



April 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church—PO Box 65, Arkdale, WI 54613



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

Last month I lost some dear family members and a close friend. I thank God for the gifts they were to me and that I was able to attend their funerals. Unfortunately this also meant that I had a couple hotel stays. But in preparing to speak at my friend's service, I pulled out the Bible in the hotel night stand for I did not have mine with me. I was able to find and read passages - and found comfort in those words. It was a Bible donated by the Gideons International. It's almost a given that there would be a Bible in every hotel room and in hospital rooms. That is how successful the ministry of the Gideons has been - placing Bibles in millions of rooms, globally.

These Bibles placed in so many locations - do make a difference. Not only have I used one on several occasions, but also thousands of people everywhere. For some picking up this Bible will be their first time. Think about all the flight attendants world-wide... think of all their stay-overs every week - all year long - there will be a Bible in their room. Think of the nurses and doctors who may need His Word or a patient...

In Matthew 28:19-20 we are told that we are to make disciples, to Baptize and to teach them all we know about our Lord. His Word is a great place to start. And the Gideons do all they do through our donations and volunteers. They place over 1,000,000 Bibles and Testaments in 200 different countries, in 101 different languages - every 4 days! And because God's Word is so important that's why we, every fall, place a Bible in the hands of our 3rd graders. FYI: There are cards in the narthex to use to make a donation to the Gideons on behalf of someone, for example: 10 Bibles in celebration of their birthday or in their memory, perhaps in celebration of an anniversary.

On another note - sometimes a Bible becomes damaged. For a broken binding, one option is getting a Bible rebound. There is nothing that I have found in scripture about what to do with an old Bible. My confirmation Bible got left outside in a rain storm - sadly it was unusable after that. While it is not the paper or ink or the Bible itself that we worship - for we worship the Lord himself, we do hold the pages in respect for they teach us of our Lord and Savior. Bibles that are complete can be given away, donated or saved as family heirlooms.

As to what to do with one that is damaged might I suggest retiring it with respect. Perhaps like we do with a flag, we can burn it. And instead of saying the pledge of Allegiance, one could recite scripture such as from Psalm 119:103-105, "*How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*"

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A-F County Market Receipts Wanted! - The TLCW receives **2.9%** for each dollar spent at A-F County Market this year! Please keep placing receipts in the box by the elevator or mail them directly to the church. Money raised help support scholarships, camperships, Bible giveaways, kitchen upkeep & various community causes.

April reminders

Sunday Fellowship: 1st—Easter Breakfast served by our youth; **8,15,22,29th**—Fellowship

Altar Guild: Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka and Sandy Pheiffer

Garbage duty: Carl Anderson **Food Pantry run:** Monica Wallendal

Snow removal: **April 02-08th:** Glenn Quinnell & John Pavelec;

April 09-15th: Hank Sauer & Carl Anderson; **April 16-22nd:** Ray Groskinsky & Tom Guzman; **April 23-29th:** Ed Heideman & Scott Soley

Save the date! So much fun was had last year, we are going back to see another show at the Clauson Family Music Theatre! Save the date of Saturday, September 15th, more details will follow as it gets a bit closer.

Mark your calendar for **April 14, 9:00 am**—church yard clean up! The more the merrier. Bring shovels, rakes, leaf blowers & trailers to haul leaves. All ages are welcome!

Easter Services are Sunday April 1st. Sunrise service is at **6:00 am** followed by a delicious breakfast served by our youth. \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. We will also have regular **8:00 & 10:15 am** services with the breakfast being served at 9:00 am. **Maundy Thursday & Good Friday** services are at **7:00 pm**. Lilies are due March 29th by 12pm. Please place in the quilting room off the Fellowship Hall.

Special thanks to our snow shovel team Carl Anderson, Ray Groskinsky, Tom Guzman, Ed Heideman, John Pavelec, Glenn Quinnell, Hank Sauer, Scott Soley and John Stormoen.

Thank you to Craig Irey for his snow plowing services. **Thank you** to the Town of Strongs Prairie for helping with sand and salt.

TLCW Scholarship Applications-The purpose of the TLCW Scholarships is to assist *Arkdale Trinity Lutheran High School Senior members and college students* in undergraduate or vocational courses of study. Funds awarded from the TLCW Scholarship fund come from church members, bake sales & dinner proceeds. The average award is \$250-\$500. 2018 applications are in the Kiosk in the Narthex & are due **May 1st!**

Graduate info needed! Please let the office know your future plans and the school you are graduating from no later than 9:00 am on **April 18th**. churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org.

Lenten Challenge: During the **40 days of LENT** – you hopped right up to help with recovery efforts in Puerto Rico & the Caribbean. **Thank You!** Your generosity will be our offering at the Synod Assembly Sunday morning worship in May.

Rock-A-Thon fundraiser brought in **\$349**. **Pizza Fundraiser** brought in **\$2,596.49** with 727 pizzas made! Thank you to all that helped on pizza making day & thank you all for your continued support! Looks like the 12" supreme was the favorite this year. Look for these tasty pizzas again next March.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Issues Statement on Dreamers: “I encourage policymakers to reflect upon Martin Luther’s challenge: “How do we know that the love of God dwells in us. If we take upon ourselves the need of our neighbor.” I also call upon Lutherans throughout the country to lift our voices through our Advocacy network and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service to urgently call for legislation that provides a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers without harming others.” Read the complete statement: <http://elca.org/News-and-Events/7909>.

Remember us when you are deciding where to designate your Thrivent Choice or Kwik Trip Rewards dollars! Last year we were blessed with \$3,387 from Thrivent Choice dollars and \$423.79 from Kwik Trip dollars. Thank you for choosing us!

Baby Care Kits 2018! Collecting April 15th — May 13th. Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary event for a mother living in poverty. Our goal for 2018 is to repeat 35 girl & 35 boy baby care kits. Thanks to **Sharon Christensen** who has found a new source for items in Iowa County and **Leah Goltz** who did an awesome job of donating items from yard sales last fall, we don’t have such a huge job ahead of us.

We will focus on baby diapers—found at Shopko for \$15.99 or Wal-Mart for \$13.97. Also baby diaper pins, sweatshirts with hoods sized 6 months to 24 months and gently used cotton t-shirts to make into diapers. **As a team of loving individuals we can meet our goal.**

Wedding Congratulations to Pastor Mark Teslik and Heather on April 14th! You can congratulate them in person, Pastor Mark will be leading worship here on July 22nd!

Dear members, You may have noticed that the large tree near the road and church parking lot has been trimmed recently. We thank **Tim and Scott Soley** for this work and debris removal. However, it has been discovered that the crotch of that tree has deteriorated to the point that the tree may be a safety hazard. It is possible that the tree may stay upright for a while but there is a danger that it could split and fall at any time. For the safety of others, the Council has decided to have the tree removed in the coming months. We regret losing this long standing natural friend of our congregation but decided safety of our members and friends needed to be the priority.

A-F Blood Drive is Monday, April 16th from 12:30-5:30 pm at the Community Center on Cedar Street in Adams. For an appointment call: 1-800-733-2767

Rogation Sunday is April 29th. We will be blessing the workers, land, water & seeds for the upcoming planting season. Feel free to wear denim that day!

Help needed from everyone. Interior doors are being found left open. With the exception of a few Sunday school rooms, doors are to be left shut for heating & cooling purposes. Also, the thermostat in the fellowship hall does not revert back to a temperature if you change it. Please turn back down to 65° in the winter and back up to 75° in the summer if you are the last to leave.

Unapproved Council Minutes—March 19, 2018

Present: Peg Groshek, Ken Bork, Monica Wallendal, Mary DeMunck, Marty Hillert, Guy Groshek, Meagan Adelman & Pastor Terri. Excused: Anne Gibault, Rick Searing, Tom Guzman.

Vice-President Ken Bork called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Opening Devotions: Talk about a time where a church service was memorable for you?

Glenn Quinnell discussed the construction of the handicap restrooms in the fellowship hall area after consultation with Gayle Mack from General Engineering. Adjustments will be made to existing restrooms and they will **become 'family restrooms', the stalls will also come out and locks will be put on each of the doors.** Peggy motioned to make these adjustments to the current restrooms in the fellowship hall, Meagan second/motion carried.

Glenn also updated the council on the kitchen remodel, waiting to hear back from Gayle Mack reviewing what needs to be done and next steps.

Reviewed Treasurer's Report- Motion by Marty/second Mary/motion carried.

Reviewed Pastor Terri's Report- numerous visits, one baptism in February and one in April. Numerous weddings upcoming. Rev. Steve Kottke gave the message on March 4th. Upcoming Lenten services. Welcomed two members Scott Gunder & Debbie Huss.

Review January 2018, Council minutes, Marty/Peg/passed.

Set next council meeting for Monday, April 16th @ 5:30 pm.

Council approved on an email vote payment to Bundy Audio unbudgeted \$225 for amplifier for the Carillon.

Payton Quinnell requesting funds for her trip

Endowment approved contributing \$2500

Private member donation via endowment \$500

Sunday's free will collection totaled \$424.70

Existing funds in designated family account is \$614.88, total contribution will be \$4039.58 of the \$6000 needed.

Large oak tree by highway has been trimmed by Scott & Tim Soley, the tree is hollow approximately 4 feet down, **council is recommending that the tree be removed, Ken will ask the Soley's if they will take it down,** Marty motioned/Peg second/motion carried with one opposed.

Discussion of council terms: Meagan's 6-year term is up in May, Anne's 3-year term is up in May, Guy & Peg's 3-year terms are up in May.

Set date of Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting May 20th at 9:15 am between services.

Start to think about church picnic and fall raffle. Looking at August 26th for the picnic, Pastor will inquire about the park availability.

Other Reports

Education- Youth-led service April 15th at 10:15 am.

Outreach- **Susie's report attached, Kid's Day is April 28, 2018. 4 people attended the cardmaking class, Clauson**

Family Music Show for Sept. 15, TLCW donated funds for Kids Day.

Property Committee- minutes attached, next meeting is March 26th.

Worship Ministry- meeting is tomorrow, March 20th.

TLCW-**contributing \$5 toward each child's ticket to see 'Mutts Gone Nuts' at the AF Fine Arts Center on April 21st.**

Bake sale is Palm Sunday, March 25th.

Motion to dismiss at 6:45 pm, Marty/Guy passed

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Meagan Adelman

If you can't assist when scheduled, **please find your own replacement** & call the office by 12pm on Wednesday's with changes. **Please arrive 15 minutes before service begins!** 608-564-7920.

April 1st --6:00 am - Easter

Usher: Lloyd Hovorka
Liturgist: Mike Kuss
Lector: Ruth Check
Greeter:
Acolyte:
Com. Brs: Ray & Karen Groskinsky

April 1st --8:00 am - Easter

Ushers: Lloyd Hovorka & Ed Heideman
Liturgist: Dianna Steigerwald
Lector: Sandy Pheiffer
Greeters: Bud & Judy Hatlevig
Acolyte: Myles Nawrot
Com. Brs: Randy & Mary DeMunck

April 8th - 8:00 am

Ushers: Tom Guzman/Ray Groskinsky
Liturgist: Meagan Adelman
Lector: Karen Groskinsky
Greeter: Karen Groskinsky
Acolyte: Alicia Puerling
Com. Brs: Lloyd Hovorka & Kathy Kuss

April 15th --8:00 am

Ushers: Randy & Mary DeMunck
Liturgist: Karen Soley
Lector: George Goltz
Greeter: Carl Anderson
Acolyte: Megan Craig
Com. Brs: Joe & Myrna Baumel

April 22nd - 8:00 am

Ushers: John Stormoen/Lloyd Hovorka
Liturgist: Paul Brown
Lector: Peggy Groshek
Greeters: Ray & Karen Groskinsky
Acolyte: Mayson Nawrot
Com. Brs: Ray & Karen Groskinsky

April 29th-- 8:00 am

Ushers: Tom Guzman & Ed Heideman
Liturgist: Darlene Hovorka
Lector: Ruth Check
Greeters: Bud & Judy Hatlevig
Acolyte: Nick Prasalowicz
Com. Brs: Randy & Mary DeMunck

April 1st --10:15 am- Easter

Ushers: John & Derek Pavelec
Com. Assist.: Roxie Irey
Lector: Krista Pavelec
Greeters: Hank & Nancy Sauer
Acolytes: Ryan & Hannah Oleson
Com. Brs: Hank & Nancy Sauer

April 8th --10:15 am

Ushers: Glenn & Bryan Quinnell
Com. Assist.: Nicole Quinnell
Lector: Aiden Gould
Greeter: Nicole Quinnell
Acolytes: Matthew & Amber Schiefer
Com. Brs: John Pavelec/Peggy Quinnell

April 15th --10:15 am - Youth Led

Ushers: Hank Sauer & Seth Hamilton
Com. Assist.: Youth
Lector: Youth
Greeters: Youth
Acolytes: Eli Hamilton & Ryan Banovec
Com. Brs: Youth

April 22nd --10:15 am

Ushers: Rick & Sue Searing
Com. Assist.: Roxie Irey
Lector: Sue Searing
Greeter: Roxie Irey
Acolytes: Robert & Morgan Irey
Com. Brs: Glenn & Peggy Quinnell

April 29th --10:15 am

Ushers: John & Derek Pavelec
Com. Assist.: Rick Searing
Lector: Tara Farrell
Greeters: Hank & Nancy Sauer
Acolytes: Mia Moore & Macy Farrell
Com. Brs: Hank & Nancy Sauer

Here's what's happening in April!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1-Easter 6, 8 & 10:15 am Worship 7 & 9 am Breakfast</p>	<p>2 6:00 pm Kitchen Sub- comm. Meeting 6 pm Stitches & Pearls</p>	<p>3 8:30 Quilting</p>	<p>4 6:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>5 National Dandelion Day</p>	<p>6 National Walk to Work Day</p>	<p>7 9:00 am Iva Circle</p>
<p>8 8 am Worship 9 am Fellow. 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 8:30 Quilting</p>	<p>11 6:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:00 am Property Clean-up</p>
<p>15 8 am Worship 9 am-Fellow. & Endow. Mtg. 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>16 5:30 pm Council</p>	<p>17 7am Worship meeting 8:30 Quilting 7pm Hannah Circle</p>	<p>18 9am Newsletter Art. due 6pm Choir</p>	<p>19 National Garlic Day</p>	<p>20 Volunteer Recog. Day</p>	<p>21 Kindergarten Day</p>
<p>22 8 am Worship 9 am-Fellow. 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship & Baptism</p>	<p>23 Take A Chance Day</p>	<p>24 8:30 Quilting</p>	<p>25 6pm Choir Wear Denim Day</p>	<p>26 Take your daughter to work day</p>	<p>27 Arbor Day</p>	<p>28 Kid's Day at the A-F High School—see our booth!</p>
<p>29-Rogation Sunday, wear denim 8 am Worship 9 am-Fellow. 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>30 National Honesty Day</p>	<p>April is sexual assault awareness month.</p>	<p>Please wear denim on the 25th to show your support.</p>			<p>Meals on Wheels #339-4251 Diane VanBeek</p>
<p>Faith in Action #339-0504</p>	<p>Church Office phone # 564-7920</p>	<p>Look for us on Facebook: Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church & Church Women</p>	<p>Office Hours 9-2:30pm M-Thurs.</p>	<p>Church email: churchoffi ce@arkdal etlc.org</p>	<p>Church website: arkdaletlc. org</p>	<p>Pastor Terri's home # 339-6536</p>

Bible Moment: Mark 9:31, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” Jonah after 3 days in the belly of a large fish was sent to Nineveh (a city taking 3 days to walk across) to bring God’s word that would lead to their salvation through repentance. Jesus after 3 days of death, brought God’s salvation for all human kind.

As for the 3 days, it was common to count any part of the day as the day, so Friday, Saturday and Sunday = 3 days. We know from history he rose Sunday morning, because the early Christians changed their time of worship to Sunday morning because of Easter’s joy! And hence we say that every Sunday is a little Easter. For other references to “three days” check out: 1 Samuel 30:12; Esther 4:16; Mark 8:2; Matthew 27:40. **Blessed Easter!!** (Services are at 6, 8 & 10:15 am on Easter, April 1st!)

KFC – Kids For Christ

***No Sunday school** April 1st for Easter. Youth are serving breakfast, 7 & 9 am.

***Youth-led Worship Service** is Sunday, April 15th at 10:15 am. Invite your neighbors!

***Bible Verse:** Matthew 7:26, “But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on **SAND**.”

***Activity: Kinetic SAND:** Materials: 2 cups fine sand, 1 tablespoon cornstarch, 2 teaspoons dish soap, water, as needed, food coloring of choice. **Directions:** In a large bowl whisk together fine sand & cornstarch. Add dish soap & 1/4 cup water. Mix until fully combined. If necessary, add more water, 1/4 cup at a time. Continue stirring until desired consistency is reached. You may wish to divide sand into separate bowls & then add food coloring, mixing until desired color is reached. Let sand dry for 2 hours. Remember, kinetic sand is **NOT** edible!

***Table Talk:** If you could go for a walk anywhere (distance and travel time no problem) – where would you want to walk and why?

***Bedtime Prayer:** Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. Send your angels through the night and guard me till the morning light. Amen.

Please keep in mind when attending service or an event here at Trinity, we have a chair stair lift located at the main entrance if you drive yourself, wheelchairs are available if you’d like to drop someone off at the ramp entrance, an elevator is available to get to the lower level for an activity or meeting and hearing devices are available during worship service.

Vacuum belts available– if you own an Oreck vacuum we have a belt that might fit it. Oreck-XL 010-0604 is the number on the belt itself. We have 12, call 564-7920 if interested.

Mutts Gone Nuts! The TLCW will contribute \$5 towards each child ticket to see this show at the A-F Fine Arts Center on Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 pm. Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to receive your ticket from Doreen Olson. Reminder that permission slips are on the Narthex table and are due **April 1st!**

April Food Pantry Collection

During the month of April, please consider donating the following items for our local food pantry: shampoo; body wash; bar soap; toilet tissue; toothpaste & toothbrushes.

Stewardship Moment: Plastic is everywhere these days. And scientists are saying there are plastic 'micro-fibers' being found now in some sources of drinking water. The long term effect of this is still unknown. Scary thought. A lot of single-serving frozen dinners use plastic containers, and yes, this is very convenient. However if you are a consumer, is there a way to reduce using so many? Consider washing and reusing zip-lock baggies; maybe use wax paper to wrap your sandwich in. And don't forget to recycle those big plastic cups from the fast-food chains, keeping them out of landfills. And you may already be using re-usable bags when shopping. It's time to re-think our plastic use & reuse, and lesson our consumption of plastic products when possible .

Or From Isaiah 55:10-11, *“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”* If you are still unsure, you can leave it with me, and I will dispose of it for you.

This Easter let us ever rejoice in His victory!

His Word is jam-packed – but His grave is empty!

As He died – one day we will die. As He rose – one day we will rise!

Blessed Easter my friends,

Pastor Terri