

Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:00 am

2021 Annual Report Available the 13th
(Meeting agenda is in the council minutes
of this newsletter)

Only one worship service that day at 8am.

Meeting will be available via Zoom. Email
Amy the week of the meeting and she'll
email you the link with the code.

*A movie will be provided for the youth in the
fellowship hall.*

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January 2022 From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

Thank you everyone for my wonderful surprise party and all the cards – wow!! Amy sent me an ‘edited’ newsletter, so I didn’t know what was being planned. You all are so sneaky... But sincerely – thank you!

And now that I’m 60 ☺, let me lay down some advice for your New Year, and well, for daily living. Don’t be fooled by the lure of immediate gratification or the pursuit of money or fame; *Tik Tok fans pay attention; enjoying is one thing but seeking is another.* Goals of power and one-upmanship are empty and serve only ourselves. The devil uses all these to turn our focus from what is important – Our Lord.

Be alert and live a life of gratitude and loyalty to Jesus Christ, a life of not focused on getting, but giving, minimally a life honoring our Lord. The rest, if God wills it, will fall into place.

Blessed New Year,

Pastor Terri

Acolyte/Lector 8am/10:15am
 02nd: Myles N./Mike W.
 Matthew P./Krista P.
 09th: Nancy H./Meagan G.
 Cody H./Garret G.
 16th: Eli O./Mike K.
 Merrik M./Kari B.
 23rd: Myles N./Ruth C.
 Davion H./Jeff C.
 30th: Nancy H./Sandy P.
 Ashtin Q./Kristin P.

Garbage run: Brian & Donna O.
Food Pantry run: John S.
Altar Guild: Doreen & Eli O.
Snow shovel for the week of:
 03rd: Tom G./Glenn Q.
 10th: John S./Terry H.
 17th: Hank S./Tom B.
 24th: Kurt M./John P.
 31st: Tom G./Glenn Q.

Quilters needed!

Please contact Penny Ross if you are interested in joining the quilting group. They meet Tuesday's at 8:30am.

Receipts Wanted

A-F County Market gives the TLCW **3.2%** for every dollar spent but they need your receipt! The money from this program is used to help fund:
 *Trinity member scholarships
 *Camperships
 *Bibles for 4 year olds & 3rd graders
 *Daily Devotional booklets
 *Kitchen supplies
 *Supplies for LWR Kits
 *Local community needs

Please place receipts in the designated box on the narthex table or in the info box located outside to the right of the lower doors.

Thank you for your support!

Stewardship Moment

Stewardship in the broadest sense is all that we do that cares for, repairs, and maintains all that God has given us, from the galaxy to the land, water, air, livestock, and all those that inhabit the world, down to what we do with ourselves, and what we think of as ours (all gifts from God).

This month clean your dryer vent and the filter. Each year, dryer duct fires cause \$35 million in damages and hundreds of injuries/deaths. You may need to hire someone, or there are instructional videos online.

January happenings...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Reminder-Wednesday worship is a mask required service					1	2 8 & 10:15 Service
3 5:30pm Council meeting	4 8:30 Quilting 4:30 Bible Study	5 5:15 Worship 6:00 Confirm. & Choir	6 9:00 Committee Annual reports due to the Office	7	8	9 8 & 10:15 Service 9 TLCW meeting 9:15 Educ.
10 6:00 pm Property meeting	11 8:30 Quilting 4:30 Bible Study	12 5:15 Worship 6:00 Confirm. & Choir	13 2021 Annual report available	14	15 9:00 Newsletter Articles Due	16 8 & 10:15 Service 9:15 Educ.
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Good Quote

It is in times of need and distress that good people rise to the occasion and do something. First Lady Abigail Adams over the years witnessed examples of this, of courage and sacrifice, during the American Revolution and the founding of the US. In 1780 Mrs. Adams wrote to her young son, John Quincy Adams, “**Great necessities call out great virtues.**” I think this may have inspired him and reminds all of us, that hard times require us to act on our best virtues, for the good of others and for the good of our community.

Bible Moment: Apostle Paul trivia (answers at the bottom)

- 1. Before Saul became Paul, he had a lot to do with the death of many Christians. He was there for the stoning of?
A) John B) Molly C) Stephen D) Judas
- 2. When Jesus first started to set Paul straight, Jesus did NOT:
A) Stone him B) Blind him C) Heal him D) Give up on him
- 3. Which of the following is not true about the Apostle Paul:
A) Wrote 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament
B) He was a Jew and a Roman
C) He was a tent maker
D) He once escaped being killed in a basket
E) He died in Rome by decapitation, where he had been imprisoned
F) His writings influenced Martin Luther
G) He was a Stephen King fan

Pet Safety During The Winter

Bring a towel on walks to clean off stinging, irritated paws. After each walk, wash and dry your pet’s feet and stomach to remove ice, salt and chemicals—and check for cracks in paw pads or redness between the toes. Avoid too many baths for your pet during the winter to help prevent dry, flaky skin. Use pet friendly ice melt.

Youth Fundraiser

The youth will be hosting a Spaghetti Drive-Thru Dinner on **February 14th!** Funds raised will go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering Trip to Minneapolis, MN in July. More details will be in the February newsletter!

Sermons & Devotionals

Email Amy at churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org if you would like to receive the weekly sermon and/or a weekly devotion. We have devotional booklets sponsored by the TLCW available on the narthex table in regular and large print. Remember you can watch service online by visiting our website at arkdaletlc.org and click on the link. There’s a convenient donate button on the site as well!

Trivia Key: 1 C; 2 A & D; 3 G.

Weather Reminder

In case of *bad weather*, answering machine messages at church & Pastor’s home will announce if services are canceled. Channel 9 out of Wausau will also be contacted. When in doubt, stay home where it’s safe. Services are on YouTube (www.arkdaletlc.org) or copies of sermons can be mailed/e-mailed to you upon request.

Christmas Cards for Veterans

We mailed **401** Christmas cards to the veterans at the home in King, WI. Thank you to all that participated with this project to help bring smiles to faces that deserve it the most!

Disaster Relief

If you would like to make a donation to help with the U.S. Tornado Disaster, you can mail a check here to the office and I’ll post the amount to your giving. Please make your check payable to the church, write “tornado” on the memo line, one check will then be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Thank you — Amy.

KFC – Kids For Christ

- ★**Thanks Everyone** for their help with the Christmas Program! Yah!
- ★**Don’t forget** – Sunday School still meets till May! But no classes Dec. 26 or Jan. 2.
- ★**Bible Verse:** Job 37:5-6 ‘God’s voice thunders in marvelous ways...He says to the snow, ‘Fall on the earth.’
- ★**Activity: Clothespin Snowmen:** Need: white paint, black and orange paint or markers, yarn, magnet (optional). Leave spring on, and paint pin white. When dry, tie on yarn to be the scarf. Then add 3 black dots below the scarf (like buttons). Above the scarf make the smile with black dots, then add the eyes and eyebrows, next paint on or maker an orange nose. Option: glue a magnet to the back. :-)
- ★**Table Talk:** What is your favorite thing to do in the snow?
- ★**Bedtime Prayer:** Lord, I’m laying down to sleep. In your care I will keep. Fearing nothing, I make no peep. You’re my shepherd, and I’m your sheep. Amen.

Lutherans United to Assisting after Disasters (LUAD)

This is a ministry of the South-Central Synod of WI (SCSW-ELCA). These volunteers help disaster survivors bridge the gap between the emergency and long-term recovery with the necessary services, donated items, supplies, assistance, and the social, emotional, and spiritual support to help them return as quickly as possible to a state where they can again safely carry out their lives. For more information or to volunteer call #1-888-237-0433. If you wish to be our church liaison, please contact Pastor Skildum (564-7920).

Unapproved Council meeting minutes from December 6, 2021 - 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Terri, Marge Edwards, Mike Willis, Ken Bork, Garret Gould, Danna Peterson, Kris Peterson, and Anne Gibault.

Excused: Derek Pavelec and Meagan Grabarski.

Meeting Called to Order by Garret Gould at 5:30 p.m.

Opening Devotion: In the midst of the business of the church's works, how can we remain rooted in Christ?

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed report. Motion to Approve: Anne/Mike

Secretary's Report: Reviewed report. Motion to Approve: Ken/Danna

Pastor's Report:

Shut-In Visits and Calls: 15 visited; At Rest: 5 funerals; At the Font: none

At the Altar: none; Still sending birthday cards. Sent cards/notes to 10 members and additional birthday cards and calls.

Other: Working with youth on the Christmas program. Confirmation students boxed up items for King Veteran Home. Rock-A-Thon raised \$690

New Members: We have a few people who have turned in forms for membership. We welcome them!

Set the Next Meeting Date: Next meeting is January 3, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

New Business:

Received a very nice, "Thank you" note for a gift card that was given

Set the date for the Biannual Congregational Meeting, January 30, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. No second service.

We will have a link for virtual too—Zoom meeting. Meagan will set up the Zoom meeting. Meeting to be recorded.

Set agenda for the Biannual Congregational Meeting

A. Call meeting to order by President Garret Gould

B. Opening devotion by Pastor Terri Skildum

C. Secretary's Report – May 2021 meeting minutes by Anne Gibault

D. Treasurer's Report by Kris Peterson

E. Endowment report by Rich Grabarski

F. Nominations for nominating committee

1. 2.

G. Nominations of Synod Assembly participants for May 2022

1. 2.

H. Budget 2022

I. Old Business

J. New Business

1. Discussion: Sale of the Parsonage?

2. Congregation thought on ramp hill project

3. Timeline to begin project if moving forward

4. Budget to spend on ramp hill project

K. Adjourn Meeting

L. Closing Prayer (minutes continued on next page)

Old Business:

Other Reports:

Education Ministry—Working on the Christmas program—Sunday, December 19—will be in person this year, all youth are registered for the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis—11 people registered, Confirmation had their first test and a number did well, Rock-A-Thon was fun, we will be having a spaghetti dinner on Valentine's Day this year, we will be making pizzas again

Outreach—nothing to report

Property Committee—hasn't been a meeting

Worship Committee—Christmas is planned as of the last Council Meeting, our camera person, Gary, will be leaving for a few months to go south, still looking for someone to run the camera to record services. Discussion of adding an air exchanger (s) for the sanctuary.

TLCW—getting ready for the Bake Sale!

Endowment Committee—will meet in May

Landscape Committee—nothing to report

Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Gibault - Council Secretary

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**. (TLCW group receives 3.2% for every \$1 spent)

*Designate your **Thrivent Choice** dollars to the church.

*Designate your **Kwik Trip** rewards dollars to the church. Let Amy know if you want your dollars to go towards the ramphill project.

*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). Let Amy know if you want your dollars to go towards the ramphill project.

From the TLCW

The next TLCW meeting is scheduled for **January 9**, 2022 between services. **Thank you** to everyone who helped make our Christmas Cookie Bake Sale (plus lefse) a success. We have so many terrific bakers, lefse makers, and volunteers in our congregation! **Special thanks** to the Adams Community Theatre for the use of their location for the bake sale!

Electronic Giving

If you are interested in giving electronically, we have forms available. Please let Amy know and she will mail you a form or forms are available in the kiosk.