

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Dear Friends,

You or I may have said this at some point or it has been said to us, "Everything happens for a reason", with the idea that if something happened - God must have ordained it, or that God caused it. And some will even add 'it's Biblical,' like somehow that should be comforting? But hold up. Yes, God's got a plan, and yes, God can do anything if he decides to do so, but the thought 'everything happens for a reason' isn't Biblical, and it leaves out the part where we have free-will.

If you just went through something horrible, I'm guessing saying 'it's God's will' wouldn't be much comfort ... telling people that God caused their tragedy? When you think of the hard stuff God caused in the Old Testament it was part of a judgment on God's part, but it was not cancer, or job loss, or an accident caused by the choice of a drunk driver. In the New Testament all judgment on sin was paid for by Jesus through his death. So, though we still sin, we who believe and seek forgiveness and repent – are forgiven, not punished.

You might think on the verse from Romans 8, "*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*" This does not mean God causes all things. This means that God can take what is broken, work within our worst moments, even things God detests, and somehow bring a bit of good out of it. No tragedy is good; and evil, death, and injustice are enemies. But for those who believe and hold onto Jesus, he is there with us in our suffering, mourning, and personal battles. The Lord is with you! O what Joy is ours! *Pastor Terri*

#### Rhubarb Cream Cake

(Shared by Beth Thurk in *Recipes & Memories* Cookbook, p. 148)

**3 cups flour**

**1-1/2 c. sugar**

**4 tsp. baking powder**

**4 c. rhubarb, cut up**

**1-1/2 c. milk**

**4-1/2 Tbsp. butter**

**1/2 tsp. salt**

Mix dry ingredients together and stir in rhubarb. Melt butter in milk and mix with dry ingredients. Pour into 9X13 pan and bake for 30 minutes at 375°.

**Sauce:**

**1 c. half & half**

**1 tsp. vanilla**

**1 Tbsp. cornstarch**

**1/2 c. butter**

**1-2 drops red food color**

Mix sugar and cornstarch in saucepan. Stir in half & half and butter. Bring to a boil stirring constantly, remove from heat and stir in vanilla and food color. Pour over hot cake which has been pierced with a meat fork. (May use cranberries or sour pie cherries in place of rhubarb.)



# THANK YOU!!

## MAY VOLUNTEERS

**Altar Guild:** Penny Ross & Sandy Willis  
**Garbage:** Donna & Brian Olson  
**Food Pantry:** Peggy Quinnell

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

Gardening		Counters	
<b>May 4-10</b>	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka	<b>May 4</b>	Sue McIntosh & Nancy Sauer
<b>May 11-17</b>	Rich & Deb Wachholz	<b>May 11</b>	Tom or Sharon Guzman & Maria Janisch
<b>May 18-24</b>	Terri Soley & Vickie Pedersen	<b>May 18</b>	Maria Janisch & Terri Soley
<b>May 25-31</b>	Tom & Sharon Guzman	<b>May 25</b>	Terri Soley & John Stormoen

	Lector	Camera	Liturgist	Ushers
<b>May 3</b>	Lily Bittner	Jameson Nawrot	Mike Kuss	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka
<b>May 10</b>	Garret Gould	Cody Hendricksen	Tom Guzman	John Stormoen & Steve Peterson
<b>May 17</b>	Zach Hobbick	Izzy Nawrot	Mike Willis	Hank Sauer & Ed Heideman
<b>May 24</b>	Jeff Chase	Karlie Amundson	Roxanne Irey	Mike Carroll & Nancy Kubina
<b>May 31</b>	Sandy Willis	Davion Hoernke	Mike Kuss	Ray Groskinsky & Tom Guzman

	Acolytes	Greeters	Bulletin Sponsorship
<b>May 3</b>	Ava Nawrot & Raylee Pavelec	Donna Turcany	Steve & Danna Peterson
<b>May 10</b>	Gavin & Gabriella Baggs	Becky Pease	Jill Renner
<b>May 17</b>	Connley & Elayna Meyer	Crystal M. Nawrot	Penny Ross
<b>May 24</b>	Archer & Asher Ostby	Dean & Shirley Weibel	Hank & Nancy Sauer
<b>May 31</b>	Mathias & Amari Hoernke	Becky Oleson	JoAnne Bublitz

	Fellowship	Lawn Mowing	
<b>May 3</b>	TLCW	<b>Week of 5/7</b>	Hank Sauer & Ed Heideman
<b>May 10</b>	No Fellowship	<b>Week of 5/14</b>	Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky
<b>May 17</b>	Nancy Kubina	<b>Week of 5/21</b>	Glenn & Peggy Quinnell
<b>May 24</b>	No Fellowship	<b>Week of 5/28</b>	John Stormoen, Dean Weibel , Kurt Mikolite



**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.**

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

## **Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2026**

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

**The meeting** was called to order by President Garret Gould at 5:37 p.m.

**Approve Agenda:** Agenda was amended to add, under New Business,: 4. New Members; 5. Potluck Picnic. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Mike/Liz. Carried.

**Opening devotion/prayer:** Pastor read from Psalm 16 followed with discussion and prayer.

**Approve March Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Carrie/Leif Pedersen. Carried.

**Approve Treasurer's Report:** Report reviewed; motion by Liz/Mike. Carried.

**Review Budget report to date:** Found to be In line with first quarter proposed budget amounts.

**Pastor's Report:** Shut-in visits: 7; At Rest: 1 on April 6 and 1 upcoming on May 2; At Altar: 1 wedding in August 2026; At Font: 1 baptism on April 26, 2026. Rogation Sunday is April 19 wear work clothes!

**Set next meeting date:** May 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

### **Old Business:**

**Long Range Planning:** Will let committee know to plan to meet before Congregational Meeting.

**Arch Solar Project:** project done and online. Committee will follow up with monies still to come in.

**Charter Templates:** Council member committee liaisons to start completing Committee Charter Templates and turn in by April 30 to Liz Hendricksen.

**Fundraising:** tabled

**Safety Review:** Krus Fire and Safety did a walk through- waiting for a report and estimates. We need to contact the church insurance company regarding safety updates: i.e. cameras.

**BMO Fees:** tabled

### **New Business:**

**Royal Bank Loan Agreement Renewal:** the \$50,000 LOC agreement needs to be renewed at 6.75% fixed rate. Motion was made to renew agreement made by Liz/Leif. Carried.

**BMO Savings Account:** Tabled

**Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting:** a) set date: May 17, 2026 b) Set agenda.

**New Members:** Sherri and Joyce Baumgart have applied for membership. Motion to receive them into membership by Liz/Carrie. Carried

**Potluck Picnic:** tentative date of August 23, 2026, depending on availability of the Lions Park.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education Ministry:** Confirmation and SS youth have begun working on Youth Led Worship for April 26. Last day of SS is May 3; May 6 for confirmation. Adult Bible group is studying David.

**Outreach:** Upcoming events: Adams County Duck Derby: May 9 – 10:00-1:00 at Friendship Park. Supplies are ordered and items are prepared. Adams County Senior Fair: May 15 – 9:00-3:00 at Community Center. Items have been purchased. Adams County 4th of July Parade: still working on. Note: Buck-A-Chick raised \$263.00

**Property:** April 18 is Spring Clean Up. Working on lawn mowing list. Discussing give-away table.

**Care & Creation Committee:** No Report, but will be meeting soon.

**The meeting was adjourned** at 6:54 p.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.

**Submitted in His Service, Sandy Willis, Sec.**

# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
					1	2 Noon-Visitation 2:00 - funeral, then desserts		
* open office days 9:00 am—2:30 pm								
<b>3 Last Day of Sunday School</b> 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education & Fellowship 10:00—Care & Creation Mtg.	4* <b>3:30-Bible Study</b>	5* 8:30-Quilting	6 4:44-Crafting 6:00—Choir & Confirmation	7* 	8	9 Luncheon in Fellowship Hall		
10  9:00-Worship 10:00-Fellowship	11* <b>3:30-Bible Study</b> <b>5:30-Council</b>	12* 8:30-Quilting	13 6:00-Choir	14* Newsletter items due	15 Synod  Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	16 Assembly		
17 9:00-Worship 10:00- Fellowship 10:15-BiAnnual Congregation Mtg	18* <b>3:30-Bible Study</b>	19* 8:30-Quilting	20	21*	22 	23		
24 <b>Pentecost</b> 9:00-Worship 	25  <b>THANK YOU!</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	26* 8:30-Quilting	27	28*	29 9:00-1:00: TLCW Brat Fry @ County Market	30		
31 9:00-Worship 10:00-TLCW Mtg.								

## May Community Outreach Report — Kathy Murphy

### Upcoming May Events:



**Adams County Duck Derby**, Saturday, May 9, 10:00am-1:00pm. Duck races start at noon @ Friendship Park (202 N. N, Main St.). Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church will have a booth with a duck beanbag game and tiny duck giveaways.

**2026 Adams County Senior Fair**, Friday, May 15, 9:00am-2:00pm. Located at the Adams Community Center (569 N. Cedar St., Adams). Free admission! There will be a plant exchange, drug takeback, health and wellness info, bingo, and much more! Our church will be having a booth with church information and free giveaways.

*Looking ahead....* Anyone interested in being in the A-F 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade? Adults, youth, and children...If you are interested , please contact Kathy at 608-772-2603, or Danna in the church office at 608-564-7920. Thank you!

### **Bible Moment**

Can you find the names of 16 books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below? I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

**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!**

**Thank you to all who donated money or items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits Project! Appreciation also to those who organized and delivered! Your generosity means so much to so many!**

**Stewardship Idea:** Consider planting a tree or a bush. They provide needed habitat. Reduce carbon and produce clean oxygen, help hold moisture in the soil and aid in prevention of soil erosion.

## KFC – Kids For Christ

★ **Watch for dates for VBS and a youth night out.**

★ **Bible Verse:** Deuteronomy 8:7-8 "For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land... a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey." (compare to the recipe's ingredients.)

★ **Activity:** May is National Salad Month; Make a Biblical - **Promised Land Salad**. Recipe is in this newsletter.

★ **Table Talk:** What is your favorite food? What about salad do you like? The leaves, the dressing, the cheese? Who do we need to thank for the food we eat? Who or what else eats salads?

★ **The Johnny Appleseed Prayer:** O the Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord, for giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the Appleseed. The Lord is good to me. Amen. Amen. (google the song).

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**Promised Land Salad:** Ingredients mentioned in the Bible: (Use all or more to taste).

**1/2 - 2 C cooked Barley:** Represents strength and humility

**1/4 C chopped Figs:** Symbolizes peace and prosperity

**1/4 C pitted & chopped Dates:** A natural sweetener representing God's goodness (honey means this too).

**1/4 C Grapes halved:** Signifies joy and blessings.

**1/4 C Pomegranate seeds:** often associated with righteousness.

**1/4 - 1/2 C Olive oil:** A gift of anointing and healing.

**Optional:** Salad Greens, mustard, honey, vinegar, chopped parsley

**1.** Combine first 5 ingredients in large bowl. **2.** Dressing: whisk together 1/4 C Olive oil, 2 T honey, 2 T vinegar & 1 T mustard or honey mustard. Salt /pepper to taste. **3.** Stir dressing with the first ingredients to coat and then place on a bed of a salad greens or toss together. Possible additions: goat cheese, raisins, cranberries, almonds, sliced onions, chives, olives, orange slices...



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**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the Spring Yard Cleanup Crew for your efforts on Sat., April 18!

Appreciation is extended to all of the workers: Brian & Donna Olson, Glenn & Peggy Quinnell, Tom Guzman, & Ray Groskinsky.

Kudos to Rich & Deb Wachholz for having the memorial garden edged.

Our church outdoor area looks beautiful! Many hands...



### May Food Pantry

Just a friendly reminder that hygiene products of all kinds are still in demand at the food pantry...soap, shampoo, toothpaste, conditioner, deodorant, and the likes. EVEN DI APERS! Please help the TLCW fill our shopping cart! Thank you for your generosity!

**WHY DON'T ANTS  
GET SICK?**



**BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
LITTLE ANTY BODIES.**



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## CONGREGATION BI-ANNUAL MEETING

will be held on May 17 @ 10:15am

in the Fellowship Hall



Voting members are encouraged to  
attend to participate in making  
church decisions.

Graduates: Share post-graduation  
information with the church office.  
Let us know your plans/goals.



Graduate Sunday  
will be held in June  
(date tbd).



The solar panels are  
installed and now  
operational. Thank  
you Congregation,  
Council, & Care and  
Creation and Prop-  
erty Committees  
for seeing this  
project to fruition.  
Note: A dedication  
ceremony will be  
held at a later date,  
but as of  
April 10,  
we are  
generating  
energy!