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July 2022 From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

It's noon and 85°. There's a heat advisory today - Not quite the fiery furnace of Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego, but plenty warm for me.

In case you hadn't noticed we are halfway to Christmas already...shhh. I hope you are out there enjoying the summer days – God's gifts. Birds are singing, rabbits are eating from our gardens, folks out fishing, people floating down the Wisconsin river on tubes, and the church air conditioning is on.

Later this summer, August 14, we will have worship & a church picnic at the Lyon's Roche-a-Cri Park (across from the church), with <u>worship at 11am</u>. There will be a kid's backpack drawing, and activities like softball or soccer following the meal. Hot dogs, cool aid and coffee will be provided.

And as you are out and about this summer don't forget your home congregation. Just an FYI, there is a donation button on our church's website: arkdaletlc.org or if you wish a gift can be mailed. As you know we do a whole lot more than just keep the lights on - Together we do the work of the Lord!

Enjoy the summer blessings; put on some sunscreen, grab your sunglasses, and get out there. Greet people. When you walk or drive past a home, or a bicyclist, take the opportunity to pray for them. And always remember who you are as a child of God. Philippians 3:20, 'Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.'

Your sister in Christ, Pastor Terri

Note: Mom had a wonderful birthday. <u>Thank you</u> to all who sent cards! I gave her a framed photo of us three girls. She loved it. Kathy delivered gluten-free cupcakes for her to share with her dominoes group. And Shelly & Bret took her out for a nice dinner.

Acolyte/Lector 9:00 am

03rd: Myles N./George G. 10th: Matthew P./Karen G. 17th: Cody H./Mike W. 24th: Merrik M./Meagan G. 31st: Davion H./Jeff C.

Garbage run: Hank S.

Food Pantry run: John S.

Altar Guild: Penny R./Karen M.

Lawn mowing

04th: Rick & Sari O. 11th: Mike & Sandy W. 18th: John S. & Ed H. 25th: Hank S. & Steve P.

Watering flowers

04th: Gary & Karen M.

11th: Terri S. 18th: Ruth C. 25th: Donna O.

Holy Humor

Which planet sounds the best? Saturn. It has a nice 'ring' to it. *Ba-dum-tss*!

A hypocritical businessman once told Mark Twain, "Before I die I mean to make a trip to the Holy Land. I will climb to the top of Mount Sinai and read the Ten Commandments aloud." Twain replied, "I have a better idea. Why don't you stay right at home in Boston & keep them?"

Thank you

A huge thank you to Karen and Gary Meunier, Kurt Mikolite and crew, Roberta Kosakowski, George Goltz and all the behind the scenes people at Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church for helping me get my house in order.

God Bless, Karen Romell

Rummage Sale Update

The rummage sale will **not** be held this year due to the lack of a chair person. Please **do not bring** any rummage sale items to the church or garage for future rummage sales. We have sent all existing items to Habitat for Humanity and Practical Cents. **Thank you for your support** in the past.

Stewardship Moment

Refrigerators:

- Vacuum behind and under refrigerator & freezer. Buildup can increase the risk of fire.
- 2. Check the electrical cord for exposed wires, also a fire hazard. It is important to check & vacuum.
- 3. If the fridge/freezer is 'tippy' consider a refrigerator anchor.
- 4. If you have a fridge or freezer not in use, make sure it is locked or stored in a way that a child cannot get in it or that it is collecting water for mosquitoes.

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July happenings.....

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Don't for- get to bring your pop cans!				1	2	9:00 Service
4 Office closed Happy 4th of July!	8:30 Quilting 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 Property meeting	5:15 Service Masks required	9:30— 12pm Fellow- ship Hall reserved	8	9	9:00 Service
5:30 Council meeting	8:30 Quilting 4:30 Bible Study	No worship service	14	9:00 News- letter Articles Due	16	9:00 Service
18	8:30 Quilting 10:00 Worship meeting 4:30 Bible Study	5:15 Service Masks required	21	22	23	9:00 Service
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Ramp Hill/Canopy Update

The design for the ramp hill with the "Trinity Lutheran Church" name on the wall and with a canopy was approved at the May bi-annual meeting. We still need to continue to fund raise for this project. We have over \$8,850 pledged on the survey and look forward to receiving these gifts soon. Please designate "ramp hill canopy project on your check." We have already fund raised over \$8,000 in gifts so far and the Endowment committee will match that amount up to \$5,000.

The committee encourages others to get on board and help us meet our first phase goal estimate of \$85,000 for landscape and wall with an additional second phase estimate of \$40,000 for the canopy. The survey also indicated people would give \$715 per month towards a loan payment. We encourage others to help add to this amount and we may be able to do both phases next year!

We've hired an architect (price was included in estimates) allowing the committee to request apple to apple bids from a specified design that meets State, County, and Town code. We anticipate requesting bids this year yet with the goal for construction in the spring of 2023 pending funding and the availability of the approved contractor.

Thank you,

The Landscape Committee

Bible Moment

Luke 11:13 "If you, who you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Name 3 things you have given that was a blessing for someone...

Name 4 things God has given you that are a blessing...

Unapproved Council Minutes June 6, 2022 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Terri, Garret Gould, Kris Peterson, Meagan Grabarski, Sandy Willis and Mike Willis. Excused: Ken Bork, Marge Edwards, Derek Pavelec, Danna Peterson

Meeting Called to Order by Garret Gould at 5:39 p.m.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Terri. What is it like to find treasure or something unexpected? What do we think when Jesus stated "ask and it will be given unto you"?

Secretary's Report: Reviewed report. Motion to Approve: Pastor Terri/Kris

Pastor's Report: *Shut-In Visits: 9 visits, Easter Cards were sent. *At Rest: 1 Graveside. *At the Font: 1 baptism. *At the Altar: 1 and reception at church *Other: Synod Assembly update about trainings and she has some dates she will be gone.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed report and budget through 5/31/22. Reviewed report on Youth Fund inclusive due to upcoming trip. Motion to Approve: Sandy/Meagan

Set the Next Meeting Date: Next meeting is TENTATIVE July 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. With 4 members not at the meeting please check to see about conflicts or ask for another possible date....

New Business:

*Welcomed new council members Sandy Willis & Kris Peterson and set Sunday June 19 as installation before congregation.

*Local Benevolence balance \$700

*Habitat for Humanity will be picking up items on June 10 since we will not be having our rummage sale fundraiser

*4th of July parade -Is there any interest in getting Arkdale Trinity involved was discussed

*Church picnic in the Lions Park. Pastor Terri will choose a date in August and the church office will contact the Lions to reserve the park. Pot luck and abbreviated service that day is planned

*Tailgate raffle was discussed. Should we try to bring a tailgate meal and activities back with a date in October 2022

*Discussion on Bi Annual Meeting, Architect is hired and partial payment done. Will provide a giving area in the Narthex area.

* Assignment of council duties:

A. President- Garret Gould

C. Secretary- Sandy Willis E. Personnel

G. Finance- Mike Willis

I. Finance- Marge Edwards

K. Liaison to Endowment- Marge M. Liaison to Property- Derek/Ken

B. Vice President- Derek Pavelec

D. Personnel- Meagan Grabarski

F. Personnel

H. Finance- Ken Bork

J. Treasurer- Kris Peterson

L. Liaison to Worship- Garret

N. Liaison to Landscape- Garret

O. Liaison to TLCW- Danna

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Other Reports

Education Ministry –Bible study continues in Jonah, VBS 1 night, theme is in question.

Outreach - NR

Property Committee – minutes attached

Worship Ministry – Looked to set a date of June 14 or 21, Pastor will check schedule

TLCW –Next meeting will be August 7

Endowment Committee - minutes attached and reviewed

Landscape Committee – minutes attached and reviewed

Adjourned at 7 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Garret Gould (acting Note taker....not even close to Anne's quality)

Temporary Council Secretary

KFC—Kid's For Christ

- **★One Night Youth Event:** A Whale of A Tail will be in August stay tuned for the date!
- **★Bible Verse**: A son that ran away from home, ran out of money and then was so so hungry it says in Luke 15:16, "He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the **PIGS** were eating, but no one gave him anything." The son decided to go back home where his father had missed him and gave him the best including a party with lots of food. God is our Father and wants to give us what we need blessings.
- ***Activity:** Hanging clay **Pig**: Need either baking clay like Sculpey or an air-dry clay. Pastor used a kit from Mixy Squish, air-dry. If you use white clay you can paint it the color you wish. Also need a pencil or knife, some string; optional are a paperclip, a black marker or a bit of black paint. *See YouTube video of Pastor doing this on our church channel 'Arkdale Trinity Church; pause as needed. First form a body ball, a head ball, a nose ball, 4 feet balls, 2 ear balls, 2 eyes and a tail. Sample on narthex table.
- ★Table Talk: Have you ever been so hungry you would eat what pigs or cows eat? What is your favorite thing to eat? Who makes it? Who helped them learn to make it? What would you like to learn to make? Make sure to thank our Heavenly Father for what you eat. ②

★Prayer:

Thank you God for food that grows, For rooster crows and sky rainbows, Thank you for the stars that shine, Thank you for these friends of mine, Thank you for the moon and sun, Thank you God for all you've done! Amen.

What did the little firecracker say to the bigger firecracker? Hi, Pop!

Please help the TLCW fill the food pantry shopping cart with **CRACKERS** of all sorts! Ritz, Saltines, Club, Triscuits, Animal, Graham...you name it! The Adams County Food Pantry can use it! Please consider donating some chocolate and marshmallows... the s'more the merrier!

'Gift Card' Fundraising

Looking for something for a birthday, anniversary, teacher gift? Buy Gift cards or eGift cards to spend on your purchases, a % of each card goes to the church at no additional cost to you. The app goes on your smartphone, and once set up, it only takes minutes.

Pastor Terri can show you how it's done!

Chili's, Gap, Pet Smart, Kohl's, Barnes & Noble...and so many other places. Visit shopwithscript.com choose 'join a program' enter code 9DC6CD657619L & shop!

Backpack drawing

Tom & Sharon Guzman have generously donated **four** cool backpacks to be given away in a drawing! The catch? Once your kiddo is registered for Sunday school or Confirmation, then their name will be entered! **Registration is due August 10th** (forms on Narthex table) & the **drawing will be August 14**th.

Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction

August 13th from 9-3pm Lutherdale Bible Camp is having their annual quilt auction. Admission and parking are free. There will be a silent auction, food concessions, baked goods, fabric sale, crafts, pontoon rides, and a gift gallery. Location is N7891 U.S. Hwy 12, Elkhorn, WI 53121. Proceeds from this auction make sure no child is turned away from attending camp for financial reasons.