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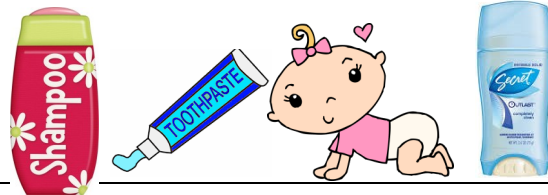
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Our feathers are ruffled—the makers of the shampoo, "Head and Shoulders" have not followed up with a bodywash called, "Knees and toes." ☺



APRIL SHOWERS

The TLCW are on a mission to increase our donations to the food pantry! In addition to food items, we have learned that our local pantry is in dire need for hygiene products of all kinds...soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and the likes. **EVEN DIAPERS!** Please help us fill our shopping cart with hygiene products this month.

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April 2024 From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends, I find it curious how the weather plays on our mood. Overcast days... Rainy days... Sunshiny day... ☺ The world we live in can really influence us and how we interact with those around us. There have been studies, but we here in Wisconsin don't need one to know that the long winter months tend to make all of us a bit more depressed or somber, or that rainy days can make us feel gloomy.

But now winter is coming to an end. Spring is here, and with it each day brings warmth and more sunshine into our lives, more birds to enjoy, flowers are starting to emerge from the ground. Spring is a blessing – God's creation refreshed.

I feel the hopeful breath of Spring as the buds of new life grow on the bushes outside our church. Yes friends, in admiring the Lord's beauty throughout Creation, I cannot help but feel all the gloominess of winter withdraw as it is replaced with hope, joy, and the wonder of it all.

Spring also brings time to ask God to watch over those out planting, to seek favorable weather, to bless livestock, water sources and all the more. We will do this together on Rogation Sunday, April 21. Come and pray and celebrate, wear your working clothes, jeans, overalls and 'farming' boots – what have you.

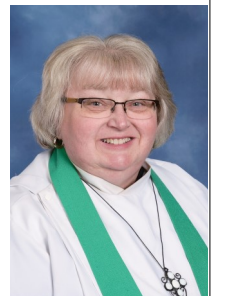
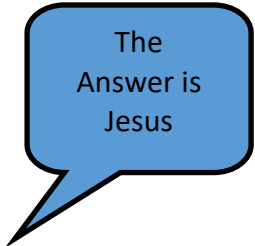
The word rogation comes from the Latin verb 'rogare', meaning "to ask". It's a time devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry.

May this spring refresh you with joy and wonder, and with the awe of God.



Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Terri

Next Month:
Pentecost May 19 - wear red.
Mother's day is May 19.
Synod Assembly May 18th.
Last Day of Sunday School May 19



FYI 'Indeed' means: fact, for sure, definitely, truly or as some might say: **Christ is Risen! Mic drop. Period. Indeed!**

Bible Moment: Can you find each of the 7 deadly sins? A man confesses one day to his Pastor. "I was trying to save up enough for the perfect house, but some guy bought it first. I was so angry & envious that I dressed up as the utilities man, went over to that house in the morning while he was at work., and seduced his wife. Then I stole all the cash, the TV, his gaming system, and the Girl Scout cookies. I don't even like cookies But before I left , I ate everything in their fridge, all their crackers, and even the pot roast in the oven. Then I went home and slept straight thru till the next day. Pastor I confess, I committed all the 7 deadly sins that day." Pastor, "You missed one— pride." To which the man replies, "No, no, I'm really proud of all this. I came to you because I just had to tell someone."



Zarek ↓



Myles ↓



↑ Jameson and Merrick
Mia ↓

← Lily Molly →

Cody & Matthew
↓



Are working hard to Youth Convention in your support, prayers

These youth get themselves to the ELCA National New Orleans in July. **Thank You** for all and donations!!

Everyone, Please plan to help with Spring Yard Cleanup 9am on April 6th. Bring a rake, shovel, and your leaf blowers. Together we can get this done in an hour.



SHOUT OUT ↓

Thank You to our Volunteers for Worship & Fellowship!

Thank You to all our Snow Shovel Volunteers! David Janssen, Dennis McClyman, John Stormoen, Hank Sauer, Todd McLaughlin, Kurt Mikolite, Bob Goodhue, Tim Meyer, Glenn Quinnell, Garret Gould, Tom Guzman, Ray Groskinski, & Tom Bougie. I am not sure if everyone got a chance to play but again thank you for volunteering and giving of you time!

Ramp Hill Update: The ramp hill project is well ahead of schedule. We had a glitch in the stone order and are waiting for the correct Clarity stone color to arrive in March from stock. We are trying to sell 418 square feet of the Vision stone that can be seen in the back of the church for \$1995. County Materials will not take it back. We can deliver.

We wish to thank Dellwood Plumbing and Heating-Don and Sue Quinnell, Quinnell Septic and Well-Dennis Quinnell, and Central Wisconsin Septic Systems-Jodi Farina for their donations of PVC pipe for roof gutter water drainage maintenance.

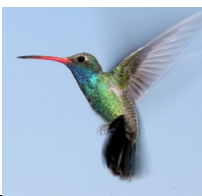
You can see a picture of the design on the fund raiser thermometer in the narthex. This thermometer indicates we have raised over \$58,000 towards this \$100,000 project. We also need an additional \$50,000 for the canopy. The \$50,000 loan from Royal Bank in Adams has been approved at 8%. We have been receiving \$470 per month for most of 2023 which added \$5,640 to funds raised. These contribution gifts will now make payments on our loan. If ten people gave \$50 per month, we would have an additional \$500 towards reducing the loan principal. Use any amount with which you are comfortable.

Please consider a donation for this beautiful addition to our church. Checks can be written to Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church; please indicate on the memo "ramp hill". **Thank you** to those who have already given and to those who give today. A list with further details is on the Bulletin board. The Ramp Hill Committee





April Happenings



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Senior Scholarship App. Due April 1	1 No Bible Study	2 8:30 Quilting	3 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	4	5	6 9am Church Yard Clean up
7 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow.	8 4:30 Bible Study 5:30 Council	9 8:30 Quilting	10 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	11	12 	13
14 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow.	15 4:30 Bible Study	16 8:30 Quilting	17 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	18 Noon Newsletter Items Due	19	20 Fellowship Hall Reserved
21 Rogation Sunday 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow.	22 4:30 Bible Study	23 8:30 Quilting 	24 6:00 Choir & Confirm. 	25	26	27 Kids Day Drug Take Back Day
28 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow	29 4:30 Bible Study	30 8:30 Quilting				

Rogation Sunday - April 21

Get your overalls washed and pressed!

Come ready to ask the Lord to bless the planting season!



April Assistants

2024	Acolyte	Lector	Usher	Liturgist	Camera	Greeter
7-Apr	Jameson N.	Sandy W.	Ed H.	Mike W.	Merrick M.	Hank & Nancy S.
14-Apr	Arabella K.	Meagan G.	Steve P.	Michelle C.	Ashtin Q.	Penny R.
21-Apr	Mathias H.	Garret G.	Marge E.	Mike K.	Davion H.	Marge E.
28-Apr	Raylee P.	George G.	John S.	Sandy W.	Molly B.	John S.
5-May	Amari H.	Kari B.	Ed H.	Tom G.	Izzy N.	Cathy W.

Snow Removal

1-Apr John Stormoen & Todd McLaughlin
 8-Apr Kurt Mikolite & Bob Goodhue

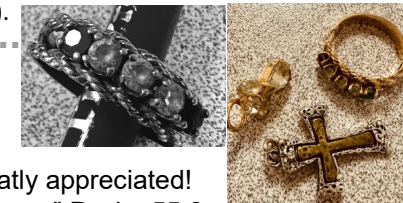
Monday Counters

1-Apr Terri & Penny
 8-Apr Penny & Tom
 15-Apr Tom & Sharon
 22-Apr Sharon & Debby
 29-Apr Debby & John
 6-May John & Terri

Kids For Christ



★ **Pizza:** Thank you to all who helped the kids make pizza, to those who purchased pizza & made donations!! It is greatly appreciated!
 ★ **Bible Verse:** "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away." Psalm 55:6.
 ★ **Activity:** FLY A KITE. Don't have one. Make one. You'll need a paper bag (McD's will do), some yard or string, a stick to tie string to, scissors, streamers, tape, embellishments such as markers and stickers. 1 Decorate bag. 2 Cut a small hole in the bottom of the bag. 3 Cut about 3 feet of string. Then tie one end to the middle of the stick and feed the other end through the hole in the bag. [The stick will keep the kite string from pulling out of the bag when it's flying.] 4 Attach streamers to the open end of the bag using tape or staples. 5 Go have fun! 😊 (careful around power lines.)



LOST & FOUND: an angel pin, a cross pendant, and a Mother's ring with 5 stones (been here a few years).



★ **Table Talk:** See how fast you can name 10 things that fly. Would you like to fly? Where would you go?

★ **Table Prayer:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, let this food to us be blessed. Amen.

Bedtime Prayer:

As the moon shines high above, God, thank you for your forever love. You're always so near and dear to me, in my heart, you'll always be. For twinkling stars, to you I say, thank you for making them that way. Amen.

UPDATE on the Church Secretary Position—We are very pleased to announce that Danna Peterson has accepted the position as our new secretary and has already started on many of the duties and will take on the regular office hours in July. Welcome Danna!



Abbreviated Unapproved March Council Meeting Minutes - March 4, 2024

Present: Garret Gould, Sandy Willis, Mike Willis, Kris Peterson, Danna Peterson, Carrie Easterly, Meagan Grabarski, Pastor Terri, Derek Pavelec. **Absent:** Marge Edwards. The meeting was called to order by Garret Gould at 6:30 p.m. **Opening Devotion:** Isaiah 43: 1,2 by Pastor Terri.

Review February 2024 Council minutes: Kris Peterson moved to approve February minutes with corrections of Marge Edwards name corrected; Pastor's Report to have 2 upcoming at the font (not 1) and correct spelling on other FYI to read: " Pastor will be leading the (not thee) Lead workshop "..... Second by Megan Grabarski. Carried as corrected.

Review February 2024 Treasurer Report: Kris is still following up with the Post Office on double charges. The budget is tracking to date. A raise for Pastor will be retro-active as the books are updated. Motion to approve the Treasurer report by Carrie Easterly, 2nd by Mike Willis. Carried.

Pastor's Report: 13 Shut-in visits in last 6 weeks. At Rest: 1 upcoming; At the Font: 2 on 2/25/2024. Upcoming weddings: 6/3/24; 7/27/24; and 10/05/24. Other: Pastor attended the LEAD workshops in February. New members joining us: Todd and Donna McLaughlin, Diane Rattunde, Liz Henriksen, John & Crystal Nawrot, and their children: Zoe, Zarek and Izzy, James and Kori Nawrot and their children: Jameson, Jaxson and Ava, Anna Regnier, Jana Weaver, Steven and Susan McIntosh, Jeff Chase, Christina Clemer and Nicholas Karwoski and their children: James and Lilah, Leif and Vickie Pedersen.

Old Business/ Business carried forward:

1 Church Secretary position: A motion was made by Sandy Willis to hire Danna Peterson as the new church secretary; second by Mike Willis, carried w/ 1 abstention (Danna Peterson did not vote). Mike Willis moved to set a salary of \$20.00/hour for 24 – 30 hours per week with 2 weeks paid vacation for the Church Secretary position, second by Derek Pavelec. Passed with 1 abstention. Mike Willis moved to amend the previous motion to delete 24 -30 hours per week, second by Derek Pavelec. Carried.

2 Office assistant and hourly wage: Carrie Easterly move to hire Dana Henriksen at \$15.00 per hour up to 10 hours per week until Church Secretary Danna Peterson starts full duties. Kris Peterson second. Carried.

New Business:

1 New Treasurer: Kris Peterson will step down as Treasurer but will remain on Council (to avoid conflict of interest as Danna Peterson is the church secretary). Cathy Westover will be asked to attend the April Council mtg. Danna Peterson will step aside from Council as of the March mtg.

2 New Members: See Pastors Report

3 Maintenance: The handicap doors need to be addressed. Money should come from the Project Fund.

4 Audit: has been done.

5 Loan Update: A line of credit has been approved up to \$50,000 for 15years at 8% interest at Royal Bank.

Committee Reports:

a. Education Ministry: We have 2 new children interested in Sunday School.

b. Outreach: Cards were sent for Valentine's Day & a thank you was received from Villa Pines.

c. Property Committee: minutes are attached.

d. Worship Ministry: Pastor would like to do continuous communion on Easter Sunday with 1 service at 9:00 a.m. The Youth will be serving Brunch.

e. TLCW: Will have a Bake Sale on Palm Sunday with proceeds going to the Youth Group.

f. Endowment Committee: No Report

g. Landscape Committee: Will meet on March 8,2024.

Next Month's meeting will be April 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Carrie Easterly, seconded by Mike Willis. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.



Stewardship Moment: Repair, don't replace. We're all guilty of just throwing out things, say a shirt, because it has a hole in it or missing button. But consider learning to mend a small hole or attaching a button. Many repairs and tips are just a google away. And if you are unable or wish not to, there are tailors and handymen out there.



**Summer Camp 2024
Registration is Open!**
FUN for all grades plus family camp!
Crossways has 3 locations!

National Drug
Take Back Day is
April 27th—
Keep our kids
safe



REMOVE the RISK: Safely dispose of unused medications. DROP BOX locations: Adams Co. Sheriff Dept. 24/7; Rome and Adams Police Departments; the Adams Community Center and the Health and Human Service building.



7 Deadly Sins: pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath & sloth.

