



March 2021

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

Wow we are mid Lent now, and Easter is the first Sunday in April! It's been a year since Covid-19 for us began. [Big sigh here.] But let me talk about something else. Choices. For some the idea of staying home wasn't new, but the idea being made to stay home was. And most of us did choose to stay put if we could. But it didn't feel like much of a choice...

I can choose to walk the dog or to not answer that call, even what I wear. I can select what channel I watch or to get dressed or not. I can choose to listen to the news or when I will do the dishes. Having a choice is a gift!

And you can choose to be thankful to the Lord Almighty for what you have - or you can choose to only see what you don't have and the choices out of your power, and sulk.

We all wrestle with things and have challenges. I for one cannot choose to take a bath; I am not physically able to do so – a shower it is. *Thank you Lord, I am able to wash.* My mother now needs a walker. *Thank you Lord that my mom is still mobile.* My beloved dog, Daisy, is up there in years; how many left I don't know. *Thank you Lord for my companion.* I'm in physical therapy now for my lower back. *Thank you good Lord for the treatment I am receiving.* I may not be as fast as I once was, but I still look to the ant (Proverbs 6:6) and I choose to keep moving forward. Again, I am not making light, but we all have 'stuff' to wrestle with. Be here for each other; pray for each other - and choose an attitude of gratitude.

Here's part of a poem by Max Lucado 'The Choice is Yours' from the book *Let the Journey Begin*:

...In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day... For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice...

I choose love. No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness...

I choose joy... I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God...

I choose patience. I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place... Rather than complain that the wait is too long...

I choose kindness... kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness. I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one...

I choose gentleness. Nothing is won by force... If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control. I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal... I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God...

To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

I give thanks to God for each of you. Peace my brothers and sisters,

Pastor Terri

A-F County Market receipts wanted!

The **TLCW receives 3.2%** for each dollar spent! This helps with funding for items such as:

- * Scholarships
- * Bibles for our youth
- * Kitchen supplies
- * LWR Kit supplies
- * Devotion booklets
- * Camperships

Please place receipts in the narthex, in the outside info box 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 in the narthex or outside in the information box to the right of the lower church doors.

Weekly email devotions

Email Amy at:
churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org
to receive an inspiring weekly devotion!

Thursday service

Remember to call Amy in the office (564-7920) and reserve a seat to attend the Thursday worship service. It begins at 10am, masks are required, one hymn is sung and only ten seats are available, 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."

March happenings...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:30 am Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	3 6:00 pm Confirm. 7:00 pm Worship	4 5:30 pm Council	5	6
7 8 Worship 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship	8	9 8:30 am Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	10 6:00 pm Confirm. 7:00 pm Worship	11	12	13 Turn your clocks forward one hour before bed tonight!
14 8 Worship 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship	15	16 8:30 am Quilting 10:00 am Worship mtg 6:00 pm Bible Study	17 9:00 am Newsletter Art. Due 6:00 pm Confirm. 7pm Worship	18	19	20
21 8 Worship 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship	22	23 8:30 am Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	24 6:00 pm Confirm. 7:00 pm Worship	25	26	27
28 8 Worship 9:15 Educ. 10:15 Worship	29 Get your reservation in for Easter Service!	30 8:30 am Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	31 6:00 pm Confirm.			

For Easter this year, in place of flowers/lilies we ask you give the gift of food for the local food pantry. Please leave items in the designated area in the narthex. Items needed are canned baked beans, beets, spinach and fruit. Also, peanut butter, tuna, ketchup, mustard and tuna/hamburger helper & toiletries. Thank you!

2021 TLCW Yearbooks are on the narthex table.

Garbage Run– John Pavelec

Food Pantry Run– Terri Soley

Altar Guild– Terri Soley & Barb Albrecht

Snow shoveling

- 01st Ray Groskinsky & Tom Guzman
- 08th Tom Bougie & Terry Hatlevig
- 15th Glenn Quinnell & Tom Bougie
- 22nd Terry Hatlevig & John Stormoen
- 29th John Pavelec & George Goltz

If anyone would like to be a lector or acolyte and hasn't been scheduled for some reason, please contact Amy, 564-7920.

Lector/Acolyte schedule

8:00 am

- 07th: Mike Kuss/Myles Nawrot
- 14th: George Goltz/Nancy Hansen
- 21st: Ed Heideman/Myles Nawrot
- 28th: Meagan Grabarski/Nancy Hansen

10:15 am

- Kari Banovec/Cody Hendricksen
- Krista Pavelec/Matthew Pavelec
- Garret Gould/Brayden Hendricksen
- Jeff Chase/Davion Hoerke

Challenge that people need reservations to be part of the singing in person that is recorded for the Sunday service

Motion to relook at singing at services in May with more inoculations happening
John Stormoen/Kurt Mikolite

Motion to Adjourn at 10:15 am John Stormoen/Ken Bork

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault—Council Secretary

Stewardship Moment

Save on plastic by investing in silicone or metal straws. Suggest those with rubber tips and a cleaning brush.

Sundays in Lent: On Sundays, Pastor Terri is presenting a Lenten series called 'Places of the Passion', traveling to sites where Jesus had been on his journey to our salvation.

KFC – Kids For Christ

>**Check out the children's videos** on our YouTube channel 'Arkdale Trinity'. Pastor recently recorded herself reading the books 'Let's Be Enemies' and 'God's Love is Amazing' on video.

>**Parents don't forget** if your children are not attending in-person, please arrange to pick up Sunday school lessons for home.

>**Bible Verse:** 2 Corinthians 13:14 'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'

>**Activity: Bubble Wrap Painted Shamrocks:** need piece of bubble wrap, cardstock, or precut shamrocks (dollar store?) [template in narthex], green & light green or yellow paint, newspaper, paintbrush, scissors. Optional green glitter. Cut out shamrock shapes. Lay newspapers. Lay shamrock shapes on top of paper. Paint a smaller piece of bubble wrap with one paint color and press it onto the shamrock shape. Repeat with other colors. Option: Sprinkle with glitter while paint is wet. You may want to make enough for a wreath for the door. (Bubble wrap is also a fun way to paint a picture frame, bubble wrap located under the narthex table for the project).

>**Table Talk:** We talk about God in many ways. One way is the Trinity (3 in one): God the Fa-ther, God the So-n Jesus, and God the Ho-ly Spirit. The shamrock (clover) sometimes only has 3 leaves, and this is a symbol of the Trinity. Can you think of any other names we use for God?

>**Bedtime Prayer:** Dear Lord, you are so great. You do so many things for me. Thank you. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Easter Services- call Amy (564-7920) or email: churchof-
fice@arkdaletlc.org and reserve your spot for Easter. Ser-
vices are at 8:00 & 10:15 am!**

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes — February 4, 2021

Present: Pastor Terri Skildum, Danna Peterson, Monica Wallendal, Marge Edwards, Ken Bork, Derek Pavelec, Anne Gibault & Meagan Grabarski. Excused: Becky Craig & Kathy Cappel.

Call Meeting to Order by President Ken Bork at 5:30 pm.

Opening Devotions by Pastor Terri

Report by Pastor Terri

Treasurer's Report by Monica Wallendal, motion to accept by Meagan Grabarski, second by Marge Edwards, motion carried.

Secretary's Report motion to approve by Derek Pavelec, second by Danna Peterson, motion carried.

Next council meeting set for March 4th at 5:30pm.

Welcome to Danna Peterson! Still looking to fill one position on council.

'Miss You' Letter's will be sent out to inactive members.

Discussion on endowment funds allocation.

\$2750 to be used for Synod benevolence

\$2750 to be used locally at council's discretion

This should be on future council meeting agendas as projects come up to allocate funds to.

Pulpit coverage for April 11th, Pastor will look into substitutes for this service.

Monica provided information on the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). A PPP loan in the amount of \$16,272 was deposited into the church's account on 1/26/2021. The funds are to be dispensed for salaries and utilities for the church. The church will request forgiveness of the loan in approximately 12 weeks' time.

Council members terms up in May

Anne – 2nd term; Kathy – 1st term; Becky – 1st term ; Derek – 1st term

Other Reports

Education Ministry- Pastor reported on Sunday School activities

Outreach- report attached/Valentine's Cards made for home-bound residents

Property Committee- meeting postponed until later in February

Worship Ministry- Ash Wednesday, worship committee recommended imposition of ashes by Q-tip be distributed by drive-thru service, outside with Pastor. Further discussion on Lenten services. Council would like two simple services on Ash Wednesday at 1pm and 7pm. There will be mid-week Lenten (Wednesday) services at 7pm, weekly, but they will not be recorded, only in person worship available for those services.

TLCW- working on quilts

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:35 pm, motion made to adjourn by Marge Edwards/Anne Gibault second, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Meagan Grabarski

Small ways to financial help the church that add up fast!

- ***Sponsor** a worship service for \$15.
- *Turn in **A-F County Market receipts**.
- *Designate your **Thrivent Choice** dollars to the church.
- *Designate your **Kwik Trip** rewards dollars to the church.
- *Shop **Amazon** and choose us as your charity to receive dollars.
- *Turn in your **aluminum cans** to the trailer by the church garage.
- *Go to **shopwithscrip.com**, choose "join a program", enter code: **9DC6CD657619L**, purchase cards for places you already shop (there are over 700 places to choose from) and the church receives a percentage of that card (Ecards are available instantly, an actual card will be sent to the office. Those orders will be placed the second Monday of each month).

Wednesday Lent Services

Are taking place at **7pm now through March 24th**. These are a short, simple, contemplative service.

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled, "Okay." "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy," the young boy replied excitedly. "It stands for **'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth'**."

Thank you

Thank you to Rick & Sari Ostby and Hank Sauer for installing and removing the Christmas wreath that hung on the bell tower during the Christmas season!

Bible Moment: Trinity Trivia

- 1-In Genesis 1:2, what was the Holy Spirit (wind) doing?**
 A. Swept/hovered over the face of the water. B. Was working with Mary.
 C. Haunting Pilate. D. Making a sandwich.
- 2-According to John the 'Word' was God and with God. Who is the 'Word'?**
 A. Simeon. B. God the Father. C. Jesus, The Son. D. John the Baptist.
- 3-In Matthew 3: 16-17, when Jesus was baptized, what did the Holy Spirit appear as?**
 A. Donkey. B. Dove. C. Deer. D. Dragonfly.
- 4-In John 6:46, Jesus was the only to have seen:**
 A. The Father. B. The Son. C. the Holy Spirit. D. Elton John.
- 5-In Luke 24:49, Jesus said the Holy Spirit would come and fill them:**
 A. Elizabeth. B. Oprah. C. The pharisees. D. The disciples.
- 6-In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commanded His followers to baptize in whose name?**
 A. James & John's. B. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit's.
 C. David and Goliath's. D. The Father's.

Bible Moment key: 1-A. 2-C. 3-B. 4-A. 5-D. 6-B.

Unapproved Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes — January 31, 2021

9:05 a.m.—10:45 a.m. Both in person and virtual

- Meeting called to order by President Ken Bork
 Opening Devotion by Pastor Terri Skildum
 Mark 6: 32-44
 Prayer: Make so that all may hear the call, and give their all, take me. O Lord, take my all. Remove, remake. Any empty vessel fill—with joy and love, to celebrate the fulfillment of your will. In Jesus's name. Amen
- Set the Agenda:
 Motion: John Pavelec/John Stormoen
- Treasurer's Report by Monica Wallendal
 Went through the budget for the year. Also noted that funds were received from the Payment Protection Loan. Motion to accept/second John Stormoen/Penny Ross
- Secretary's Report from January 2020 by Anne Gibault
 Went through the report. Motion to accept/second Sandy Pheiffer/Ruth Check
- Endowment Report: Mike Kuss
 Aaron Hoernke is respectfully resigning as Endowment Treasurer
 Motion made to have a 50/50 split local/synod 50% to be determined by Council for Local Distribution Mike Kuss/John Stormoen
- Budget 2021
 Went through page by page
 We have applied for a loan
 Motion to approve with the addition of the insurance Motion/second Mike Kuss/John Pavelec
- Old Business
 Follow-Up: Solar Panel Project Update: We didn't do anything with them last year. Mike Kuss will give an update next year.
 Follow-Up: Ramp hill Proposal: Glenn Quinnell
 Cost could range from \$27,500 to \$35,000
 What do people think of the design?
 Note: Materials costs are going up. An idea would be to purchase materials now and look at labor in the future
 Glenn motion to approve design from Property Works for quote purposes
 Glenn Quinnell/Kurt Mikolite
 Council Members terms expire: Mary DeMunck declined; Ken Bork will remain on, Marty Hillert resigned, Danna Peterson will join, Garret Gould will maybe join
 Mike Kuss/John Stormoen
 Nomination for Endowment Committee: Motion to delay nominations until May Motion: Mike Kuss/Kurt Mikolite
- New Business
 Continue fundraising efforts—new Script Card program. Everything helps!
 Music: why can't we have music in our services? Based on health recommendations from the CDC, Worship Committee Recommendations, Council approved those recommendations

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