

October 2020

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends in Christ,

It's hard to believe fall is here. I love the sound of crunching leaves and seeing the changing colors. It's beautiful outside, but in contrast there are the wild fires, hurricanes, Covid-19 fears, flooding, politics, protesting and those who are struggling with finances, education and illness, and those preparing for surgery. In worship we can't sing; it doesn't feel right. We lament like the one who wrote this Psalm: "By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept... There on the poplars we hung our harps... How can we sing the songs of the LORD..." PSALM 137:1-4. So as Jonah prayed from the belly of a fish, we must pray.

There is no better time than right now to 'fall' on our knees in prayer.
No better time than right now to seek God's presence.
No better time than right now to ask the one who can – to change our world and our hearts.
No better time than right now to ask God to bring peace where it is desperately needed, to bring change where it is so desperately needed, to bring resolutions, healing and answers we so desperately need.

"O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; who alone does great wonders... Who made the great lights... the sun to rule over the day... moon and stars to rule over the night... who led his people through the wilderness... who struck down great kings... It is he who remembered us in our low estate... and rescued us from our foes... O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:3-4, 7-9, 16-17, 23-24, 26.

Our God is wondrous and mighty. Our God can be so loving and gentle, yet forceful and oh so wise. Remember, Jonah was tossed from a boat and left to drown – but the Lord saved him, by sending a large fish to swallow him, and then Jonah was spat up on land three days later. God works in mysterious and unexpected ways. Go to our Lord in prayer, and prepare for answers and results.

Joy,

Pastor Terri

Receipts wanted!

A-F County Market receipts wanted! The **TLCW receives 3.1%** for each dollar spent! This helps with scholarships, Bible giveaways, kitchen upkeep 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
1109 Chicago Dr.
Friendship, WI 53934.
Thank you for your continued support!

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 outside 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

(taken from godupdates.com)

1. Thank you dead friends.
2. Thank you Steve, who once again has worked hard to clean the pastor off the basement floor.
3. The 'Over 60s Choir' will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church.
4. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
5. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
6. Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

Backpack winners

Thank you to Tom and Sharon Guzman for donating four brand new backpacks just in time for the start of school! All the Sunday school students names went into a bucket and the drawing took place Sunday, August 23th. The winners are: Ashtin Quinnell, Penelope Durst, Delilah Renner and Mason Arenholz!

Thank you gardeners

Thank you to the follow members that kept our flower beds looking beautiful this summer! Tom & Sharon Guzman, Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka, Gary & Karen Meunier, Brian & Donna Olson and Greg & Terri Soley.

Thank you lawn mowers

Thank you to the following members that kept the church lawn looking beautiful this summer! Greg & Terri Soley, Ray Groskinsky, Tom Guzman, Glenn & Peggy Quinnell, Carl Anderson, Hank Sauer, Steve & Kris Peterson, Brian & Donna Olson, Scott Soley, John Pavelec, Ed Heideman, Mike & Sandy Willis and John Stormoen.

Thank you

Thank you to Dennis & Deb McClyman for painting the sacristy. Beautiful job!

Thank you

Thank you to Don & Sue Quinnell for replacing a few faucets in the men's restroom located in the lower level of the church.

School Kits for LWR

Donations of money or school kit contents will still be accepted through September 30. To make a monetary donation, place cash or check made out to Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) in an envelope marked for LWR School Kits and leave in the LWR contribution box on the narthex table, or mail to Terri Soley, TLCW Treasurer, 1771 State HWY 21, Arkdale, WI 54613. Here is a list of what is needed:

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)

8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship Services

* Masks are required — please bring your own

* Social distancing is being followed

* Hand sanitizer provided

* Large print handouts provided

Or view the service online at: www.arkdaletlc.org

Garbage run - Hank Sauer **Food Pantry Run** - Linda Bilski

Altar Guild - Danna & Katie Peterson and Meagan Grabarski

Lector/Acolyte schedule

8:00 am

- 04th: George Goltz/Mayson Nawrot
- 11th: Karen Soley/Caylee Frank
- 18th: Ed Heideman/Myles Nawrot
- 25th: Paul Brown/Caylee Frank

10:15 am

- Garret Gould/Ryan Oleson
- Rick Searing/Cody Hendricksen
- Garret Gould/Davion Hoernke
- Rick Searing/Delilah Renner

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."

KFC Kids for Christ

➤ **4 year olds and 3rd graders** will receive Bibles at their own special ceremony on Sunday, October 11th at 8:45 am.

➤ **Confirmation:** Thank you 7th graders for your help assembling the school kits!

➤ **Sunday School:** Resumes at 9:15am in house on October 11th. Each child is asked to bring a mask & a shoe box for their supplies; crayons, scissors and glue are already pre-packaged and ready to be put in their boxes. Rooms have been cleaned, chairs spaced out, and have sanitizer & wipes available.

➤ **5th Graders:** First Communion Classes for 5th graders will meet the first 3 Sundays of November with their First Communion Sunday being November 22nd.

➤ **Bible Verse:** “Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4:2. All we have we are God’s stewards of and to take care of – even left-over socks. Recycling is a good idea.

➤ **Activity:** For Sock-tober—Left over sock ideas:

mug cozies- cut off the curved part and slip it over a mug, sew on buttons (if desired)

dog toy- drop in the sock a tennis ball and tie it up in knots

arm/hand warmers- cut off sock toe, snip a hole in the heel and tada!

bean bags- cut foot off of sock and cut into same size lengths; sew one side shut and fill with pinto beans or rice; sew up the side

dog neck scarf- slip sock toe inside top of sock, sew into place, if long enough it could go around twice

➤ **Prayer:** Dear Jesus, watch over those who need socks. May they keep warm as days get colder. Amen.

➤ **Table Talk:** What do you outside this time of year? Walk in the leaves? Or?

Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits

Baby kits are in need of your helping hands or monetary donations. This year with the coronavirus, there is even a greater need for the TLCW to make LWR baby kits.

The women have done a great job of collecting but still have the following needs to meet our goal of gift giving 70 kits. Please leave items in the narthex or if you donate money, we’ll shop for you:

Baby diapers— qty 300

Boys sleepers with no feet—sizes 6—24 months— qty 18

Boys hoodie sweatshirts— qty 7

Girls t-shirts sizes 6-24 months— qty 48

Thank you for helping us help others.

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes—September 10th, 2020—5:30-6:45 p.m.

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

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

Pastor’s Opening Devotion: When do we go to the Lord for guidance and help?

Pastor’s Report:

Shut-In Visits since the last meeting: 4, sent cards to 5 people/families, called 5 people/families.

At the Altar: One wedding last weekend

At the Font:

At Rest: 2 scheduled and 1 more to schedule

Other:

Commitment Sunday is penciled in for October 25, 2020 along with Confirmation Sunday and Reformation Sunday.

Continuing to call/text/visit/write members and lifting sections of our membership in prayer regularly.

Attended the Synod Assembly on August 29, 2020. There is a new Bishop. The Reverend Joy Mortensen-Weibe was elected to a 6 year term. Installation is set for October 11, 2020.

Treasurer’s Report:

Monica was not here but had shared her report with us. Motion to Approve: Kathy/Mary

Secretary’s Report:

Shared out last month’s report. Motion to Approve with Corrections: Marge/Kathy

Corrections: Include: Resignation of Martin Hillert on Council and the Endowment Committee and discussion with Mr. Kottke on ways to improve church functioning with Pastor Terri.

Set the Next Meeting Date: October 8, 2020 at 5:30. Meetings are the second Thursday of each month.

Old Business: Parsonage Rental: Zoom Court Date is Sept. 15, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

New Business:

Stewardship Campaign. Temple Talks—looking for people to do them.

2021 Insurance Options for Pastor Terri—tabled until next month to allow members to review it.

Finance Committee—need to set a date to discuss 2021 budget. Marge will contact committee members to set a date.

Other Reports:

Education—Still looking for a teacher for 5th and 6th grade. Confirmation class scheduled to start this Sunday. We will need the teacher for 5th and 6th grade so that students are distanced. The rooms have been cleaned, seats spaced out, cleaning wipes put in rooms, and individual supplies set out. October 11, 2020 is our start date. Some families have picked up materials to use at home.

Bible Study is growing! We now have 14 members. They are currently studying Esther.

Outreach—Susie helped out Pastor delivering outreach project.

Property Committee—Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Worship—Trying to figure out what Christmas will look like. Looking at adding a service to either Christmas Eve or adding in one on Christmas Day. Church members to be surveyed on which service choices they prefer.

TLCW—quilts were given out to our Graduates. Working on school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Endowment Committee—tabled until next meeting.

Personnel Committee—Marge Edwards will be our new member

Motion to Adjourn at 6:45 Marge/Mary

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault—Council Secretary

Thursday service

Reminder that you can call the office (608-564-7920) and reserve a seat to attend the weekly Thursday worship service. It begins at 10am, masks are required, one hymn is sung and only ten seats are open.

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

October 25th the following students will be confirmed at an invitation only service at 11:30 am: Megan Craig, Robert Irey, Mia Moore, Mayson Nawrot, Zoey Nawrot, Hannah Oleson and Alyssa Pavelec! Check out their faith picture boards on display in the narthex.

Commitment Sunday is October 25th

Please remember to bring your filled out pledge and time/talent form with you to worship that day. If you are unable to attend, please mail it to the office no later than October 26th. The form was included in the September newsletter.

Stewardship Idea

Subscribe to National Wildlife Federation at <https://www.nwf.org/Get-Involved/Subscribe>. Think about pollinators when planning and planting for next spring.

Daylight Saving Time ends; turn clock back one hour on Saturday night, Oct. 31st.

Luther Trivia: (answers on next page)

1. At first Martin was going to be a lawyer. What life-changing event motivated him to dedicate his life to the priesthood and Christianity?
A) He was caught in a thunderstorm. **B)** Had influenza. **C)** Fell off a horse.
2. Luther wrote the "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences" and it was believed that he posted them on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church. What are these writings more commonly known as?
A) The Lutheran Handbook. **B)** The 95 Theses. **C)** The Augsburg Confession.
3. What instrument was Martin Luther known to play?
A) Lute. **B)** a Kazoo. **C)** Piano.
4. In 1525, Luther married Katharina von Bora. What did Katie do before she married Luther?
A) House servant. **B)** Field worker. **C)** Nun.

Sign the card in the narthex to welcome our new Bishop, Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe!

TLCW: Our kits and quilts will be sent on this month. This is made possible through your generous donations of items, time and funds. Thank you. It is truly- God's work. Our hands. If you would like to make a donation to help with these projects, checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church Women and write LWR projects on the outside of the envelope.

Sock-tober—Through the month of October we are collecting new SOCKS that will be given with the Coats for Kids project. *All sizes needed.* Collection box is in the narthex.

2020 Virtual Synod Assembly - August 29, 2020

"We Are Church Together!"

HISTORIC GATHERING

In an historic assembly, The Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe was elected August 29 to serve a six-year term as the bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Mortensen-Wiebe was elected on the 3rd ballot with 166 votes. The Rev. Stacie Fidler, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church Rock Island, IL received 165 votes.

While the Rev. Mortensen-Wiebe is not the first female to be elected bishop of this synod, the election is historic on another level. This is the first time an election for this synod has taken place in which all the gathered were not assembled in person. While normally held at a venue in Madison or the Wisconsin Dells, this year's assembly due to the pandemic was held virtually via videoconference. Credentials reported 347 voting members connected using Zoom and Lumi interactive technologies to elect new leadership of the synod and vote on important matters pertaining to the future of its ministry.

The bishop elect currently serves as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Slinger. She is also a licensed professional counselor and has been working with Professional Service Group, Inc. She formerly served the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin as interim Director for Evangelical Mission, and as an interim pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mayville and First Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam. From 2004 to 2014, Bishop-Elect Mortensen-Wiebe served as an Associate to the Bishop in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. She received her Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN in 1992, a Bachelor of Science degree in Religion from Carroll College in Waukesha, WI, in 1988 and a Master of Education Degree from Lakeland College, Sheboygan WI, in 2004. She is married to the Rev. Darin Wiebe and they have two daughters.

The Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe's installation is set for October 11, 2020.

Thank you to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Verona Campus, for providing space for synod staff and nominees, ELCA leadership, parliamentarian, credentials staff, website poster, request-for-voice moderator, Studio Gear audio visual support and help desk volunteers who made this event possible.

Congratulations and blessings to you Bishop-Elect Joy Mortensen Wiebe!

Luther Trivia Answers: A, B, A, C