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### ***From the Pastor's Pen — March 2026***

Dear Friends,

St. Patrick's day is celebrated this month, and immediately we think of clovers, and green stuff, and things like buttons that say "kiss me today I'm Irish". But who was St. Patrick? What did he actually do?

First, he was born near Dumbarton, Scotland in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. His father was a deacon in their church. At age 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders, spending 6 years as a captive, working as a shepherd. As he turned to his faith for solace, his faith deepened. He did escape back to Britain, but he had a vision to go back to Ireland to evangelize folks to Christianity. After some training, he did go back to share Christ with them, and he was a vital part of God's plan to establish Christian churches and spread faith in Jesus throughout Ireland.

Now there are some legends also about him including driving out snakes, but there is no evidence of snakes on the island. And it is said that he had used the 3-leaf clover (shamrock) to teach about the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And according to [britannica.com](http://britannica.com), St. Patrick's life are documented in two of his writings. One is the "Confessio", a biography, and the other is the "Letters to Coroticus" which denounces the bad treatment of Irish Christians.

Because of Patrick's faith and commitment to the work of Christ, he was declared a saint, although the Catholic Church has never formally canonized him, in part due to the era he was from. The Feast Day of March 17 is thought to be the anniversary of his death around 460AD.

It's amazing to think about how this day is celebrated in all kinds of cultural and religious festivities all around the world. Now I'm not Irish; however, I have been known to wear green on this day. Just think of it, one of God's evangelists, who put his life on the line to go back to Ireland to preach about Jesus Christ, did just that – and look at the millions from then till today who could possibly trace their faith roots back to St. Patrick?! God indeed had a plan – and Patrick was given the vision – and did his part. Who could you tell about Jesus?

**Acts 13:47, 'I have set you to be a light for the gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'** Mark 16:15, Jesus said, **"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."**

—Pastor Terri



PS: Thank you for your prayers for my mother, Sandy, who was hospitalized for pneumonia in February. She is recovering nicely and is now home. PPS: Let me know if interested in a monthly crochet/knitting meet up...

**Scholarship Applications** are due to the TLCW Committee by **March 31, 2026**. Turn all forms in to the office. (Late, missing, or incomplete forms will not be accepted.)

**Thank you** Mike & Sandy Willis for the needed donation of chair leg caps. We are also grateful to all who helped remained after worship to replace broken or missing caps on the chairs in the Fellowship Hall.



# Thank You!

## March Volunteers

**Altar Guild:** Terri Soley, Barb Albrecht  
& Kathy Kuss

**Garbage:** Steve and Kris Peterson

**Food Pantry:** Penny Ross

Fellowship Hosts	
Mar. 1	Tony & Ramona Forman & Choir Members
Mar. 8	Sunday School Students, Teachers, Parents
Mar. 15	Brian & Donna Olson and Choir Members
Mar. 22	Sunday School Students, Teachers, Parents
Mar. 29	TLCW Bake Sale—No Fellowship

Snow Shovelers		Counters	
Mar. 2-8	Glenn Quinnell & Garret Gould	Mar. 2	Deb McClyman & Sharon Guzman
Mar. 9-15	Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky	Mar. 9	Deb McClyman & Vickie Pedersen
Mar. 16-22	Dennis McClyman & Zach Hobbick	Mar. 17	Vickie Pedersen & Robin Hansen
Mar. 23-29	Tim & Mary Jo Meyer	Mar. 23	Robin Hansen & Marge Edwards
Mar. 30-Apr. 5	Kurt Mikolite & Dennis Wright	Mar. 30	Marge Edwards & Tom Guzman

	Acolyte/s	Bulletin Sponsor	Ushers
Mar. 1	Owen & Karlie Amundson	Jim & Jody Allen	Ed Heideman & Zach Hobbick
W. Mar. 4	Kendel Quinnell		Tom Guzman
Mar. 8	Connley & Elayna Meyer	Steve & Danna Peterson	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka
W. Mar.11	Ellie Christensen		Garret Gould
Mar. 15	Archer & Asher Ostby	Penny Ross	Marge Edwards & Derek Pavelec
W. Mar.18	Ava Nawrot		John Stormoen
Mar. 22	Mathias & Amari Hoernke	Steve & Danna Peterson	Crystal Nawrot & Hank Sauer
W. Mar.25	Raylee Pavelec		Danna Peterson
Mar. 29	Gavin & Gabriella Baggs	Mike & Sandy Willis	Steve Peterson & Kris Peterson

	Lector	Camera	Liturgist	Greeter/s
Mar. 1	Meagan Grabarski	Connley Meyer	Mike Kuss	Jeff Chase
W. Mar. 4	Sandy Willis	Ashtin Quinnell	—	Hank & Nancy Sauer
Mar. 8	Tara Farrell	Brayden Hendricksen	Tom Guzman	John Stormoen
W. Mar.11	Sandy Pheiffer	Avery Christensen	—	Amy Franckowiak
Mar. 15	Garret Gould	Raylee Pavelec	Mike Willis	Leif & Vickie Pedersen
W. Mar.18	Jeff Chase	Jaxson Nawrot	—	Barb Bennett
Mar. 22	Lily Bittner	Davion Hoernke	Roxanne Irey	Penny Ross
W. Mar.25	Krista Pavelec	Kendel Quinnell	—	Tony & Ramona Forman
Mar. 29	Rich Grabarski	Izzy Nawrot	Mike Kuss	Zach & Shelby Hobbick

## **Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2026**

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

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

**Approve agenda:** The agenda was amended to add item #1 to New Business: Arch Solar Update. Motion to approve amended agenda by Carrie/Leif. Carried.

**Opening Devotion and Prayer:** from Exodus 18; trustworthiness and working together.

**Approve January 12, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Dana/Cathy. Carried.

**Approve Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Mike/Leif. Carried.

**Review Budget to Date Report & Year End Report:** Treasurer explained, under budget to date.

**Pastor's Report:** Shut-in visits: 7; At Rest: (1 on 1/24 and 1 on 4/06; At the Altar: 1 in August; At the Font: 1 on March 15; Other: Pastor will be taking time off May 31(?) and July 19. Pulpit supply needed. Safety Sunday will be March 1. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18 with communion. March 7 is Pizza Making. Easter Sunday April 5.

**Set Next Meeting:** March 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

### **Old Business:**

Lead Workshop: no one attended

Long Range Planning: Suggested to do a 3-5 year plan. All committees

should have input. Carrie will get a template of a Charter for Committees. Council will contact those who signed up for the Planning Committee and let them know that Council is working on some guidelines.

Safety Review: Pastor has cameras for Parish Hall North exit and front entryway. There was discussion on the possible use of cameras inside the facility in the future. We are still working on getting some professionals to come and talk to us about fire safety and sheriff's department to discuss other safety concerns. (i.e. concealed carry, etc.)

### **New Business:**

Arch Solar Update: On March 5, 2026, Charles the lead from Arch Solar will be here at 10:00 am to do markings, etc. Construction should start on April 02/03. On April 7 there will be a power outage to the building for 6 hours while they tie into the grid.

### **Committee Reports:**

Education: No report. FYI: Pastor has 2 students to confirm – she is working with them.

Outreach: March 7 is Kids Day

Property Committee: Discussed sealing area in front of the wall and striping it. Thermometer in Narthex: Glenn would like more transparency for giving to the Ramp Hill. The treasurer will try to include in bulletin and other publications. April 18 at 9:00 am will be Spring Clean Up date.

Care & Creation Committee: Danna Peterson has suggested a new church cookbook sale with proceeds going to the Ramp Hill Solar Panel Project.

**Set Agenda Items for March Meeting;** Old Business: 1. Long Range Planning; 2. Arch Solar Construction; 3. Safety Review. New Business: 1. Charter template; 2. Fundraisers

**The meeting was adjourned** at 7:00 p.m. closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His Service, Sandy Willis, Sec.



# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00-Worship (Safety Sunday) 10:00-Education & Fellowship 	<b>2*</b> 9:30-Exercise Class  <b>3:30-Bible Study</b>	<b>3*</b> <b>8:30-Quilting</b>	 <b>4</b> 9:30-Exercise 4:44-Crafting 5:30-Choir 6-Confirmation 7-Worship Svc.	<b>5*</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Noon-1pm Pizza Order Pickup @ Comm. Ctr.  <b>Turn clocks            ahead tonight!</b>
<b>8 DAYLIGHT            SAVINGS STARTS</b> 9:00-Worship  10:00-Education & Fellowship	<b>9*</b> 9:30—Exercise  <b>3:30-Bible Study</b>  <b>5:30-Council</b>	<b>10*</b> 8:30- Quilting	<b>11*Office Open</b> 9:30-Exercise  5:30-Choir 6-Confirmation 7-Worship Svc.	<b>12            OFFICE            CLOSED</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00-Worship w/ Olson Baptism  10:00-Education & Fellowship	<b>16            OFFICE            CLOSED</b> <b>9:30—Exercise</b>  <b>3:30-Bible Study</b>	<b>17*</b> 8:30- Quilting	<b>18</b> 9:30-Exercise  5:30-Choir 6-Confirmation 7-Worship Svc.	<b>19*</b>	<b>20*Office            Open</b>  <b>First Day            of Spring</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00-Worship  10:00-Education & Fellowship 	<b>23*</b> <b>9:30—Exercise</b>  <b>3:30-Bible Study</b>	<b>24*</b> 8:30- Quilting	<b>25</b> 9:30-Exercise  5:30-Choir 6-Confirmation 7-Worship Svc.	<b>26*</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Palm            Sunday</b> 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education  <b>10:00 TLCW            Bake Sale</b>	<b>30*</b> <b>9:30—Exercise</b>  <b>3:30-Bible Study</b>	<b>31*</b> 8:30- Quilting  	<p>*open office days (note day changes for the weeks of 3/9 &amp; 3/16)            Normal Office Hours: 9:00 am—2:30 pm on Mon./Tues./Thurs.</p>			

## Kathy Murphy's Community Outreach Report—March 2026

**'Buck-a-Chick...** There are chicks in the back of the church! This is an event that is put on by Lutheran World Relief. Your gift of a dollar (a buck) to purchase a chick to color, makes a world of difference! It provides a family in need, in various countries, with eggs to eat and sell at market. With your gift you can help a family escape hunger for good. Adults, youth, and children are welcome to purchase and color a chick. 1. Put a buck in the feeding pail (bills and change accepted). 2. Pick a chick (coloring sheet). 3. Take home and color any way you want. 4. Name your chick. 5. Add your name. 6. Bring your colored chick back to church and clip onto the chicken pen.



### Upcoming events:

**Kids Day-** April 25, 10:00am-1:00pm at the A-F high school. Come for the fun, games, crafts, and more. Our church will have a booth.

**Senior Fair-** May 15 (More details to follow...)

A special THANK YOU to **CATHY WESTOVER AND SAND VALLEY** for the generous donation to Community Outreach for supplies for Kids Day and Senior Fair.

**Easter Plants: Look for the sign-up sheet on the narthex table. Plants may be given in honor or memory of someone, or just to beautify the church space.**



### March Food Pantry

Which vegetable did Noah leave off the ark?

*Leeks!*

This month, plan on filling the shopping cart with vegetables of all kinds...even leeks!

The TLCW thank you for all your donations and send a big *THANK YOU* to our awesome food pantry drivers!

**Cranberry Snack Pouches are available in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds benefit TLCW. Purchase these delicious and healthy snacks for \$1.50 per pouch or 4 pouches for \$5.00. Thank you Leif & Vickie Pedersen for your generous donation to the TLCW group!**



**Thank you** to the many **snow shoveling volunteers** who kept our property safe for our use this past winter season. We all appreciate your watchful eye, time, and effort to care for the safety of others.

### Looking Ahead In April

**April 2** Maundy Thursday Dinner (sign up)

**April 3** Good Friday Service @ 7pm

**April 5** Easter Sunday Worship @ 9am

**April 18** Spring Yard Cleanup @ 9am

**April 19** Rogation Sunday

**April 26** Youth-Led Worship @ 9am

**REMINDER: Pizza pickup will be Saturday, March 7 at the Adams Community Center from 12-1pm.**



Interested in membership? Contact Pastor Terri or Danna in the church office. Forms are available in the Narthex. Join our mission in fellowship, worship, love, and service!

## KFC – Kids For Christ

- ★ Saturday **March 7<sup>th</sup> Pizza making** – volunteers are encouraged.
- ★ **Pizza pick-up** is also March 7<sup>th</sup> -noon till 1 pm @ Adams Community Center
- ★ **Sun. School families** are serving fellowship Sundays March 8 & 22 (9:45 set up).
- ★ April 26 is **Youth Led worship** – each child will participate in the service.
- ★ **Bible Verse:** Isaiah 40:31, ‘those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles.’
- ★ **Activity:** Fly a kite. National Kite Day was back in January. But this is a great month to enjoy God’s great outdoors. Don’t have one? There are many how to videos on the Web or check at the library.
- ★ **Table Talk:** What do you like about Kite flying? Do you feel like it’s soaring like an eagle or a hawk? What is the hardest part? When we rely on Jesus, he makes living a bit easier for us – and our hearts can ‘take off’ better.
- ★ **Prayer:** O Lord, lift my heart like You lift a kite above the ground. Let me rise to start each day and praise you. I cannot do it by myself. You are the gust of wind that lifts me up and guides me. Amen.



**Bible Moment:** *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.”*

– *Hebrews 12:1*

Who has been a witness to you concerning faith in Jesus – the “how’s” of faith? Who helped guide you? Name them & give thanks for them.

Stewardship Idea: Thinking about replacing your turf grass? Consider planting pollinator-friendly clover. No chemicals, no weekly mowing... pet friendly...



Fellowship Hosts are needed for the weeks in April & May. If you are willing to be a host, please sign up in the kitchen or contact Barb Albrecht (715-491-1554), Kathy Kuss (608-339-9244), or Danna Peterson (608-564-7920). We are available for assistance as needed!

## Ramp Hill Update

The ramp hill project was mostly completed in 2024. We still need to finish our name on the wall, which is estimated at \$14,615 for the LED lit sign, or over \$5,000 for letters only without any lighting. We also need to wire the outlets on the top patio. The current power comes from the cross light through an extension cord. New wiring is estimated at \$2,000.

We have a loan of about \$30,000. The 2026 time and the talent survey indicates people plan to give \$7,310 which amounts to \$609 per month. This means that we should pay off this loan in about five years or less! Additional gifts given would pay the loan off even quicker! We hope to start building the canopy as soon as we pay off this loan.

We thank you for your continued support. —The ramp hill committee

## **Abbreviated Unapproved TLCW Meeting Minutes—January 11, 2026**

**The regular meeting was called to order** at 10:10 am by President Gretchen Wetzel.

**Devotions** were given by Sharon Guzman- Psalm 27

**The agenda** was approved by Kris Bougie and seconded by Sandy Pheiffer

**The Treasurer's report** was approved with a motion by Becky Oleson/Sandy Pheiffer.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Social Media**-Please inform Sandy Pheiffer of anything you would like posted.

**Quilting**-Sharon reported that this group could use more people.

**World Ministry**-There are some new guidelines for baby kits. These will be posted on the website. (Navigate to the ATLC website, click on the Resources tab, choose Lutheran World Relief, select the kits tab, and then click on the baby kits link. Information is here.)

**Fellowship**-There is \$72 in the fellowship fund. We are in need of hosts in March, April & May. We will put information in the newsletter to let people know of our need.

**Funeral Groups**- New names were added to the lists. Phone numbers will be added. We will see how the new process works. Looking to find a better way to communicate and a location to find phone numbers.

**Food Pantry**-Would like a list of what the pantry needs.

**Scholarship**-We are aware of seven potential recipients. Terri will be working to get information out in the February newsletter. Applications are due at end of March. Discussion on how and who will pick the recipients.

**Crafting**-It seems to be going well.

### **Upcoming events:**

**Palm Sunday Bake Sale**- Terri and Penny will set up Saturday. Penny has the pricing sheet. Cranberries will also be for sale.

**Christmas Bake Sale:** Need to increase platter prices. Sandy Pheiffer and Kris Bougie will organize and secure ACT for this year's sale. (December 11, 2026). Plating organizers will be Terri Soley and Becky Oleson. They will also organize and contact others to help with transporting and unloading the platters. Donna Olson will create fliers.

**Lefse**-Making this once a year. Lefse group will decide if there will be lefse at the spring bake sale. Lefse group could use more help.

**The 2026 budget** was set. It was approved with motion by Kris Bougie/Mary Jo Meyer.

**WELCA yearbooks:** Dana Henriksen will work with Danna Peterson.

**Next meeting:** In April.

**Adjourned meeting** with Lord's Prayer and motion by Gretchen Wetzel/Sandy Pheiffer.

Darlene Hovorka, Treasurer

### **Zucchini Bread** (Shared by Lillian Stormoen in *Recipes & Memories Cookbook*, p. 32)

3 eggs

1 c. raisins

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1 c. oil

1 c. chopped nuts

3 tsp. cinnamon

2 c. sugar

3 c. flour

2 tsp. vanilla

2 c. grated zucchini

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

Mix all ingredients well. Place into 1 large bread pan or 3 small pans. Bake 45 minutes at 325°.



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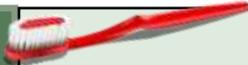
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## Annual TLCW Palm Sunday Bake Sale

March 29

Sale items will be available for purchase prior to and following the worship service. There will **not** be fellowship on this day. Please bring pre-priced items to sell and/or purchase these delicious treats!



### **PERSONAL CARE KIT INGATHERING**

Throughout the Lenten season, we as a congregation will again be collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Because of your generosity last year, we were able to put together 177 kits, an increase of 44 from 2024. And, during 2025, Lutheran World Relief itself distributed 231,811 Personal Care Kits in the US and 6 other countries. Watch for containers in the narthex and let's see if we can increase our kit number for 2026 to 200. Thank you for your anticipated donations of cash and/or any amount of the following kit contents!

- \*One bath towel (20" to 27" X 40" to 52," lightweight cotton or cotton blend, dark color recommended)
- \*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



**Help Needed!** If you are able to serve as usher or liturgist (assistant to Pastor), please contact Danna in the office @ 608-564-7920. We are very dependent on a few people in these roles, so additional volunteers allow more time between scheduled dates.