

## Lent Giving

We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight. But there are things we can do now to help people around the world. Please consider making a monetary donation this lent for the following:

**Earthquake Relief** - Be egg-xtraordinary and buy an egg found in the narthex for \$2. Write your name on the egg and tape it to the doors entering the sanctuary. The women's group will **match up to \$100** and the money will help with relief efforts from the earthquakes that hit Turkey & Syria.

**Personal Care Kits** - Soap, towels, toothbrushes, nail clippers and combs. These simple gifts improve the standard of living for people around the world. For example, in the Andes, these kits are helping dairy farmers practice proper hygiene and in turn, improve their dairy products through sanitary milking practices.

One kit costs approx. \$10. Please make a monetary donation this Lent and the TLCW will do the shopping for you. **The women's group will match up to \$250!** With combined resources, items can be bought in bulk, further helping more people. If each family of Trinity Lutheran gave \$10 towards a kit, we'd easily reach our goal!

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## March 2023 ..... From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

As you are aware, on Sunday mornings, I'm not always able to get down the aisle fast enough to greet everyone. I'm glad to see so many of you are doing a great job welcoming visitors and guests to our church. **Keep it up!**

Here are some reminders that will help with this.

1. Look for and see guests or new faces. It takes some bravery to come to a new place and not easy to meet new people. It is also difficult for those who have been absent for some time. Many reasons bring people to our place of worship. Maybe they have had a new hardship, a loved one has become ill, perhaps they are new to the area, maybe they've had a recent heartbreak.
2. Meet their gaze, then flash a warm smile at them.
3. Offer help. "It's all up on the screen"; 'Here's the Communion elements'; 'the bathrooms are down the hall', 'That's Pastor Terri over there'.
4. Introduce yourself.
5. Try to remember their name; write it down or put in your phone, maybe write it on the sign in sheet. If you see them again, it's important to use their name if you can, making them feel noticed, wanted and important.
6. Remember they are a person just like you, needing a connection with others.
7. And yet, respect boundaries. They may not be ready to talk or may be a private person. This one you just have to feel out.
8. Let me know if I need to follow-up with them.

Matt. 18:5, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'

*I read somewhere, "As the body of Christ, we are the fleshy arms and legs of Jesus, and just as Christ calls us to be the Church, the church needs you to notice new people". After all, they are family - our brothers or sisters in Christ. So - Keep it up and together we Serve the Lord and Welcome the stranger!*

*O what Joy is ours, Pastor Terri*

**Personal Note:** Treatments continue. And I have felt very fortunate that I have been able to continue to preach and visit our shut-ins. I had had a rash on my arms that I was put on medication for (soon done), but you may have noticed my face was a little puffy with it. But all in all, I am doing good. Praise the Lord!

**Monday Counters**

06th: John Stormoen & Marge Edwards  
 13th: John Stormoen & Terri Soley  
 20th: Terri Soley & Monica Wallendal  
 27th: Monica Wallendal & Debby McClyman

**Food Pantry** - Penny Ross

**Garbage run**– Les Kirchner

**Altar Guild**– Terri Soley, Chair & Barb Albrecht

**Snow removal**

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

**Sunday assisting**

05th: Camera person: Lily Bittner  
 Acolyte: Molly Bittner                      Lector: Karen Groskinsky  
 Usher: Steve Peterson                      Liturgist: Sandy Willis

12th: Camera person: Ashtin Quinnell  
 Acolyte: Davion Hoernke                      Lector: Kurt Mikolite  
 Usher: Marge Edwards                      Liturgist: Tom Guzman

19th: Camera person: Delilah Renner  
 Acolyte: Merrik Moore                      Lector: Krista Pavelec  
 Usher: Crystal Nawrot                      Liturgist: Mike Willis

26th: Camera person: Eli Olson  
 Acolyte: Ashtin Quinnell                      Lector: Jeff Chase  
 Usher: John Stormoen                      Liturgist: Mike Kuss

**Stewardship Moment**

In March and April your offering envelope packets have extra envelopes in them. As you are able, consider using these “special” Lent/Easter envelopes as opportunities to rejoice in the many blessings God has given you, and to share some of these gifts with your Church and her ministries here. Thank you.

**The youth raised \$425 at the Rock-a-Game-a-Thon in February!**

***Wednesday Lent Services 5:15pm***

**Bible Moment: Nimrod.**

First thought? A skillful hunter or a foolish person? Nimrod was Noah’s grandson and “a mighty hunter before the Lord.” —Genesis 10:8-9. Though the Bible has little on him, there are things associated with him that has led to an unflattering use of his name.

It is believed he ruled over several cities including Babel, where he commissioned the building of a large tower to reach the sky & God. This was a foolish thing to do...And God varies their speech into many different languages, and the people scatter. And in a 1933 play “The Great Magoo”, the character Elmer Fudd is called a nimrod, because he was a bungling foolish hunter.

*March happenings.....*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Don't forget your cans for the youth!</b>			<b>1</b> 5:15 Serv. 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Educ. & Council Pizza orders due!	<b>6</b> 4:30 Bible Study 7:00 Fellowship hall res.	<b>7</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>8</b> 5:15 Serv. 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>9</b> Popcorn Lover's Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed!
<b>12</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Education	<b>13</b> 4:30 Bible Study	<b>14</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>15</b> 9:00 Newsletter Art. Due 5:15 Serv. 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Pizza pick-up 12-1pm at the Community Center
<b>19</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Education	<b>20</b> 4:30 Bible Study  Spring begins!	<b>21</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>22</b> 5:15 Serv. 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>23</b> National Puppy Day	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Pecan Day
<b>26</b> 9:00 Worship 10 Educ. & TLCW mtg	<b>27</b> 4:30 Bible Study	<b>28</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>29</b> 5:15 Serv. 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>30</b> Take A Walk in the Park Day	<b>31</b> TLCW Scholarships due!	

**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 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 March 31st for consideration.**

### KFC—Kid's For Christ

★**Don't forget** Pizza orders are due March 5th.

★**Pizza Prep** is Friday, March 17th at the Adams Community Center, 6pm: unload food, set up tables, etc.

★**Make Pizzas** Saturday, the 18th, at the Center, 8-12pm. Volunteers needed!

★**Bible Verse:** *'The owl will nest there and lay eggs; she will hatch them, and care for her young under the shadow of her wings.'* Isaiah 34:15.

★**Activity: Yarn Owl:** Need: yarn, stick, a pipe cleaner, some felt, glue, scissors, 2 large white buttons, 2 black buttons & piece of cardboard about 3x4". Cut pipe cleaner in 1/2; punch 2 holes near bottom of cardboard & attach pipe cleaners for legs by inserting halfway, bend & twist once, then twist around the stick. Cut 2 triangle pieces of felt for ears & glue to each top corner. You are ready to yarn. Make a small slit near the bottom to hook the yarn in & begin wrapping the cardboard until covered. Cut string & tuck the end. Glue small black buttons to white buttons & then glue to the owl as eyes. Cut a slip triangle & glue this as a beak between the eyes. Tada!

★**Table Talk:** Have you ever seen an owl? They are up when we are sleeping. Why do you think their eyes are so large compared to their bodies? (To see their supper better.)

★**Bedtime Prayer:** As I settle in my bed, help me rest my little head. Bless my family and the ones I love; watch me like the owls, from up above. Amen.

### From the Secretary's Desk

Since November of 2022, **\$1,957 has been raised** for Pastor Terri through T-shirt, button and ornament sales! Thank you to all for supporting "Team Terri"! Some of you have asked me about Pastor's medical expenses. I spoke with her mid-February regarding this. **Her medical bills are at \$8,500 and counting.**

On Palm Sunday, April 2nd, the TLCW will have a bake sale and **half of the proceeds will be donated** to her medical expenses. Thank you ladies!

If you'd like to **contribute directly** to Pastor Terri's medical expenses, please make a check payable to the church, write "Team Terri" in the memo line and leave it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. (PO Box 65, Arkdale, WI 54613). This will get posted to your giving statement. Team Terri envelopes are on the T-shirt table in the narthex for use. Also, there is a surplus of Adult small and 2XL T-shirts **on sale for \$15.**

Please keep Pastor in your prayers and if you'd like to send a thinking of you card, her address is: 317 S. Werner St., Adams, WI 53910. She'd love to hear from you! You can also visit caringbridge.com to track her progress and leave a message of support. Please do not make contributions to the site, the money doesn't go to Pastor Terri it goes to the site.

Blessings to you all,

Amy

**1 Peter 5: 7 "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you."**

### Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes—February 12, 2023

**Present:** Garret Gould, Sandy Willis, Michael Willis, Danna Peterson, Derek Pavelec, Ken Bork, Meagan Grabarski, Marge Edwards, Pastor Terri Skildum (joined late)

**Absent:** Kris Peterson

**The meeting was called to order** by President Garret Gould at 10:01 a.m.

**Review January Council Minutes:** motion to approve made by Marge Edwards; second by Ken Bork. Carried.

**Review January Treasurer Report:** motion to approve made by Derek Pavelec; second by Mike Willis. Carried.

**Review Budget to date:** discussed the parking lot repairs and reviewed the budget as to where we are financially to date.

**Review Bi-Annual January meeting:** reviewed and discussed. Garret will contact Glenn Quinnell for bids on the parking lot chip and seal.

**Pastor Terri's Report:** 13 shut-ins were visited; 1 by phone. Cards were sent. At Rest: 0; At the Font: 0; At the Altar: 0; other: FYI: Facebook page has 472 followers. In the last 28 days our posts reached 703 with 360 post engagements and at least 2 new followers last week.

#### **Action Items:**

\*Next Council meeting: March 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

\*North Star Services is seeking donations for their upcoming fundraiser in May: Sandy Willis moved to donate a basket from the Council and a \$75.00 donation from Trinity; second by Garret Gould. Carried.

\*Nominating Committee: Amy has notified Council that Ken Bork's second term is up in May 2023 and Rick Searing and Kurt Mikolite's 1<sup>st</sup> term are up on the Endowment Committee in May 2023.

#### **Reports:**

\*Education Ministry: Youth had their Rock A Thon fundraiser and are doing the Pizza Sale in March. Ash Wednesday the Youth will be doing a soup and baked potato supper before the service. Bible Study is finishing up Luke and will be starting Matthew.

\*Outreach: Susie hand delivered Valentine cards for all Liberty and Villa residents. An Art teacher has contacted the church and would like to do a Painting Night tentatively on April 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for 15-30 attendees. Cost is approximately \$40.00/person.

\*Property Committee: reviewed attached minutes.

\*Worship Ministry: There will be 1 service on Easter Sunday.

\*TLCW: Minutes are attached. There will be a Bake Sale Fundraiser on Palm Sunday.

\*Endowment Committee: see report

\*Landscape Committee: see report

\*Other: None

**The meeting was adjourned** at 10:55 a.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.  
**Submitted in His service,** Sandy Willis, Sec.

**Unapproved Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes—January 29, 2023**

**The meeting was called to order** by President Garret Gould at 10:11 a.m. with a quorum of 32 members present.

**Opening devotion** by Pastor Terri Skildum was from I Thessalonians: re: building each other up in Christ; be positive and encouraging.

**Secretary’s report:** May 22, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Danna Peterson second by Sandy Pheiffer. Carried.

**Treasurer’s report:** review was given by Kris Peterson. Motion to accept the report made by Mike Kuss, second by Anne Gibault. Carried.

**Endowment report:** review was given by Rich Grabarski. Motion to accept the report made by Mike Willis, second by John Stormoen. Carried.

**Nominations for Nominating Committee:** Anne Gibault and Rick Searing have accepted the nomination to serve on the Committee.

**Nominations for Synod Assembly participants** for May 20, 2023: John and Carrie Easterly volunteered to attend the Synod assembly in May.

**Budget 2023:** The proposed 2023 budget was presented by Treasurer Kris Peterson, with changes explained. Motion to approve the 2023 Budget was made by Cathy Westover, second by Sandy Pheiffer. Carried.

**Old Business:** Solar Panels: Mike Kuss reported that not much has changed since last year’s report. The project would cost approximately \$90,000 with a 12-15 year pay-back and would have a 30 year life. Rebate and grants are available. Danna Peterson moved to proceed with getting bids, etc. to possibly complete the project by 2024; second by Sandy Pheiffer. Carried. There will be more information for the May 2023 Congregational Meeting. Landscape Project: report attached from Ramp Hill and Canopy Congregation Report.

**New Business:** Parking Lot: Discussion was held regarding the repairs needed in the parking lot. Danna Peterson moved to Chip and Seal the parking lot, second by Glenn Quinnell. Carried.

**Motion to adjourn the Meeting** was made by Hank Sauer, second by Kris Peterson. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am. Closing with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted in His Service,  
Sandy Willis, Council Secretary

**Which vegetable did Noah leave off the ark?**

***Leeks!***

This month let’s plan on filling the shopping cart with vegetables of all kinds...even leeks!

The ATLCW thank you for all your donations and send a big **THANK YOU** to our awesome food pantry drivers!

**Unapproved TLCW Minutes - February 5, 2023**

**Present:** Terri Soley, Becky Oleson, Barb Albrecht, Susie Smith, Mary Jo Meyer, Kathy Kuss, Kris Peterson, & Danna Peterson

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00 am by President Danna Peterson.

**Motion made** by Barb/Becky to approve the 2023 TLCW budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Attendees discussed** the Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Items should be at church by 8:30 am on April 2, 2023 and packaged for sale. Sales people for that morning will be needed, at least prior to and following the first service. We will continue to monitor if there will be one service or two on that date. As approved at January’s meeting, 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Pastor Terri to help with costs related to her treatments.

**Reminder discussion** regarding the HCE Luncheon to be held at ATLC on Monday, April 17 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. As approved at January’s meeting, we will provide registrants with muffins, juice, coffee and tea for breakfast. Milk, coffee, tea, a cup of soup, a bowl of make-your-own salad, a bar, and breadstick for lunch. Kitchen staff/ servers will be needed for that day. Becky Oleson and Danna Peterson volunteered to make bars. Muffin donations will also be needed as we decided that homemade muffins are preferable. Veggies for the salad will be chopped and breadsticks will be baked between the breakfast serving and lunch. Possible veggies: onion, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, mushrooms, olives, peas, carrots. Shredded cheese, dressings, croutons, bacon bits, and chopped ham are other possible fixings.

**Next meeting** will be March 26, 2023 at 9:00 am.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Danna Peterson

**Youth Group Pizza Fundraiser**

Orders with payment are due **March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up is Saturday, **March 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:00 pm at the Community Center** behind A-F County Market.

**Orders MUST be picked up that day!!!!**

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!**

**Lent Services**

Join us at 5:15 pm on Wednesdays for a contemplative service. Now thru March 29th.

**Help Wanted**

I’m looking for a few more **financial counters** to add to a rotational schedule. Counting takes place on Monday’s at 9am. It usually takes 30-60 minutes and you’ll be paired with someone. If interested, please contact Amy in the office at 608-564-7920 or email: churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org. Thank you!

**Church Yard Cleanup**

April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. We will need rakes, blowers, trailers, and people! This usually takes 2 hrs.