

January 2021

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

I have missed seeing your whole face! I pray this new year will bring many things, like singing and fellowship. I sincerely pray you are well and coping with the stresses that are around you. This past year between the elections, Covid-19, and other critical issues I have noticed a few things. One big one is God created us to be resilient, and though we may not have liked it, we have adapted to what was needed of us.

It can feel like someone shook our world like a snow globe, but I have faith in our Lord, and I can say, he is with us, and the pieces will calm down. Though they may not land where they once were, you and I will carry on, and we will thank the Good Lord for the ground beneath our feet and the air we breathe and the food on our tables.

My friends, though we may be distancing ourselves, we are united in Christ, and together we will continue. This new year brings with it hope and Joy – watch for it!

Grab for it! Go make a snow angel. Draw on a frosty window. Sing in the shower. Call a loved one and tell them a joke (*My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down...*) Go ahead and eat dessert first. Look lovingly into your pet's eyes. Play thumb wars. Glue googly eyes to the top of your shoes... Live and don't be afraid to have fun. Express what we already have. We have His hope, and we have His Joy.

“Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10b.

Let the peace of Christ flood your life, let the sounds of the Joy of the Lord be heard, and be warmed by his love.

Have a Blessed & Happy New Year!

Pastor Terri Skildum

Personal Note: It's been 2 years since I had surgery on my shoulder, and I am doing great and my strength and mobility are coming back.

JoHanna is currently taking graduate courses towards a degree in Health Administration.

The pooches are feisty as ever, chasing gray furry things in the back yard.

The biggest change this past year (outside of corona related issues) was that I was able to have my home re-shingled, and with some help, banished some squirrels from my garage.

Receipts wanted!

A-F County Market receipts wanted! The **TLCW receives 3.2%** for each dollar spent in 2021! This helps with scholarships, Bible giveaways, kitchen upkeep, LWR kits and more. Please place receipts in the box on the narthex table, in the information box located to the right of the church doors or continue mailing the receipts directly to:
 Ruth Check
 1109 Chicago Dr.
 Friendship, WI 53934.
Thank you for your 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 and begin receiving our weekly email devotion!

Thursday service

Reminder to 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! A reservation is needed!

WHATMATTERS

Stay connected to Synod happenings, news, & events! Email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org to be added to "What Matters."

January happenings...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8 Worship 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship	4 5:30 pm Council meeting	5 8:30 am Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	6 6:00 pm Confirm.	7	8 Audit Committee meets	9
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I sent an email out with a home project idea of picking up Christmas cards here at the church to sign for the veterans staying at the home in Kings, WI. Usually we do this in 1-2 Sundays and send approx. 175 cards. I'm so pleased to report that we sent **425 cards** this year! I'm sure there are visitor restrictions there and many will not see loved ones. I hope we bring 425 smiles to those that deserve it the most. **Thank you** to all that participated in this project. Blessings to you, Amy. PS..... We now need cards for next year, watch for sales!!!

Garbage Run– Brian & Donna Olson

Food Pantry Run– Penny Ross

Altar Guild– Karen Groskinsky (chair) & Darlene Hovorka

Snow shoveling

04th Glenn Quinnell & Hank Sauer

11th Terry Hatlevig & John Stormoen

18th John Pavelec & George Goltz

25th Ray Groskinsky & Tom Guzman

Lector/Acolyte schedule

8:00 am

03rd: George Goltz/Nancy Hansen

10th: Ed Heideman/Myles Nawrot

17th: Meagan Grabarski/Nancy Hansen

24th: Kurt Mikolite/Myles Nawrot

31st: Mike Kuss/Nancy Hansen

10:15 am

Krista Pavelec/Matthew Pavelec

Kari Banovec/Brayden Hendricksen

Garret Gould/Davion Hoernke

Jeff Chase/Ashtin Quinnell

Congregational meeting at 9am

Hello Church Family,

I truly think of all of you as family because of the support, care, and concern you have offered me and my family. In addition I have witnessed how you have all come together despite differences and met the challenges God has set before you. With God's guidance we have met the challenges, though it was difficult.

The Pandemic is a worldwide challenge and it is a personal challenge. How we handle this in our homes, in our work places, and our church must be through the guidance from God. Love thy neighbor is a basic tenant of our faith. How can we do this in this awful time? How can we reach out to support and love our neighbor? This does not mean that we demean them for wearing masks or not wearing masks. It does mean that we work together with God's guidance to find ways to show our love for our neighbors.

I have always believed that a "real church" is really all the people in it, working together to carry out God's will. How can you meet God's challenges during this Pandemic and the Church crises?

All of us need to pray for God's guidance and the willingness to carry it out. This is not going to be easy and we are capable of loving our neighbors and supporting our church family.

Blessings to all of you,

Ruth Check

Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

**Meeting will be in the sanctuary so members
can social distance!**

The annual report will be available by the 17th.

Only one worship service that day at 8am!

Rather attend via Zoom?

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72011171939?pwd=TDdNc3JHR1dyS3drSDFzRWZrRTg0QT09>
(email churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org and Amy can forward you this link)

Meeting ID: 720 1117 1939

Passcode: D08L8M

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes—December 7, 2020—5:30—7:10 p.m.

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

Excused: all present

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

Pastor's Opening Devotion:

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Discussion:

What is a healthy church? What do we need to do to maintain the health of our congregation? How can we reach out to all of our members? Idea: Council will divide up our congregation list and Council will send out notes to people.

Pastor's Report:

Shut-In Visits since the last meeting: 9 members visited, cards being sent to all, calling continues

At the Altar: none

At the Font: none

At Rest: two funerals

Other: Continuing Zoom Bible study meetings on Tuesdays

Treasurer's Report:

Went through report and reviewed. Motion to Approve: Kathy/Meagan

Secretary's Report:

Shared out last month's report. Motion to Approve: Marge/Kathy

Set the Next Meeting Date: January 4, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are the first Monday of each month—discuss a different day of the week for the February meeting.

Old Business:

Church Door Security—doors are being left unlocked—continue to monitor and give reminders on locking doors behind you

New Business:

Congregational Meeting Set Date: January 31, 2021

Offer the meeting via Zoom and/or call in so everyone has a voice

Meagan will look to see can present on the large screen, will send the Zoom link, link can be included in our newsletter; Zoom also allows people to phone in with a number and participate without video

8:00 service only

Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Add to Endowment Report—vote on distribution of interest funds

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Audit Committee

How to do this with COVID and keeping our distance? Use another room to spread out?

Council Approved the team that will audit

Nominating Committee

Rick Searing

Ruth Check

Budget Follow-Up

Reviewed budget to work on trying to match income to expenses for the upcoming year

For 2021-2022 we have a projected budget deficit of \$40,000

Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on December 14, 2020

Other Reports:

Education Ministry: Sunday School will resume next Sunday

Outreach—No activity to report for November

Other: Property Committee—they went over their budget for next year at their meeting

Worship Ministry—looked at services for Christmas

TLCW—boxes mailed out

Endowment Committee—nothing to report

Other: Macey Glavin has left the church

Motion to Adjourn at 7:10 Meagan/Anne

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault—Council Secretary

Dancing With God

When I meditated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully.

The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other. My eyes drew back to the word Guidance.

When I saw "G: I thought of God, followed by "u" and "i".

God, "u" and "i" dance."

God, you, and I dance.

As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead.

From the heart of Jean Rhodes with influences by other unknown author (s)

This New Year, my prayer for you is that God's blessings and mercies be yours. And may you abide in God, as God abides in you. Dance with God.

KFC Kids for Christ

➤**Sunday School** If you are doing Sunday School at home, please make arrangements to get a hold of the new lesson materials.

➤**Thank You** to ALL our SS Teachers!!!

➤**Bible Verse:** James 2:16 "Go in peace, be **warmed** and filled."

➤**Activity:** Winter scene with cardboard: Need: cardboard, paper, string, markers or paint, scissors or box cutter. Print and cut out the templates. file:///C:/Users/User/Downloads/mrprintables-peg-dolls-winter-wonderland.pdf Pages also available in narthex. Trace them onto cardboard (variegated is best). Adjust the slot sizes for cardboard thickness. Decorate the pieces. Slot pieces together to create all the standing animals and the sled. Peg dolls (clothespin) can be made and added.

➤**Prayer:** Dear Lord thank you for fun outside, and thank you that I can come inside and get warm. Amen.

➤**Table Talk:** Have you ever ridden in a dog sled? If so, what did you think? If not, would you want to?

➤**Youth** - The **ELCA Youth Gathering will be held** July 24-28, 2022 with a **theme of** "boundless" in Minneapolis, MN. Youth entering 9th grade the fall of 2021 and older are eligible to attend.

Stewardship Idea

Go through your food cupboard. Pull out anything you haven't used in the last several months that you do not plan on using this month. Check the date; if it is good, donate it.

Bible Moment

The giant Goliath from Gath fought with the shepherd boy David and lost. Which one of the following is false concerning Goliath?

A His armor weighed 125 pounds.

B His mother's name was Elizabeth.

C He was over 9 feet tall.

D His spear weighed 15 pounds.

Answer: B - His mom was Orpah

Small ways to help the church that add up fast!

*Shop Amazon and choose us as your charity to receive dollars

*Designate your Kwik Trip rewards dollars to the church

*Designate your Thrivent Choice dollars to the church

*Turn in A-F County Market receipts

*Turn in your aluminum cans to the trailer by the church garage

*Sponsor a worship service for \$15

*Go to shopwithscrip.com, join a program and enter code: 9DC6CD657619L, purchase cards for places you already shop and the church will receive a percentage of that card