

# June happenings.....

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:30-2:30 ADRC Class	2	3
4 9:00 Worship & Graduate Recogni- tion	5 1:30-2:30 ADRC Class 4:30 Bible Study 5:30 Council meeting	6 8:30 Quilting 6:00 Property meeting	7	8 1:30-2:30 ADRC Class	9	10
11 9:00 Worship 5:30 Paint Event	12 1:30-2:30 ADRC Class 4:30 Bible Study	13 8:30 Quilting 6:00 Landscape meeting	14 Flag Day	15 9:00 Newsletter Art. Due 1:30-2:30 ADRC Class	16	17
18 9:00 Worship Father's Day	19 1:30-2:30 ADRC Class 4:30 Bible Study	20 8:30 Quilting	21 Summer Begins	22 1:30-2:30 ADRC Class	23	24
25 9:00 Worship	26 1:30-2:30 ADRC Class 4:30 Bible Study	27 8:30 Quilting	28	29 1:30-2:30 ADRC Class	30	

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

*You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for the people to use, to bring forth food from the earth. Psalm 104:14.*

Dear friends,

I'm sure you have noticed - it is summer now. Winter coats are put away, boots exchanged for sandals, snow shovels for spades. The fields are alive and growing food for people and animals alike. What a beautiful time of year! Don't wait to enjoy it, be it the evening stars, marshmallows over a campfire or the dragon-flies fluttering here and there. There is always something to appreciate, for which we thank the Good Lord.

Bradley Wigger wrote the following in his book '*Together We Pray*':

Bless the Holy One in whom there is life.

As fresh springs well up from the earth,  
cool rivers flow down from the mountains.

With every drink of water, we bless the Holy One,  
in whom there is life.

As plants and grasses grow to feed a hungry planet,  
bread and wine make the heart glad to be alive.

With every meal, we bless the Holy One, in whom there is life.

So my friends, God has blessed with each and every day – get out there and enjoy. Look out your windows and see God's handiwork. And then - give thanks.

Joy,

Pastor Terri

Personal note: My surgery went very well. I'm now doing my best to recover. They say it can take a year to get back to yourself after all the chemo, surgery, and radiation (which is coming soon). Thank you for your continued support and all your prayers!!

### Crossways Camp — New program — Artisan Camp

We are created to create! Our Mini Artisans will gather around different creative platforms to express and explore. Learn from experts and enthusiasts while we try something new together. A final gallery and review will conclude the program. Traditional camp and faith elements will be infused throughout. This 3-night (June 20-23) program is for artists who are completing grades 2-6. Visit: [crosswayscamps.org](http://crosswayscamps.org) for more information.

**Monday Counters**

05<sup>th</sup>: Sharon G./Marge E.  
12<sup>th</sup>: Marge E./John S.  
19<sup>th</sup>: John S./Penny R.  
26<sup>th</sup>: Penny R./Terri S.

**Food Pantry** – Nancy D.

**Garbage run**- Steve P.

**Altar Guild** - Marge E.,  
Chair & Nancy D.

**Lawn Mowing**

05<sup>th</sup>: Hank S./Bill W.  
12<sup>th</sup>: Brian & Donna O.  
19<sup>th</sup>: Rick S./Bob G.  
26<sup>th</sup>: Ed H./Dennis M.

**Gardening** (Water annuals)

05<sup>th</sup>: Tom & Sharon G.  
12<sup>th</sup>: Monica W.  
19<sup>th</sup>: Lloyd & Darlene H.  
26<sup>th</sup>: Gary & Karen M.

**Sunday assisting**

04<sup>th</sup>: Acolyte: Brayden H.  
Lector: Rick S.  
Usher: Ed H.  
Liturgist: Tom G.  
Camera: Molly B.

11<sup>th</sup>: Acolyte: Izzy N.  
Lector: Tara F.  
Usher: Hank S.  
Liturgist: Mike W.  
Camera: Delilah R.

18<sup>th</sup>: Acolyte: Jaxson N.  
Lector: Lloyd W.  
Usher: Kathy K.  
Liturgist: Mike K.  
Camera: Davion H.

25<sup>th</sup>: Acolyte: Molly B.  
Lector: Karen G.  
Usher: Derek P.  
Liturgist: Sandy W.  
Camera: Lily B.

**Congratulation Grads!**

Morgan Irey is graduating from A-F High School and will be attending UW Madison for Animal Science.

Abby Quinnell is graduating from UW Milwaukee with her degree as a Cardiac Sonographer.

**Stewardship**

Did you know that the wax on wax-paper is derived from petroleum? In its place, consider using unbleached parchment paper.

**Thank you**

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the Lenten Personal Care Kit challenge! With \$195 in donations from the congregation, and a matching amount from the Trinity Lutheran Church Women, plus \$250 in Thrivent

Action Team funds received by team chairman Tom Guzman, **90 personal care kits** were assembled and are ready for shipment to Lutheran World Relief.

These kits contain a towel, soap, toothbrush, comb, and nail clipper, items much needed by people affected by earthquakes and other natural and manmade disasters.

**KFC – Kids For Christ**

- ★ **Confirmation** – continue doing your memory work.
- ★ **Graduate Recognition** is June 4<sup>th</sup> during service.
- ★ **Bible Verse:** Psalm 103:13: "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."
- ★ **Activity:** Father's Day picture frame: Need a frame, a marker or paint, a photo, strong glue and various sizes of hardware nuts (not too big). Write/paint on the frame "We're Nuts about you, DAD!", then glue the nuts all over the frame. Let dry. Insert photo and done.
- ★ **Table Talk:** Name something you would like to do one day with your dad or favorite uncle.
- ★ **Table Prayer:** Bless my father, bless this food. Bless you God, for it's all good. Amen.

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Church Treasury funds (checking account), funds allocated for the Ramp Hill (\$24,511 to date) with the option to borrow up to \$50,000 for Phase One only. Seconded by Nancy Dix. Discussion on the amended motion was held. A vote was held by show of hands: Ayes 25, Nays 3. Motion carried.

Solar Panels Update: Mike Kuss reported that prices have not increased. He will have more bids and information available for budget time near the end of the year. A resolution was read by Carrie Easterly from the Synod Assembly regarding a Request for Congregations to Submit a Care of Creation Plan. Attached Plan available in church office. This will tie into the plan for Solar Panels.

**New Business:**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: this will go to the congregation for consideration of participating and who might be interested in helping organize an entry in the parade.

Church Directory: Life Touch no longer does directories; Unique Church Solutions is the company doing it now. A motion was made by Rick Searing to investigate the possibility of doing a new directory; seconded by Sandy Pheiffer. Carried.

**A motion to adjourn** the meeting was made by Kurt Mikolite, seconded by Sandy Pheiffer. Carried.

**The meeting adjourned** at 11:37 a.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.  
**Submitted in His Service,** Sandy Willis, Council Secretary

**The Story Behind "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymn #733 ELW**

Thomas O. Chisholm was born in 1866, in Kentucky in a log cabin. He was a school-teacher and later became an associate editor of the local newspaper. He then became an editor of the *Pentecostal Herald* in Louisville, KY. Some of his own poetry were published in these papers. At the age of 26, Thomas became a Christian, 1893. In 1903, he was officially ordained a minister in the Methodist Church. However because of his poor health he had to leave the pulpit after only a year.

One of Thomas' poems was based in Lamentations 3:22-23, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." He sent his poem to his friend William Runyan, who was able to put it to music. And through the radio and many Billy Graham crusades, and it's wonderful message, the song "Great is Thy Faithfulness" became internationally known and beloved.

**New Paint Night Event!**

Sunday, **June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** will be a fun evening of painting and snacks! The painting will be a beautiful pond scene with dragonflies. Please sign-up and pay by June 5th. The cost is \$40 with \$10 being donated to Pastor Terri to help with medical expenses. Call Amy at 608-564-7920 to sign-up!

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Worship Committee: no meeting  
TLCW: next meeting is August 13  
Endowment Committee: minutes attached.  
Landscape Committee: minutes attached.

**The Meeting was adjourned** at 7:10 p.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.  
**Submitted in His service**, Sandy Willis, Sec.

### **Unapproved Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes—May 21, 2023**

**The meeting was called to order** by President Garret Gould at 10:18 a.m. with a quorum of 33 members present.

**An opening prayer** was given by Pastor Terri Skildum. A Thank You was extended to John and Carrie Easterly for attending the Synod Assembly on May 20, 2023.

**Set Agenda:** the agenda was amended to add 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Congregational Directory under New Business. A motion was made by Mike Kuss to accept the amended agenda; seconded by Mike Willis. Carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the January 29, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes was made by Danna Peterson; seconded by Marge Edwards. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** A review was given by Kris Peterson. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mike Willis; seconded by John Stormoen. Carried.

**Nominations for Council:** Pastor Skildum nominated Carrie Easterly to replace Ken Bork (term expired). Carrie Easterly accepted the nomination. A motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous was made by Mike Kuss; seconded by Sandy Pheiffer. Carried. Carrie Easterly will be serving on Church Council.

**Nominations for Endowment Committee:** Rick Searing and Kurt Mikolite have both served one term and have agreed to remain on the Committee for a second term. No further action is needed.

**Nominating Committee for 2024:** Ken Bork should be on the Committee as an outgoing Council member and Rick Searing has offered to continue to serve. A motion was made by Mike Kuss to accept them to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2024 with a unanimous vote; seconded by John Stormoen. Carried.

#### **Old Business:**

Ramp Hill Update: see attached report. Glenn Quinnell reported that there have been some changes in costs of the project with a total estimated cost of Phase One of \$94,912 – \$96,774 for a total estimated cost of both phases of \$142,321 - \$144,183. He explained the cost reductions.

Discussion on the project was held. A motion was made by Marge Edwards to use \$25,000 of Treasury Funds, with the funds already allocated for the project and borrow \$50,000 to do Phase One. No second on the motion. Discussion on the motion was held. Marge Edwards amended her motion to use \$25,000 of

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### **Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes—May 11, 2023**

**Present:** Garret Gould, Marge Edwards, Danna Peterson, Derek Pavelec, Mike Willis, Sandy Willis

**Absent:** Meagan Grabarski, Ken Bork, Kris Peterson, Pastor Terri

The meeting was called to order by President Garret Gould at 6:06 p.m.

**Opening devotion** was a prayer by Garret Gould.

**Review April 2023 Council Minutes:** A correction was made under Reports: Endowment Committee: will be meeting April 30, 2023, not April 17, 2023. A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Danna Peterson, second by Derek Pavelec. Carried.

**Review April 2023 Treasurer Report:** Several funding items were discussed. Kris Peterson also informed us that we are being charged \$3/ month bank service charge; there is no fee if we set up the accounts on-line. Marge Edwards moved to allow the treasurer to set up the account on-line and save the account charges, second by Derek Pavelec. Carried. Motion to approve the Treasurer Report made by Danna Peterson, second by Mike Willis. Carried.

**Review Budget to date:** Report shows we are on track with spending and income.

**Pastor 's Report:** 11 shut-ins were visited. At Rest: One at graveside, one coming up on May 20, 2023 at church. At the Font: three. At the Altar: none. Synod Assembly is May 20. Pastor John Stake is back-up for May 20 funeral in case Pastor is unable. Pastor has surgery May 10. Pastor Derick is preaching May 14 - Pastor Terri hopes to be able to lead worship on May 21.

#### **Action Items:**

Next Council Meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Local Benevolence: balance of \$625.00 - Amy sent a message that perhaps we could donate to the VA for the Honor Flight program. We will seek more information on a possible gift to them.

Interest in Pictorial Directory: a directory was last done in 2016. Lifetouch is no longer involved with churches. Unique Church Solutions is the company now. This will be added to the New Business portion of the Bi-Annual Meeting for congregational input.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: This will be added to the New Business portion of the Bi-Annual Meeting for congregational input. Perhaps Susie will have some information from Outreach also.

Policies and By-Laws were last reviewed by the Council in March of 2019. These will be on the June meeting agenda once we have a new member on Council.

#### **Other Reports:**

Education Ministry: Last day of Sunday School and Confirmation was May 7.

Outreach: Susie along with Gary & Karen Meunier represented the Church at the Kids Day. Participation was in the hundreds, and we thank them for representing Trinity. Trinity will be participating in the Senior/Veterans Fair on May 17.

Property Committee: Next meeting will be June 6 – we need to verify the new council liaison.

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