

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## From the Pastor's Pen — July 2026

Dear Friends, Wow, it's July already! My first thing as I'm waking up is to send the Lord a word of thanks for waking me up. Then I feed and let the dogs out, while they're out I get ready for the day. And as I'm leaving the house I water the front yard plants. Backyard garden is watered when I get home.

When I get to the office, one thing I do is look at my quote of the day calendar. Looking ahead I see that July 18<sup>th</sup> is Nelson Mandela International Day. Nelson Mandela was an anti-apartheid leader who served 27 years in prison, and became South Africa's first democratically elected president. Mandela's presidency focused on racial reconciliation, democratic reform, and social justice, making him a global icon for peace and human rights, and he won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize. He once said, *You will achieve more in this world through acts of mercy, than you will through acts of retribution.*"

This reminded me of verses in Luke 6. Luke 6:27, Jesus said, "But I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." 6:35: "But love your enemies, and do good... You will be sons of the Most High." 6:36: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

There are 2 basic categories of Acts of Mercy:

"Corporal works of mercy" which concern the material and physical needs of others.

Such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick & imprisoned.

"Spiritual works of mercy" which concern the spiritual needs of others, such as comforting the grieving, instructing the inexperienced, loving your enemies and praying for those who persecute you, bearing patiently with those who have wronged you, and forgiveness.

Think about how our Good Lord has been merciful to you. Reflect on your daily/monthly routine, and consider in what ways you reflect God's mercy. Some are able to regularly volunteering in corporal works and/or spiritual works. [Keep up the good work.] And some may take this opportunity to think on how they could reach out in God's mercy to someone else and add it to their routine. Ephesians 4:32, "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." All of these are qualities of Mercy.

Your sister in Christ, *Pastor Terri*



# JULY VOLUNTEERS

**Altar Guild: Penny Ross, Meagan Grabarski, and Sandy Willis**  
**Garbage: Steve Peterson & Kris Peterson**  
**Food Pantry: Nancy Dix & Sue McIntosh**

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

Gardening		Counters	
July 6-12	Tom & Sharon Guzman	July 6	Mary Jo Meyer & Barb Bennett
July 13-19	Tony & Ramona Forman	July 13	Barb Bennett & Maria Janisch
July 20-26	Zach & Shelby Hobbick	July 20	Maria Janisch & Sharon Guzman
Jul.27-Aug.2	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka	July 27	Sharon Guzman & Sue McIntosh

	Acolytes	Greeters	Bulletin Sponsorship
July 5	Raylee Pavelec	John Stormoen	Faith Bilski
July 12	Ellie Christensen	Leif & Vickie Pedersen	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka
July 19	Archer Ostby	Nancy Dix	Tom & Gretchen Wetzel
July 26	Elayna Meyer	Kathy Kuss	Sandra Pheiffer

	Lector	Camera	Liturgist	Ushers
July 5	Lloyd Waller	Mike Willis	Tom Guzman	Derek Pavelec & Ed Heideman
July 12	Sandy Willis	Brayden Hendricksen	Mike Willis	Hank Sauer & John Stormoen
July 19	Garret Gould	Izzy Nawrot	Roxanne Irey	Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky
July 26	Meagan Grabarski	Connley Meyer	Mike Kuss	Mike Carroll & Nancy Kubina

Lawn Mowing	
Week of 7/2	Mike & Sandy Willis
Week of 7/9	Brian & Donna Olson
Week of 7/16	Rich & Deb Wachholz
Week of 7/23	Zach Hobbick & Dennis Wright
Week of 7/30	Tim & Mary Jo Meyer



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

**Thank you for sharing flowers this month:**

**Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka (12th) and Hank & Nancy Sauer (19th)**

**TLCW CORNER:** Why do we have the Trinity Lutheran Church Women's group?

We were formed as the local branch of the larger (WELCA) Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

(WomenOfTheELCA.org) organization and our WI district group: South-Central Synod of Wisconsin (scsw-elca.org). Visit these websites to link to resources, locate opportunities to serve locally and beyond, and learn about mission & goals of women across the globe. Together, we serve the Lord by caring for and supporting others.

## What did the little firecracker say to the bigger firecracker?

**Hi, Pop!**



Please help the TLCW fill the food pantry shopping cart with **CRACKERS** of all sorts! Ritz, Club, Saltines, Triscuits, Animal, Graham...you name it! The Adams County Food Pantry can use any and all of them!

Please, also, consider donating some chocolate and marshmallows...the s'more the merrier!

## Bible Moment *Noah and the Ark*

1. How many generations after Adam was Noah born? Seven, nine, or ten?
2. Before the flood, God declared that his spirit would not strive with humanity forever. What time limit did he set? 120 years? 100 years? 150 years?
3. What description does Genesis give of Noah's character among his contemporaries? A mighty preacher? A great leader of men? A just man, perfect in his generation?
4. Which of the following was not a son of Noah? Joseph? Shem? Ham? Japheth?
5. According to Genesis 6:9 what did Noah do with God? Served? Ate? Walked? Played hockey?
6. Why did the Lord want to destroy mankind? Were people too: Wicked? Slothful? Strong? Curious?
7. What kind of wood did Noah use to build the ark? Pine? Gopher? Cedar? Oak?
8. What was the unit of measurement God instructed to be used? A meter? Furlong? Cubit? Yards?
9. Did the ark have: 3 levels? 7 levels? 5 levels? 1 level with an open concept?
10. We know it rained 40 days a nights. How long did the water cover the entire earth after that? 150 days? 9 months? 40 weeks?
11. What did Noah do to show his thanks to God when they left the ark? Wrote a song? Danced in the full moon's light? Built an altar and gave a sacrifice?
12. What was the sign given of the Lord's promise to never destroy humankind that way again? The North Star? The rainbow? The northern lights? The stars we now call The Big Dipper?



# July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* open office days 8:00 am—2:00 pm</p>			<p>1*</p> <p>9:30-Exercise Class</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Independence Day</b></p> <p>10:00—A-F Parade</p>
<p>5 Name Tag Sunday</p> <p>9:00-Worship</p>	<p>6*</p> <p>3:30-Bible Study</p>	<p>7*</p> <p>8:30-Quilting</p> <p>1-3 pm—Art</p>	<p>8*</p> <p>9:30-Exercise Class</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30-3:00-Walking Taco Youth Sale @ ACE in Adams</p> 	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00-Worship</p>	<p>13*</p> <p>3:30-Bible Study</p> <p>5:30—Council</p>	<p>14*</p> <p>8:30-Quilting</p> <p>1-3 pm—Art</p> <p>Newsletter items due</p>	<p>15*</p> <p>9:30-Exercise Class</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am—2 pm</p> <p>Bridal Shower in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00-Worship</p> <p>10:00—Care &amp; Creation Mtg.</p>	<p>20*</p> <p>3:30-Bible Study</p>	<p>21*</p> <p>8:30-Quilting</p> <p>1-3 pm—Art</p>	<p>22*</p> <p>9:30-Exercise Class</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00-Worship</p> <p>10:00—Care &amp; Creation Mtg.</p> <p>10:30-12:30 VBS</p>	<p>27*</p> <p>3:30-Bible Study</p>	<p>28*</p> <p>8:30-Quilting</p> <p>1-3 pm—Art</p>	<p>29*</p> <p>9:30-Exercise Class</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 	

Interested in membership? Contact Pastor Terri or Danna in the church office. Forms are available in the Narthex. Join our mission and service here at Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church!

## July Community Outreach Report

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade**— I will walk in crowds and hand out ‘HUG’ Coupons, 4<sup>th</sup> of July stickers, and jar opener grippers with church info. Will try again next year for interested members to be part of the parade.

**Solar Panel Dedication**- Will have a canopy covered table with info about our church for community members who are visiting at the dedication. Also, some giveaways, and possibly an item to raffle off-no fee-put name and phone number on piece of paper. (Aug. 23, 2026).

**Looking ahead....**I have ordered items, and am working on prepping items for Adams County Trunk or Treat. Theme for our church trunk this year is: ‘Be the Light’. We will be handing out glow stick bracelets in a plastic bag, sealed with a sticker, and church info on the bag.

**Enjoy the summer.** — Kathy Murphy

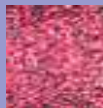
**Stewardship Idea** Stewardship shifts our mindsets from ownership to management and caretakers: viewing our homes, our possessions, and our families as entrusted responsibilities - rather than personal property. Invest time and energy in nurturing family bonds and emotional well-being. Some suggestions: make time to see the sunset together—perhaps at a beach, tie dye family t-shirts, blow bubbles, go see the fireworks and rate them, and /or at dinner ask each other what the hardest part of your day or week has been. Listen to each other.

**Giving Table Volunteer Needed!** This role consists of monitoring a table of like-new small items donated by the congregation. These are to be available for free to anyone who can use them. Originally facilitated by David Janssen, we would like to continue this service in his memory. As part of the role, the volunteer takes items to Practical Cents if not claimed after a given amount of time. Please call Glenn Quinnell at 608-547-7895 if interested.



**College bound? Connect with Lutheran Campus Ministry.** Whether a new or returning student, there may be a campus ministry near you. Scan the QR code or visit [luminelca.org](http://luminelca.org).

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 for \$5. Thank you Leif & Vickie Pedersen for the donation!



### **Our Quilting Program needs hands.**

Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents, or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world riddled with suffering. Don't know how, come and learn Tuesday mornings, at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.



# Congratulations, 2026 Senior Graduates!



**Nancy Hansen** – Graduated from A-F High School. She will be attending Southwest Technical College in Fennimore for Animal Science/Livestock Nutrition. Nancy is the daughter of Roger & Robin Hansen.

**Cody Hendricksen** – Graduated from A-F High School. He will be attending UW-Platteville pursuing an Electrical Engineering degree. Cody is the son of Liz Hendricksen and Jeremy Hendricksen.

**Kyra Meisenheimer** – Graduated from A-F High School. She will attend UW-Stevens Point for Elementary Education. Kyra is the daughter of Dane & Danielle Amundson.

**Myles Nawrot** – Graduated from A-F High School. He will be pursuing an apprenticeship to become an electrician as well as taking classes at Mid-State Technical College. Myles is the son of Larry & Crystal M. Nawrot.

**Zarek Nawrot** – Graduated from A-F High School. He has his own mounting/taxidermy business: Lone Rock Skulls. He has also joined the Local 139 Heavy Equipment union for an apprenticeship. Zarek is the son of John & Crystal L. Nawrot.

**Ryan Oleson** – Graduated from A-F High School. He is pursuing his dreams of ranching and working with cattle in Kansas. He has been accepted to several colleges, but is currently undecided. Ryan is the son of Josh & Kelly Oleson.

**Eli Olson** – Graduated from Westfield High School. He will be attending UW-Green Bay majoring in Accounting and minoring in Business Administration. Eli is the son of Doreen Olson.

**Matthew Pavelec** – Graduated from A-F High School in the top 10% of his class. He was a National Honor Society member and served as senior class president. He has signed up for the U.S. Navy. Matthew is the son of Derek & Krista Pavelec.

**Thank you to the quilters for making the beautiful gifts for the graduates! Love and care is stitched into every quilt.**



**Graduates, know that you always have a home here at ATLC. May these quilts remind you of the warmth and support of your church family! Congratulations and Godspeed to each of you!**

## Fudge Sheet Cake

(Shared by Linda Koehn in *Our Daily Bread Cookbook*, p. 84-85, © 1984)

### Cake:

<b>2 c. flour</b>	<b>1 c. margarine</b>	<b>2 eggs, slightly beaten</b>
<b>1-1/2 c. sugar</b>	<b>7 Tbsp. cocoa</b>	<b>1/2 c. milk, soured with 1-1/2 tsp. vinegar</b>
<b>1 c. water</b>	<b>1 tsp. baking soda</b>	<b>1 tsp. vanilla</b>

Preheat oven to 375°. Combine flour and sugar in large mixing bowl. Place margarine, cocoa, and water into a small, heavy saucepan and heat to boiling. Blend with flour mixture thoroughly. Mix baking soda with soured milk and combine with eggs and vanilla. Stir the milk mixture into the flour mixture until blended thoroughly. Pour into a jelly roll pan (10"x15"x1") that has been lightly greased and floured. Put in oven to bake about 20 minutes. While it bakes, prepare icing.

### Icing:

<b>1/2 c. margarine</b>	<b>1 lb. powdered sugar</b>	<b>4 Tbsp. cocoa</b>
<b>6 Tbsp. milk</b>	<b>1 c. nuts, chopped (optional)</b>	

Place margarine, cocoa, and milk in a saucepan; beat to boiling, stirring regularly. Stir in sugar and nuts (optional). Mix well.

Remove cake from oven and immediately pour hot icing on top, spreading evenly. Cool. Makes 2 dozen servings.



## KFC – Kids For Christ

★ **Youth Walking Tacos:** July 10<sup>th</sup> at Ace Hardware from 10:30 to 3.

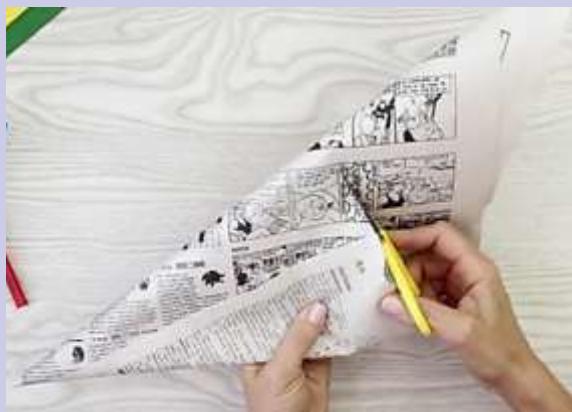
★ **VBS 4 year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> grade:** Sunday after church, July 26, 10:30-12:30. **Includes lunch.**

★ **Bible Verse:** Isaiah 61:3, "To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The **garment of praise** for the spirit of heaviness."

★ **Activity:** News paper hat: need crayons/markers, tape, scissors. Take a sheet of news paper. Roll it into a cone with open end large enough to go on head. Tape side edges. Trim off excess by cutting across bottom (see photo). Should look like a triangle. Decorate.

★ **Table Talk:** The Bible verse talks about lifting sadness with garments of praise. We often wear hats to lift our spirits and celebrate, think of Birthday hats and fun costumes. Can you name 5 kinds of hats or head coverings? What do you do to help someone who is sad?

★ **Prayer:** **God, I am sad. But I know it won't last. Thank you for being with me when I cry. And when it's time, help me cheer up, and see all of the good things You have made, including me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**





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**Walking  
 Taco  
 Youth  
 Fundraiser**

Friday  
 July 10  
 10:30 am  
 - 3:00 pm  
 @ ACE of  
 Adams  
 Sponsored by  
 ATLC 6th-12th  
 Graders

**HELLO**  
 my name is

Name-Tag-Sundays will be the first Sundays of July, August, September, and then again on Rally Day, September 13th.

**Vacation Bible School**

**“SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND”**

This year’s VBS program will be held on Sunday, July 26, from 10:30 am—12:30 pm.

Ages 4-Grade 6, join us for fun learning projects, games, & lunch.

Sign up forms are in the narthex or contact **Danna** in the church office.

**\*SAVE  
 THE  
 DATE\***



**Sunday, August 23**

JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OF COMMUNITY & CELEBRATION!

- ◇ **Worship at 10:00am**
- ◇ **ATLC Solar Panels Dedication at 11:00am**
- ◇ **Congregational Potluck Picnic at 11:30**