 15--10:15 am</u> Ushers: John & Derek Pavelec Com. Assist.: Kris Peterson Lector: Aiden Gould Greeter: John Pavelec Acolyte: Mia Moore Com. Brs: Amber Bruce & Lori Henthorne</p>
<p><u>March 18th – 7pm</u> Acolyte: Zoey Nawrot Usher: John Stormoen</p>	<p><u>March 18th – 7pm</u> Acolyte: Zoey Nawrot Usher: John Stormoen</p>
<p><u>March 22--8:00 am</u> Ushers: Tom Guzman/Ray Groskinsky Liturgist: Dianna Steigerwald Lector: Karen Groskinsky Greeters: Kathy Kuss & Karen Romell Acolyte: Myles Nawrot Com. Brs: Randy and Mary DeMunck</p>	<p><u>March 22--10:15 am</u> Ushers: Ken Bork & Seth Hamilton Com. Assist.: Danna Peterson Lector: Erin Pease Greeters: Becky & Kelly Oleson Acolyte: Molly Bittner Com. Brs: Lisa Parker & Evan Henthorne</p>
<p><u>March 25th – 7pm</u> Acolyte: Ashtin Quinnell Usher: Glenn Quinnell</p>	<p><u>March 25th – 7pm</u> Acolyte: Ashtin Quinnell Usher: Glenn Quinnell</p>
<p><u>March 29--8:00 am</u> Ushers: John Stormoen/Lloyd Hovorka Liturgist.: Meagan Grabarski Lector: George Goltz Greeters: Al & Grace Hendrickson Acolyte: Myles Nawrot Com. Brs: Ruth Check & Penny Ross</p>	<p><u>March 29--10:15 am</u> Ushers: Garret Gould & Craig Irey Com. Assist.: Roxie Irey Lector: Krista Pavelec Greeters: Dennis & Debby McClyman Acolytes: Alyssa Pavelec Com. Brs: Hank and Nancy Sauer</p>

March Assisting Schedule- Thank You Volunteers!

<p><u>Unapproved Congregation meeting minutes, January 26, 2020, 9:15 am—10:45 am</u> Meeting called to order by President Ken Bork Opening Devotion by Pastor Terri Skildum A Bit of Clay—Shape us to do God’s work Set the Agenda Add to Mike Kuss speak in new business Motion: Mike Kuss/Paul Brown Treasurer’s Report by Monica Wallendal Motion to accept/second Mike Kuss/Paul Brown Secretary’s Report from May 2019 by Anne Gibault Motion to accept/second Paul Brown/John Pavelec Nominations for 2020 Nominating Committee Rick Searing Nominations for Synod Assembly participants for May 2-3, 2020 in Wisconsin Dells Will continue to look for people to go Endowment Report \$3428 to give locally for benevolences and Ken Bork/Karen Romell to give to Council to determine how the interest money earned on investments is to be spent 10% given to Synod as Endowment—not included in the amount given as part of the church budget. The church budgets a certain amount to give to the Synod \$746 Ruth Check/Marge Edwards to accept report Budget 2020 Went through page by page and answered questions Need to look at more ways to increase our income to meet our expenses Recommendation to take parts of the budget and put into the newsletter to help make the congregation aware of our expenses—Ruth Check will write something for our newsletter Motion to approve/second Ruth Check/Paul Brown Combined budget proposal for 2021 by Ken Bork Proposed moving the building fund into the general fund Easier to keep track of expenses Same line items for property committee expense as it currently is Council would determine where the money will go—Council would look at the big picture of expenses and allocate resources as needed If another big building project comes up, the building fund could be created again What do people think? Have conversations Consider each Council member doing a Temple Talk for each part of the budget Old Business Glenn Quinnell—Back Steps—Glenn did research on getting the back steps up to code—however grandfathered in. Motion to table discussion indefinitely on the back steps indefinitely Marty Hillert/John Stormoen Landscaping the slope near the front of the church Motion to instruct the property committee to look for a minimal maintenance option for the slope Ruth Check/Marge Edwards Consider publishing goals of the congregation in the Trumpet New Business Mike Kuss—Question about confirmation pictures in the fellowship hall (continued, next page)</p>
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Mike scanned in all the pictures and saved digitally
Lloyd Waller is preserving the original pictures as well
Mike and the group is creating a tri-fold of people who have been confirmed
Kurt Mikolite is looking into a digital version of our pictures
Mike Kuss—Becoming a green church through solar power
Mike has been researching this
Cost is \$3/kw hour, could be about \$22,000 (25%) 44,000 (50%) \$79,000 (100%)
Warranted 25 years
There are grants available
Most churches don't go 100%
System would pay for itself in 15-20 years
Does the congregation want Mike to continue to investigate this?
Motion to continue researching solar power Tim Meyer/Mary Jo Meyer
Motion to Adjourn at 10:45 Mike Kuss/Ruth Check
Closed with The Lord's Prayer—Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault, Council Secretary

KFC: Kids for Christ
➤**Sunday School Kids** – thanks for singing for us once a month at second service!
➤**Thank You** to all who ordered **Pizzas**. Pick up is the 21st, 12-12:30pm at the community center.
➤**Bible Verse**: *'We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic...'* Numbers 11:5. This time of year we use a lot of dried and boxed food because our gardens aren't ready yet. Yet food is better for us the closest to fresh picked as possible. Our ancestors while in Egypt liked to pick fresh onions and leeks.
➤**Activity**: Cook Sweet Onion Alphabet Soup(recipe in narthex). Thank God always for our food.
➤**Table Talk**: What is your favorite thing to eat out of the garden & how do you like it cooked?
➤**Prayer**: Dear God. Thank you for the food on my plate, and for milk, and thank you for even the things I don't like. Please find help for those who don't have food to put on their plates.Amen.

Bible Moment: Some Biblical Marys:
A. Mary the Mother of Jesus; **B.** Mary Magdalene whom Jesus forgave; **C.** Mary, Martha's sister
1. Had a husband named Joseph. 2. Talked to an angel at Jesus' tomb. Matt. 28:1-7.
3. Asked Jesus to help with a wine situation. 4. Had a brother named Lazarus.
5. Sat at Jesus' feet to listen. 6. Jesus cured her. Luke 8:2.
7. Poured perfume on Jesus' feet. John 11:1-2. 8. Had an immaculate conception.
9. Accused Jesus of not being there when he was needed. John 11:21.
10. Mother of Joseph, James, Judas & Simon. Mark 6:3. (Answer key found on back page)

Stewardship Idea: Pollinators are in danger. Bees are very important pollinators, but over 100,000 invertebrates, incl. butterflies, moths, wasps, flies & beetles & over 1,000 mammals, birds, reptiles & amphibians, act as pollinators. Suggestions: Plant for pollinators, such as native plants & milkweed/ Avoid pesticides/ Adopt a monarch/ or Build a **Bee Home** or **Nesting Block**. (directions in narthex). There are 4,000 bee species native to North America & most of those don't form hives. Females lay their eggs in tunnels in decaying wood or in sandy soil. You can also leave tree snags on your property and/or leave open bare patches of sandy soil.

Library Cart: There are Tapes & CD's of the Bible being read. There are children books & a cassette of Wee Sing Bible Songs & an animated reading of "He Is Risen" on cassette. And added this month "Out of Canaan" by Jan Karon; "What Kids Need to Succeed" by Benson, Galbraith and Espeland, a VeggieTales DVD "The Wonderful Wizard of Ha's", & a DVD for kids "Toying with The Truth: Commandments 9 & 10".

Unapproved TLCW meeting minutes, February 2, 2020
Pot Luck/Table Prayer 11:30am-Meeting called to order at 11:50am by President Amber Bruce
Roll Call 16 present: Chris Brown, Karen Soley, Doreen Olson, Lori Henthorne, Pastor Terri Skildum, Amber Bruce, Norma Riese, Sharon Guzman, Terri Soley, Susie Smith, Arlene Sparby, Lenna Hamilton, Danna Peterson, Kris Peterson, Liana Glavin and Kathy Kuss.
Agenda Approved: Liana G. / Doreen O. Passed.
Minutes Approved: Danna P. / Arlene S. Passed.
Treasurers Report: Liana G. / Doreen O. Passed.
Devotional: Sharon G. I am the strength—I am the refuge.
Offering

Old Business
• **County Market Receipts**: Receipts from current or previous year are acceptable. Continue to turn them in.
• **Lutheran World Relief Kits**: 126 school kits, 73 personal care kits and 70 baby kits were shipped out in October. Cloth diapers for the baby kits were made from large or X-large t-shirts and sewn by Iva Circle. Students from National Honor Society helped assemble kits. Additional volunteers are always welcome. Iva Circle made 40 quilts that were sent out to LWR.
• **Lefse making** for the Harvest Dinner in November went well.
Christmas Cookie Bake Sale in December was a success. Items sold out by 2pm. We are booked for the Christmas cookie bake sale at Adams Community Bank for the next five years on the second Friday in December.

New Business
• **Election of Officers**: A motion was made to carry on with the same officers. Lori H. / Susie S. Passed.
• **Palm Sunday Bake Sale**: Get ready to bake! It will be April 5th.
• **Theater/Show for Sunday School and all students**: Doreen O. checking on a kid-friendly show TLCW can host at the Adams Theater.
• **Summer Picnic**: TLCW to supply the meat and beverages. \$500 budgeted item. Date to be determined.
• **Financial Report and Budget for next year reviewed**. Approved. Liana G. / Danna P. Passed.
• Susie S. reported for Penny R. who could not be present. 1) we will need **hot plates** to protect the counter tops when using lefse irons. 2) **Cooling racks** for baking are needed, 3) Penny R. would like to see TLCW join in hosting some type of fundraiser with or for Faith in Action and/or a graduation celebration. Susie S. suggested another **Eggs Benedict brunch** like we did last year to celebrate our kitchen remodel. Event to be determined with a potential date of June 7th. Susie S., Kathy K. and Amber B. formed a committee.
• **Buck a chick/animal sponsorship**: Pastor Terri said to watch for this.

Revamp Sunday School Rooms: Lenna H. said we will need money to fix up four or five rooms as well as the storage room.

Date and Time for next meeting TBD.
Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.
Lord's prayer, pictures taken, and then we cleaned the kitchen! :)
Respectfully submitted by Kathy Kuss, Secretary

TLCW is sponsoring a free family friendly movie for all to enjoy on March 22nd at 1:30 pm at the Adams Community Theatre. More info available at the church!