

Trinity Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Pen — April 2026

Dear Friends,

Jesus said, "Follow me." John 1:43.

Noah did wondrous things, but he also drank too much on at least one occasion.

Lazarus died, yet Jesus used his death to show the people His divine side.

Moses hung in there for 40 years - but was thought to have a stutter.

Rahab was a prostitute.

David had an affair with a woman and had her husband killed.

Ruth was a widow.

Mary and Martha argued and tattled on each other.

Jacob was a deceiver.

Saul murdered Christians before he became Paul.

Abraham was extremely old.

Peter, aka the Rock, denied knowing Jesus.

Thomas was a doubter.

Jonah was call by God – but he ran away.

Zachaeus was short and a sinner.

God doesn't call the elite and talented as not one was qualified. God is our righteousness – **He qualifies us!**

We don't always know how we fit into God's plan of action. But **be ready, you are** already part of the plan, part of His ministry here and now.

Pastor Terri

PS: My back is getting better thanks to PT and a good chiropractor and all your prayers!!

NOTE: OPEN OFFICE DAY CHANGES!!

Due to the planned power outages, the office will be closed April 6-8. Danna will be in March 30-2 and then April 9-10.



Lazy Daisy Cake

(Shared by Audrey Stormoen in *Recipes & Memories* Cookbook, p. 141)

2 eggs

1 c. sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

1 c. flour

1-1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/4 tsp. salt

1/2 c. milk

1 Tbsp. butter

Combine sugar and vanilla and beat until thick, add the dry ingredients. Heat milk and butter and add to mixture. Put in greased 8X8 pan. Bake about 35 minutes at 350°.

Topping:

1 c. brown sugar

4 Tbsp. butter, melted

1/4 c. cream or milk

1 c. nuts or coconut

Mix ingredients together, bring to boil, and then add nuts/coconut to mixture. Put on cake when it comes out of the oven, put under broiler until it is bubbly. Just a few minutes.

April Volunteers

Altar Guild: Darlene & Lloyd Hovorka, Sandy Pheiffer

Garbage: Zach & Shelby Hobbick

Food Pantry: Maggie Wahlen & Christina Clemer

**Thank You to all
ATLC Worship and
Churchwide
Assistants & Leaders!**

Snow Shovelers

Mar.30-Apr.5	Kurt Mikolite & Dennis Wright
Apr. 6-12	Bill Wahlen & Leif Pedersen
Apr. 13-19	Bob Goodhue & Garret Gould
Apr. 20-26	Hank Sauer, Dean Weibel, John Stormoen

Counters

Apr. 9*	Tom Guzman & Maggie Wahlen
Apr. 13	Maggie Wahlen & Barb Bennett
Apr. 20	Barb Bennett & Sharon Guzman
Apr. 27	Sharon Guzman & Sue McIntosh

	Lector	Camera	Liturgist	Greeter/s
Fri. Apr. 3	Mike Willis & Lloyd Waller	Karlie Amundson	n/a	Barb Bennett
Apr. 5	Lloyd Waller	Brayden Hendricksen	Roxanne Irey	
Apr. 12	Meagan Grabarski	Kendel Quinnell	Tom Guzman	Jennie Moore
Apr. 19	Kurt Mikolite	Mathias Hoernke	Mike Willis	Jill Renner
Apr. 26	George Goltz	Connley Meyer	Mike Kuss	Kathy Kuss

Acolytes

Fri. Apr. 3	Owen Amundson
Apr. 5	Ava Nawrot & Raylee Pavelec
Apr. 12	Connley & Elaynna Meyer
Apr. 19	Archer & Asher Ostby
Apr. 26	Avery & Ellie Christensen

Ushers

Fri. Apr. 3	Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky
Apr. 5	Hank Sauer & Derek Pavelec
Apr. 12	Zach Hobbick & Garret Gould
Apr. 19	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka
Apr. 26	Crystal M. Nawrot & Steve Peterson

Bulletin Sponsorship

Fri. Apr. 3	Steve & Danna Peterson
Apr. 5	Sandra Pheiffer
Apr. 12	Jim & Jody Allen
Apr. 19	Penny Ross
Apr. 26	Edith Westra

Fellowship Hosts

Fri. Apr. 3	Good Friday-No Fellowship
Apr. 5	Easter Sunday-No Fellowship
Apr. 12	Nelson Family
Apr. 19	Barb Bennett
Apr. 26	Riley Olson Family



Look for the sign-up sheet for altar flowers on the narthex table. Donations may be in honor or memory of someone, or just to beautify the church space.

Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order by President Garrett Gould at 5:33 p.m.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: From Psalm 77, how past = plans/actions in future and prayer.

Approve Agenda: Amend to add #3 Old Business: Tote Bags. Approve motion by Mike/Leif. Carried.

Approve February Council Meeting Minutes: Minutes amended to change #8 Committee Reports: change "...proceeds going to the Ramp Hill." To read "...proceeds going to the Solar Project." Motion to approve the amended February minutes made by Mike/Dana. Carried.

Approve Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Carrie/Gretchen. Carried.

Pastor's Report: 5 Shut-in visits; At Rest: 1 in Feb. and 1 in Apr.; At Altar: 1 wedding in Aug.; At the Font: 1 on Mar. 15. Other: Pastor off July 19; Easter is Apr. 5; so far 2 for Maundy Thurs. Meal; Rogation Sunday Apr. 19.

Set next meeting date: April 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

- Long Range Planning: At the Congregational meeting Zach Hobbick, Robin Hansen and Danna Peterson signed up to serve on the committee. Sharon Guzman and Kurt Mikolite would also like to serve. Garret will announce at church to see if anyone else would like to be on the committee.
- Arch Solar Construction: The area has been marked off. Construction should begin April 2 & 3. On April 6 & 7th, power will be off for most of the day to do complete the installation. Within 10 days ACEC will be out and check to do the hook up with them. By April 20 we should be online with ACEC. Once all is completed, we should get the grant of \$3186 and the 30% rebate.
- Safety Review: Pastor will review with the congregation on Sundays: fire exits, extinguishers, etc.

New Business:

- Charter Template: Carrie presented a format to use. Council liaison members should take them to their respective committees and ask to have them completed and returned to Council by April 30.
- Fundraisers: Sandy showed reuseable tote bag from her former church that could be sold as a fundraiser. Sandy will research getting more information on cost, printing of logo, etc.

Committee Reports:






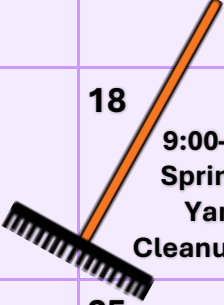
- Education: SS has had low attendance since Christmas. Pastor reached out to parents about kids attending. We are short one teacher due to work conflicts. Confirmation and SS youth working on songs and skits for the Youth led worship on Apr. 26. Adult Bible Study continuing study of David.
- Outreach: Buck-A-Chick event will end on Easter Sunday. It has been a fun successful event. April 25 is Kids Fair 10:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at High School. There will be fun crafts, games, and giveaways, Sunday School and worship brochures. ATLC will have a booth at the Duck Derby held on Sat., May 9 at Friendship Park. A 10x10 canopy is needed for the day. Please contact Kathy Murphy at 608-772-2603 if you have one she can borrow. Senior Fair is Fri., May 15 at the Community Center with a booth representing ATLC—no fee. Thank you, Kathy Murphy, from Council!!!
- Property: Krus Fire & Security will be doing an overall safety review on Wednesday, April 8.
- TLCW: Will meet in April. Bake Sale on Palm Sunday-March 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His Service, Sandy Willis, Sec.



April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* open office days 9:00 am—2:30 pm</p>			1* 4:44-Crafting 6:00-Confirmation	2* 6:00—Maundy Thursday Meal/Svc.	3 7:00-Good Friday Service	4 
			5 EASTER 9:00-Worship 	6 (Office closed due to power outage)	7 (Office closed due to power outage)	8 6:00-Choir & Confirmation
12 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education & Fellowship 	13* 3:30-Bible Study 5:30-Council	14* 8:30-Quilting 	15 6:00-Choir & Confirmation	16*	17	18 9:00—Spring Yard Cleanup 
19 Rogation Sunday 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education & Fellowship	20* 3:30-Bible Study	21* 8:30-Quilting	22 6:00-Choir & Confirmation	23*	24	25
26 9:00-Youth-Led Worship Service with Baptism 10:00-Education & Fellowship	27* 3:30-Bible Study	28* 8:30-Quilting	29 6:00-Choir & Confirmation	30*		



Looking Ahead In May
 Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day
 Fri., & Sat., May 15-16—Synod Assembly
 Sunday, May 24—Pentecost (Wear red)
 Monday, May 25—Memorial Day





April Community Outreach

A shout out to everyone who participated in the **Buck-a-Chick** event! Thank you to those who gave money and those who colored chicks. This was a fun and successful event. Buck-a-Chick ends on Easter Sunday.

Upcoming events in the community:

KIDS DAY- Saturday, April 25, 10:00am-1:00pm At Adams High School. Come for the fun, stay for the games. Come see Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church's booth!

DUCK DERBY- Saturday, May 9, 10:00am-1:00pm. Ducks race at noon. We are having a booth at this event with a duck game and duck giveaways. This will be held at Friendship park.



SENIOR FAIR- Friday, May 15, 9:00am-2:00pm at the Adams County Community Center. We will be having a booth at this event also.

WANTED TO BORROW: ONE 10x10 CANOPY FOR DUCK DERBY-MAY 9TH. If you have a canopy and willing to borrow, please contact Danna in the office, or call Kathy Murphy at 608-772-2603. THANK YOU!

Bible Moment: match the name to the description:

Adam Paul David Moses Matthew Joseph Solomon Zacchaeus
Mary Joshua Peter Samuel Jonah Noah Mary Magdeline Elijah

1. I interpreted dreams for Pharaoh.
2. I wrote many New Testament letters.
3. I tried to run away but was swallowed by a great fish.
4. God created me first.
5. I was known as wise and built the temple.
6. I received the 10 Commandments to give the people.
7. I fought a battle and led the Israelites into the Promised Land.
8. I took a chariot ride into heaven.
9. I defeated a giant, though I was young and small.
10. I anointed the first 2 kings of Israel.
11. I climbed a tree to see Jesus.
12. I collected taxes before following Jesus.
13. I was Jesus' mom.
14. God told me to build an ark using cubits for measuring.
15. I was the first to enter Jesus' tomb Easter Morning.



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

Stewardship Idea

Yard Lights Out! Yellow warblers and other birds migrate at night. Studies reveal that our lights (*light pollution*), such as yard lights, window lights, porch lights, confuse them, causing them to collide with windows and buildings. You can help by turning off unnecessary lights during migration months (Feb. – June) or consider motion sensor ones.



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 the generous donation!

KFC – Kids For Christ

★ **Youth-Led Worship is Sun., April 26**. Youth are asked to arrive at 8:30 to go over music, etc.

★ **No classes April 5 & 8th**..

★ **Bible Verse:**

2 Corinthians 5:7: “**For we walk by faith, not by sight.**”

★ **Activity:** Vibration fun: get glass bowl. Cover with plastic wrap. Find objects to test, such as curled pipe cleaners or a bottle cap. Lean up to the bowl hum at it and try humming at it with teeth against it – see if objects move.

★ **Table Talk:** We cannot see God, but we feel his presence, we see his work getting done and we know he loves us. We see what he has created all around us. Just like we can't see what is moving the objects on the bowl we do see them move. We see God by what God is doing. How do you know that God is there?

★ **Prayer:** O God, may I feel you near me through those who hug me. May I hear your voice in the wind and in the quiet and in the bird's song. May I see you in the beauty of the flowers and in fields of grain. Amen.

★ Sun, May 3 is the last day of SS and Wed., May 6 is the last Confirmation class.



Bible Moment KEY: 1 Joseph, 2 Paul, 3 Jonah, 4 Adam, 5 Solomon, 6 Moses, 7 Joshua, 8 Elijah, 9 David, 10 Samuel, 11 Zachaeus, 12 Matthew, 13 Mary, 14 Noah, 15 Mary Magdalene.

Just for Laughs: When Forest Gump died, he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "Welcome, Forest. We've heard a lot about you." He continued, "Unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here and we find that we now have to give people an entrance examination before we let them in."

"Okay," said Forest. "I hope it's not too hard. I've already been through a test. My momma used to say, 'Life is like a final exam. It's hard.' "

"Yes, Forest, I know. But this test is only three questions. Here they are." 1) Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'? 2) How many seconds are in a year? 3) What is God's first name?

"Well, sir," said Forest, "The first one is easy. Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'? Today and Tomorrow."

St. Peter looked surprised and said, "Well, that wasn't the answer I was looking for, but you have a point. I give you credit for that answer."

"The next question," said Forest, "How many seconds are in a year? Twelve."

"Twelve?" said St. Peter, surprised and confused.

"Yes, sir. January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd ..."

St. Peter interrupted him. "I see what you mean. I'll have to give you credit for that one, too."

"And the last question," said Forest, "What is God's first name? It's Andy."

"Andy?" said St. Peter, in shock. "How did you come up with 'Andy'?"

"I learned it in church. We used to sing about it." Forest broke into song, "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am His own."

St. Peter opened the gate to heaven and said, "Run, Forest, Run!"



April Food Pantry

What do you find when you swallow whole peas?

Inner Peas

I recently spoke to the Food Pantry Director and learned something I'd like to share. First of all, they are thrilled with Arkdale Trinity's monthly donations. They need everything from hygiene products to cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, soup, etc.

They would only ask that, if possible, we donate items that can be "popped opened" instead of having to use a can opener...something I didn't realize.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our community!

Thank you to our generous supporters, Trinity Lutheran Church in Arkdale received \$1029 in 2025 through the Thrivent Choice program—and every dollar has helped us continue our mission.

For more information about the Thrivent Choice program and Choice Dollars: • Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice. • Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. • Contact your Thrivent financial advisor: Wendy Goerke (608) 547-6514. Heartfelt thanks!!





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THIS MONTH- APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY IS THE 3RD

EASTER IS THE 5TH

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THE 13TH

ROGATION SUNDAY IS THE 19TH
(WEAR WORK CLOTHES)

YOUTH LED WORSHIP IS THE 26TH



Hallelujah! He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Join us for Easter
Worship Service on
Sunday, April 5 @ 9:00 am



**Spring Yard
Congregational
Cleanup Day is
April 18**

The Spring Yard Cleanup begins at 9:00 AM. Bring your rakes, leaf blowers, shovels, and bodies to help. The entire project only takes around an hour when there are enough helpers.

