

August 2nd—8:00 am
Lector: Meagan Grabarski
Acolyte:

August 9th—8:00 am
Lector: Ed Heideman
Acolyte: Myles Nawrot

August 16th—8:00 am
Lector: Mike Willis
Acolyte:

August 23rd—8:00 am
Lector: Karen Soley
Acolyte: Mayson Nawrot

August 30th—8:00 am
Lector: George Goltz
Acolyte:

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**** Worship Assisting Schedule - please call if you can help ****

Worship: We have resumed worship in the sanctuary. We are using CDC guidelines: face masks, spacing, no singing, cleaning. And yes, the worship video on YouTube is still available and does include a hymn. I know it feels wrong to not sing in church, hurts even... Please continue to sing in your car and at home and in the shower. Google lots of hymns on the internet whether you sing along or just soak it in - keep on praising our wondrous Lord. [88.5 FM is the local Christian radio station.]

Thank you to Paul for filling in for me while I was away to family reunion. I got to see some of my family – well at least the parts not covered by face masks.

Stewardship Idea: Although they do cost more than traditional incandescent bulbs, CFL and LED bulbs can last for years without having to replace them. Consider these when you replace a burnt out bulb. Even swapping just your four or five most-used light bulbs can save you \$45 or more a year, plus reduce waste in landfills!

CFL vs. LED: CFLs use 25% less energy than incandescent bulbs & last for years. Drawbacks: They take a while to warm up to full brightness, & they also contain a small amount of mercury. LEDs are currently more expensive, but light up instantly. They are efficient as CFLs, produce a warm glow without getting hot to the touch, and can last for decades.

Bible Moment: Can you list the angels named in the (Protestant) Bible?

Answer: Michael, Gabriel and Abaddon {rev. 9:11} also known as Apollyon.

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.

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

These past 4 ½ months have been something else. We've seen the worst in people and the best in people. I witnessed the other day a woman pay the remaining balance for a family who were from out of state, but whose card wasn't working; she paid \$49 to make sure they had food. I was so touched just witnessing this generosity. Tears in my eyes – literally. I also witnessed a while ago, an elderly man trying to steal a \$2 pizza. What saddened me was that he felt he had to – to eat. Again, tears in my eyes. I made sure he had his pizza.

We are blessed to be a blessing, but sometimes we are the ones blessed by others. We may not agree on face masks or on political issues or on how to grill a steak, but we must be united in faith, in praising our Lord as believers. We must be careful not to judge each other's level of 'Christianity'. But recall that we are brothers and sisters in the One True King, Jesus our Lord.

Please watch your words, around our children, careful to not speak negatively of others around them or even other adults. Our words can encourage or dishearten, even ruin someone. Martin Luther explained in the meaning of 'Thou shalt not bear false witness' by saying, *"We should fear and love God, so that we do not lie about, betray or slander our neighbor, but excuse him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything."* You might say we are 'spin doctors' for each other, that is to put each other's deeds in a favorable light whenever possible.

Let us look for the best in people and let the faith in us shine the light of Christ. Matt. 5:16: **"let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."**

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Terri

Worship services have resumed!

- * Masks are required — bring your own
- * Social distancing is being 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.

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 the receipts directly to Ruth Check.

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.

Weekly email devotions

Please email Amy at: churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org to be added to our weekly email devotion on Wednesday mornings!

Just for laughs

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Thank you

Thank you to John Stormoen and Carl Anderson for trimming the bushes around the church building. Also a thank you to Carl for repairing the couch in the narthex and cutting up a damaged tree by the steeple garden.

KFC—Kids for Christ

↗**Bible Verse:** "Let him be bathed with the dew of heaven" Daniel 4:15.
Contrary to what many believe, the phrase "cleanliness is next to godliness" is not from the Bible. The first expression or use of this phrase was by Sir Francis Bacon wrote, "Cleanness of body was ever deemed to proceed from a due reverence to God." 1605.

↗**Activity:** Bath bombs: First mix together ½ C baking soda, ¼ C each of Epson salt, corn

Lawn mowing schedule

- 03rd— Brian & Donna Olson
- 10th— Steve & Kris Peterson
- 17th— Scott Soley
- 24th— John Stormoen & Ed Heideman
- 31st— Mike & Sandy Willis

Garbage run - Brian & Donna Olson

Food Pantry Run - Susie Smith

Altar Guild - Edith Westra and Dana Henriksen

starch and citric acid. Then mix wet ingredients together 3Tbs oil (castor oil is great), 1 Tbsp. of essential oil for scent, and if desired a few drops of food coloring. Bit by bit slowly add wet to dry. For a mold you can use a large cookie cutter (plastic under it) or one of those snap together plastic Christmas ornaments or even an Easter egg. Pack in the mixture and let set over night, or for quicker use put in the fridge for an hour. Great for birthday gifts. Now- take a bath!

↗**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank you for water, water to drink, to make spaghetti, to go swimming in and for baths. Water is amazing. You are great Jesus. Amen.

↗**Table Talk:** What is your favorite thing to do that uses water?

Do you know...

- Who is at risk of dying by suicide?
- The impact suicide has on families, friends and communities?
- Where to go for help when someone is struggling?
- There are people in Adams County working to help prevent suicide?

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WATCH A SHORT, 5-PART VIDEO SERIES



prevent suicide
ADAMS COUNTY
PARTNERS SAVING LIVES IN WISCONSIN

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes - July 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Excused: Ken Bork, Mary DeMunck, Kathy Cappel

Meeting Called to Order By: Derek Pavelec at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor's Report:

Over the Phone: spoke with at least 13 members, called all the shut-ins, called 149 family units in the last 2 weeks
At the Laptop: wrote weekly devotions
At the Altar: 2 weddings upcoming
At Rest: 2 graveside visits and one up-coming
At the Font: 1 this month and one more next month
At the Book: signed up for a webinar series called Holy Currencies with Eric Law. This is on stewardship.
Continuing to send birthday cards to members
Synod Assembly is rescheduled to August 29. Not sure of the format yet but anticipate it to be virtual.
Contemplating how to move forward with Confirmation and Sunday School

Treasurer's Report: Monica shared report for the month and included budget year to date.

Motion: Meagan/Anne

Secretary's Report: Shared out last month's report Reviewed Motion: Marty/Marge

Set Next Meeting Date: August 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

Church Picnic: Cancelled

Reopening Review: Attendance about 30 people first service and 20 second service

New Business:

Music: Pastor has been careful to choose hymns online that are not subject to copyright.

There is the option of buying an online streaming license to allow hymns in the hymnal to be streamed online. Motion to buy online streaming license for music put on recorded sessions of church \$125 Motion: Marty/Anne

Confirmation: Look at adding a service for confirmation date due to the high attendance we usually have

Sunday School: Anne looking into a survey on how families feel about coming back to Sunday School

Other Reports:

Education— Anne will look into materials for Sunday School that could easily be run off and sent home. Maybe Susie would interested in helping?

Outreach—Susie looking for people to help

Property Committee—tree removed by Soleys with much appreciation

Worship Committee— met yesterday and will continue cautiously with services

TLCW—has not met recently

Endowment Committee—Faith in Action received requested funds

Motion to Adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Meagan/Marty

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Gibault

Council Secretary