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Inmates at our local Jail are in need of a few things: New/gently used all white socks & White t-shirts (short or long sleeves), new all white briefs, jigsaw puzzles & soft cover devotion and puzzle/game books.

A collection box is in the narthex.



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July 2024 From the Pastor's Pen

Like a maniac who shoots deadly firebrands and arrows, so is one who deceives a neighbor and says, "I am only joking!" Proverbs 26:18-19

Dear friends,

We call this the "Practical Jokes" proverb. I love a great joke or prank! Jokes can be great fun and entertaining, but here this proverb is the caution, because practical joking can easily get out of hand. Sadly the internet is full of videos of how these 'jokes' get ugly fast.

I grew up around someone who would say hurtful things, followed by 'just kidding'. It was not funny, for this 'teasing' revealed some truth in how they truly felt. And it hurt.

Perhaps it comes down to intention; is it to laugh at someone's expense, humiliate them? Hurt them? There is a show on ABC called the 'Prank Panel' that puts on outlandish schemes. Some, in my opinion, cross the line. Jokes can lead to physical injuries, plus spiritual & mental injuries. We need to remind ourselves of this. And when we do plan a practical joke, stop & ask ourselves could someone get hurt? What is our intention, and if misguided and ill-advised, then we should avoid offending/hurting your friend/brother. And if we have pained someone, deliberately or unintendedly, we need to immediately beg for their forgiveness. Mistakes happen, but we need to own up to them.

Be it an off color joke (racist/sexist) or a potentially dangerous 'candid camera' scenario -if you hear of a plan or are a witness to a joke crossing the line—make sure to speak up, and not 'just go along with it'. I know you don't want to be a stick in the mud, but don't be a guilty bystander either.

For most jokes -it's just good fun, and if it's on us, we can easily laugh and say, "you got me good"! And that is how it should be.





Pastor Terri



Next month: VBS 1-Night Event / Rocky Road memory Work Night / TLCW Brat Fry / Fair Grounds Cleanup/ Stuff the Bus/ School kit supply collection!





PROOF THAT GOD HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR

Worship Assistants		July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4	
Acolyte		Connley/Alayna	Brayden/Mathias	Ashtin	Jameson	Jaxson	
Lector		Jeff C	Sandy W	Meagan	Garret	George G	
Usher		Hank S	Derek P	Ed H	Steve P	Marge W	
Liturgist		Mike W	Mike K	Sandy W	Tom G	Mike W	
Camera		Merrik	Davion	Zarek	Molly	Izzy	
Greeter		Nancy D	Crystal M. N.	Hank/Nancy S	Marge W	Penny R	
Com. Asst.		Garret	Sandy W	Mike W	Danna P	Gary M	
		July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29	Aug. 5
Counters:		Nancy/Debby	Debby/Terri	Terri/Sharon	Sharon/Marge	Marge/John	John/Monica
Weed/H2O:		Rich/Deb	Lloyd/Darlene	Dana H	Gary/Karen	Tom/Sharon	Terri S (week of)

July Altar Guild: Chair Penny Ross and Karen Meunier

July Garbage: Les K. **July Food Pantry:** Aletta G.

Kids For Christ [KFC]

★ **VBS is August 13, 6-7:30.** Volunteer! Applications due Aug. 4.


★ **Memory Work Night:** August 14, 5-7pm @ Rocky Road’s on Hwy. 21, Necedah.

★ **Activity:** Confetti poppers: Need a ;toilet paper tube, a 9inch balloon, tape, decorations & confetti/cutup pieces of paper. 1. Knot the balloon, and cut off the tip. Stretch the balloon tightly around the toilet paper tube, and secure in place with tape. 2. Decorate the tube. [Do not cover the opening.] 3. Make 2-3 tablespoons of confetti and place it into open end of the roll. Can set roll in a cup to keep from spilling. When you are ready to use, hold open end up and pull down of the balloon knot, and release.

★ **Bible Verse:** “This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.” Luke 15:24. Our country celebrates Independence Day this month. In this verse the Father celebrates his son coming home.

★ **Table Talk:** How do celebrate? Do you decorate or have special food? Games?

★ **Bedtime Prayer:** *O Jesus, thank you for my freedom. Thank you to those who serve our country to keep me free and safe. And thank you most of all for watching over me and my family. Amen.*

Rhubarb Bread		by Lucille Dole		Save this list! <i>Baby Care Kit</i>
1 ½ C brown sugar	1 tsp salt			items: receiving blankets, infant
1 tsp vanilla	1 C sour milk or buttermilk			lightweight cotton t-shirts, gowns
2/3 C oil	1 tsp. baking soda			& sleepers, jackets, sweaters and
2 ½ C flour	1 ½ C finely chopped rhubarb			sweatshirts, infant sized socks,
1 egg	½ C chopped nuts			cloth diapers, and diaper pins.
Grease 2 loaf pans, 4 ½ X 8 ½. Stir until smooth: sugar, milk, oil & egg. Add in flour, salt, soda, and vanilla. Blend. Stir in rhubarb and nuts. Pour into pans. <u>Make a crumble</u> of 1 Tbsp butter and 1/2 C sugar and sprinkle over batter. Bake 325* for 60-70 mi.				
Also needed are bath-sized bars of mild soap, such as Dove soap.				



TLCW Brat Fry
Saturday, July 13th
@ AF County Market.
Come and get it!
 Proceeds are for the Summer bible Camp and Ramp Hill.

Lifest
 is one of our nation’s largest Christian music festivals – and it’s in Oshkosh

†

We are looking at getting a group to go on either Friday or Saturday. If interested contact Pastor Terri



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN MINUTES May 5, 2024

*The regular meeting of the TLCW was called to order by President Danna Peterson at 10:00 am on May 5th, 2024. Motion was made by Kris Bougie, seconded by Terri Soley to approve the agenda as printed. The motion was carried unanimously.

*Members present were: Danna Peterson, Dana Henricksen, Terri Soley, Sandra Pheiffer, Darlene Hovorka, Barbara Albrecht, Kris Bougie, Sharon Guzman, Penny Ross, Karen Meunier.

*Sharon Guzman shared a very inspirational reading entitle “An It Came to Pass”.

*Motion was made by Terri Soley, seconded by Sandy Pheiffer to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was carried unanimously,

*Motion was made Barb Albrecht, seconded by Dana Peterson to approve the treasurer’s report with an amendment of moving money that was charged to the Altar Guild into the TLCW. It was for flowers and palms that the TLCW always pays for. Ending balance as of May 5th, 2024 is \$22,204.49. The motion was carried unanimously

Events/Updates *Scholarship donations were approved for Trinity’s graduation seniors.

*Palm Sunday Bake Sale Proceeds – We raised \$653.00 and the monies will go to the youth trip.

*The April 10th HCE Luncheon was a huge success.

*The last day of Sunday School is May 19. TLCW will serve ice cream to the students and to the congregation. Sandy and Penny will serve and Dana will purchase the ice cream.

*Social Media Report – Sandy Pheiffer reported that she will put articles on the website as long as they are sent to her.

*Quilting Report – The quilters received a huge donation from the Arlene Graham estate.

*World Ministry Report – We have 133 Personal Care Kits ready to be shipped.

*Fellowship Report – There will be no fellowship served during the summer months. There was some discussion regarding the use of the kitchen and fellowship hall for funerals by non-members. This will be tabled until the next meeting when more research can be done.

*The Christmas Bake Sale is scheduled for December 13th at the Adams Community Theatre from 9 am til sold out. Sandy Pheiffer, Chris Bougie and Darlene Hovorka are in charge.

*The next TLCW meeting is September 8th after service.

Following the Lord’s Prayer, motion was made by Terri Soley, seconded by Sandy Pheiffer to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene R. Hovorka – TLCW Secretary

Congratulations
Graduates!!
And THANK YOU
to all our Quilters!



Why did the peanut butter
run into the road?
It saw a traffic JAM!
This month for the Food
Pantry think PBJ,
peanut butter and jelly!

✂ **School Supplies:** Starting mid-July, school supply sales begin.

📦 Be on the lookout for the following items needed for the *LWR school kits and for ♦
Stuff the Bus:

- *70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled (no loose leaf paper)
- *30-centimeter ruler with or without inches
- *Pencil sharpeners
- *Blunt scissors (safety scissors)
- *#2 pencils with erasers
- *Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink please)
- *24 count crayons (Crayola brand preferred)
- *2 ½" erasers (like the large pink ones)
- ♦Pencil pouches/supply boxes, Back packs, washable markers (wide and fine tipped), pocket folders, colored pencils, 3-subject notebooks, highlighters, glue/glue sticks, erasers, scissors, pencils, rulers, pens (red, black & blue), 24 count crayons...



Color me ☺

Bible Key. 1 Moses didn't bring
any animals; it was Noah. 2
Rainbow. 3 David. 4 Moses'
staff (Aaron's). 5 The Tower of

Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2024

Present: Mike Willis, Sandy Willis, Pastor Terri Skildum, Meagan Grabarski, Garret Gould, Carrie Easterly, Kris Peterson, Dana Henriksen. Excused Absent: Derek Pavelec, Marge Edwards.

- ✓The meeting was called to order by President Garret Gould at 5:31 p.m.
- ✓Opening Devotion: Pastor read from Micah 7, followed by prayer.
- ✓Review May 2024 Council Minutes: MMS: Carrie Easterly/Meagan Grabarski. Carried.
- ✓Review May Treasurer Report: MMS: Mike Willis /Carrie Easterly. Carried.
- ✓Review Budget: Kris reported that pledges are tracking to date; expenses are at 48%. Year-to-date we are -\$29,309.54 due to ramp hill expenses; without ramp hill expenses we are +\$16,000.
- ✓Pastor's Report: 12 shut-ins visited in last 6 weeks, 1 wasn't in. At rest: Four. At the Font: 0. At the Altar: 3 upcoming – all off-site. Other FYI: Pastor thought the new member welcome went well. Pastor will be gone June 15-20. Roxie Irey will be leading/preaching on June 16.
- ✓Set next month's meeting: July 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Communion distribution: counts showed 54 went to the rail and 50 took packets. Seemed to go well for the first time in a long while.
2. Updated Fees: Pastor made change on schedule: under Location: Line 1: Building Function: add: Sanctuary/ with Pastor approval (fees remain the same)
3. Deficit discussion continued:
4. May congregational meeting: The meeting went smoothly. Council was pleased with questions and input from members of the congregation. Two new Council members were elected.

New Business:

1. New council members welcomed: Leif Pedersen and Dana Henriksen. Both will begin installed July 2024. We thank Derek Pavelec and Danna Peterson for their time and talents in serving on Council. Council will be re-organizing duties in July.
 2. Thank You to Dana Henriksen for all her hard work these past months. She will be transitioning out as Danna Peterson transitions into her full-time duties at the beginning of July.
 3. Mike Willis mentioned that we may need to seal cracks between asphalt and concrete on the ramp driveway to avoid water seepage and freeze/thaw problems.
- Committee Reports: 1. Education Ministry: Ice cream was served the last day of Sunday School. VBS is scheduled for August 13 – one night only. We will need 2 new Sunday School teachers in the Fall. 2. Outreach: Cards are continuing to be sent. Fourth of July Parade has no plans as yet. 3. Property Committee: Will meet June 4, 2024. 4. Landscape Committee: Will meet June 6, 2024. 5. Worship Ministry: No meeting 6. TLCW: TLCW provided the ice cream. Quilts were presented to the graduates on June 2nd. Bake Sale is scheduled for December 13, 2024. 7. Endowment Committee: \$1100 was given to the Ramp Hill project. 8. Other: Altar Guild duties and assignments was discussed.

- ✓The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.
Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Name Tag Sunday ↓	1 4:30 Bible Study	2 8:30 Quilting	3	4 	5	6
7 9 Worship	8 4:30 Bible Study 5:30 Council	9 8:30 Quilting	10	11	12 	13 TLCW Brat Fry
14 9 Worship	15 4:30 Bible Study Youth fly to New Orleans	16 8:30 Quilting ← News letter Items ← Due	17 	18	19	20
21 9 Worship	22 4:30 Bible Study Pastor's 34th Anniv. of Ordination	23 8:30 Quilting	24 Juneteenth	24 Summer Solstice	26	27
28 9 Worship	29 4:30 Bible Study	30 8:30 Quilting	31			VBS reg- istration Due August 4th



Dear God I adore how beautiful the glimpses I get of You
through the fragrance of sweet summer
and by the rainbow of her blooms.
I adore how lovely the glimpses I get of You
through the birdsong in my garden and by the flouncy flowers too.
By Wendy L. Macdonald

Stewardship Prayer: Dear Lord, Thank You for teaching me to be generous as You have been generous with me. Thank You for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from You and that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared. Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help. Remind me that my world, my parish, needs "Good Samaritans" to heal the wounds of our times. Make me a gift to others in Your name. Amen.
[Contributed by Jerry and Lois Locey.]

Bible Riddles 1. How many of each animals did Moses bring on the ark? 2. You might see me in the sky, and by a waterfall I'm lower. Some say that I was first seen after a flood by Noah. What am I? 3. A king he was, on Israel's throne, with a harp he serenaded, a giant he overthrown. Who am I? 4. It kept him steady and others away. It kept them safe and showed the way. Once thrown down upon the ground, it came alive with a hissing sound. It hit the rock as it was told. And that was when the water flowed. What am I? 5. It was high in the sky but also firmly on the Earth. It brought cooperation for many but confusion for all. It was unmissable by the crowd, yet overlooked by the One. It was the world's first true skyscraper and also the last of it's kind. What is it?
⚙️ **BIBLE CAMP** Register Now. TLCW Scholarships available, forms are in the narthex kiosk. More info @ crosswayscamps.org #920-882-0023 .
♥️ **Property Committee** Thank You Dennis Quinnell for donating new 8' bulbs for the road message sign.

Ramp Hill Update: We are almost done with stage 1. Yay! Just a few more details, such as some handrails, along with a few more dry days, and voila! The brick → work looks wonderful. The ramp hill drive is now open, and the handicap doors too. 😊 As of the beginning of June we had used only \$33,800 of our \$50,000 line of credit at the bank. Thank for your continued support, as we transition from paying expenses to paying monthly on this loan!



← Choir members and their partners had an 'end of season' party at Woodbine - delicious!! We are 🎵 looking forward to hearing them again next fall!