

### Thank-you

We would like to thank Pastor Terri Skildum, Secretary Amy Koziczkowski, Pianist Elaine Morgan and the members of the congregation for their thoughtfulness and expressions of sympathy extended to us after the death of our mother, Shirley Keach. We appreciate the members that prepared and served the delicious lunch, too - on a Saturday - even without electricity!

Your Christian acts of kindness will always be remembered.  
The Family of Shirley Keach

### Adams County Grief Support Group

This is for those experiencing grief and loss. This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month, 5:30pm at the VFW, 172 N Linden St in Adams. No charge; no need to register. We are here to listen and support you.

### SOCTOBER

We are collecting both new and gently used pairs of socks this month. Both youth and adult sizes are needed. These will be handed out with the local Coats for Kids program. Thank you in advance for your help!

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### *October 2023 ..... From the Pastor's Pen*

Dear friends, **Commitment Sunday is November 5<sup>th</sup>**. By this Sunday we turn in our commitment forms and verbally state our support for God's work in the congregation.

*Why do we have such a thing?* Because we have so many lovely and wonderful ministries here, and they need everyone's support. Be it your time or your skills in one or more of those areas, and your financial help to keep them moving forward. Please fill out the online Time/Talent and Commitment form that has been emailed to you. If you don't have an email, a form will be mailed to you.

Think of all our activities and events.

Think of all those who have already and those who will receive from our efforts here at Trinity...

Things they need from food & socks to blankets & school supplies, and yes, even funerals. Kids received Bibles last month, and youth will be confirming their faith this month; there are baptisms, weddings, exercise classes, our adult Bible study, and I'm passionate about our Worship services. People hear about Jesus! **YOU** make this possible.

Which programs touch your heart? Which are you most grateful for?

The church is not just a building. The Church is the People of God. WE are the church in this world.

Each of us has a part to play. Prayerfully consider where you might participate and what your commitment to our work here at Trinity Arkdale can be this year.

**"Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights."**

*James 1:17*

Your sister in Christ,

*Pastor Terri*

Personal Note: *I'm getting stronger, bit by bit, and feeling more like myself again; my sugars are still giving me a run for my money, but I am using a continuous monitor now which is starting to help. As for Johanna, she has now moved near Richland Center where she is working at a senior care facility. ☺*

**Monday Counters**

02<sup>nd</sup>: Monica W & John S  
 09<sup>th</sup>: John S & Terri S  
 16<sup>th</sup>: Terri S & Tom G  
 23<sup>rd</sup>: Tom G & Debby M  
 30<sup>th</sup>: Debby M & Penny R

**Food Pantry** – Terri S  
**Garbage run**- Steve P  
**Altar Guild** – Crystal N,  
 Donna O & Meagan G

**Lawn Mowing**

02<sup>nd</sup>: Ed H & Dennis M  
 09<sup>th</sup>: Rick & Sari O  
 16<sup>th</sup>: Rich W  
 23<sup>rd</sup>: Tim & Mary Jo M

**Sunday assisting**

01<sup>st</sup>: Acolyte: Izzy N  
 Lector: Mike W  
 Usher: John S  
 Liturgist: Mike W  
 Camera: Merrik M  
 08<sup>th</sup>: Acolyte: Jaxson N  
 Lector: Mike K  
 Usher: Tom G  
 Liturgist: Mike K  
 Camera: Molly B  
 15<sup>th</sup>: Acolyte: Ashtin Q  
 Lector: Karen G  
 Usher: Hank S  
 Liturgist: Sandy W  
 Camera: Brayden H  
 22<sup>nd</sup>: Acolyte: Merrik M  
 Lector: Kurt M  
 Usher: Kathy K  
 Liturgist: Tom G  
 Camera: Davion H  
 29<sup>th</sup>: Acolyte: Raylee P  
 Lector: Krista P  
 Usher: Derek P  
 Liturgist: Mike W  
 Camera: Izzy N

**Bricks for sale**

We have bricks for sale from the steeple path and from the fellowship hall. These would work great for a flower bed border or a patio. There are 106 five hole bricks and 425 paver bricks. Some sand base available. We suggest **.25¢ each** or best offer. Call Glenn at 608-547-7895!

**WE DID IT! THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all those who donated cash or school supplies for the 2023 5th Annual Backpack Challenge!

Thanks to the generosity of our members (and that of the TLCW and Tom Guzman's Thrivent Action Team), we have already surpassed this year's goal of 200 school kits!

**We currently have 204 kits ready to ship to Lutheran World Relief in October! Great job everyone!**

*Why didn't the fettuccine go out for Halloween?  
 It was too alfredo!*

For the month of October, let's continue with our **pasta donations** for the local food pantry. Please help stock their shelves with noodles for soups and casseroles! Place your donations in the shopping cart and we'll get them there!

The Women of Arkdale Trinity Lutheran, along with the Adams County Food Pantry are very appreciative!

**ALL SAINTS Sunday is November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Along with-it being Commitment Sunday, we will honor those who have passed away this last year and those who are newly Baptized, and a slide show will be shown with photos. A table will be set up front for those who wish to light a candle.

# October happenings...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow. 11 Baptism 11:30 Fellowship Hall res.	<b>2</b> 4:30 Bible Study	<b>3</b> 8:30 Quilting  6:00 Landscape meeting	<b>4</b> 6:00 Choir & Confirm. 6:45 Cantata practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Fellow- ship Hall reserved
<b>8</b> 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Endow. meeting 10 Fellow. Hall res.	<b>9</b> 4:30 Bible Study  6:00 Council	<b>10</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>11</b> 6:00 Choir & Confirm. 6:45 Cantata practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  11:00 Baptism
<b>15</b> 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow. 10 TLCW meeting	<b>16</b> 9:00 Newsletter Articles Due 4:30 Bible Study	<b>17</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>18</b> 6:00 Choir & Confirm. 6:45 Cantata practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00-10:00 Youth Rock-A- Game-A- Thon	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Tailgate & Raffle	<b>23</b> 4:30 Bible Study	<b>24</b> 8:30 Quilting	<b>25</b> 6:00 Choir & Confirm. 6:45 Cantata practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 Worship & Confirm. 10 Educ. 10 Fellow.	<b>30</b> 4:30 Bible Study	<b>31</b> 8:30 Quilting		<b>Please bring your aluminum cans for our youth!</b>		<b>Cans can be left on the trailer by the church garage. Thank you!</b>

**TLCW:** Danna Peterson reported that the Breakfast on September 10 went well. TLCW will meet in October – no date certain yet.

**Endowment Committee:** Marge Edwards reported that member Rick Searing is moving so a new member will need to be added to the committee per the By-Laws. They have a meeting on October 8, 2023.

**Landscape Committee:** see attached minutes.

**Other:** Pictorial Help: Amy needs help with signing people in on the days the photographer is here. 3 people are needed for time on September 28 and 29.

**The meeting was adjourned** at 8:00 p.m. closing with the Lord's Prayer.

**Submitted in His service,** Sandy Willis, Sec.

**Stewardship Moment:** Practice clean car care –wash your car on the grass instead of on the road or driveway; it adds moisture to the soil and plants nearby, instead of down the city drain, and the soaps and chemicals are then filtered nature's way. Also clean off the storm drains near your home, keeping leaves, grass clippings and litter from negatively impacting water quality and allowing rainwater to drain more efficiently, preventing flooding on the road.

#### KFC – Kids For Christ

★ **Acolyte Training & Review**, grades 4th-6th, Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School time.

★ **The Butterfly** on the basement wall is ready for you to take your selfies. Nice group effort on painting this!

★ **Rock-A-Thon Game Night** fundraiser for grades 6th-12th is set for Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 6-10:30pm. Pledge forms are in the narthex.

★ **Bible Verse:** Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." John 6:35.

★ **Activity:** No Yeast Bread: Need 2 C flour, ½ tsp salt, ¾ tsp baking soda, 1C + 3Tbsp buttermilk or cream, optional add cranberries, dates or raisins. In large bowl stir together the dry ingredients. Add milk & stir until stiff. Preheat oven to 425°. Put dough on a floured surface & sprinkle dough with flour. Flour your hands & pull the dough edges into the middle a few times (folding it). Shape into a ball about 2" high. Flour a baking sheet & place dough ball onto it. With a knife cut a "X" into the top of the dough. Bake for 20-25 minutes. When cooled, spread it with butter, cream cheese, or jam of choice.

★ **Table Talk:** How many types of bread can you name? What is your favorite kind?

★ **Jewish Table Prayer:** *Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. Amen.*

#### Answers to Bible Trivia:

1. B. Days of Awe. 2. C. Elul, the 12<sup>th</sup> month. 3. B. Psalm 27, vs 1 "The Lord is my light & my salvation, whom shall I fear?" 4. B. Shofar, a trumpet made from a ram's horn. 5. A. Head of the Year. 6. C. Apples & honey, to wish each other a "sweet new year." 7. B. Casting bread into water - to "cast off" their sins from the previous year. 8. A. 10 Holy Days - beginning with Rosh Hashanah & ending with Yom Kippur. 9. B. Atonement, the holiest day when they come before God for the cleansing of their sins. 10. E. Jonah, reminding people of God's infinite mercy & forgiveness for all who turn to Him & repent.

#### Ramp Hill and Canopy Update

The ramp hill project has been **delayed until next spring**. Adams County Planning and Zoning requires a variance because we are within 1000' of the lake. This variance must be published in the paper for two weeks and then a meeting to approve will happen early in November. This is too late to start our project due to cold weather. We will proceed to get this variance.

This variance involves work that is close to the road and property line. We already have a variance from the Town of Strongs Prairie and thought that would be all that is needed. The State has conditionally approved our plans but want to see our canopy truss design before we build.

The upside is we have more time to raise funds! Please take notice of the Narthex fund raising thermometer to see our progress as it happens. This also has some projected design pictures showing the first phase wall and the second phase canopy and wall sign. The canopy and sign have not been funded at this time.

Please consider a gift to these projects to help offset expense. These gifts are deductible and can be in memory or honor of a loved one. Make checks to "Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church" and mark the memo area for "Ramp Hill project".

#### Apples, Apples and more Apples

There is an apple picker located just inside the entrance of the lower doors. Feel free to use it and take as many apples as you wish from our apple tree over by the steeple garden! Don't forget to bring bags!

### Tailgate & Raffle — October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Proceeds go towards Youth Ministry!**

**Menu: Brats/Hot dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit  
8 for adults (Includes one raffle ticket!)**

**\$4 for ages 4-12**

**Free for ages 3 & under**

**Raffle prizes & a 50/50 raffle!**

**Bible Moment:** Take this challenging quiz about Jewish Holidays by The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. Answers are on page 6.

1. In Hebrew, the High Holy Days are called Yamim Noraim, which means:  
**A. Festival of Booths B. Days of Awe C. Days of Mourning D. Festival of Lights**
2. What month on the Hebrew calendar begins the High Holy Days?  
**A. Shevat B. Adar C. Elul D. Av**
3. Which Psalm of David is added to morning and evening prayers in preparation for the High Holy Days?  
**A. Psalm 23 B. Psalm 27 C. Psalm 13 D. Psalm 151**
4. Another biblical aspect during Elul is the playing of this instrument:  
**A. harp B. shofar C. lyre D. lute**
5. Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the High Holy Days. What does Rosh Hashanah mean?  
**A. Head of the year B. Tail of the year C. Heart of the year D. Light of the year**
6. Which food is traditionally eaten on Rosh Hashanah:  
**A. Apple jelly donuts B. Matza C. Apples & Honey D. Hamantaschen**
7. Another ritual observed by Jewish people on Rosh Hashanah is called Tashlikh, which involves:  
**A. blowing the shofar B. casting bread into water C. waving palm branches D. playing the harp**
8. How many High Holy Days or Days of Awe are there?  
**A. 10 B. 40 C. 60 D. 144**
9. Yom Kippur is Hebrew for Day of?  
**A. Healing B. Atonement C. Thanksgiving D. Lights**
10. On Yom Kippur, which biblical character's is read?  
**A. Moses B. Noah C. Eisha D. Jacob E. Jonah**

**Unapproved meeting minutes—September 11, 2023**

**Present:** Garret Gould, Derek Pavelec, Carrie Easterly, Marge Edwards, Michael Willis, Kris Peterson, Pastor Terri Skildum, Danna Peterson, Meagan Grabarski, Sandy Willis

**The meeting was called to order** by President Garret Gould at 6:03 p.m.

The agenda was amended to include adding #10. Ramp Hill update under Action to be taken/discussion.

**Devotions** by Pastor Terri were from Psalm 46: 1-3

**Review August 2023 Council Minutes:** Correction under Action Items: 2. Local Benevolence: the title of the VA representative should be "Veteran Service Officer". A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Mike Willis; seconded by Carrie Easterly. Carried.

**Review August 2023 Treasurer Report:** Kris explained the shortfall on offerings, expenditures, and balances. A motion to approve the report was made by Marge Edwards, seconded by Mike Willis. Carried.

**Review Budget to Date:** Kris reported that we are on track to date.

**Pastor's Report:** Visits are up to date; Funerals: one; At the Font: 1 in October; At the Altar: 1 upcoming.

Pastor will attend a Stewardship Conference in September and will attend an upcoming Suicide Prevention seminar.

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**Action Items:**

Next Council meeting will be October 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Local Benevolence: Balance is at \$125. Adams Food Pantry sent a letter requesting assistance in an expansion of their facility. Discussion was held, but no action was taken at this time,

Review of Policy Manual: retable to next meeting.

Review of By-Laws: retable to next meeting.

Stewardship Campaign: The Finance Committee consisting of Carrie Easterly, Marge Edwards and Meagan Grabarski will meet with Kris Peterson in October. Pastor will report back on the Stewardship Conference in October and will follow up then. Pastor suggested that Council members write an article about Stewardship to put on the screen on Sundays. She will email a suggested format and ideas for the article to Council members.

Tailgate Party set for October 22, 2023. All proceeds will go to Youth Ministry.

Chair for meal: Sandy Willis. Food will be Brats, hot dogs, beans, fruit, chips, and beverages.

Cost will be Adults: \$8.00 and 1 free raffle ticket, Children: 4- 12 \$4.00, under 4: free.

Chair for raffle prizes: Carrie Easterly. Raffle baskets should be here by October 1. 50/50 raffle will be held the day of the Tailgate Party.

2024 insurance for Pastor: we reviewed the information on plans. Danna Peterson moved to purchase the Gold + Plan, seconded by Meagan Grabarski. Carried.

Continue with church building as a Tornado Shelter: questions of who would open building, etc. We will investigate this with Glenn Quinnell and find out if we are listed anywhere as a shelter and possibly remove the signage.

Congregational Care of Creation Plan: recommend a committee of Danna Peterson (Leader), Kris Peterson, Mike Kuss and John Easterly to work on the plan for the Synod.

Ramp Hill Update: work should begin soon, and the south ramp entrance will not be available for use.

The east side entrance will be the only one available. Regarding #18 in Ramp Hill Minutes: Council recommends "Trinity Lutheran Church" letters on the wall as pictured as Preferred concept Perspective illustration by TK Design.

**Other Reports:**

**Education Ministry:** no report- Pastor informed that there are 3 Sunday School classes.

**Outreach:** no report

**Property Committee:** Derek reported that Amy spoke with Pastor, and they figured out the communication issue. Next meeting is October 10, 2023

**Worship Ministry:** Mike Willis reported that the group recommends keeping communion the way it is currently citing the need for more people assisting, sanitizing glasses, baking bread, more exposure to covid and flu strains if we go to the rail or continuous communion. Council was polled as to their preference and Council defers to the Worship Ministry committee. They also recommend: A) keep one 9:00 AM service until the need to add another. B) Christmas Eve: no Sunday morning service or Christmas Monday morning service— 2 evening services on Christmas Eve. C) the carillon control at the organ needs to be repaired. D)A new Christmas Cantata this year is planned to perform in church on December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 12 and 13 at the theatre in town. E) offering plates should remain in the entry rather than take up time during the service for collection.

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