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From the Pastor's Pen...July 2025

Dear Friends, Too often we have heard someone saying, '*back in the good old days...*' Sometimes people get stuck wishing for the past that they fail to live in the present. Ecclesiastes 7:10 has some advice for us: 'Do not say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.' When longing for what was, we can miss the good stuff of today. Similar to Lot's wife, who in looking back became a pillar of salt, we become stuck, trapped.



In my first parish, there was a dear woman who had lost her husband in her early 30s. This 80+ year old woman would spend every visit I made to her bemoaning the loss of her 'perfect' husband. She'd complain about her lazy son. She'd complain that her friends no longer visited. I tried to point out that her son came every week, cleaned the house, mowed the lawn, filled her fridge, took her to all of her appointments, and made sure she had her hair done monthly—and he had a family and grandkids to take care of. But nothing her friends or her son could do was ever enough. She wished her husband was still with her so things would be different... It was difficult to visit her; her complaining drove her friends away. She was stuck in the past and was truly ungrateful. And because her focus was so swayed to the past, she couldn't love or engage with those in her present daily life.

God gives us wisdom, wisdom to protect us. In that wisdom, we learn to be grateful and live for today and plan for tomorrow. Wisdom tells us that yesterday cannot come back and that tomorrow isn't here yet.

Ecclesiastes has more to tell us in the next verses: 'Wisdom is as good as an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun. For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to the one who possesses it. Consider the work of God.' Then, in verse 14 comes even greater wisdom: 'In the day of prosperity, be joyful, and in the day of adversity, consider: God has made the one as well as the other...' (the day of prosperity and the day of adversity).

Remember fondly things from the past. Learn and use the lessons learned from before. But live in the now. And BE grateful to the Lord! Follow the words of Psalm 118: This is the day – Today is the day — the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

Your sister in Christ,


Pastor Terri

Personal Note: Last month, JoHanna took me to a Brewers game, and my cousins from Texas visited. This month. This month I am looking forward to attending the Witcraft family reunion. Last year there were about 150 of us (my dad's mother's side).





Thank You to all of the Worship and Churchwide Assistants!

		Gardening-Water & Weed			Monday Counters		
July 6-12		Darlene & Lloyd Hovorka		July 7		Barb Albrecht & Mary Jo Meyer	
July 13-19		Deb & Rich Wachholz		July 14		Mary Jo Meyer & Nancy Dix	
July 20-26		Kathy Murphy		July 21		Sue McIntosh & Derek Pavelec	
July 27-Aug. 2		Terri Soley		July 28		Crystal M. Nawrot & Hank Sauer	
	Lector	Camera	Bulletin Sponsorship		Greeter/s		
July 6	Krista Pavelec	Ashtin Quinnell	Susie Smith		Jennie Moore		
July 13	Kurt Mikolite	Merrick Moore	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka		Jeff Chase		
July 20	Kari Banovec	Brayden Hendricksen	Penny Ross		Dee Draeger		
July 27	Jeff Chase	Davion Hoernke	Sandra Pheiffer		Leif & Vickie Pedersen		
	Acolytes		Liturgist	Ushers			
July 6	Raylee Pavelec & Kendel Quinnell		Roxie Irey	John Stormoen & Tom Guzman			
July 13	Amari Hoernke & Izzy Nawrot		Tom Guzman	Marge Edwards & Nancy Dix			
July 20	Avery & Ellie Christensen		Mike Kuss	Tom Guzman & Zach Hobbick			
July 27	Connley & Elaynna Meyer		Mike Willis	Ed Heideman & Hank Sauer			
<u>MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS</u>				Lawn Mowers			
<u>Altar Guild</u>		<u>Food Pantry</u>	July 3	Brian & Donna Olson			
Penny Ross &		Christina	July 10	Rich & Deb Wachholz			
Karen Meunier		Clemer	July 17	Zach Hobbick. Dennis Wright, John Stormoen			
<u>Garbage</u>		<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	July 24	Kurt Mikolite & Todd McLaughlin			
Brian & Donna Olson		Sandy Willis	July 31	Hank Sauer & Ed Heideman			



REV. SHELLEY NELSON will be our guest Pastor July 20th, while Pastor Terri is with her family. Pastor Shelly graduated Silver Lake College, and completed her internship in New Rockford, ND. She is a graduate from Luther Seminary. Pastor Shelly has served calls at Norway Lutheran Church in Wind Lake, WI, and Peace Lutheran Church in Belmont, WI, and a joint call to New Era Lutheran in Muscatine, IA and Hope Lutheran in Dixon, IA. In 2016, she retired from full-time ministry, but continued to serve interim calls: Saints Peter and Paul in Monticello, IA, St. John in Hopkinton, IA, Faith Lutheran in Andover, IA, Zion Lutheran in Clinton, IA, Faith Lutheran in Horicon, WI, County Line Lutheran in Markesan, WI, and Adams Lutheran in Argyle, WI. Pastor Shelly is also a certified Stephen's Ministry trainer, and is currently doing pulpit supply. *Please be sure to give her a warm welcome.*

Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2025

Present: Mike Willis, Dana Henriksen, Gretchen Wetzel, Terri Skildum, Leif Pedersen, Garret Gould, Cathy Westover, Sandy Willis. Absent: Carrie Easterly, excused, Liz Hendricksen, excused.

The meeting was called to order by President Garret Gould at 5:35 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Add #4. Council Restructure under New Business; move Solar Project to end of Old Business (6), moving other items up. Agenda approved.

Opening devotion/prayer: Pastor read from Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 followed with discussion on what we have accomplished and looking forwards to next year and a prayer.

Approve May Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Dana Henriksen, second by Mike Willis. Carried.

Approve May Treasurer's Report: Checkbook balance and budget were reviewed by Treasurer Cathy Westover. Motion to approve the report made by Mike Willis, seconded by Gretchen Wetzel. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Visits in last 6 weeks: 15. At Rest: 1 service at Trinity and 1 non-member in Wis. Rapids. At the Altar: None. At the Font: 1 in June and 1 in August. Other: Rev. Shelley Nelson will be our guest Pastor July 20, 2025, while Pastor is on vacation.

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

Old Business:

1. Wi-Fi/ phones update: Waiting for information on the fiber optic line being installed on the highway.
2. Door camera: Ken is still researching based on what will work best with our system and needs.
3. Servant Keeper: Danna gave us information on 3 packages available with cost. She recommends the Good/Basic package for \$769.89/yr (\$69.99/mo.). Motion to purchase the Good/Basic Package made by Cathy Westover, second by Dana Henriksen. Carried.
4. Pastor's new computer: Danna will order.
5. Church Long Range Plan: It was recommended that we get a copy of the old plan that was done some years ago, then the Council can plan how to proceed. Garret will check with several members who may have knowledge of the old plan.
6. Solar Project (next steps for funding) The Congregation has approved to proceed with the project, A Grant will cover ½ the cost of the panels which leaves approximately \$44,650 cost for the remaining panels. We will check with the bank on financing. Cathy Westover moved to information on a \$45,000 loan with a fixed rate, second by Dana Henriksen. Carried.

New Business:

1. Chip Seal Contract: Glenn Quinnell provided a bid from Scott Construction, Inc. to chip and seal the area in front of the new wall and curb on the front side of the church. The cost is \$2,150.00. Motion made by Gretchen Wetzel to approve the bid, seconded by Leif Pedersen. Carried.
2. Review committee liaison assignment: Education: Carrie Easterly; Outreach: Cathy Westover; Property Committee: Leif Pedersen; Landscape/Ramp Hill Committee: Garret Gould; Worship Ministry: Dana Henriksen and Mike Willis; TLCW: Dana Henriksen and Sandy Willis; Endowment Committee: Gretchen Wetzel; Care & Creation Committee: Carrie Easterly, Dana Henriksen & Liz Hendricksen.
3. Restructure Council Officers: Current officers are: President: Garret Gould, Vice President: Mike Willis, Treasurer: Cathy Westover, Secretary: Sandy Willis. Motion made by Gretchen Wetzel to keep the officers the same, second by Dana Henriksen. Carried.

Committee Reports:

1. Education Ministry: Sunday School has ended, and Confirmation is over for the summer, both resume in the fall. Planning for Brat Fry, 4th of July parade, VBS: August 12 and a mini golf outing.
2. Outreach: need to find a member to take Susie Smith's place.
3. Property Committee: will be meeting on June 6, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by President Garret Gould closing with the Lord's Prayer.
Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.



July 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 Quilting 1-3:30 Painting	2 5:55-Crafting	3	4 	5
6 9:00-Worship (Name Tags)	7 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study 5:30-Council	8 8:30 Quilting 1-3:30 Painting	9 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise	10	11	12
13 9:00-Worship	14 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	15 8:30 Quilting 1-3:30 Painting	16 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 5 pm - Mini golf/ pizza outing for 6th-12th graders	17	18	19 Arkdale Rec Day
20 9:00-Worship (Guest Pastor) Arkdale Rec Day (Parade)	21 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	22 8:30 Quilting 1-3:30 Painting 4-7 pm Rome Splash Pad/ Picnic Outing	23 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise	24	25	26 
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John's Super Chocolate Chip Cookie from Carrie Easterly (Recipes & Memories Cookbook, p. 122)

3/4 c. butter flavor Crisco	1-1/4 c. light brown sugar	2 Tbsp. milk	1 Tbsp. vanilla
1 egg	1-3/4 c. all-purpose flour	1 tsp. salt	3/4 tsp. baking soda
1-1/2 c. semi-sweet choc. Chips	1 c. pecan pieces, chopped (opt.)		

Heat oven to 375°. Combine Crisco, brown sugar, milk, & vanilla and beat at medium speed until creamy. Beat egg into creamed mixture. Combine flour, salt, baking soda, and stir in chocolate chips and pecans. Shape and place onto cookie sheet. Bake for 8-10 minutes for chewy cookies or 11-13 minutes for crispy cookies. Makes approximately 3 dozen 3" cookies.

Stewardship Ideas: Of the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) **Reduce** is the most important. You might think you're not contributing to ocean trash because you'd never litter at the beach, but our rivers and creeks here in WI are impacted with trash: bottles, toy bits, plastic bags and even yogurt containers. And placing an item in your recycling bin is no guarantee it actually gets recycled. **Reducing** our shopping and the disposables plastic we use is overall a better action. **For example:** In Adams, our drinking water has concerns. At first I thought of using bottled water for drinking, but I didn't like the idea of all the plastic bottles. So, we put a filter on our sink faucet and purchased a filtering water pitcher so we can fill our reusable drinkware with this filtered water eliminating the need to purchase bottled water.

Bible Moment: Fill in the blank from Isaiah 41:10:

"So do not _____, for _____ with you; do not be _____, for I am _____. I will _____ you and _____ you; I will _____ you with my _____ right hand."

KFC – Kids For Christ:

★ **Golf & Pizza Outing** for 6th-12th graders: Wed., July 16, meet at 5 pm to carpool from Subway.

★ **Rome Splash Pad Outing** for 0-6th graders & parents: Tuesday, July 22, 4-7pm. Bring a bag supper, come when you can. [Rain date is July 29].

★ **VBS sign up by August 3rd**, for grades pre-k through 6th, Tuesday, August 12, 6-7:30pm, one night only; volunteers needed. (hint, hint)

★ **Ice Cream Social** for youth 6-12 grades and their folks, Wed., August 13, at Rocky Roads (Necedah), 5:30-7:30pm. Come when you can, bring \$. [Rain date Aug. 20.]

★ **Bible Verse:** Numbers 11:5 "We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the **melons**, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic."

★ **Activity:** Watermelon fan: You will need a paper plate or thin cardboard; green, black, and red or pink markers; (paint) and a popsicle stick. Color paper plate: green outer edge, leave a white space, then a pink or red inner space. Make black seeds on the red/pink area. Cut paper plate into thirds; glue the stick to the center leaving half of it sticking down for handle.

★ **Table Talk:** Do you like watermelon? Is there another kind of melon you like? Which kind is your favorite? As far back as when God's people were slaves in Egypt, they ate melon too. They also ate onions, garlic and cucumbers. Do you like any of these? What about pickles (made from cucumbers)? Thank God for your food always.

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



your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Bible Moment Answers: Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am

Interested in membership? Contact Pastor Terri or Danna in the church office.
Forms are available on the table in the Narthex.



The ATLC Quilting Group continues to create and share beautiful, heartfelt gifts of quilts to our church members. Shown are the latest two creations handmade by the quilters for recent high school graduates, Robert Irey and Faith Bilski. May these two go in peace remembering the love, warmth, comfort and support of their church family.



Christian Song Trivia - Can you guess the song & singer from first line?



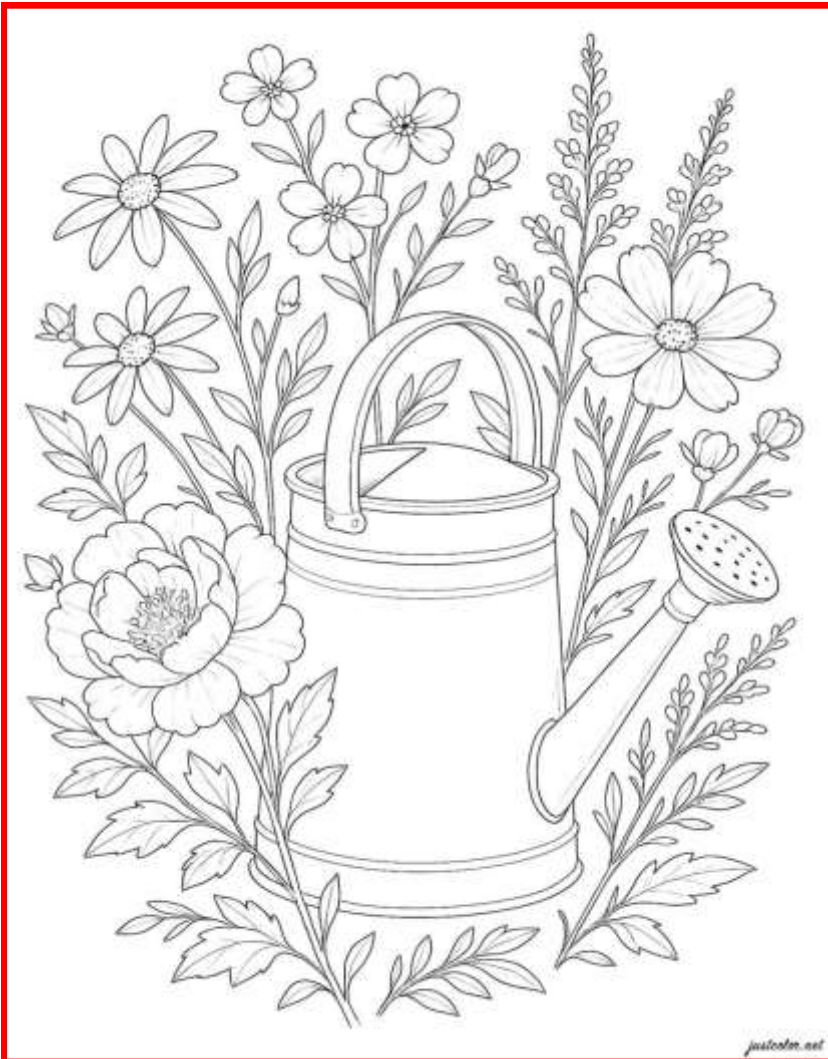
1. "You call me out upon the waters"
2. "Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth"
3. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul"
4. "I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies"
5. "I can only imagine what it will be like"

Farewell to our church friend Kathy Laskowski, long-time ATLC member. She is relocating out of

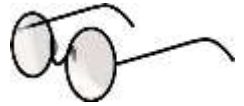
state. We wish her Godspeed in her new home. We look forward to future visits, & will certainly miss her!

Song Trivia Answer Key

1. Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) – Hillsong UNITED
2. Who Am I – Casting Crowns
3. 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) – Matt Redman
4. Raise a Hallelujah – Bethel Music
5. I Can Only Imagine – MercyMe



Share unused eyeglasses for those who are in need. Lions Club members will collect all donated pairs of glasses. They can be placed in the donation box located in the narthex. Thank you!

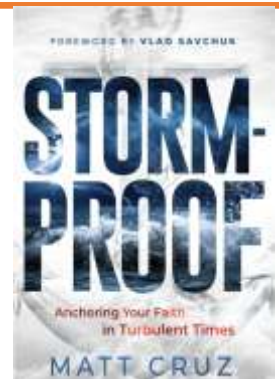


July's Bible Study is the book of Proverbs using the book 'Proverbs: Everlasting Wisdom for Everyday Life' by Vance Pitman. We will read a chapter a day for each day of July. Contact Pastor Terri if you would like her to purchase it for you. You can also do this on your own—there is a page to help guide you on the narthex table.

August's Study we will read Matt Cruz's Book 'Stormproof: Anchoring your Faith in Turbulent Times'. Books can be pre-ordered and will be released the first week of August.



Thank you everyone for your well wishes, gifts and cards, celebrating with me my 35th anniversary of ordination!





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Crafting Night will be held Wed., July 2nd @ 5:55pm 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, wall hangings, a crate box, a patriotic flower and pot, and stitched cards. A \$10 donation is suggested to cover the cost of craft materials. Contact Danna if you will be attending, so we can ensure there are enough supplies & snacks for everyone.

July Food Pantry Donation Idea

What did the little firecracker say to the bigger firecracker?
Hi, Pop!

Please help the TLCW fill the food pantry shopping cart with **CRACKERS** of all sorts! Ritz, Saltines, Club, Triscuits, Animal, Graham...you name it! The Adams County Food Pantry can use it!