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From the Pastor's Pen... April 2025

Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung! I can feel it in my bones – *but that could be pending rain....* ☺. I expect to see tulips and daffodils soon. We are going to bless the fields and farmers on April 27th with Rogation Sunday. Soon we will see lambs, fawns, and calves. Already some bird species have returned.

With Spring comes thought of starting fresh and new beginnings. **Our Lord has risen from the dead proving it is possible—and that when he promises us forgiveness and eternal life, we can rest assured He will do as he has said.** Here are some sayings about Easter, which one inspires you?

- * “Easter is the only time of year when it’s perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.” – Evan Esar
 - * “Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” – Martin Luther
 - * “No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow. Easter is proof that life goes on.”
 - * “Easter is about Christ’s love, sacrifice, and the ultimate promise of eternal life.”
 - * “Christ has not only spoken to us by His life but has also spoken for us by His death.” – Soren Kierkegaard
 - * “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people, and Hallelujah is our song.” – Pope John Paul II
 - * “Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won’t stay there.” – Clarence W. Hall
 - * “The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.” – Robert Flatt
 - * “Easter is a reminder that nothing can stop God’s plan of redemption.”
 - * “The great gift of Easter is hope—hope that makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love.” – Basil Hume
- “Let every man and woman count themselves immortal. Let them catch the revelation of Jesus in His resurrection.” – Phillips Brooks
- “The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still, before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.” – Henry Knox Sherrill
- “He is not here; He has risen!” – Luke 24:6-7
- “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.’” – John 11:25

I’m praying your Easter is filled with blessings, love, and revitalization.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Terri



Thank You to all of the Worship and Churchwide Assistants!

Monthly Volunteers

**Altar Guild: Darlene & Lloyd Hovorka,
Sandy Pheiffer & Dana Henriksen
Food Pantry: Kris Peterson
Garbage: Hank Sauer**

	Snow Shovelers
Mar. 31-Apr. 6	Hank Sauer & Garret Gould
April 7-13	Kurt Mikolite & Bill Wahlen
April 14-20	Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky
April 21-27	Glenn Quinnell & Bob Goodhue

	Greeters	Comm. Asst.	Bulletin Sponsorship
Apr. 6	Leif & Vickie Pedersen	None needed	Sandra Pheiffer
Apr. 13	Kathy Laskowski	Danna Peterson	John & Audrey Stormoen
Apr. 20	Carrie Easterly	Terri Soley	John & Audrey Stormoen
Apr. 27	Becky Oleson	Carrie Easterly	Cody & Brayden Hendricksen



	Acolytes	Lector	Ushers	Liturgist	Camera
Apr. 6	Amari H. & Izzy N.	Youth	Sue McIntosh & Derek Pavelec	Youth	Davion H.
Apr. 13	Raylee P. & Kendel Q.	Sarah Wright	Marge Edwards & Ed Heideman	Mike W.	Brayden H.
Apr. 20	Avery C. & Ellie C.	Garret Gould	Garret Gould & Steve Peterson	Mike K.	Jameson N.
Apr. 27	Connley M & Elayna M	Mindy Hudson	John Stormoen & Tom Guzman	Roxie I.	Ashtin Q.

	Monday Counters
April 7	Nancy Sauer & Dana Henriksen
April 14	Dana Henriksen & Sharon Guzman
April 21	Sharon Guzman & Marge Edwards
April 28	Marge Edwards & Barb Albrecht



Warmest thanks are extended to the snow shovelers this season! You gave of your time and braved the weather to make safe walking areas for all church attendees. Thanks to: Bob Goodhue, Garret Gould, Ray Groskinsky, Tom Guzman, Zach Hobbick, Dave Janssen, Dennis McClyman, Todd McLaughlin, Tim Meyer, Kurt Mikolite, Leif Pedersen, Glenn Quinnell, Hank Sauer, John Stormoen, Bill Wahlen, & Dennis Wright.



Thank you to Ken Kosakowski for time and talents used to install the WI-FI equipment in the sound room, Sunday School area, and Fellowship Hall, and for donating the wire! This will allow efficient and reliable internet access for our Sunday School program, Bible studies, online sermon uploads, and other programs held throughout the church building. Thank you for your efforts and expertise, Ken!

- ⇒ **Thank you to all of the Lenten Drama readers.**
- ⇒ **Thank you to those who stepped up to assist worship in the sound room, to usher or acolyte, for the extra altar guild duties, and all other helpers for Wednesday worship!**
- ⇒ **Thank you, Mike Kuss for helping on Ash Wednesday!**

Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2025

Present: Sandy Willis, Mike Willis, Kris Peterson, Dana Henriksen, Leif Pedersen, Garret Gould, Carrie Easterly, Meagan Grabarski. Absent: Marge Edwards, Cathy Westover.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President Garret Gould.

Approve agenda: the agenda was amended to make flip the order of Old and New Business; add #3. New Members; 4. Fundraiser: Leif Pedersen. Kris/Leif moved to approve the agenda as amended. Carried.

Devotion/prayer: Pastor read from Thessalonians 5: re: rejoicing always & praying without ceasing. followed by prayer.

Approve February Council Meeting minutes: motion to approve the minutes by Carrie/Dana. Carried.

Approve February Treasurer's report: Report was reviewed. Motion to approve by Mike/Carrie. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Due to Pastor being sick 7 shut-ins were visited. At The Altar: none. New Members: 2. At Rest: 3 services. Other: Pastor did attend the LEAD workshop and received some interesting insights.

Next Council Meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

New Business:

- Solar Panels at ATLC – Mike Kuss: Mike reported on several companies that have given information on cost of project. The council compared all the companies information. There are grants and incentives available – i.e. 30% rebate from IRS. After discussion the council recommended that the Care & Creation Committee start work on obtaining grants. The council also recommended going with Arch Solar (Madison) based on the comparisons.
- Payment for Ramp Hill LOC: After making the payment of \$15,800 in January 2025 (as directed by the Congregation) there was discussion as to how much we should pay monthly on the loan. Pastor Terri Skildum moved that we pay \$200.00 /month, covering the interest due and some extra until the budget shows that we can pay more.; seconded by Dana Henriksen. Carried.
- New Members: Council approved receiving two new people into membership.
- Fundraiser: Leif Pedersen presented a possible fundraiser selling dried cranberry snacks. He has contacted two companies that would be willing to provide the product- one will even donate a case of 50 snack bags. He will get a case price from both companies and report back.

Old Business:

- Wi-Fi phones update: the wi-fi has been hard wired but not the routers.
- Audit Committee: audit is almost completed, working on Ramp Hill line item- they will be meeting March 16.
- Clavinova: Endowment has agreed to reimburse the purchase of a new Clavinova. Dana/Carrie moved to purchase Clavinova. Carried.

Committee Reports:


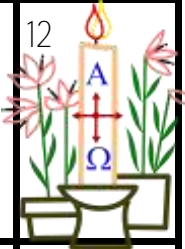

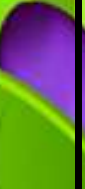
- Education Ministry: April 6 will be Youth Service: worship will be lead by the youth. Bible Study is going well- they will be starting to study Luther and history of the church.
- Property Committee: will be meeting April 1, 2025
- Worship Ministry: Rogation Sunday will be one week after Easter. Pastor needs readers for the Lenten series on Sundays in Lent. Because Ash Wed service was cancelled due to weather, ashes will be given on Sunday March 9.
- TLCW: will be meeting April 6
- Endowment Committee: Committee agreed to reimburse the general fund for the purchase of the Clavinova once the purchase has been made.
- Care & Creation Committee: Met March 2, 2025, regarding the solar panel project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His Service, Sandy Willis, Sec.



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30-Quilting 6:00-Property Comm. Mtg.	2 5:30-Choir 6:00-Conf. 7:00-Lenten Service	3 5:55-Craft Night	4	5 9:00-Yard Cleanup Noon-1 pm- Pizza Pickup
6 9:00-Youth-Led Worship 10:00-Fellowship & Education 10-TLCW Mtg.	7 3:30-Bible Study 5:30-Council	8 8:30 Quilting	9 5:30-Choir 6:00-Conf. 7:00-Lenten Service	10	11	12 
13 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 9:00-Worship 10:00-Fellowship & Education	14 3:30-Bible Study	15 8:30 Quilting NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	16 6-Confirmation	17 6:00-Maundy Thursday Meal & Service	18 7:00-Good Friday Service	19
20 <u>Easter</u> 9:00-Worship 10:00-Fellowship & Education	21 3:30 Bible Study	22 8:30 Quilting	23 6:00-Choir & Confirmation	24	25	26
27 <u>Rogation</u> <u>Sunday</u> 9-Worship 10-Fellowship & Education	28 3:30 Bible Study	29 8:30 Quilting	30 6:00-Choir & Confirmation			

Stewardship Ideas: Save a bit of energy; when possible, unplug things, like charger cables. Going to be gone for a few days? Remove plug in air fresheners and other electronics; such as toaster, air fryer, microwave, electric toothbrush, & water pic. Note: if there is a light on it, it is definitely using power, even when not in use.

Bible Moment: Bible Moment: Bible 'Whatzits': say-what-you-see puzzles. Find the hidden meaning.

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THE COVENANT

SPEECH
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SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP
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LISTEN! WAIT! JUMP!
START! STAND!
Got FETCH!
STOP! LOOK! SIT!

NEWS

KFC – Kids For Christ

- ★ We Make Pizzas, Sat. April 5th, 8am! Set up Friday night, April 4th.
- ★ **Pizza Pick-up** is Sat., April 5th, Noon to 1pm @ Adams Community Center
- ★ **Thank you** for all your pizza orders and support!
- ★ **No Sunday School or Confirmation Class** on Easter or Passion Week, Wednesday, April 16 & Sunday, April 20.
- ★ **Last Day** of Sunday School is May 4th.
- ★ **Bible Verse**: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." — John 11:25.



★ **Activity**: Easter egg suncatchers. Needed: tissue paper, cardboard/stock, piece of string and glue. With cardstock (cereal box) cut out 2 egg shape outlines, same size. Glue the circle on one side of the egg border. Layer tissue paper pieces making sure they hit the glued edges. Trim pieces outside the egg. Glue a loop of string on top, and then glue around the edge of the second egg shape and place in over the first, sandwiching in the tissue paper. Once dry, place your egg in a window.



★ **Table Talk**: Eggs are symbols of new life and rebirth, and are now part of the Easter celebration of Jesus coming back to life! And his promise to believers of a new life in heaven! *Besides candy, what is your favorite part of celebrating Jesus' resurrection?*

- ★ **Prayer**: God made you and God made me. He made the world for us to see. God loves you and long ago. He sent his Son to tell us so.* Then, Jesus died and rose again. Thank you Jesus. Amen.

*adapted from Country Living Magazine

Bible Moment Answers: Forgive & forget. Ark of the Covenant. Sermon on the Mount. Jacob's ladder. Good News. 10 Commandments, Lost Sheep.

Crafting Night will be held Thursday, April 3 at 5:55 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy a fun evening of crafting, snacking, and socializing. No experience is necessary. To date, we have created ornaments, yarn gnomes, diamond art coasters, a wall hanging, and a crate box display. This month we will make an Easter craft. A \$10 donation is suggested to cover the cost of craft materials. Contact Danna if you will be attending, so we can ensure enough supplies and snacks are available for all. Attend the months you wish.

April Food Pantry Theme Idea

APRIL SHOWERS

The TLCW's group is 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 of hygiene products of all kinds...soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and the like. **EVEN DIAPERS!** Please help us fill our shopping cart with hygiene products this month.



Our feathers are in a ruffle that the makers of the shampoo, "Head and Shoulders" have not followed up with a bodywash called, "Knees and Toes."

KNITTERS – CROCHETERS or those who want to learn...Let Pastor Terri know if you would like to get together to work on projects and enjoy good conversation.

Spring Yard Congregational Cleanup Day is April 5

The Spring Yard Cleanup begins at 9:00 AM. Please bring your rakes, leaf blowers, shovels, and bodies to help with this work. The entire project usually only takes approximately one hour when there are enough helpers. Please join us with this necessary task.



Opportunities to Donate Time & Talents

Donations Needed for Personal Care Kits!

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, and throughout Lent, we as a congregation will again be gathering the supplies needed to make Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Last year, during Lent 2024, because of your generosity, we were able to put together and ship 133 kits, an increase of 43 from 2023. The challenge for all of us is to increase that number for 2025!

Each Personal Care Kit includes the following:

- ◇ One bath towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), lightweight cotton or cotton blend, dark colors preferred
- ◇ Two or three bath-size bars of soap totaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping
- ◇ One sturdy comb, no picks or fine-toothed combs
- ◇ One adult-size toothbrush
- ◇ One metal nail clipper



In the past year, your kindness made it possible for Lutheran World Relief to respond quickly to people across the United States experiencing weather and other disasters. When hurricanes caused flooding and destruction in Western North Carolina, and other Southern States, Lutheran World Relief was there to provide 136,848 quilts and kits in five states, and cash grants totaling more than \$500,000 assistance to our neighbors. When massive wildfires struck in California, devastating communities by destroying homes, businesses, schools and churches, Lutheran World Relief again responded. Warehouses need to be replenished because disasters know no boundaries and can occur at any time!

Please help us with your donations of cash and/or kit contents! Trinity Lutheran Church Women will match cash donations up to \$250, and Thrivent action team funds will also be requested. Donation containers will be located in the narthex and if you have questions related to this project, reach out to Sharon Guzman. Thank you for your anticipated help!

Urgent Need: Volunteers are needed for Kid's Day on April 26 (10am-2pm) at Adams-Friendship High School. All necessary materials will be supplied. If you are interested in assisting in the Arkdale Trinity Church booth, please contact Pastor Terri or Danna.



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Lent Midweek services will be at 7pm through April 9. On Sunday mornings hear conversations from various people who may have spoken to each other at the time of our Lord's Passion. What may have been overheard back in the day?

Cracking Up:

1. Q: Why did the Easter egg hide? A: Because it was a little chicken!
2. Q: What do you call a mischievous egg? A: A practical yolker!
3. Q: How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape? A: He eggs-ercises!



COMING UP IN MAY:

4-Last Day SS
11-Mother's Day
16/17-Synod
Assembly
26-Memorial Day



Share Flowers for the Easter Service. If you wish to help decorate the sanctuary for our Easter Service on April 20, please consider bringing your blooming plant. Feel free to drop it off in the office on Wednesday, April 16 between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm, or when you are here for the Maundy Thursday Meal Service @ 6 pm, or Good Friday Worship Service @ 7 pm so we can set it out prior to the Easter worship service. After the Easter 9 am service, please take them back home to brighten your home. Sign up on the form on the stand at the main sanctuary doors (or contact Danna in the office) to share plant and/or memorial information.