

June 2020

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

It has been a long hall waiting for things to open again. Now that some things have opened, I know you will take precautions as you start to venture out and about. The Church Council and Worship Committee have discussed our possible re-opening, as well. We discussed our average age, public health concerns, what, if anything, would make people comfortable coming back to our space, and we read the recommendations by the medical experts.

It was decided that for now, we will remain closed. This was a calm and rational decision, one that was not made out of fear, but out of concern for everyone's wellbeing. I know some of you are disappointed, some relieved that we are not rushing our re-opening.

Thank you for understanding, for your support, prayers and generosity!

Once we do re-open some things will need to change at least temporarily. First thoughts, hymnals cannot be sanitized, also bulletins/paper, therefore, we will probably go paperless, putting the whole worship service, including the hymns, on the screen. I know this is not ideal, but reduces touched surfaces. Also, if you wish to have your own hymnal to use at home, call the office by June 8th. Amy is putting together an order, new hymnals are \$33.25/hymnal.

We are looking at how greeters can welcome you safely. We are thinking about how to serve Holy Communion differently, and how to receive the offering without passing the plate, another contact surface. Choir for now is on hold. Experts are saying that public singing is not recommended, because of the deep breathing and the volume of air expelled outward. It's a possibility that we might seat people every other pew or every other two.

Here are some ways you can continue to pray and worship together: Participate in the on-line worship services on YouTube.com (search Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church). If you'd like, a paper copy of the sermon can be mailed to you. You can also request to receive the weekly e-mailed devotion. Simply call the office, 564-7920. On the Arkdale Trinity Facebook page there is a prayer posted daily, as well as the links to the Sunday worship services. Another way to stay connected is to consider getting your church pictorial out and pick 2 people a week or daily to call and pray for. Perhaps send a card to one of our shut-ins. Be a blessing. :)

Yes, things are changing. But **one thing that never changes - our God:** His Word - His Love - His mercy. These never change and never fail us. Faith in our Lord gives us hope, even when it seems dark.

Psalm 46:1-2, 11 *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.... The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."*

Pastor Terri

Personal Note: Johanna is now going on to graduate school via Lacrosse for a masters in Healthcare Administration. Thank you all for your support over the years!!

Future plans of our 2020 High School Graduates!

Isaac Craig- looking into entering the military service

Stacey DeMunck— attending UW Eau Claire- English Major Psychology/Philosophy Minor

Brandon Easterly- attending Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire- Landscape, Plant, and Turf Associates degree program.

Emma Hamilton- attending UW River Falls- Animal Science

Jarod Miller- Pursuing a career as a carpenter

Erin Pease- attending UW Madison- English

TLCW Scholarship Winners — Each will receive \$500!

Emma Hamilton— UW River Falls

Erin Pease — UW Madison

Stacey DeMunck — UW Eau Claire

Troy Banovec — UW Oshkosh

Leah Goltz — Judson University

Payton Quinnell — Wayne Community College

Johanna Skildum — UW LaCrosse

College Graduates!

Alyssa Brianna Kubly - Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice UW Milwaukee, WI
Has accepted a case manager position with Waukesha County Courts, Pretrial Division

Jill Jennifer Guzman— Bachelor of Arts in Communications UW Milwaukee, WI
Human Resource Assistant, Office of Continuing Education, UW Milwaukee

Results of last month's assignment

Here is a compilation of what the congregation has been up to during the shut down:

Grocery shopping for a friend; Reading; Found a lost key while cleaning

Just for laughs

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

“Daddy, what happened to him?” the son asked. “He died and went to Heaven,” the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, “Did God throw him back down?”

Receipts wanted!

A-F County Market receipts wanted! The TLCW receives **3.1%** for each dollar spent! Please place receipts in the **information box** located to the right of the church doors or **mail directly to:** Ruth Check, 1109 Chicago Dr., Friendship, WI 53934. **Thank you!**

From the secretary's desk

Hello All,

Since there is no “announcement page” to be viewing weekly, I thought we’d get caught up.

Each Thursday we have a dedicated team come in and record that week’s sermon. I’d like to thank Mike Kuss, Gary Meunier and Sharon Guzman and Sandy Pheiffer (that take turns) for coming in to assist Pastor Terri each week. We have room for six more members to attend. **If you’d like to attend, please call or email me** to see when there is an opening. They begin at 10:00 am and usually wrap things up in 30 minutes. The service is available to view online. Please visit our website at: arkdaletlc.org and scroll down to the YouTube link. If you’d like your own personal hymnal to sing along, let me know by June 8th as I will be placing an order for new hymnals. The cost is \$33.25, make check payable to the church. I can mail you a copy of the sermon if you’d like, let me know.

The “**Christ In Our Home**” **daily devotion booklets** are located in the “information” box to the right of the lower church doors.

A **special thank you** to Karen Meunier for planting the beautiful flowers. If you feel like going for a drive, please stop and visit the steeple garden. It is a wonderful place of peace and beauty.

Each week we include a list of names of people that are in need of our prayers. These are people that are members or are linked with a member of our congregation. **Please remember in your prayers the following:** Mark Baumel, Carl Bezemek, Frank Burg, Steve Burmeister, Kari David, Bob Freeberg, Jerry Groskinsky, Pete Hicketheir, Jessica James, Larry Johnston, Melinda Mayhew, Tucker McLaughlin, Terry Meloy, Larry Meyers, Maureen Morris, Pastor Les Paulson, Irene Pavelec, Joyce Pavelec, Ruth Peterson, Alysia Phillips, Jerry Trewyn and Jean Wheeler. Please keep us posted!

Normally in April there is a **Rogation Sunday**. A service dedicated to blessing the soil, seed, water and safety of the workers in the field. Please remember them in your prayers.

Normally in May we wish all the mothers, moms, grandmas, great-grandmas, nanas, aunts and any other positive female role model in our life a wonderful **Mother’s Day**. I sent an email but know that not everyone has email, so happy belated Mother’s Day.

In May, we also remember all the military members we’ve lost while serving our great country on **Memorial Day**.

That brings us to June. We normally recognize our graduates and TLCW Scholarship winners. Please keep in your prayers our **high school graduates:** Isaac, Stacey, Brandon, Emma, Jarod and Erin; **college graduates:** Alyssa and Jill; and **TLCW scholarship winners:** Emma, Erin, Stacey, Troy, Leah, Payton and Johanna.

We also recognize our **Sunday school and Confirmation teachers**. Thank you and please keep in your prayers the following that have taught our students: Amber Bruce, Erin Christensen, Roxie Irey, Crystal Nawrot, Krista Pavelec and Amy Stainbrook.

Happy **Father’s Day** on June 21st to all the fathers, dads, grandpas, great-grandpas, papas, uncles and any other positive male role model in our life.

I’d like to **thank and pray for our Worship Committee** (Pastor Terri, Mike Kuss, Sharon Guzman, Sandy Pheiffer, Darlene Hovorka and council liaison Kathy Cappel) and **Council Members** (Ken Bork, Derek Pavelec, Anne Gibault, Kathy Cappel, Mary DeMunck, Meagan Grabarski, Marty Hillert, Becky Craig and Marge Edwards) as I know much research, prayer and concern was made in their difficult decision to keep the church closed.

Blessings to you all, Amy

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in person and virtual

Present: Meagan Grabarski, Monica Wallendal, Derek Pavelec, Kathy Cappel, Marge Edwards, Ken Bork, Marty Hillert, Becky Craig, Pastor Terri and Anne Gibault

Excused: Mary DeMunck

Meeting Called to Order By: Ken Bork at 5:30

Pastor’s Report:

- Over the Phone: many visits
- At the Laptop: Many posts are reaching people. One post got to 100,000 views
- At the Church: Being very careful to limit people in the church working—carefully scheduling
- Pastor will be starting Zoom bible meetings

Secretary’s Report: Reviewed Motion: Kathy/Meagan

Treasurer’s Report: Monica shared report for the month and year to date report Motion: Marge/ Kathy

Set Next Meeting Date: June 18, 2020 at 5:30

Old Business:

- Flood Insurance: Not interested at this time
- June 14, 2020 Congregational Meeting—tabled for now
- 4th of July Parade—unsure if it is canceled or on. We will discuss if the parade is on.
- Church Picnic—will wait and see what happens
- Faith in Action Request: Marty will talk to Amy and get the check sent out
- Property Committee: Seeking funds for repair; motion for up to \$1,500 for repair Marge/ Derek.
- Brotherhood Mutual Insurance: Wants to give us a quote. We are not interested at this time

New Business:

Re-Opening Church: Worship Committee Recommendation to have church remain closed until fall. Motion to accept Anne/Marge

- Put in newspaper, on social media, and in newsletter
- On Time and Talent sheet add in question about what is the best way to contact everyone

Congregational Meeting will be postponed until January due to church being closed with COVID. Current Council members and officers will remain. Motion Kathy/Marge

Other Reports:

Education—Pastor emailed all confirmation students sermon notes and the confirmation test. No Vacation Bible School. We will not be making pizzas. Students will contact those they sold to and offer refunds.

Outreach—Susie-Has been delivering masks for those that need them.

Property Committee—no meetings lately; people have been mowing and planting flowers.

Worship Committee—shared thoughts on reopening

TLCW—no meeting

Endowment Committee—no meeting

Motion to Adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Kathy/Ken

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault—Council Secretary

Stewardship Idea

Did you know grilling can save you money?! When you use your stove or oven to cook, it creates a lot of heat. And in the summertime, it can make your air conditioner work extra hard. If you're not much of a griller, maybe consider cooking meals in a crockpot.

Bible Moment (answers below)

- When Samuel picked David as king, God reminded us that while people look at the outward appearance, what does God look at?**
A. our motives. B. our attitude. C. our deeds. D. our heart.
- What is the last book of the Old Testament?**
A. 2Samuel. B. Matthew. C. Zephaniah. D Malachi. (Check the last verse: God reminds us to love our family.)
- How many times did God call out to young Samuel in the night as he was lying down in the house of the Lord?**
A. 4. B. 3. C. 1. D. 20.
- After Jesus was baptized, God said, “This is my son, whom I ____.”**
A. love. B. will bless. C. cherish. D. have sent.
- What instrument did David play?**
A. flute. B. Harp/lyre. C. drums. D. cymbals. [Bonus question: Name the king he played it for.]
- Finish this verse from 1 Thessalonians: Pray without ____.**
A. doubting. B. crying. C. complaining. D. ceasing.
- After Noah got off the boat, what sign did God give that showed his promise to never flood the world again?**
A. a dove. B. an olive branch. C. a rainbow. D. a fiery bush.

KFC Kids for Christ

- Confirmation Youth**, Please turn your tests in and work on your memory work.
- Bible Verse:** “The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind.” Matthew 13:47.
- Activity:** Fish rocks: need small various sized rocks, paint, hot glue gun/gorilla glue. Wash and dry rocks. Paint, then glue as your imagination desires. You could also create a backdrop/scene on paper to put the rocks on.
- Prayer:** Dear Jesus, I am glad your people come in all colors and sizes, just like the fish in the ocean. Thank you for all the pretty fish and for me and my loved ones. Amen.
- Table Talk:** What is your favorite fish/sea creature? Why? (Shark, Octopus, Tuna?)

Lawn mowing schedule

- 01st— Steve & Kris Peterson
- 08th— Brian & Donna Olson
- 15th— Scott Soley
- 22nd— John Pavelec & Ed Heideman
- 29th— Mike & Sandy Willis

Garbage run - Steve Peterson

Answers to the Bible Moment:

- 1-D 1 Sam. 16:7.
- 2–D.
- 3-A.
- 4-A (Matt. 3:17).
- 5-B [bonus King Saul].
- 6-D.
- 7-C.