

Trinity Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Pen...August 2025

Dear Friends,

I hope your summer so far is a great one, that you have taken opportunities to enjoy the sunshine and relax in the shade, maybe sit by a campfire and hear it crackling. I personally have enjoyed meeting with the youth of our church over the summer

I was going through confirmation work and was thinking about the vocabulary we use in our faith life, words like Amen, Selah, grace, mercy, blessing even: [Amen is an affirmation, stating that you agree with what was just said or prayed. It also means you are asking God to make that statement or prayer happen. Sometimes in the Psalms you will see the word Selah, which we are not sure actually what it means, is often used as a pause in the reading, like a sigh.](#)

As for grace, mercy and blessings, I remember reading somewhere: Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve, Mercy is when God spares us from bad things we do deserve and Blessings are when God is generous with both – grace and mercy. God is merciful and gracious – I am so thankful! Amen!! Selah.
(Let me know if there's another word that you would like me to address.)



[2 John 1:3](#), "Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love."

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Terri

Personal Note: I no longer have a landline; please use my cell for outside the church calls: 608-475-0748. Yes, texting is a good way to reach me. My church e-mail has changed as well to: arkdalepaor@outlook.com.

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



HELLO
My Name Is

Name-Tag-Sundays will continue on Sunday, August 3rd and Rally Day on Sunday, September 7th.

In September:

Sept. 7th—Sunday School begins

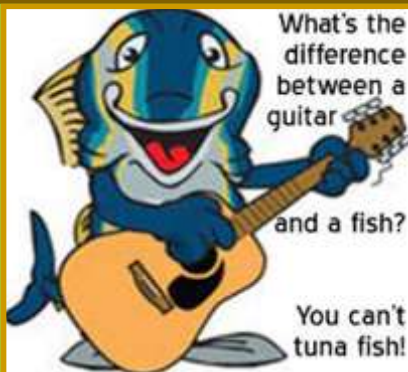
Sept. 10th—Confirmation 7th & 8th gr. Mtg @ 6

Office Day Change

Danna's office days will be Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday beginning in September!

Thank You to all of the Worship and Churchwide Assistants!

Gardening-Water & Weed		Monday Counters		
August 3-9	Gary & Karen Meunier	Aug. 4	Marge Edwards & Penny Ross	
August 10-16	Tom & Sharon Guzman	Aug. 11	Penny Ross & Terri Soley	
August 17-23	Sue McIntosh & Vickie Pedersen	Aug. 18	Terri Soley & Nancy Sauer	
August 24-30	Dana Henriksen	Aug. 25	Nancy Sauer & Tom Guzman	
Aug. 31-Sept. 6	Darlene & Lloyd Hovorka	Lawn Mowers		
MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS		Aug. 7	Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky	
<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Food Pantry</u>	Aug. 14	Glenn & Peggy Quinnell	
Gretchen Wetzol	Nancy Dix	Aug. 21	John Stormoen & Dave Janssen	
Becky Oleson, &	<u>Garbage</u>	Aug. 28	Greg & Terri Soley	
Dana Henriksen	Hank Sauer			
				
	Lector	Camera	Bulletin Sponsorship	Greeter/s
Aug. 3	Garret Gould	Jameson Nawrot	Cody & Brayden Hendricksen	Carrie Easterly
Aug. 10	George Goltz	Mike Willis	Steve & Danna Peterson	John Stormoen
Aug. 17	Sarah Wright	Merrik Moore	Penny Ross	Becky Pease
Aug. 24	Lloyd Waller	Davion Hoernke	Cody & Brayden Hendricksen	Marge Edwards
Aug. 31	Mike Willis	Izzy Nawrot	JoHanna Skildum	Penny Ross
	Acolytes		Liturgist	Ushers
Aug. 3	Archer Ostby & Gavin Baggs		Tom Guzman	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka
Aug. 10	Mathias Hoernke & Jaxson Nawrot		Sandy Willis	Ed Heideman & Tom Guzman
Aug. 17	Ava Nawrot & Izzy Nawrot		Mike Willis	John Stormoen & Steve Peterson
Aug. 24	Amari Hoernke & Raylee Pavelec		Mike Willis	Susan McIntosh & Derek Pavelec
Aug. 31	Kendel Quinnell & Avery Christensen		Mike Kuss	Crystal Nawrot & Marge Edwards



August Food Pantry Donation Idea

Speaking of tuna...this month please help the TLCW stock their food pantry shopping cart with canned items such as tuna, veggies, or fruit.

The Women of Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church, along with the Adams County Food Pantry folks, are very appreciative of all donations!



Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by President Garret Gould, with a quorum present.

Approve agenda: The agenda was amended to add under New Business: 2. Lions flag discussion. A motion to approve the amended agenda made by Carrie Easterly, second by Mike Willis. Carried.

Opening Devotions: Pastor read from Corinthians, Galatians, and Psalm 131. All were about Christians living in unity and allowing all parts to contribute-for both individuals and as a whole body of Christ. Followed by prayer.

Approve June Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes made by Carrie/Mike Willis. Carried.

Approve June Treasurer's Report: In absence of the Treasurer the Year to Date Budget was reviewed.

Pastor's Report: Visits in last 6 weeks: 11; At Rest: 1; At the Altar: no weddings scheduled. New members will be received on July 20, 2025; At the Font: 1 upcoming in August; Other: Rev. Shelley Nelson will be our guest Pastor on July 20. Council needs to be alert to locking up the building. We will take a free-will offering on Sunday, July 13 for victims in Texas.

Old Business:

- * Wi/Fi phones update: nothing new
- * Doorbell/Ring Service: Cannot seem to get security camera to connect to the Wi/Fi. Will seek advice from tech people.
- * Servant Keeper: has been purchased and installed
- * Pastor's new computer: has been purchased and arrived.
- * Church Long Range Plan: still in progress
- * Pastor Terri will be gone July 20, 2025
- * Chip Sealing: contract was signed
- * Update Committee Liaisons: (Finance and Personnel): Finance: (audit and review) members are Cathy Westover, Liz Hendricksen, Robin Hansen. Personnel: members are Dana Henriksen, and Gretchen Wetzel.



New Business:

- * Loan considerations for Solar Project: Garret checked with several banking institutions. 1. Mission Investment: offers 8.875% interest, uninsured loan, some closing costs on a loan of \$45,000. 2. Royal Bank: \$50,000 loan: 7% interest, no bank fees, no prepayment penalty. Payments: Lock 5 yrs/ Am 10 yrs= \$580.84 at 7%. Lock 5 yrs/ Am 15yrs= \$4449.41 at 7%. \$45,000 loan: 5/10 = \$552.49; 5/15 = \$404.47. A motion was made by Dana Henriksen to proceed with Royal Bank, seconded by Mike Willis. Carried. Garret will proceed with the loan application.
- * Lions flag discussion: The Lions Club will put out flags 5 times a year for \$40/flag. They will install a pipe to insert the pole in the ground and will place and remove the flags. After discussion it was decided to table any action until the Congregational Meeting to get congregation input.

Committee Reports:

- * Education Ministry: VBS will be August 12, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. "Put on Faith" is the theme.
- * Outreach: The 4th of July parade entry was a success – thank you to the Easterly's for their assistance!
- * Property Committee: see attached minutes.
- * Landscape/ Ramp Hill Committee: No Report
- * Worship Ministry: will meet July 13, 2025, after worship
- * TLCW: the next meeting will be held August 17, 2025.
- * Endowment committee: No Report
- * Care & Creation Committee: we have received a grant for the solar panels.



The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4:30-7 pm Fish Boil @ Immanuel Lutheran in Westfield	2
3 9:00-Worship (Name Tags) VBS registra- tions due		5 8:30 Quilting 1-3:30 Painting	6 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 5:55-Crafting	7	8	9
10 9:00-Worship	11 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	12 8:30 Quilting 1-3:30 Painting 6 pm Property Mtg. 6-7:30 VBS	13 9:30-Strong Bod- ies Exercise 5:30 - 6-12 gr. Ice Cream Social @Rocky Roads	14 	15	16
17 9:00-Worship 10:00-TLCW Meeting	18 Newsletter Items Due 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	19 8:30 Quilting 1-3:30 Painting	20 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise	21 Adams County Fair	22 7am Clean Fair Grounds Adams County Fair	23 7am-Clean Fair Grounds Adams County Fair
24 7am-Clean Fair Grounds 9:00-Worship SS Reg. Due Adams Cty Fair	25 Noon-Clean Fair Grounds 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	26 8:30 Quilting 1-3:30 Painting	27 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 6:00-Choir Practice	28 	29	30
31 9:00-Worship						

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

Stewardship Idea: Clean Up Your Local Beach/lakefront: Sadly people leave tons of trash on the beaches. These then end up polluting our water supply and aquatic life. So consider taking an extra bag (and gloves) with you to clean up a bit on your next trip to the waterfront. It's a great family thing to do, it will make you feel good, and is a great chance to meet new people.

Bible Moment: 2 Thess. 3:6: Here Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy say, "Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly."

KFC – Kids For Christ:

★ **Ice Cream Social** for 6-12 graders and their folks, Wednesday, August 13 at Rocky Roads, Hwy 21 east of Necedah, 5:30-7:30pm. Come when you can and bring \$ for ice cream. ☺

★ **VBS, one night**, Tuesday, August 12th, 6-7:30pm for 0-6th graders. Sign up by August 3rd. Volunteers needed.

★ **Sunday school Begins** [Rally Day] September 7 at 10am.

★ **Teacher(s)** needed for the 4-6th grade class & substitutes for all grades. Contact Pastor Terri.

★ **Bible Verse:** Psalm 147:5 'Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond MEASURE.'

★ **Activity:** Make Lemon Basil Chicken together. Kids can help **MEASURE**.

★ **Table Talk:** Do you like to measure? Do you like using measuring cups or spoons? Ruler or Measuring tape? God is so great and powerful – we cannot measure it! Can you think of something else that cannot be measured?

★ **Prayer:** God is Good. God is Great. You can't measure Him. Checkmate! Amen.

Lemon Basil Chicken The Bible doesn't specifically mention basil, but it does garlic, onion and chicken. ☺ 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.'

Ingredients:

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| 1 ½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts , cut into ¾-inch pieces
(pre-cooked, shredded chicken can be used, such as from Kwik Trip) | |
| ½ yellow onion (finely chopped, about 1 cup) | 1 Tbsp olive oil |
| 4 cloves garlic (minced) | 2 Tbsp soy sauce |
| ¼ tsp black pepper | 1 Tbsp lemon zest |
| 5 c. baby spinach leaves (about 5 ounces) | 2 Tbsp lemon juice (freshly squeezed) |
| 2 c. fresh Basil leaves | salt and pepper to taste |



Directions: In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium. Add the onion and cook, stirring often, until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 additional seconds. Add the chicken, increase the heat to medium high, and let cook for 3 minutes, browning all sides. Stir in the soy sauce and black pepper. Let cook until the chicken is completely cooked through, about 3 minutes longer. Stir in the spinach a few handfuls at a time, letting the heat of the pan wilt it as you go. Stir in the lemon zest, lemon juice, and basil. Cook and stir just until the basil is wilted, about 1 additional minute. Taste and season with additional salt or pepper as desired. Serve warm with rice as desired.

Christian Song Trivia

Can you guess the song & singer from its first two lines?

1. "Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me"
2. "There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope"
3. "I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night"
4. "Our God is greater, our God is stronger God,
You are higher than any other"
5. "Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart"

Crafting Night will be held on Wednesday, August 6 @ 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, stitched cards, and hand-stitched card holders. 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 kits, supplies, and snacks for everyone who attends.

Calling All Singers!

Come and make a joyful noise with Senior Choir!

Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00pm will mark the first choir practice of the upcoming 2025-26 Season!



If you are High School age and up, please come and join us! We are NOT a closed group. We are NOT a clique. NO auditions! NO music reading skills required. If you **love to sing, you are most welcome! Can't come to every practice or make it every Sunday? That's ok. If you're able to join us 50% of the time, it will still work!**

LWR Baby Care Kits

Girls & Boys Clothing (sizes 6-24 mos.):

(No fleece, polar fleece or microfiber clothing accepted)

- *2 cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- *2 long or short pajama sets (tops & bottoms may be used)
- *1 jacket or hoodie sweatshirt

Gently used, clean clothing (no stains or tears) from rummage sales or thrift/dollar stores are acceptable substitutes.

Bath Items:

- *1 cotton or cotton-blend hand towel (dark color, 15"x18")
 - *Bath-size gentle soap (2 - 9 oz or 3 - 8 oz with original wrapping, no mini or hotel size)
- Thanks for your support!**

Song Trivia Answer Key

1. *Mighty to Save* – Hillsong Worship
2. *Holy Spirit* – Francesca Battistelli
3. *Good, Good Father* – Chris Tomlin
4. *Our God* – Chris Tomlin
5. *Lord, I Need You* – Matt Maher



7-Up Salad

Shared by Carol Erickson in *Recipes & Memories* –ATLC Cookbook, 1996

2 3-oz pkgs. lemon Jello	3 bananas	2 Tbsp. flour
2 c. boiling water	1 Tbsp. butter	1 20-oz can. crushed pineapple, drained (save juice)
1 c. marshmallows	1/2 c. sugar	1 pkg. Dream Whip, prepared
2 c. 7-Up	1 egg	

Dissolve Jello in boiling water. Add marshmallows and stir to dissolve. Add the 7-Up. Let partially set. Add drained, crushed pineapple and 3 bananas. Cook butter, sugar, egg, flour, and pineapple juice until thickened. Cool and fold in prepared Dream Whip. Spread over Jello.



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One-Night Vacation Bible School

THIS YEAR'S THEME: "PUT ON FAITH"

TUES., AUG. 12TH, 6-7:30 PM

FOR AGES 4 THRU 6TH GRADE.

REGISTRATION FORMS IN NARTHEX.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 😊

Volunteers Needed for Fair Booth

If you are interested in serving for a specific time in the Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church booth at the Adams County Fair (Aug. 21-24), please contact Danna. Pick your time! If there are many volunteers, we will be able to cover the entire time while each serves for short periods.

School Supplies: School sales have begun. Be on the lookout for the following items needed for the *LWR school kits and ♦Stuff the Bus

- *70-sheet spiral 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)
- *24 count crayons (Crayola brand preferred)
- *2 ½" erasers (like the large pink ones)
- ♦Other supplies: pencil pouches/supply boxes, backpacks, 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...

