

September 2020

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Wow, where did the summer go? The days are starting to shorten, and it's getting cooler at night. The Sumac is starting to turn red. And now, our kids are returning to education, some at the school and some at home, and we are holding our breaths. Praying it will be ok.

Parents we need to support each other no matter what a family has decided. Each family has to decide what is best for their kids, and none of us knows what the future holds. Please be supportive of each other's choices. Pray for the teachers, and the principals and the school board.

The same goes for politics as we get closer to Election Day. Remember just because someone doesn't see it your way, doesn't mean they are wrong or implying that they think you are wrong. Be respectful to those with differing opinions. Pray for our current elected officials, and pray that voters will find leaders that will do what is good and fair for all our sakes.

We learned these 6 lessons in Kindergarten: be nice, sharing is caring, listen, use your words, don't touch other people's stuff and naps are good. :) Remember the golden rule "*In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you*". Matthew 7:12.

2020 has thrown us some curve balls. But we are still here. Thanks be to God who has been with us each step of our rocky paths.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Terri

8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship Services

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

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 begin receiving our weekly email devotion that is sent Wednesday mornings!

Just for laughs

1. Church office will be closed Monday. Halleluiah. Halleluiah.
 2. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
 3. Mr. Bradford was elected and has accepted the office of head deacon. We could not get a better man.
 4. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge — Up Yours.'
- (Taken from godupdates.com)

2019 Kits

Our baby care kits that were sent last October went to Jordan and Guinea and the personal care kits went to Guinea.

God's work, Our hands!

Lawn mowing schedule

07th: Greg & Terri Soley
14th: Ray Groskinsky & Tom Guzman
21st: Carl Anderson & Hank Sauer
28th: Brian & Donna Olson

Garbage run - Carl Anderson

Food Pantry Run - Nancy Dix

Altar Guild - Karen & Ray Groskinsky; Darlene & Lloyd Hovorka; Karen Meunier

Lector/Acolyte schedule

8:00 am

06th: Paul Brown/Davion Hoernke
13th: Ed Heideman/Myles Nawrot
20th: Meagan Grabarski/Caylee Frank
27th: Mike Willis/Davion Hoernke

10:15 am

Garret Gould/Delilah Renner
Rick Searing/Mason Arenholz
Garret Gould/Matthew Pavelec
Rick Searing/Zarek Nawrot

2020 SCHOOL KIT CHALLENGE FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF STARTS NOW

Project Leader Tom Guzman has once again obtained a community impact card from Thrivent Financial which will help us complete 100 school kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Now Tom is challenging you to donate school kit contents and/or funds for the purchase of supplies to create an additional 100 kits! The need is greater than ever in a time of unrest in many parts of the world. Sadly, Lutheran World Relief has reported that thousands of quilts and kits destined for delivery to refugee camps in Lebanon were destroyed in an August 4th explosion which occurred in the Port of Beirut, Lebanon.

Donations of money or school kit contents will be accepted beginning now through September 30, 2020. To make a monetary donation towards the purchase of school supplies, place cash or check made out to Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) in an envelope clearly marked for LWR School Kits. Monetary donations can be left in LWR contribution box located in the church narthex, or mailed to Terri Soley. If you would rather shop for school kit contents and place them in the contribution boxes located in the church entrance or narthex, following is a list of items required for one school kit:

Four 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college ruled paper, about 8" x 10-1/2", no loose leaf

One 30-centimeter ruler, or one with both centimeters and inches

One pencil sharpener

One pair BLUNT scissors (no pointed tips)

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One 2-1/2" eraser

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

Thank you for your generosity and support of students during these difficult times!

Time & Talent – Please use your initials if multiple people are using this form.

Building & Grounds

- Painting
- Repairs—general
- Mowing (Rotational)
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Wood working
- Snow shovel (Rotate)
- Decorating
- Gardening (Rotational)
- Take garbage to the dump (Rotational)

Music

- Choir (Wednesday's 6pm practice Sept.-May)
- Play organ/piano
- Vocal Solo
- Play instrument (name of instrument)

Office

- Answer telephones (When secretary gone)
- Bulletin/Newsletter folding/assembling
- Computer skills (Excel/Word experience)
- Library work (Change books & refile)
- Finance/Counter (Rotational, Monday's)

Teaching

- Adult Bible Study
- Confirmation (September—May)
- Sunday school (September—May)
- Vacation Bible School (3 days in July or Aug.)

Worship Assistant

- (Rotational basis, **circle preference: 8:00 or 10:15**)
- Altar Guild (Monthly rotation)
- Assisting Liturgist
- Communion Assistant
- Communion Bearer
- Greeter
- Lector/Reader
- Ushering
- A/V Equipment operator during worship service

Evangelism

- Fair booth (August)
- Kids Day booth (April)
- Mentor New Members
- Blizzard Boxes
- Women's Night Out (Nov.)
- Parade of Trees (Nov./Dec.)
- Senior Fair/Veterans Fair (summer)
- Holiday Happenings (Nov./Dec.)

Fund-raising

- Rummage Sale in June (on odd # years)
- Tailgate in October (on even # years)
- TLCW Harvest Dinner (every year on election day in November)

Other

- Prayer Chain (Phone tree/email system)
- Photography
- Bible Study
- Fellowship hour (Sept.-May)
- Public speaking
- Quilting (Tuesday's)
- Driving/Ride Share
- Take Food to Food Pantry (Rotational)
- Dramatic readings/ plays/skits
- Stewardship Committee
- Preaching when Pastor gone
- Nominating Committee for Council
- Stitches & Purls group
- Restock Blessing Bags

Other interests/talents:

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes - August 20, 2020 at 5:30-7:20 p.m.

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

Steve Kottke Assistant to Bishop attended the meeting

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

Pastor's Opening Devotion: God is our refuge and strength.

Pastor's Report:

On the Phone: 14 calls made. All shut-in and over 150 family units have been contacted either by phone, card or in person this summer. **At the Altar:** 1 coming up. **At the Font:** 1 was in July and 3 coming up in August. **At Rest:** 1 in July and one upcoming in September. **Other:** Took a Zoom webinar called the Holy Currencies on stewardship Weekly Bible Study session via Zoom. This has grown to 14 participants! Currently studying Romans and will be studying Esther next. Synod Assembly is August 29. Duckie bags being delivered to those who can't attend. Sent a little duck and a Bible verse. Goodie Bags: Delivered to each of the 19 Sunday School families

Treasurer's Report: Shared out last month's report. Motion: Marge/Anne

Secretary's Report: Shared out last month's report. Motion: Kathy/Derek

Set the Next Meeting Date: September 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

Reopening Review:

Six week average for first service has been 29 and second service 16

Continue cleaning between services

Parsonage Rental:

Court Papers filed for eviction for lack of payment of rent. Court date set for September 15, 2020.

New Business:

Church Tailgate: Postpone until next year

Bulletin Sponsorship: Change to Service Sponsorship for materials (technology, etc.) used for the service

Stewardship Campaign:

Set a Commitment Sunday date: October 25, 2020

Temple Talks

Motion to combine general funds and building improvement accounts to one checking account called Ministry

Expenses Marge/Meagan as long as the bylaws allow it

Other Reports:

Education—Sunday School Survey Results: Families interested in participating in person and at home. Planning a virtual backpack lesson. Confirmation will start Sept. 13, Sunday School on October 11

Outreach—Susie Smith—Continued to deliver face masks, helped Sunday School activity bags, and helped with bags for our shut-ins

Property Committee—Next Meeting is September 8, 2020. Working on covering tree roots that are a mowing hazard, working on getting the parking lot sealed, ramp blacktop, and paint new traffic lines, remove large oak tree stump by Highway 21. Motion to approve Kathy/Meagan

Worship—next meeting is September 8, 2020

TLCW—Quilt Service 7 p.m. in the Steeple Garden

Endowment Committee—will need a new person to be on the committee

Motion to Adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Meagan/Anne

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault Council Secretary

Stewardship Idea: Fall leaves are beautiful and fun to walk through, but they can cause issues for our water sources. Leaf litter brings excess phosphorus and nitrogen causing water quality problems for municipalities, especially when it gathers along street curbs. Overgrowth of blue-green algae deprives the water of oxygen, and can release toxins that are both difficult and expensive to remove during the drinking water treatment process. If you live in town, keep your curb area clear of leaves and trash. And if near a drain, keep it clear of debris as well.

Bible Moment: Which of the following are true about Zacchaeus?

A was a greedy tax collector.

B was short.

C wanted to see Elvis.

D Jesus went to his home.

E promised Jesus he'd give half his wealth to the poor.

F promised Jesus to go fishing with him.

Luke 19:1-9.

Answer: not C or F.

KFC Kids for Christ

***Sunday School**-in house is scheduled for October 11 at 9:15.

***Bibles** will also be given on October 11 at 8:45, before class, but after the 8am worship in the sanctuary for 4 year olds and 3rd graders. Please let the office know if your child will be coming. 608-564-7920.

***Confirmation** for 7th graders begins Sept. 13 at 9:15am.

***Bible Verse:** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father. James 1:17.

***Activity:** Get a jump start on Christmas gifts, painting a Christmas tree, reindeer or mistle-toes with your hands and feet. Get a plain apron or a sweatshirt for grandma or uncle Fred. Need paint, paper towels, and newspaper to put under the project and an optional red fuzzy nose for the reindeer.

***Prayer:** Dear Jesus, when I am scared I know you are with me. When I watch TV you are with me. But mom says when I am in the shower, you are near, but not peeking. Good. Thank you for the butterflies. Amen.

***Table Talk:** What is your favorite insect and why? Which one are you afraid of?

WHATMATTERS

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."

Dear Member (s),

Please take a moment and fill this form out. If you've volunteered in the past, please fill it out again. **Commitment Sunday is Sunday, October 25th** this year. Please bring this form with you that day or if you are unable to attend that day, please mail or drop off your reply no later than October 26th.

This is the time of year when our Finance Committee starts developing the budget for 2020. In order to accurately budget, **we need your reply.**

_____ **Yes** - I/we have talents to share & have completed what I/we would be willing to assist with.

_____ **No** - I'm/we're not able at this time to help outside of attending Worship.

Name & phone #:

Email:

Spouse name & phone #:

Email:

Envelope # _____

My/our pledge for 2021 is:

For The Ministry Expenses of Trinity Lutheran:

\$ _____ per week, or

\$ _____ per month, or

\$ _____ per year.

_____ I/we will support the ministry of Trinity Lutheran without a specific pledge.

_____ I/we would like to give electronically, please mail me a form.

The church understands that this is your best estimate of giving and that your financial situation may change. Please call our office (608-564-7920) with any changes or concerns.