

May 2021

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From the Pastor's pen

Dear friends,

Life sure has its ups and downs; we plan, then the unexpected... About the time you think it's all going well... These days I've been thinking about Job, a man who had everything, lost everything, then God restored everything, his life and health. We know that death is inevitable for each of us. Hopefully later than sooner... Sometimes it comes as an awful shock, then again, death can be a sweet release. You may be wondering about now where I am going with this, so here it is. Whether we expect it or not, death is. But we also know that life is. We know through faith, that **eternal life is** - it exists. 1 Corinthians 15:20, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead." Through Adam we return to dust; through Christ we receive eternal life. AND we know as long as we walk this earth, no matter how far or nearby, **Christ is with us.**

One of our Sunday school youth asked me recently which was more important: Christmas or Easter. (I was taken aback; I have never been asked this before.) :) So without going into the whole Santa and Easter Bunny thing, I replied though we often like to celebrate Christmas bigger than Easter, when it comes to our faith and eternal life – Easter is more important. At Christmas we celebrate that Jesus came to us – to do what he did for us on Easter. Then I mentioned how I felt there were three big holidays in the church, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. But Easter is the biggest, for in the resurrection lies all our hopes of life with our Lord, now and always.

Joy,

Pastor Terri

Personal Note: My mother is at home, recovering nicely from her hip replacement. Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Holy Humor

If Mary had Jesus, and Jesus was a little lamb...Does that mean Mary had a little lamb?

A minister waited in line at the grocery store just before a long holiday weekend. There were several full carts in front of him. Finally, the cashier motioned him forward. "Pastor," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business." 😊

Stewardship Moment

One simple way to save energy is to unplug things not in use: TVs, toasters, blenders, printers. This can also prevent electrical fires, and is a good tip for when leaving for a few days – unplug what is not being used.

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 or in the outside info box.

Devotion booklets

Daily devotion booklets (large & regular print) are free of charge and can be found in the narthex or outside in the info box.

Weekly email devotions

Email Amy at: churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org to be added to our weekly devotion group and receive an inspiring devotion!

Thursday service

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!

Online worship service

Visit our website at: arkdaletlc.org and feel free to view worship service from home until you feel comfortable returning to in-person worship.

KFC – Kids For Christ

- ★ **Teacher recognition & last day of Sunday school:** May 16th.
- ★ **Graduate recognition:** June 6th.
- ★ **Bible Verse:** The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come. *Song of Solomon 2:12.*
- ★ **Activity:** Umbrella Floral 'Wreath': need umbrella (a broken one is great), some ribbon and fake flowers. Tie a piece of ribbon around halfway up. If there is not a hook handle, tie ribbon near base of the handle to hang umbrella from. Insert flowers as desired.
- ★ **Table Talk:** What is your favorite flower? Color? What are you seeing now that it is spring that you didn't see in January?
- ★ **Bedtime Prayer:** Now I lay me down to sleep, I thank you Jesus for flowers sweet, for colors of spring and your angels' wings. Guide me, guard me all through the night, and wake me with the morning's light. Amen.

Bible Moment: Trees (answers at the bottom of the page)

1. This tree's branches were thrown on the road for Jesus.
2. Zacchaeus climbed this type of oak tree.
3. According to Psalm 52 trusting in God will make you as strong as this tree.
4. 1 Kings 6, Solomon uses planks from this tree to build the temple.
5. Exodus 37, The Ark of the Covenant was made with wood from this tree.
6. Genesis 6, Noah build the ark out of this wood.
7. Song of Solomon 2:3, His beloved is compared to this tree.
8. Among the gifts the Queen of Sheba gave the King, was wood from this tree (used in making musical instruments). 2 Chron. 9:10.

Emergency reminders

Below are some safety tips in the case of a tornado or fire. **Please think about it the next time you are in church if such an event occurred.** Remind yourself of the nearest exits, fire extinguishers and where to meet if you get separated from your family.

Tornado: Go to the basement or an inside room without windows on the lowest floor (bathroom, closet, center hallway). If possible, avoid sheltering in a room with windows. For added protection get under something sturdy (a heavy table or workbench). Cover your body with a blanket, sleeping bag or mattress.

Fire: Install smoke alarms on every level of your *home*, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test smoke alarms every month. Talk with all family members about a *fire* escape plan and practice the plan twice a year. If a *fire* occurs in your *home*, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP.

KEY 1 Palm. 2 Sycamore. 3 Olive. 4 Cedar. 5 Acacia. 6 Gopherwood or Cypress. 7 Apple. 8 Algn or Sandlwood.

Small ways to financial help the church that add up fast as a group

- ***Sponsor** a weekly worship service for \$15. (Sign-up is in the narthex)
- *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 **smile.amazon.com** 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 gift cards for places you already shop, we receive a % of that purchase (Ecards are available instantly, actual cards are sent here, these get ordered the 2nd Monday of each month).

Lawn mowing

- 03rd Greg & Terri Soley
- 10th Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky
- 17th Glenn & Peggy Quinnell
- 24th Rick Searing & Hank Sauer
- 31st Rick & Sari Ostby

- Garbage:** Brian & Donna Olson
- Food Pantry:** Aletta Grabarski
- Altar Guild:** Joyce Pavelec & Sue Searing

Acolyte/Lector schedule

8:00 am

- 02nd Myles Nawrot/Meagan Grabarski
- 09th Myles Nawrot/Kurt Mikolite
- 16th Nancy Hansen/Mike Kuss
- 23rd Myles Nawrot/George Goltz
- 30th Nancy Hansen/Mike Willis

10:15 am

- Brayden Hendricksen/Jeff Chase
- Davion Hoernke/Rick Searing
- Ashtin Quinnell/Krista Pavelec
- Congregational meeting at 9am**
- Merrick Moore/Garret Gould

May happenings...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8 & 10:15 Worship 9:15 Education	3 5:30 pm Council mtg	4 8:30 am Quilting 10:00 am Worship mtg 6:00 pm Bible Study	5 6:00 pm Confirmation Class	6	7	8
9 8 & 10:15 Worship 9:15 Education	10	11 8:30 am Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	12 6:00 pm Confirmation Class	13	14	15
16 8 & 10:15 Worship 9:15 Education —last day!	17 Graduate info due to the office!	18 8:30 am Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	19 9:00 am Newsletter Art. Due 6:00 pm Confirmation	20	21	22
23 8 Worship 9am Cong. Meeting	24	25 8:30 am Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	26 6:00 pm Confirmation Class	27	28	29
30 8 & 10:15 Worship	31 Memorial Day- office closed					

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes — April 8, 2021—5:30—6:40 p.m.

Present: Kathy Cappel, Derek Pavelec, Monica Wallendal, Garret Gould, Danna Peterson, Meagan Grabarski, Marge Edwards, and Anne Gibault.

Excused: Pastor Terri and Ken Bork

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

Treasurer's Report:

Went through report. Accounts were merged with the General Fund and Building Account as of February 1, 2021. Expenses for each continue to be listed line by line as it was before. Motion to Approve: Kathy/Meagan

Secretary's Report:

Shared out last month's report. Correction Needed: Kris Peterson will help with the audit of the Endowment Committee records. Motion to Approve with Corrections: Garret/Kathy

Set the Next Meeting Date: Next meeting is Monday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m.

New Business:

Local Benevolence—Adams County Theater requested funds. Donation of \$350 Garret/Marge
Endowment

Checkbook will be transferred from Aaron (Meagan to contact)

Audit to be completed by the annual meeting in May (Monica contacting the Audit Committee to audit the Endowment and Marge contacting the Endowment Committee that they will be going through an audit. Audit Committee: Ed Heideman, Terri Soley, Joyce Pavelec) Endowment Committee Funds Audit to be completed annually

Request of "Gift" list to donate funds towards

Endowment Committee will work to establish a list of recommendations to return to Council

Move \$620 donation towards ramp to Endowment Committee Motion: Danna/Garret

Summer Worship Schedule

Discussion continues on moving to one service for the summer

Set May Congregational Meeting Date, Time, and Schedule

Virtual Option

Ask Ken Bork to bring his equipment for sound

May 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

One service at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda:

Council: Need Nominations--

Endowment: Need one person

Need to officially vote in Richard Grabarski

Old Business:

Ramp Hill

New Business:

Audit Committee: Need Nominations

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Other Reports:

- Education—Pastor Terri
- Outreach—Susie \$50 donation to Kids' Day
- Property Committee—reviewed minutes
- Worship Committee—meet next week
- TLCW
- Endowment Committee
- Landscape Committee—minutes reviewed and ramp hill designed reviewed

Motion to Adjourn at 6:40: Kathy/Anne

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault—Council Secretary

May Congregational Bi-Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for **May 23rd, 9:00 am** for the congregational bi-annual meeting. A zoom meeting option is available along with a better set-up to hear everyone. Amy can email the below link up until 2pm on May 20th.

Join Zoom Meeting
 ID: 870 9185 0008
 Passcode: 591815

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091850008?pwd=NTJmNVFwcDVNV0t4aXVxK2J2WS9Udz09>

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbHrHxV1ST>

There will be one worship service at 8:00 am that day.

Attention Graduates

Please phone (608-564-7920) or email (churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org) with graduate info & future plans by **May 17th!** Graduate recognition is **June 6th**.

Thank you Kwik Trip Rewards Donors

Thank you to the following members that chose the church to be the recipient of their Kwik Trip reward dollars: Tom & Sharon Guzman, Steve & Danna Peterson, Glenn & Peggy Quinnell, Hank & Nancy Sauer, John & Audrey Stormoen and John & Monica Wallendal.

Thank you

Thank you to the following members that took part in the annual spring yard clean-up here at the church. Ray Groskinsky, Tom Guzman, Brian & Donna Olson, John Pavelec, Glenn Quinnell and Travis, Olivia and Grace Hanson.

Thank you to Glenn Quinnell and Ken Kosakowski for installing new wiring for the yard lights and thank you to Adams Columbia Electric Co-op. and Garret Ostby for installing the LED lights.

Thank you to Randy DeMunck for doing a tune-up on all the church lawn mowers, getting us set for another mowing season.

Help Wanted

We're in need of someone to **check the oil in the church mowers & make sure the gas cans are full on a weekly basis** (church pays for the gas). If you can help please contact the office—608-564-7920.

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We are looking for two women to fill the **President and Vice-President** positions in the Trinity Lutheran Church Women's group. If interested please call 608-564-7920. Here is a description of the duties of the officers taken from the TLCW Constitution:

The President shall preside at all general meetings and at the executive and general board meetings. She shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee, and shall perform the duties usually pertaining to her office.

The Vice-President shall perform the duties usually pertaining to that office. She shall promote the outreach of the auxiliary.

A Memorial Day Prayer

Lord God, You have granted to us a good land and blessed us with those who have defended it, even at the cost of their own lives. We humbly give you thanks for their sacrifice and remember current members of our military services, asking You to stretch forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect them. Support them in times of war, and in times of peace keep them from all evil, giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor. In the name of Him who died that we might live and have eternal freedom. Amen.