

Trinity Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Pen November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our fiscal year is soon coming to a close, and our finance committee will draft next year's budget. Now is a good time to consider what Trinity Church in Arkdale means to you. Think about all the programs and ministries that you love and would like to support and how you can get involved.



Your offering & gifts to the church supports so much! First - our worship services. Your support keeps the lights on, candles lit, and the building maintained and heated. It provides salaries for our church secretary, who organizes us, does all the paperwork, printing, annual reports and helps me, your Pastor. I am called to give pastoral support, home visitation, oversee our youth and adult education programs and the sacraments, be your voice and presence in the community (like being a chaplain for the Adams Co. Sheriff's Department), plus lead worship and bring God's Word to you every week. Your gifts make this all possible.

A percentage of our budget goes to local and at-large benevolence, which provide safe spaces for women and children, and grants seeds and tools to help others support themselves; your gift helps offer mental health services for those suffering from war, violence and natural disasters, supplies food and medical supplies for those needing care, and helps stock our local food pantry.

Your offering also supports college campus ministries, Bible camps, and seminaries; training the next generation of Pastors and leaders.

Pray for Christ's work that transpires through our congregation and the hands of those here, and pray how you may be able to support that work. Please consider filling out your pledge & talent sheet and then return by November 9th, Commitment Sunday.

Our gifts combined give aid and share God's word locally & around the globe. **There is so much good we do, especially when we join our gifts together.**

O what joy is ours in the Lord, *Pastor Terri*

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER:

7-8 Lefsa making

10 Cantata & Dessert Extravaganza

11 Bake Sale Treats due by 2:00pm

12 Bake Sale

14 Kid's Christmas Program

25 Jesus' Birthday!!

Thank You to all of the Worship and Churchwide Assistants!

Snow Shovelers

Nov. 1-7	Hank Sauer & Dean Weibel, & John Stormoen
Nov. 8-14	Glenn Quinnell & Garret Gould
Nov. 15-21	Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky
Nov. 22-28	Tim & Mary Jo Meyer
Nov. 29-Dec. 5	Kurt Mikolite & Todd McLaughlin

Month of November Volunteers

Altar Guild: Kris Peterson,
Roxanne Irey and Shelby Hobbick
Garbage: Brian & Donna Olson
Fellowship Hosts: Church Council
Food Pantry: Meagan Grabarski

Flowers

Liturgist

Ushers

Nov. 2	Derek & Krista Pavelec	Roxanne Irey	Ed Heideman & Garret Gould
Nov. 9		Tom Guzman	John Stormoen & Zach Hobbick
Nov. 16		Sandy Willis	Tom Guzman & Sue McIntosh
Nov. 23		Mike Kuss	Steve Peterson & Derek Pavelec
Nov. 30	Penny Ross	Mike Willis	Marge Edwards & Crystal M. Nawrot

Bulletin/Worship Sponsorship

Worship Greeter/s

Acolytes

Nov. 2	Barb Albrecht	Crystal M. Nawrot	Kendel Quinnell & Raylee Pavelec
Nov. 9	Steve & Danna Peterson	Leif & Vickie Pedersen	Gavin Baggs & Archer Ostby
Nov. 16		Carrie Easterly	Ava Nawrot & Karlie Amundson
Nov. 23	Ray & Karen Groskinsky	Becky Oleson	Avery & Ellie Christensen
Nov. 30		Becky Pease	Mathias Hoernke & Amari Hoernke

Lector

Camera

Counters

Nov. 2	Kurt Mikolite	Brayden Hendricksen	Nov. 3	Nancy Sauer & Maria Janisch
Nov. 9	Kari Banovec	Jaxson Nawrot	Nov. 10	Tom Guzman & Sue McIntosh
Nov. 16	Sarah Wright	Izzy Nawrot	Nov. 17	Sue McIntosh & Marge Edwards
Nov. 23	Jeff Chase	Raylee Pavelec	Nov. 24	Marge Edwards & Barb Albrecht
Nov. 30	Lloyd Waller	Davion Hoernke	Dec. 1	Barb Albrecht & Sharon Guzman

Look for the sign-up sheet for altar flowers on the narthex table. Donations are welcomed.



November Food Pantry Donation Idea

**What did the turkey say to the turkey
hunter on Thanksgiving Day?**

Quack, quack!

Thanksgiving is right around the corner...please consider placing in the food pantry shopping cart the fixings for others to enjoy a wonderful feast.

PUMPKIN SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE!

Happy Thanksgiving to You and Yours!

Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church Women



Many thanks to

Pat Murphy &

Dennis McClyman

**for painting around
the church grounds.**

**Your talents and care are truly
appreciated — everything looks
refreshed and inviting thanks to
your time and efforts!**

Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2025

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

Approve Agenda: The agenda was amended to add under New Business: 4. Safety Team. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Carrie/Dana Henriksen. Carried.

Opening devotion/prayer: Pastor read Col. 3: Teach and admonish in the name of Christ, being Christ focused.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the Sept. minutes was made by Gretchen/Mike. Carried.

Approve Treasurer's Report: Sept. budget was reviewed. Motion to approve by Dana/Carrie. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Visits in last 6 weeks: 14; At rest: 3; At the Altar: none; At the font: 3; Other: Last month we hosted the Pastor's local conference meeting. Pastor attended a lovely Fall Synod Pastor's Fall Conference in September and a course called "Protecting Your House of Worship" in Berlin. November 9 is set for Commitment Sunday. Advent begins November 30. There are two applicants for membership.

Next Council Meeting will be Mon., Nov. 10, 2025 @ 5:00 pm. Note time change as we begin budget process.

Old Business:

- ♦ Wi-fi /phones update: Wi-fi was updated on September 9, 2025, with Spectrum. Landline # is 608-939-1041, service call is scheduled to complete installation; Elevator # is 608-939-1039. Cell phone was added to the package. Cell # is 608-564-7920; it will receive and forward calls to other phone, will be able to use around the building, can serve as an answering machine and can forward to the Doorbell/Ring service. We need to clarify the cell phone cost with Spectrum.
- ♦ Doorbell/Ring Service: Doorbell/ Ring Service: waiting for outlet placement at the front door.
- ♦ Church Long Range Plan: Council still plans to form a committee at the January Congregational Meeting. It was suggested that we go out 3-5 years, defining our Purpose, Goals, Strengths and Weaknesses.
- ♦ Chip Sealing: No plans yet.
- ♦ Solar Project: Permits and approvals have been acquired. Install could be 3-5 weeks out. We will ask Mike Kuss to contact Kyle for an update. Committee is to meet October 26. Remove pine trees that are dying.
- ♦ Tailgate Brunch and Raffle: Duties were finalized.
- ♦ Outreach Coordinator Position: 1 interested person. Discussion on what position entails; a new description to be drawn up. Upcoming dates: Ladies Night Out: Nov. 9, Let it Glow by Dec. 1, & Trunk or Treat: Oct. 26.

New Business:

- ♦ Commitment Sunday is November 9, 2025.
- ♦ Budget Planning (final approved) due by December 8, 2025.
- ♦ Annual Meeting Date: Sunday, January 25, 2026.
- ♦ Safety Team: There is need to meet with ushers, etc. who are part of worship and create a team to train for emergencies, active shooter, etc. There is also need for a planning committee to identify all who may be part of the Safety Team.

Committee Reports:

- ♦ Education Ministry: 5th & 6th grade will start 1st Communion classes. Nov. 2 will be First Communion Sunday along with Bible Sunday. Work has started for the Christmas Program.
- ♦ Outreach Committee: Pastor & Cathy W. will meet regarding the person interested in the position.
- ♦ Property Committee: will meet on October 7, 2025.
- ♦ TLCW: Will meet on Oct. 19.
- ♦ Care & Creation Committee: Will meet Oct. 26.

Motion to adjourn by Carrie/Cathy. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Secretary

NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		*Office open: 9 am— 2:30 pm				1 Turn Clocks Back
2 All-Saints 9:00-Worship w/ Bibles, 1st Comm, & New Members 10:00-Education, Fellowship, & Sharing Table	3* 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	4* Election Day Harvest Dinner: 11am - 1pm 4:30-6:30 pm	5 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 6:00-Choir & Confirmation 6:45-Cantata Practice	6*	7	8
9 Commitment Sunday 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education, Fellowship, & Care/Creation Mtg	10* 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study 5:00-Council	11* 8:30 Quilting	12 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 6:00-Choir & Confirmation 6:45-Cantata Practice	13* Newsletter Items Due	14	15
16 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education, Fellowship, & Sharing Table	17* 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	18* 8:30 Quilting	19 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 6:00-Choir & Confirmation 6:45-Cantata	20*	21	22 8:30-Noon LWR kit drop -off @ Wis. Rapids
23 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education & Fellowship	24* 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	25* 8:30 Quilting	26 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 6:00-Choir & Confirmation 6:30-Cantata	27 Thanksgiv- ing Day— Office Closed	28	29
30 Advent Begins 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education(?) Fellowship, & Sharing Table						

Ramp Hill Loan Update

The ramp hill loan is gradually getting paid off. The principal amount owed is \$30,957.65. This is after the January congregational meeting approved a budget to pay \$15,800 ASAP in advance to save interest money. This money was budgeted in anticipation of income. We continue to make a \$400 payment each month and estimate about half of that is principal.

We continue to receive income each month from those who committed to helping make the payments several years ago when we did a survey. We are also receiving some gifts in memory of loved ones or people just trying to help pay off the loan. We did sell the excess stone and brick for \$1600. Income in excess of the \$400 payment is returned to the general budget to pay back the anticipated \$15,800 paid in advance. Total receipts including the \$1,600, are \$6,875.57 as of 9/23/25. This means we still need \$8,924.43 to meet the budget expense for 2025.

Many would like to move forward to building the canopy. This was estimated to cost about \$40,000 and the ramp hill was designed to accommodate this project. Please keep the loan and the canopy in mind when designating your project gifts to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Quinnell, Ramp Hill Chair

Christian Song Trivia

Can you guess the song & singer from its first two lines? (answers on p. 6)

1. "The weapon may be formed, but it won't prosper
When the darkness falls, it won't prevail"
2. "When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own"
3. "I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire"
4. "Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?"
5. "You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High"

Thank you to Cathy Westover for the purchase and donation of 5 handset phones for the church building! We truly appreciate the gift! Hopefully, we will no longer have phone issues. Our phone number here is still the same: 608-564-7920.



Outreach Opportunity

Making our community and others aware of our church and God.

As you read this, October will be ending. On Oct 26, Trinity participated in the annual county 'Trunk or Treat' event at the fairgrounds. The trunk was decked out with decorations, and each child was given a bag with a glow-in-the-dark 'Let Your Light Shine' star as well as information about our worship, education, and fellowship times.

NOW, GET READY FOR DEC 1ST!! LET IT GLOW EVENT...

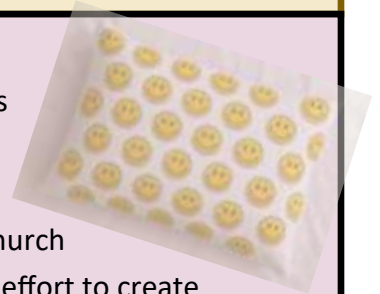
This is a friendly light decorating competition in Adams county. Residents are welcome to drive around town, enjoy the decorations, and vote for their favorite. With our large nativity banner and lights out front, lighted nativity and wreath at lower entrance, and perhaps a few additions to our outdoor space, we could create a truly beautiful scene. Any donated religious outdoor decorations and lights are welcome, and can also be returned after the Christmas season. ALL DECORATIONS MUST BE UP AND DISPLAYED BY DEC 1st. NONE can be ADDED AFTER THAT, PER COMPETITION RULES. Let's show our whole community the real reason for the season! If you are interested in helping or donating, please contact the church office.

The next Crafting Night will be held Wednesday, November 5 @ 5:55pm

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to create a Christmas craft. Kits are prepared with all materials supplied. Usually we finish within 90 minutes. Enjoy a fun evening of crafting, snacking, & socializing. No experience necessary. 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 and snacks.

MILES OF PILLOWCASE SMILES

TLCW quilters recently sewed 27 colorful, themed pillowcases for children hospitalized due to cancer, injuries and other illnesses. Amy Guzman learned of Ryan's Case for Smiles in her UW Health employee newsletter and inquired whether the church quilting group would be interested in joining the nation-wide effort to create 40,000 pillowcases during September 2025, one for each child in cancer treatment on any day in the United States. Ryan's Case for Smiles is a nonprofit group helping children cope with treatment for serious illness. The Madison chapter is associated with American Family Children's Hospital. Special thanks to quilters Karen Janssen, Karen Meunier, and Sharon Guzman and to Amy Guzman for delivering the pillowcases to the collection point in Middleton, WI.



Stewardship Idea: **Spread Kindness**— This month try complimenting a stranger or a co-worker. Just a small “You’re doing great!” can make their day. Take note if your kind act spreads out to reach others, too.

Bible Moment: Bible Moment: The greatest love story in 50 words:

God made.
Adam bit.
Noah arked.
Abraham split.
Jacob fooled.
Joseph ruled.
Bush talked.
Moses balked.
Pharaoh plagued.

People walked.
Sea divided.
Tablets guided.
Promise landed.
Saul freaked.
David peeked.
Prophets warned.
Jesus born.
God walked.

Love talked.
Anger crucified.
Hope died.
Love rose.
Spirit flamed.
Word spread.
God remained.



KFC – Kids For Christ:

- ★ Nov. 2-5th & 6th gr. kids will take their **First Communion** and 3rd gr. & 4K kids will receive their **Bibles**.
- ★ **Christmas Program is December 14 at 9am.** Please have kids here no later than 8:30.
- ★ **Possible Christmas prog. Practice** Sunday Nov. 30th. Notes will be sent.
- ★ **No classes** Dec. 21 & Dec. 28th.
- ★ **No Confirmation** classes Nov. 26, Dec. 24 & 31st.
- ★ **Bible Verse:** Psalm 9:1 I will give **thanks** to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- ★ **Activity:** Paper plate turkey.
Need paper plate, leaves real or fake, and piece of card-stock or foam to make turkey face, googly eyes or marker and glue. Collect leaves and glue to plate. Make the shape of the turkey face: eyes, beak a little read for under it and attach to plate. Voila!
- ★ **Table Talk:** What is your favorite part of fall? Favorite leaf color? What are you most thankful for? Could write this on the leaves...
- ★ **Prayer:** God is Good. God is great. Let us thank Him for our food. By his hands we are all fed. Thank you Lord for daily bread. Amen.



Song Trivia Answers

1. See a Victory –
Elevation Worship
2. Stand In Your Love –
Josh Baldwin
3. Hosanna –
Hillsong UNITED
4. You Are My King
(Amazing Love) –
Billy Foote/Newsboys
5. What a Beautiful Name -
Hillsong Worship

Interested in membership? Contact Pastor Terri or Danna in the church office. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex. We would love to have you join our mission and service at Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church!
All are welcome!



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Sharing Table Update

The sharing table will again be set up on four upcoming Sundays for gently used, but no longer needed, Holiday household decor (Fall/Thanksgiving/Winter/Christmas) items to share with others who would enjoy repurposing them. Please share and claim as desired on the following dates: **Nov. 2, Nov. 16, Nov. 30, and Dec. 14**

Yard Cleanup—Help Needed!

The yard clean up date has been set for **Nov. 8 at 9AM.** Please plan to come and help winterize our property. Bring rakes and leaf blowers. We need your help to prepare for winter by setting out shovels and salt. We will also drain and store water hoses. We hope to see you there.



THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's Tailgate Brunch and Raffle Event a success!! Many hands made it amazing!

- * Raffle Basket donators & bidders
- * Brunch cooks & patrons
- * Servers and kitchen crew
- * Raffle organizers



Time & Talent Forms

Please turn in forms by (or at)
The Commitment Worship Service
on

-Sunday, November 9-

Even if you do not plan to make any changes, please complete the 2025 form. This will help us compile our data and more efficiently schedule and budget.

Thank you for all you do to help our congregation *Make Christ Known!*