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**Summer Camp 2024 Registrations are Open!** *1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**Seniors!** Scholarship applications are due no later than April 1st and Available in the kiosk.

**Pizza Pick up** is Sat. March 16, NOON - 1pm, at the Adams Community Center.



**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 TLCW thanks you for all your donations and send a big **THANK YOU** to our awesome food pantry drivers!

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## March 2024 ..... From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

My friends,

1John 4:11-12.

In Lent we examine ourselves & our relationship to our Lord. Have you spoken to God lately? Was it to praise and give thanks? Confession? Complaints? Desires? Prayers for someone else's needs? God wants to hear from us.

Also, did you realize that when you lift someone else in prayer, when you ask the Lord to help another, it is one of a thousand ways to love them? ♥ Yep.

Through faith & through our Baptisms, God lives in us. His love is seen in what we do and in what we say. So naturally this love will come through our prayers. But I had this thought: if we do not pray, if we have no communication with our God, would we be truly a Christian? Can we call ourselves disciples of Jesus?

I know some of you reading this talk regularly with our Lord, but if you are not sure where to start here's some suggestion. Please know there are no magic words or formula; start with addressing God, such as 'dear Jesus', then speak from the heart. You can ask God for help, healing, forgiveness.. Basically, you can ask God for anything that is bothering you.

No matter your age or if you are unable to do hands on projects, one of the first things many of us learn to do and one of the last things we can do in life - is pray.

Your sister in Christ,

*Pastor Terri*

Personal Note: *I am working on getting stronger. Brain fog is still an issue, but it is improving. JoHanna continues working as a traveling CNA.*

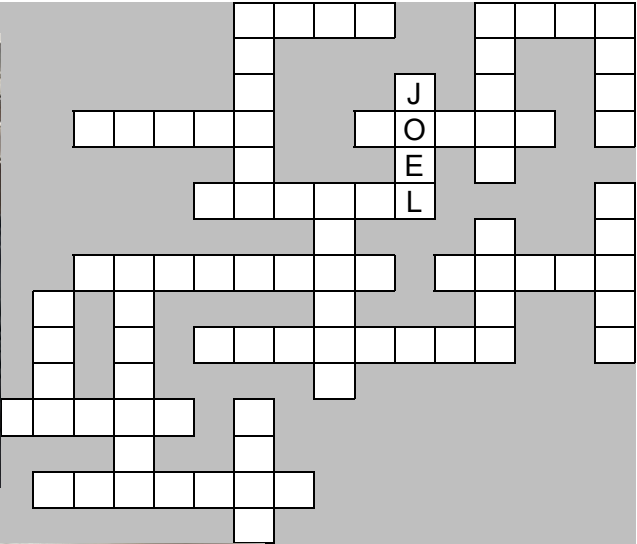
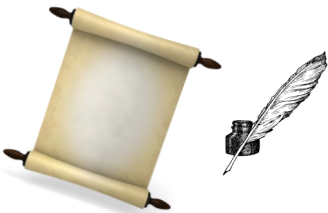


It is true that a prayer that comes from the heart  
can move mountains, it increases your faith,  
and brings you closer to God.

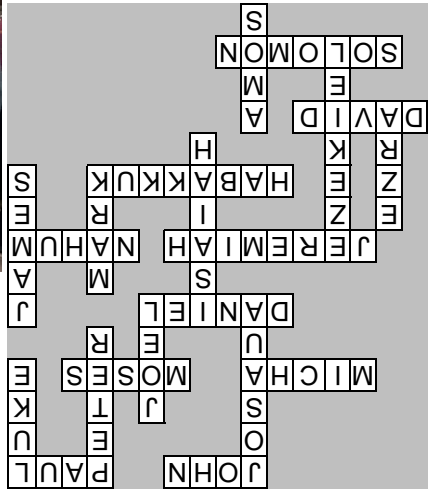
Rebecca Small

Bible Moment: Bible Scribes. Place the Bible authors in the grid below:

4 Letter	5 Letters	6 Letters	7 Letters
Joel	David	Daniel	Ezekiel
Ezra	James	Isaiah	Solomon
Amos	Micah	Joshua	
John	Moses		8 Letters
Luke	Nahum		Jeremiah
Mark	Peter		Habakkuk
Paul			



Pictures of Ash Wednesday workers



To be a **Christian without prayer** is  
no more possible than to be  
**alive without breathing.**

*Martin Luther*



ARKDALE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN: February 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Arkdale TLCW was called to order by President, Danna Peterson at 10:00 am on in the church fellowship hall on February 11, 2024. Members present were: Darlene Hovorka, Sandy Willis, Sharon Guzman, Dana Henriksen, Terri Soley, Sandy Pheiffer, Barb Albrecht, Mary Jo Meyer, Becky Oleson, Penny Ross, Donna Olson.

Motion was made by Barb Albrecht, seconded by Mary Jo Meyers to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion was carried unanimously.

Sharon Guzman presented the devotion entitled “God of Wind and Whales”.

Motion was made by Sandy Willis, seconded by Mary Jo Meyers to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion was carried. Motion was made by Barb Albrecht, seconded by Donna Olson to approve the treasurer’s report showing a balance of \$26,353.30. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sandy Pheiffer, seconded by Sandy Willis to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget. The motion was carried unanimously,

Events/Updates: Palm Sunday Bake Sale – Will be held on March 24, 2024. Donna Olson and Darlene Hovorka will chair the sale. Motion was made by Darlene Hovorka, seconded by Sandy Pheiffer to ask the kids that are going on the church trip to help during the sale and the proceeds will go towards their trip. The motion was carried unanimously.

HCE Luncheon – TLCW have been asked again to provide the lunch for the HCE function on April 10, 2024. Penny Ross and Sandy Willis will chair the event. Will be serving Baked Potato bar and Salad.

End of Sunday School Picnic – TLCW will provide an ice cream bar at Fellowship on the last Sunday of Sunday School.

New Business – President Danna passed out an outline of the fundraising schedule that TLCW that has done in the past year. It is amazing how supportive our congregation is to help us fund several projects throughout the year.

Reports: Social Media Report – Sandy Pheiffer is working on the social media.

Scholarship Report – The deadline for scholarship applications for our graduating seniors is April 1. Sandy Willis and Terri Soley will serve as the committee.

Quilting Report – Any donations from the congregations plus \$250 was sent to the synod for the shipping of the quilts.

Fellowship Report – TLCW has supplies in the kitchen. TLCW will serve Fellowship for available Sundays. We need other groups, families or individuals to step up to take the rest of the months of 2024 or we won’t be able to serve Fellowship.

The next meeting May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 after service.  
The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted, Darlene R. Hovorka, Secretary







March happenings...



Calendar table with columns Sun-Sat. Includes events like Bake Sale, Pizza, Quilting, and Easter. Special notes for March 24 (Palm Sunday) and March 27 (No Confirm).



March Assistants

Table with 7 columns: 2024, Acolyte, Lector, Usher, Liturgist, Camera, Greeter. Lists names for various dates. Includes sidebars for Snow Removal, Monday Counters, and Garbage/Altar Guild runs.



Mryt Lecy received a quilt from the TLCW and would like to thank the ladies for thinking of her during their difficult time, and she expressed gratitude for all who helped her and the family after the fire. They are now living in their new home.

Kids For Christ

- > Pizza, Pizza, Pizza! >Ash Wednesday supper served by youth, February 14th, 5:30 to 6:30: baked potatoes with toppings & soup. > Pizza Prep Friday March 15 at the Community center, 6pm: unload food, set up tables... March 16, 8am, make pizzas. >Trip Youth assist with Bake Sale, Palm Sunday, March 24th. > Easter Breakfast by trip Youth, 10 am March 31st! > Bible Verse: John 1:29, Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! > Activity: Q Tip Lamb: need q tips, 2 close pins, white paper, marker, glue and a ribbon. Start by cutting tips off (want the tips). Glue a line at one end of the lamb's body. Place the tips ends on top of the line of glue. Go all the way around, start to overlap as you work towards center. Head: glue about 6 tips on forehead and 2 to the side for ears. Draw on face, a little pink for cheeks. Tie and glue on ribbon. When body is dry glue close pins to back and face to front. > Table Talk: Jesus was called a lamb. What do you know about lambs? > Bedtime Prayer: Lamb of God, watch over me and my family. Thank you for saving me from my sins on the cross. Amen.



### Unapproved February Council Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2024

Present: Derek Pavelec, Danna Peterson, Carrie Easterly, Mike Willis, Kris Peterson, Sandy Willis. Pastor Skildum. Absent: Megan Grabarski, Garret Gould, Marge Edwards – all excused.

The meeting was called to order by Derek Pavelec at 10:10 a.m.

Danna Peterson moved to amend the agenda to remove “Bi-Annual Meeting Minutes” from #3: ( Review January 2024 Council minutes and special meeting minutes and Bi-Annual Meeting minutes) and remove #5: Review Budget to date. Kris Peterson seconded. Carried. Agenda adopted as amended.

Review January 2024 Council minutes and Special Meeting minutes: Motion to approve both minutes made by Mike Willis, seconded by Carrie Easterly. Carried.

Review January 2024 Treasurer Report: Kris Peterson explained that some withdrawals made need to be investigated. She will follow up on charges by the Postal Service and BMO. A motion to approve the report was made by Mike Willis, seconded by Carrie Easterly. Carried.

Pastor’s Report: Shut-In visits: 12 with 5 more scheduled. At Rest: 2. At the Font: 2 in February and 3 pending a date choice. At the Altar: 1 at church; 3 scheduled in the future off site. Other FYI: Pastor will be attending thee LEAD workshop February 17 in Prairie du Sac. So far, we have 6 persons applying for membership.

Next month’s meeting will be March 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business/ Business carried forward:

1. Church secretary position vacancy: Personnel Committee is Pastor Skildum, Marge Edwards, Megan Grabarski and Carrie Easterly. Carrie will send an email to Marge and Megan to request a possible meeting time as we do have applicants.
2. End of the year check for Amy: Mike Willis made a motion to pay Amy K. \$1000.00 to cover her previous unpaid raise for 2023. Second by Kris Peterson. Carried.

New Business:

1. Zoom: Do we need to keep our zoom authorization by paying the fee of \$168.50? Answer is no. Pastor said she uses a free one so there is no need to purchase authorization.

Committee Reports:

Education Ministry: First Communion class started February 4. The Monday Bible Study group has too many people gone so it has been cancelled for a while.

Outreach: No Report

Property Committee: No Report

Worship Committee: No Report

TLCW: will be meeting on February 11, 2024

Endowment Committee: No Report

Landscape Committee: No Report

Motion to adjourn made by Mike Willis, second by Carrie Easterly. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m., closing with prayer by Pastor Skildum.

Submitted in His Service, Sandy Willis, Secretary.



### In case of bad weather

Machine message at church #608-564-7920 & at Pastor’s home #608-339-6536 will announce if service is canceled. Channel 9 out of Wausau will also be contacted and it will be posted on Facebook.

When in doubt - stay home where it’s safe and warm.

**Stewardship Moment:** For Pollinators’ Sakes, Don’t Spring into garden Cleanup or raking too soon! The longer you wait, the better it is for our pollinators.

Shout Out to those who have selected the church as your benefactor for Thrivent Choice Dollars and Kwik Trip rewards. THANK YOU!

**UPDATE:** As you read this the ramp hill concrete wall may be poured. It is exciting to finally see this project begin. The warm weather is allowing us to get an early start. We expect this will take several months to complete with weather permitting. Please be patient.

The **handicap doors** at the top of the ramp **will not be accessible** during construction. We will attempt to keep the **fellowship hall doors available for wheel chair access**. You will need to back your vehicle down the ramp after drop off and pick up of your passenger. We also have a **stair lift at the west lower level entrance**.

The project has raised over \$57,000 so far and the total cost of phase one will be about \$100,000. The congregation has approved a loan for up to \$50,000. These dollars do not include phase two for the canopy, but, does include the footings for it. Please help us raise the balance of funds. Your gift is tax deductible and will create a beautiful south view as well as eventually a canopy for a dry drop off and pick up. Designate your gift indicating “Ramp Hill”. This can be in memory or an estate gift.



### **EASTER BREAKFAST**

**MARCH 31 - 10AM**

**BY THE TRIP YOUTH**

