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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

We are now approaching stage two of this Covid-19 situation. I hope as you read this newsletter that you are well. I miss you, my mom and sisters. Several birthday and anniversaries have passed when we normally would have gathered. I am going to one family reunion this month, but it will be odd – we are committed to distancing ourselves. My mother will not attend; due to her age and health issues, she doesn't want to take the risk. I'm sure you are experiencing some of the same.

I am not a medical expert. I do know there is truth out there, but also some false information. I am certain though, that our Lord is with us. I am not afraid. I will take needed safety measures, and then leave it in the Lord's hands. I will wear a face mask in public for your sake. I will wash my hands often – I normally do anyways. ☺ But I will not fear – for the Lord is with me. (Mark 5:36)

We will resume worship in the building starting July 12th, with both 8 and 10:15 services. By having 2 worship times we hope to keep us better spread out within our worship space. Pews will be marked as to where to sit. Please wear a face mask. If you don't have one, there will be a few extras at the church. If you have medical conditions or are of a certain age (60+) please give prayerful thought whether to worship from home or here at the church. The videos of our worship service are still available. WE are the church. This virus cannot stop us from believing, from praising God or helping in whatever ways we can. God's Word will be heard. And we worship Him, be it in a pew or LaZBoy, with a tie on or in PJ's. Worship the Lord your God. Praise his name!

I also want to speak to 'Black Lives Matter'. You have seen recent, and over the years even, incidences where persons of color have been treated more harshly, deadly even, because of their color. Black Lives Matter is a call to end such brutality against black people – and all people based on their being non-white. It is a protest. It is NOT saying that nobody else matter. All lives do matter. But the ALL needs to include black lives. I am told that if we say "All Lives Matter" in rebuttal to "Black Lives Matter", to a person of color this will feel like a slap in the face. Because as seen by recent events, the ALL has not always included them... Yes, each person is a gift from God. And I know the majority of officers and judges are doing what is right and are working for justice. Join me in thanking them. Together let us work for and speak up for impartial treatment for all. Let us stand together and support our brothers and sisters of color, for indeed black lives do matter.

Isaiah 1:17 "Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed."

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Terri

Note: A link to our worship videos and those of Pastor Terri reading children's books is on our website: arkdaletlc.org.

Donations

We deeply appreciate the efforts of congregation members making consistent donations through the year, **especially during the time the church has been closed.**

Some members have been mailing in their donation, others give online via our website, arkdaletlc.org and others are enrolled in electronic giving. If you are interested in setting up the electronic giving option, please contact the office and a form can be mailed to you. We've had quite a few members contact their bank directly and have it done at no cost to the church.

Cloth Masks

Thank you to Susie Smith, our outreach coordinator for delivering cloth masks to those that wished to receive one!

There is a dedicated group of local ladies that have been sewing masks and donating them. Susie has been calling all over the local community and delivered masks to those that wanted one.

If you'd like to receive a mask free of charge, we have some available here at the church, please call ahead.

Pizza Fundraiser

Last year the youth raised \$2,758.91 from their pizza fundraiser. This year the event was scheduled to take place in March but due to the Covid-19 shut down, it was postponed and later decided to cancel. There were 739 pizzas ordered, which topped last years number so the youth stood to make a little bit more than last year.

This year, the youth made \$3,348.75. What??? Yes, numerous customers chose to donate what they paid for their order and can't wait for the sale next spring.

On behalf of our youth and their parents, thank you for your understanding and generosity.

Another way to give

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the church every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that **AmazonSmile will donate 0.5%** of your eligible purchases to the church!

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select the church to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon remembers your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.

Confirmation Photos

When the fellowship hall was re-painted (thank you to the TLCW group), a committee was formed to make a decision regarding the confirmation photos hanging on the walls. There were 101 photos up but no more wall space! Most of the photos weathered well over the years but some were really fading from the natural light coming in. **It was decided to purchase a hanging photo display.**

The historical committee purchased the hanging photo display and thanks to remaining funds from the committee along with some funds from endowment, the cost for supplies to print the photos was covered in full.

Thank you to Mike Kuss for scanning all the photos onto a flash drive. Thank you to Lloyd Waller for taking the original photos and placing them in an album made to preserve them. Thank you to Kathy Kuss for donating her time to get the prints onto the large photo board. And thank you to Glenn Quinell for installing the photo display.

Approximately six photos are housed on one side and then hang on a system in the fellowship hall where you can page through them like a large book. This way, no generations had to be taken down and there is plenty of room for many more generations! The first confirmation class photo up is from.....1899!

Worship services resume July 12th!

- * Masks are required — bring your own
- * Social distancing will be followed
- * Hand sanitizer provided
- * Large print handouts provided

Join us at 8:00 or 10:15 am!

If you are uncomfortable worshipping in person, please visit www.arkdaletlc.org and watch the service online. We want everyone to feel comfortable and remain healthy.

Stewardship Idea

To reduce your carbon footprint, consider **laundry soap ‘sheets’** instead of bulky liquid laundry soap. They dissolve quickly in the washing machine, are eco-friendly, significantly reducing the amount of plastic used, are the weight of a postcard, come scented and un-scented, great for travel, plus no harsh chemicals. If you would like a sample, please contact Pastor Skildum.

Bible Moment

How many days was Jonah in the belly of the big fish?

How many sons did Noah have?

How many visitors came to Abraham to tell him the good news of a son?

How many men were thrown into the fiery furnace?

How many times a day did Daniel pray?

What time of day did Jesus cry out, *‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani’*?

How many days after his crucifixion did Jesus rise again?

How many persons in the Trinity?

1 Cor. 13:13, “Now these _____ remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

Answer: 3. ‘Three’ in the Bible often represents divine completeness (completed task or plan) or perfection.

KFC: Kids for Christ

➤ **Confirmation Youth: Finish your memory work and return your tests.** 😊

➤ **Bible Verse:** ‘He (God) sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.’ Isaiah 40:22.

➤ **Activity:** Washer necklaces, symbolic of the earth God created. Need string or yarn, a washer, fingernail polish, beads are optional. Clean washer with rubbing alcohol. Paint washer with polish or wrap yarn around it until covered. Figure how long you wish the necklace to be and then attach the string to the washer. Add beads before tying the final knot.

➤ **Prayer:** O Lord, you have made the sun and the moon; you give people the wisdom to create wheels that get things and people moving. You are awesome! Thank you. Amen.

➤ **Table Talk:** What things are circular? What is your favorite circle?

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes - June 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Excused: all present

Meeting Called to Order By: Ken Bork at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor’s Report:

Over the Phone or In Person: almost all the shut ins were seen or talked to
At the Laptop: Posted videos and prayers being posted, April 13th reached 113,000
At the Altar: one wedding in June, one coming up in August and one in September
At Rest: had 2 funerals and one coming up; assisted with 4 death notifications with Adams Sheriff’s Department
At the Font: 2 coming up –individual families are coming
At the Church: continuing to send birthday cards, will be gone weekend of July 19
At the Book: pastor ordered 2 books on Christian counseling for her Continuing Ed. credits
Bible Study: tried through Zoom (didn’t work very well) and then tried one meeting at the park with social distancing (about 8 attended)

Treasurer’s Report: Monica shared report for the month; summary for June. Learned from the Pizza fund raiser—hold checks until pizzas are delivered Motion: Kathy/Marge

Secretary’s Report: Reviewed Motion: Marty/Meagan

Set Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

4th of July Parade will be happening. We voted to decline participating in the parade for this year. Motion to decline Marty/Marge
Church Picnic: tabled until church is reopened

New Business:

AmazonSmile Foundation: Opportunity to set up the church to be an opportunity for members to allow Amazon to donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the charitable organization chosen by the person shopping. Motion Marty/Anne
Parsonage Rent: Glen to contact July 1= min. \$500, August 1=min. \$750, and every date concurrent on the first of the month until caught up. No grace period will be given. If any dates missed, council gives permission to initiate eviction Motion: Marty/Cathy
Property Committee: Recommends having the cleaning (done by the contracted cleaning company) changed to every other week while we are shut down. Motion: Marge/Meagan
Property Committee: Looking for preapproval on seal coating and landscaping over the roots and other projects already preapproved. Council approved earlier. Go ahead with the projects.

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Reopening:
Survey: About 90 people answered the electronic survey
Brainstormed different ways to possibly have services
Motion to begin services on July 12.
Masks required—bring your own
Pastor will have her mask on while coming and going. It will be off while in front so that her voice can be heard through the microphone and sound system.
Social distancing while at church
No greeters and no ushers
Hand sanitizer will be available
Collection plate will be stationary
Prepackaged communion sets
2 services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Looking for people to clean between services
Looking for people to run the slideshow and sound system for second service;
Large print handout for those that cannot see the screen will be available
Continue with online video sermons
Motion: Marty/Meagan
Online/Taped Services: At this time, the church is borrowing Gary’s camera for recording. The service is recorded in 2 parts due to battery life. Motion to look into purchasing a camera that will record an entire service and the cost of that camera. Pastor will ask Gary and Mike Motion: Anne/Marge

Other Reports:

Education— 6 Confirmation tests in; Students still working on memory work; No VBS this summer

Outreach—Susie continues to deliver face masks to local businesses, churches and families

Property Committee—continues with projects

Worship Committee— no worship committee meeting

TLCW—has not met recently

Endowment Committee— Total of \$3,428 Council to decide how to give; completed the Historical Committee’s funding of historical committee’s panels of pictures on display in the fellowship hall; discussion on how proceeds can go to local outreach—Motion to give \$500 to Faith in Action Marty/Derek

Motion to Adjourn at 7:05 p.m.
Closed with The Lord’s Prayer
Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault - Council Secretary

Lawn mowing schedule

06th— Greg & Terri Soley
13th— Ray Groskinsky & Tom Guzman
20th— Glenn & Peggy Quinnell
27th— Carl Anderson & Hank Sauer

Garbage run - Al Hendrickson

Food Pantry Run - Terri Soley

Altar Guild - Penny Ross, Marge Edwards, Nancy Dix, Darlene Hovorka

Just for laughs

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, “Dear, would you like to say the blessing?”
“I wouldn’t know what to say,” the girl replied.
“Just say what you hear Mommy say,” the wife answered.
The daughter bowed her head and said, “Lord, why on earth did I invite these people to dinner?”

Receipts wanted!

A-F County Market receipts wanted! The TLCW receives **3.1%** for each dollar spent! This helps with scholarships, Bible giveaways and much more. Please place receipts in the box on the narthex table, in the information box located to the right of the church doors or mail directly to: Ruth Check, 1109 Chicago Dr., Friendship, WI 53934.

Devotion booklets

The “Christ In Our Home” daily devotion booklets (large & regular print) are available free of charge and can be found on the narthex table or in the “information” box to the right of the lower church doors.

WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events!

Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org to be added to “What Matters.”