

TLCW Scholarships

TLCW Scholarship Applications are in the kiosk located in the narthex or contact Amy in the office to have one emailed to you. (churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org) Scholarships are open to all high school graduates and college students (up to four years) that are active members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Arkdale.

Trinity Lutheran AFHS students can apply through the application at AFHS. **Applications are due to the church no later than March 31st for consideration.**

What I love about FELLOWSHIP!

- When the Sunday school students eyes light up because they can grab a snack and juice before class.
- When the adults drop in to say hello and have a cup of coffee—and a snack or two.
- When we can take a moment to enjoy each other.

Did you know when we socialize it can reduce stress? You say you have no stress? No worries, you're still welcome!

Come and hang out with us in the fellowship hall after church on Sunday!

Perhaps you want to help a time or two as well! We have a sign-up sheet on the counter. Helpers are available to assist if this interests you! We hope to see you there!

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February 2023 From the Pastor's Pen

Most of us have met someone who is narcissistic. They are often very self-absorbed, self-confident and can be quite charming, which leads to influence and advancement. However, as you get closer to them, you find they lack empathy, are conniving and prone to lash out at others, attacking those who contradict them, reveal their lies or point out their 'failures'.

How do we as Christians respond or react to this kind of behavior? First, remember we deserve respect and are not doormats for someone else's bad behavior. You are a beloved child of God. Valuable!

Yes, we are to love one another, but love includes protecting oneself and others against the abuses of another. Love, patience, and gentleness, include setting limits and protocols for acceptable behavior, and calling out unhealthy and even ungodly behavior.

We can't make someone act as we wish, but we can control our actions and reactions. Pray.

When bad behavior rises, you may need to remove yourself from that situation, especially if a narcissistic person begins attacking you verbally or making demands that aren't justified. Keep your temper. Be polite. Be firm in setting and communicating the boundaries. Be prepared to call them out on specific actions and language. Stand firm when you have told them "no." Pray.

Think ahead. Open confrontation is rarely helpful in this case; however some conversations may need witnesses. Keep evidence of unacceptable behavior/texts and so forth. You may need to record conversations and their accusations. Pray for them and for yourself.

Find support with trusted friends and co-workers. This is not about gossip or just complaining. But having conversations to see if they have noted the same behavior patterns. There are people who act out poorly. And you are not alone.



If this is a close friend, you may need to pray earnestly and may have to choose as a last resort to end that relationship. I hope you never have to deal with such bad behavior. I hope you never have to choose safety over friendship.

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**If you can't assist when scheduled in February,
please find someone to trade with!**

Monday Counters

06th: Debby McClyman & Penny Ross
13th: Penny Ross & Joyce Pavelec
20th: Debby McClyman & Sharon Guzman
27th: Sharon & Tom Guzman

Food Pantry - Terri Soley

Garbage run- Steve Peterson

Altar Guild- Danna Peterson, Chair & Kris Peterson

Snow removal

06th: Glenn Quinnell & Hank Sauer
13th: Kurt Mikolite & Tom Bougie
20th: John Stormoen & Terry Hatlevig
27th: Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky

9:00 am Sunday assisting

05th:
Acolyte: Avery Christensen Lector: Sandy Pheiffer
Usher: Hank Sauer Liturgist: Sandy Willis

12th:
Acolyte: Brayden Hendricksen Lector: Tara Farrell
Usher: Kathy Kuss Liturgist: Tom Guzman

19th:
Acolyte: Izzy Bittner Lector: Sandy Willis
Usher: Derek Pavelec Liturgist: Sandy Willis

26th:
Acolyte: Jaxson Nawrot Lector: Lloyd Waller
Usher: Tom Guzman Liturgist: Mike Kuss

Stewardship Moment

Ditch the Bottled Water that is a one-time use. Instead use a refillable container. In a drive-thru, you can ask for tap water instead of bottled, and it's usually free. And note- recycle the plastic to-go cups. Less waste is a win-win for us all.

Family Weekend March 3-5th at Pine Lake Camp!

Get away as a family and enjoy all that camp has to offer this time of year.

Our staff will lead activities to engage all ages in a time of renewal & reconnection.

Adults: \$170
Ages 12-17 \$140
Ages 3-11 \$105
Ages 0-2—free
\$65/room upgrade to Evergreen

To register, visit: crossways.campbrainregistration.com

***Why do skunks LOVE Valentine's Day?
Because they're scent-imental?***

This month let's SHARE THE LOVE and fill the food pantry shopping cart with your favorites...anything will do!

The Women of Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church say THANK YOU and wish you all a wonderful Valentine's Day!

February happenings.....

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Choir 6 Confirm. via Google	2	3	4
5 9:00 Worship 10:00 Education & TLCW meeting	6 4:30 Bible Study	7 8:30 Quilting	8 5:30-8:00 Youth Rock-A- Game-A- Thon 6:00 Choir	9	10	11
12 9:00 Worship 10:00 Education & Council meeting	13 4:30 Bible Study	14 8:30 Quilting	15 9:00 Newsltr. Art. Due 6:00 Choir 6 Confirm. via Google	16	17	18
19 9:00 Worship 10:00 Education	20 4:30 Bible Study	21 8:30 Quilting	22 5:30 Supper 6:00 Choir 7:00 Ash Wed. Service	23	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Education	27 4:30 Bible Study	28 8:30 Quilting		Don't forget your cans for the youth!		

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Worship Committee: no report

TLCW: will be meeting on January 15, 2023

Endowment Committee: will be meeting January 22, 2023

Landscape Committee: no report

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.
Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.

YOUTH GROUP PIZZA FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Last name: _____ First: _____

Phone #: _____

<u>12 inch pizza— Sorry, no substitutions!</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>\$8.00 or 3/\$23 Cheese</u>	_____	_____
<u>\$8.50 or 3/\$25 Sausage</u>	_____	_____
<u>\$8.50 or 3/\$25 Sausage & Mushroom</u>	_____	_____
<u>\$9.00 or 3/\$26 Sausage & Pepperoni</u>	_____	_____
<u>\$11 or 3/\$32 Supreme-saus., pep., mush., b. olive, onion, g. pepper</u>	_____	_____
<u>Order sold by:</u>	<u>Grand Total \$</u>	_____

Orders with payment are due **March 5th**. Please mail check made payable to:

Trinity Lutheran Church, PO box 65, Arkdale, WI 54613

Pick up is Saturday, March 18th from 12-1:00 pm at the Community Center behind A-F County Market. Orders MUST be picked up that day!!!!

Any questions, please contact the office at 608-564-7920.

All proceeds benefit youth trips and/or summer camps. **THANK YOU!!**

A special thank you to Gregg Farrell of Bucky's Pizza for his expertise!

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes—January 8, 2023

Present: Garret Gould, Sandy Willis, Ken Bork, Meagan Grabarski, Marge Edwards, Danna Peterson, Mike Willis, Derek Pavelec, Pastor Skildum (joined meeting late) **Ab-**
sent: Kris Peterson (excused)

The meeting was called to order by President Garret Gould at 10:10 a.m.

Opening devotion was done by Garret Gould.

Review December 2022 Council minutes: motion to approve made by Mike Willis; second by Derek Pavelec. Carried.

Review December Treasurer's report: motion to approve made by Danna Peterson; second by Marge Edwards. Carried.

Pastor's report: Pastor did 6 shut-in visits, telephoned 3. There was one baptism on 12/28/2022 and one on 1/8/2023.

Action Items:

Next Council meeting will be February 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Audit of church, endowment, and TLCW: Kris will set up audits with these groups.

Budget 2023:

No changes to the proposed budget so it will go forth to the Congregational Meeting on January 29, 2023.

Set Congregational Meeting Agenda:

Call meeting to order by President Garret Gould

Opening devotions by Pastor Terri Skildum

Set the Agenda

Treasurer's Report by Kris Peterson

Secretary's Report: May 2022 meeting minutes by Sandy Willis

Nominations for nominating committee:

i. ii.

Nominations of Synod Assembly participants for May 20, 2023 in Mt. Horeb (1 day only)

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Endowment report by Rich Grabarski

Budget 2023

Old Business

Solar Panels – Mike Kuss update

Landscape project- report

New Business

Parking Lot

Adjourn Meeting

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Other Reports:

Education Ministry- Pastor Terri: she will be doing Zoom confirmation classes on Wednesdays; Sunday School will resume January 8, 2023. Adult Bible Study is still on Luke with about 12 attending.

Outreach: Susie is doing Valentine cards to send.

Property Committee: no report

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Worship Sponsorships

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with Sunday services up for sponsorship. The cost is \$15 and helps offset the cost of copyright licenses and the purchase of music. New sponsors are needed, thank you!

Movie at Adams Community Theatre Sponsored by TLCW

TLCW is offering a **free** private movie for all church members at the Adams Community Theatre on **February 5th at 1:00 pm**.

All church members are welcome to attend and all **youth will receive a free popcorn and soda or water**.

We will be watching the inspiring and heartwarming movie "**Wonder**".

KFC – Kids For Christ

***Rock-A-Game-A-Thon** for 4th grade and up, Wednesday, Feb. 8th. Set up at 5:30; games begin at 6. Older youth are looking for sponsors; funds will go towards their next youth trip to New Orleans in 2023.

***Ash Wednesday supper** served by youth, Feb. 22nd, 5:30 to 6:45pm. Menu: baked potatoes with toppings & soup!

***Don't forget** Sunday School is at **10:00!**

***Pizza orders** start now! Orders are due March 5th with payment. **Pizza pickup is Saturday, March 18th, 12-1pm** at the Community Center behind A-F County Market.

***Bible Verse**: Genesis 9:13 "I have set my **rainbow** in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

***Activity: Shrink Art**: Need: Permanent markers, Scissors, Oven, Cookie sheet, Oven mitt, E6000 Glue or equivalent, piece of recycle #6 clear plastic. *Optional*: Pin backs, earring backs, or magnet. Preheat oven to 325°. Then trim off unlevel plastic. Create your artwork (rainbow?) 2"x2" is a good size. Once marker is dry, carefully cut out your design (s). Place your plastic drawings in the center of a cookie sheet and on the top rack of the oven. Watch closely in about **1 minute** [no more than 2] the plastic will shrivel and curl and flatten – take it out carefully as it flattens! Remove to a paper towel to cool. Tada! Now you can create jewelry or magnets, keychain or a mobile...

***Table Talk**: What kind of things do you like to make? Do you think God had fun making all the animals?

***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.

Summer Camp 2023 Registrations are Open!

1st grade through High School, confirmation age, plus family camp! Check out Sugar Creek Bible Camp (Ferryville) or Crossway's camps with 3 sites: Imago Dei Village in Clintonville, Pine Lake Camp (closest) near Waupaca, and Waypost Camp in Hatley. Outdoor fun with a faith base! Register now for early bird savings. **Camperships are available, see applications in the kiosk located in the narthex.**

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Dale Chamberlain said in his podcast, "The narcissists in our lives constantly use us to their own ends, (but) Jesus gave his very life so that we might become everything he created us to be.... Remember that we serve the God who "heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). We look to a Savior who offers us rest for our souls (Matthew 11:28).

Dear Lord, I wish we could all get along. But I know in our humanness this is only a prayer you can answer. Help me behave to your glory. Help me respond to someone else's ugliness with grace and composure. I am in your hands. Amen.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Terri

Please feel free to check my progress on caringbirdge.com. Surgery is tentatively after Easter. A huge **THANK YOU** to all for your prayers, support, cards, and rides!!

Bible Moment: What is it? (answers at the bottom of page)

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| 1. Babel : Mountain, tower or altar? | 2. Eden : Tree, serpent or garden? |
| 3. Golgotha : River, hill or town? | 4. Ebenezer : stone, tree or river? |
| 5. Jordan : Sea, pond or river? | 6. Ephod : rod, temple or garment? |
| 7. Galilee : garden, lake or pasture? | 8. Adar : month, year or day? |
| 9. Praetorium : arena, hall or roof? | 10. Baal : haystack, cart or false idol? |

LENT: What will be your sacrifice this season?

Ash Wednesday Service is February 22nd at 7pm with disposition of Ashes. Supper prior at 5:30, baked potatoes with toppings and soup, by our Youth.

Wednesday Midweek contemplative services at 5:15 pm take place March 1st — April 29th.

9:00 Sunday Morning Service will include a sermon series "In View of God's Mercy", taking a look at our lives in view of God's mercy in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection.

Sunday Worship, 9:00 am
Education Classes 10:00 am

KEY 1 tower, 2 garden, 3 hill, 4 stone, 5 river, 6 garment/apron, 7 lake, 8 month, 9 hall, 10 idol.