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

Dear friends, this time of year the leaves start to change, we conclude our gardens except for a few gourds, squash and pumpkins. And so I googled: *What can we learn from pumpkins?* Here are a few of the answers I found.

#1 is **Your size, color and shape don't matter.** I know some look for the most perfect pumpkin for carving, some for baking or decorating, some for the most unique. You were created by God; accept yourself.

#2 **Sometimes we need to remove the muck from inside.** For us the muck is sin and temptation. Do what you can to remove it and seek forgiveness.

#3 **People may only like you for a season.** Your worth and character come from within and your connection to God. Friends are to be supportive of each other and help each other. But some people in our lives are like those stores that pop up in a mall; just there for a limited time and then move on. Appreciate them while you can. This is not a reflection of you.

#4 **Creativity is limitless.** Sometimes you just have to think outside the pumpkin (box).  
#5 **You may look great on the outside, but it is what is on the inside that makes you shine.** Reflecting the Lord in our life, - being a person of character, being kind, compassionate, honest, etc. - that is what is going to make you shine - **Shine for Jesus!**

This month as you notice all the different kinds of pumpkins and gourds out there: the large, small, bumpy and *leaning* - smile and think of all the varieties of people God has created - and you are one of them. And as we said in the 70's - God doesn't make junk.

What Joy is Ours! *Pastor Terri*



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\*Rotational



\_\_\_ \*Fellowship Host

\_\_\_ \*Greeter

\_\_\_ Lead worship in  
Pastor's absence

\_\_\_ \*Lector/Reader

\_\_\_ \*Liturgist (Pastor's  
Worship Assistant)

\_\_\_ Play instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \*Usher

#### Outreach

\_\_\_ Parade of Trees (Dec.)

\_\_\_ Kid's Day (Spring)

\_\_\_ Driving/Ride Share

\_\_\_ Ladies Night Out (Nov.)

\_\_\_ \*Food Pantry (Delivery)

\_\_\_ Parade (July)

\_\_\_ Kids Day (April)

\_\_\_ Sponsoring New  
Members

\_\_\_ Parade of Trees  
(Nov/Dec)

\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_ Prayer Chain  
(Phone tree/email group)

\_\_\_ Quilting (Tues-8:30 am)

\_\_\_ Senior Fair

\_\_\_ Women's Night Out  
(November)

\_\_\_ Other interests/ hobbies:  
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#### Teaching

\_\_\_ Confirmation

\_\_\_ Confirmation Mentor

\_\_\_ Sunday School

\_\_\_ Vacation Bible School

#### Worship

\_\_\_ \*Altar Guild

\_\_\_ \*Worship Screen Operator

\_\_\_ \*Camera

\_\_\_ Choir (Sept.-May)

\_\_\_ \*Counter (Mondays)

\_\_\_ Dramatic Plays/Skits  
/Readings

This month we are collecting Socks of all shapes and sizes to be given out with the Coats For Kids program.



#### Next Month:

Harvest Dinner Nov. 5.  
Kid's Game Night Nov. 6  
Confirmation Day Nov. 17

Worship Notes The worship Committee met and discussed Advent services, Lent and Commitment Sunday on Oct. 27, which is also Reformation Sunday; **WEAR RED DAY.** And they discussed Communion distribution. It is going well with the coming forward for Holy Communion and fewer folks are using the kits. It was decided that as of October 6, we will no longer be using the kits. For those whom coming forward is difficult, Pastor or the liturgist will bring Communion to them where they are seated. Also hymn suggestions are welcome and can be placed in the brown box on the narthex table.



Worship Assistants				
	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
<b>Acolyte</b>	Davion H.	Jaxson N.	Molly B.	Archer O.
<b>Camera</b>	Izzy N.	Brayden H.	Zarek N.	Kendel Q.
<b>Lector</b>	Krista P.	Jeff C.	Sandy W.	Meagan G.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Mike K.	Sandy W.	Tom G.	Mike W.
<b>Ushers</b>	John S. & Lloyd H.	Tom G. & Steve P.	Hank S. & Ed H.	Derek P. & Marge E.
<b>Greeter</b>	John S.	Cathy W.	Kathy L.	Crystal N.
<b>Comm.</b>	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild

Lawn Mowers	
<b>Oct. 3</b>	Brian & Donna Olson
<b>Oct. 10</b>	Rich Wachholz
<b>Oct. 17</b>	Steve & Kris Peterson
<b>Oct. 23</b>	Kurt Mikolite & Todd McLaughlin

Counters	
<b>Oct. 7</b>	Monica W. & Terri S.
<b>Oct. 14</b>	Terri S. & Tom G.
<b>Oct. 21</b>	Tom G. & Debby M.
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Debby & John S.

Thank  
You for  
all you  
do!

**World Relief Baby Care Kits:** TLC Women tried something different this year with the gathering of items for this project. We have been collecting all the clothing items for 70 kits. Now, we are asking for donations for the last 3 items to finish the kits.

1. Flat or pre-folded cloth diapers – Each kit needs four. They are available at Wal-Mart in the baby dept. Total need is 280.
2. Cotton hand towels – Dark-colored towels are preferred (no white). Minimum size is 15"x18" and 25"x30" is the maximum.
3. Gentle soap bath bars – Two 4-oz (or three 3-oz) bath bars are required for each kit. They must be in original wrapping, but **cannot** be hotel or mini bars of soap. We need bars for 70 kits.

Cash donations are accepted! (We are happy to do the shopping.) We plan to pack the kits for shipping by Oct. 15. As a team of loving individuals, we can meet our goal together. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

**A poem to ponder...**

**I can help you and you can help;  
We're here to help each other you see.**

**To help someone in need  
Is much more than just a good deed.**

**Helping others is good for us;  
Experiencing the feeling is a must.  
We are a family under our savior,  
So helping others is more than just good behavior.**

**Help out another in your own way  
Because God made us all different I say.**

**Use your own gifts to give;  
Improving someone else's life to live.**

Fellowship Hosts	
<b>Oct. 6</b>	Choir
<b>Oct. 13</b>	Choir
<b>Oct. 20</b>	Choir
<b>Oct. 27</b>	Choir



Please, when preparing, purchasing, or handling food for fellowship, be sure items with nuts are prepared, served (with unique silverware), labeled, and kept separate from **nut-free food** for those with allergies. Thank you kindly!

**2024 Lutheran World Relief Backpack Challenge Update:**  
WE DID IT! Thanks to your generous donations of cash and school supplies, the support of the Trinity Lutheran Church Women, and Tom Guzman's Thrivent Action Team funds, we surpassed our 2023 total of 204 school kits to 216 school kits ready for shipment in October! YAY TEAM! THANK YOU!

Our Finance Committee is beginning to develop the budget for next year. To have more accurate information, please complete this giving form and return to the church office (via mail, offering tray, in person, or by email). Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's email: \_\_\_\_\_

**My/our pledge for Ministry Expenses of Trinity Lutheran of Arkdale is:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week, or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We will support the ministry without a specific pledge at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We currently give electronically.

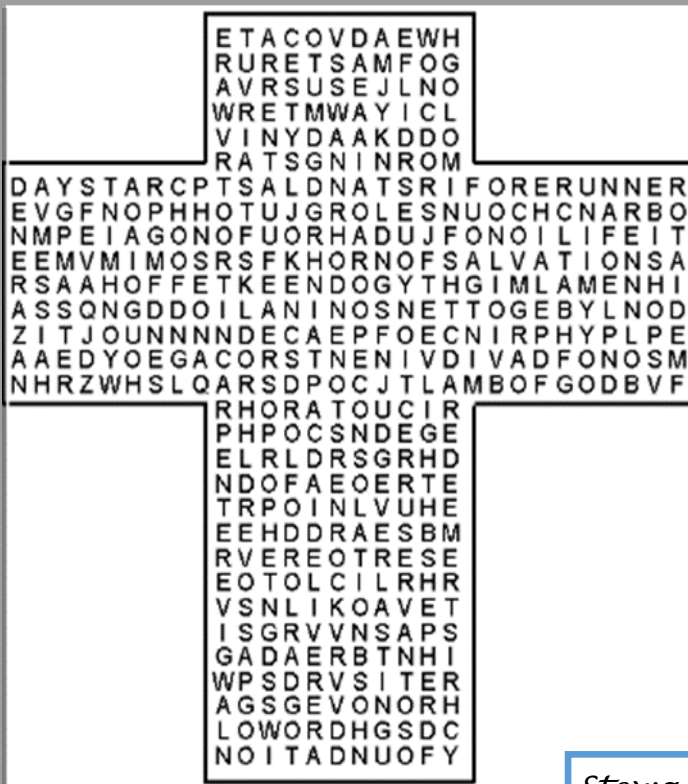
\_\_\_\_\_ My/our envelope number is \_\_\_\_\_

It is time for the office staff to begin to create volunteer schedules & lists. Please initial next to the areas you are willing/able to help with. Thank you for sharing your talents!

\*Rotational Schedules

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Building &amp; Grounds</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> *Snow Shoveling                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Trim bushes around the church    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Gardening (water & weed)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Garbage to dump              | <b>Fund Raising</b>                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *IT/Computer Support          | <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Lawn Mowing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Brat Fry                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest Dinner (November)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Lefse Making (November/December) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refill gas cans (Church pays) | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repairs (general)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Committee            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal decorating           | <input type="checkbox"/> Tailgate Brunch (October)        |

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**Bible Moment: Who do you say that I Am? Names for Jesus:**

Advocate, Almighty, Alpha and Omega, Amen, Apostle, Beloved Son, Bishop, Branch, Bread, Captain, Carpenter, Chosen, Christ, Consolation, Cornerstone, Counselor, Day Star, Deliverer, Door, Emmanuel, Everlasting, Faithful and True, First and Last, Forerunner, Foundation, Governor, Head, High Priest, Holy and Just One, Horn of Salvation, I Am, Jesus, Judge, King. King of Kings, Lamb of God, Lawgiver, Life, Light, Lion of Judah, Lord, Lord of Lords, Master, Mediator, Messiah, Mighty God, Morning Star, Nazarene, Only Begotten Son, Passover, Priest, Prince of Peace, Prophet, Redeemer, Resurrection, Rock, Savior, Servant, Shepherd, Son of David, Son of God, Son of Man, Vine, Way, Wonderful, Word

**KFC – Kids For Christ**

- ★ **Confirmation Day:** Sunday Nov. 17.
- ★ **Sunday School youth** have worked on a string art project that will be on display soon.
- ★ **Wednesday Confirmation** classes are at 6pm for 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- ★ **Bible Verse:** 2 Corinthians 4:6 “God commanded light to shine in the dark.” Now God is shining in our hearts to let you know that his glory is seen in Jesus Christ. [CEV.]
- ★ **Activity:** Make a religious themed pumpkin. And if you wish, bring it to church to put on display.
- ★ **Table Talk:** What is your favorite thing about fall?
- ★ **Prayer:** Here I sit with food on my plate. Thank you, Lord. It all looks great! Amen.

 Don't forget there are apples available on the tree at church! A fruit picking pole is just inside the lower doors.

**Stewardship** Stewardship is showing God that we are grateful for the things he has made us responsible for, the things Our Lord wants us to take care of, such as our time, energy, resources, property, family, friends even, our possessions, income and others in need. God has placed His trust in us. Practicing stewardship is not always easy and is not always convenient, but it is an important part of our purpose on earth. Be mindful and purposeful of how we spend and on what we spend our time and energy and money. All we have first come from God. Is our Lord's work here on earth part of your mindful giving?

*1 Peter 4:10 - Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

*Acts 20:35 - In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

**Ramp Hill Update:** Ramp Hill Phase I **Dedication** was held on September 8, 2024. Didn't this project turn out beautiful? The committee consists of Brian and Donna Olson, Tim Meyer, Tom Guzman, Glenn Quinell, as chair/secretary/project manager, John Easterly as a landscape guide, and Garret Gould is a liaison to the council. They are a great group. We were so blessed to find the TK Design Company to design this project for us. Architect Mark Schmidt did a great job with the State design for permit approval.

We spent just over \$100,000 for phase I and have received gifts of over \$60,000. We used a line of credit loan for up to \$50,000. We have members that have committed \$470 per month to make the loan payments. We continue to receive gifts and recently received over \$1,000 for the wall and seat wall lights and \$1,900 the previous week. We thank you for your continued support. These and any additional gifts will help to pay off the loan faster and save interest money.

Phase II consists of installing a canopy over the automatic doors with support posts on the patio concrete which has the foundations in place. We are on hold for this \$40,000 project until we have funding.

Phase III will be an LED sign placed on the wall just below the brick band facing Church Street. This sign will indicate "TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH" and cost around \$12,785. The wall is already prepared with electric conduit. This is also waiting for funding.

We need to thank the congregation and council. We could not have done this project without your support! We also express our thanks to the following: **Property Works- John Easterly** for seat wall, rock, lights, and blacktop. They also removed blacktop and concrete and installed a roof water drain field as well as the steps. **Brothers Concrete** Company from Wautoma for doing the concrete work. **Kingdom Stone-Rick Koren**, for installing the face stone and brick. **Kilbourn Home Improvement-David Delmore** for installing the rails. **Laridaen Glass**-moving the automatic doors. **Silver Maples-Kurt Mikolite** for removing/installing trim around automatic doors. **David Janssen** for installing tile floor around handicap doors. **Jeff Chase** for removing and installing sheet rock around the automatic doors. **Dennis McClyman and Patrick Murphy** for painting the automatic door entrance.

**May this beautiful wall be a call to worship to the community around us.**  
**Thanks be to God!**



**Food Pantry Donations**

**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 of all donations.

# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
This month we are collecting socks of all shapes and sizes to be given out with the Coats For Kids program. 		1	2 6:00 Choir & Confirmation 6:45 Cantata Practice	3	4	5
6 9:00 Worship 10:00 Educ & Fellowship 10:00 Altar Guild Meeting	7 4:30 Bible Study	8 8:30 Quilting	9 6:00 Choir & Confirmation 6:45 Cantata Practice	10	11	12
13 9:00 Worship 10:00 Educ & Fellowship	14 4:30 Bible Study	15 8:30 Quilting Newsletter items due	16 6:00 Choir & Confirmation 6:45 Cantata Practice	17	18	19
20 9:00 Worship 10:00 Educ & Fellowship	21 4:30 Bible Study	22 8:30 Quilting	23 6:00 Choir & Confirmation 6:45 Cantata Practice	24	25	26
27 9 am Worship (Baptism) 10 am Educ & Fellowship 10 am Endowment Meeting	28 4:30 Bible Study	29 8:30 Quilting	30 6:00 Choir & Confirmation 6:45 Cantata Practice	31		

## One Dish Pork Chop Dinner - Elaine Morgan (from Recipes & Memories Cookbook)

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8 pork chops                | 2 lb. small red potatoes   |
| 6 c. shredded cabbage       | 2 c. apple juice (divided) |
| 1/3 c. flour (plus coating) | 1 lb. small onions         |
| 1/4 c. butter               | 1 lb. small carrots        |
| Salt & pepper to taste      |                            |



Flour chops; brown in butter in a Dutch oven. Remove chops. Stir 1/3 c. flour into pot; cook and stir until a paste forms. Whisk in 1/2 c. apple juice; blend until smooth. Return chops to pot; cover and bake at 350° for 30 min. Add veggies and rest of apple juice; cover and bake 30 min. Top with cabbage; cover and bake 1 1/2 hours until chops are tender, basting occasionally.

## Abridged Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2024

Present: Sandy Willis, Meagan Grabarski, Kris Peterson, Cathy Westover, Marge Edwards, Carrie Easterly, Dana Henricksen, Pastor Terri Skildum, Leif Petersen, Mike Willis. Absent/Excused: Garret Gould

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Willis at 5:35 p.m.

Approve agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Marge/Carrie. Carried.

Devotions by Pastor from Matthew 7, "Ask and the door shall open." Discussion & prayer.

Approve August Council minutes: Minutes corrected to change "President ProTem Mike Willis" to "Vice President Mike Willis." Motion by Carrie/Kris to approve minutes as corrected. Carried.

Approve June, July and August Treasurer's Report: Reports reviewed. Motion to approve reports by Dana/Meagan. Carried.

Review Budget to Date Report: Report was reviewed; motion to approve by Marge/Dana. Carried.

Pastor's Report: 19 shut-ins were visited. At Rest: one. At the Altar: none. Other FYI: Confirmation date is not set. Pastor signed up for the Synod Fall Theological Retreat Oct. 10- 11.

Next month's meeting will be October 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Ramp Hill: Pastor Terri/Leif moved to use the balance of the Ramp Hill Fund and money from the General Fund – not to exceed \$5,000.00- to get the railings installed. Carried.
2. Church secretary is advised to continue to pay interest on the Line of Credit loan. Council will address a larger payment at budget time.
3. Leif shared information about the elevator inspection recommended repairs.

New Business:

1. Meagan/Marge moved to approve the confirmands. Carried.
2. insurance options for 2025 (Portico): Packet of insurance options was reviewed. Motion to keep the Gold option by Marge/Dana. Carried.
3. Stewardship Time and Talent Form: Form will be distributed online and in newsletter. Commitment Sunday will be October 27, 2024 – Reformation Sunday.

Committee Reports:

Education Ministry: Need one S.S. teacher. Pastor is considering mentoring for the confirmation.

Outreach: Working on Ladies Night Out- sponsored by the Hospital.

Property Committee: see Old Business #3. Carpets were cleaned Sept. 9 by Steam-a-Way.

Landscape/Ramp Hill Committee; no report

Worship Ministry: No meeting. Altar Guild meeting: Kris P./Dana H. now co-chair Altar Guild.

TLCW: Harvest Dinner—Nov. 5. Co-chairs are Mike Kuss and Penny Ross. Christmas Bake Sale—at Adams Theatre Dec. 13. Chairs are Sandy Pfeiffer, Kris Bougie, & Darlene Hovorka. Sandy Willis will do Temple Talk on Sept. 15 to encourage more women to participate in TLCW.

Endowment Committee: Will meet in October. It was suggested they could perhaps help fund getting Wi-Fi in the Parish Hall and some areas downstairs.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.