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From the Pastor's Pen — June 2026

Dear Friends,

The summer has arrived following some crazy weather last month. Recently I have been debating VBS themes. There are so many options. One I pondered was 'Trusting Jesus in the Wild World'. A Grizzly bear next to a mountain stream comes to mind.



How fitting it seems to what is happening all around us. The war in the Ukraine still is ongoing, the violence in Pakistan, Palestine and Israel...the mass killings in Nigeria; since 2009, more than 50,000 Christians have been massacred by militias and insurgencies.

Other fears linger in our minds as well: terrorist attacks, health, issues, random aggression in stores and on the road, fear of loneliness. and spam/fraud/cyberterrorism, the fear of not having enough and worries about our economy. It does seem like a "wild world," and the grizzly bear is not smiling.

When the world feels this way, crazy, chaotic, confusing...God brings us peace. In him we can find comfort. God's Word reminds us (in the Bible) that even in turbulent times, we don't have to fear or feel lost, like in a boat without a paddle. We are not adrift. Instead, look toward Him, looking away from what scares us. Anchor yourself in the storm to Jesus and his promises; we are never alone, and God's peace in our hearts is like a shield or forcefield against the worries of this world. Look to His Word:

- * *"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." – Psalm 56:3*
- * *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." – Isaiah 41:10*
- * *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" – Psalm 27:1*
- * *"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." – Psalm 42:11*
- * *"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." – Hebrews 12:1*

Let us boldly face this wild world, filled with God's hope and peace, with unwavering trust in the Lord our God, holding firm in faith. He alone helps us navigate the confusing waters of life. Rest assured that amidst the chaos, **we have a loving God who walks with us.**

Your sister in Christ, *Pastor Terri*

Happy Father's Day my friends!

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Marge Edwards & Nancy Dix

Garbage: Hank Sauer

Food Pantry: Tony & Ramona Forman

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

Gardening		Counters	
June 1-7	Tony & Ramona Forman	June 1	John Stormoen & Debby McClyman
June 8-14	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka	June 8	Debby McClyman & Nancy Kubina
June 15-21	Zach & Shelby Hobbick	June 15	Nancy Kubina & Nancy Dix
June 22-28	Rich & Deb Wachholz	June 22	Nancy Dix & Vickie Pedersen
Jun 29-Jul 5	Terri Soley & Vickie Pedersen	June 29	Vickie Pedersen & Tom Guzman

	Acolytes	Greeters	Bulletin Sponsorship
June 7	Avery & Ellie Christensen	Jeff Chase	Jim & Jody Allen
June 14	Ava Nawrot & Raylee Pavelec	Ed Heideman	Penny Ross
June 21		Gretchen Wetzel	John & Audrey Stormoen
June 28	Mathias & Amari Hoernke	Hank & Nancy Sauer	John & Audrey Stormoen

	Lector	Camera	Liturgist	Ushers
June 7	Garret Gould	Brayden Hendricksen	Tom Guzman	Garret Gould & Sue McIntosh
June 14	Sarah Wright	Jaxson Nawrot	Mike Willis	Zach Hobbick & Derek Pavelec
June 21	Krista Pavelec	Kendel Quinnell	Roxanne Irey	Nancy Dix & Marge Edwards
June 28	Kurt Mikolite	Karlie Amundson	Mike Kuss	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka

Lawn Mowing	
Week of 6/4	Greg & Terri Soley
Week of 6/11	Patrick Murphy & Bob Goodhue
Week of 6/18	Steve Peterson & Kris Peterson
Week of 6/25	Rick & Sari Ostby

**Congratulations
to ATLC member
Terri Soley! She
has been one of
the Trinity
Cemetery**



**Association's very dedicated
mowers. Terri has decided to retire
after 37+ years! Thank you for
serving with this non-profit group so
faithfully for so many years!**



**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 May 11, 2026

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

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

Approve agenda: The agenda was amended to add under New Business: Donation to Adams County Fire District. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Liz/Carrie. Carried.

Opening devotion and prayer: Pastor read from 1 Peter 4 re: stewardship and the use of gifts, followed with discussion and prayer.

Approve April 2026 Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Gretchen/Mike. Carried.

Approve Treasurer's Report: Report was reviewed and tabled since Treasurer was not present.

Review Budget to Date Report: Reviewed the budget and tabled since no treasurer was present.

Pastor's Report: Shut-in visits: 11 with one scheduled; At Rest: Three; At the Altar: 1 in August 2026, 1 in 2027; At the Font: 1; Other: attending Synod Assembly on May 15-16, with John and Carrie Easterly.

Set next meeting date: July 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Note: no meeting in June!

Old Business:

Long Range Planning: Committee continues to meet and plan

Charter Templates: ongoing

Fundraising: on going

Safety Review: waiting for walk through report-take to Congregational Meeting for comm. members.

BMO Fee & BMO Savings Account: tabled

Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting: Agenda was set

Congregational Picnic: combine with Solar Event – August 23, 2026

New Business:

Solar Panel Dedication Event: Combine Solar Dedication with Congregational Potluck Picnic on Sunday, August 23, 2026. Worship will be moved to 10:00 a.m. with Dedication following, then Potluck Picnic at Lion's Park. Date has been reserved. Committee will invite public & press to Dedication.

Donation to Adams County Fire District: Request was received. Tabled until we find out if the donation would directly benefit our local Strongs Prairie department.

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Senior Fair, May 15; items have been purchased for this event. Fourth of July Parade: working on handouts—looking for ideas for a float, etc. working on small little coupons to hand out with church information on the coupon. Kids Day was a huge success- 750 kids attended—thanks to Cathy Westover and Sand Valley for money donation to purchase supplies! Much appreciated!

Duck Derby had a good turnout—thanks to Tom and Ray for setting up the canopy.

Worship Ministry: offering plates will be presented to the altar by ushers beginning in June.

TLCW: will be meeting the end of May

Care & Creation Committee: will be meeting in June

Set agenda items for next meeting: Old Business: 1. BMO 2. Recap the Bi-Annual Meeting 3. Picnic **Motion to adjourn** by Carrie/Gretchen. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.



June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1*  6-7 pm-4-H Ice Cream Social at Strongs Prairie Town Hall	2* 8:30-Quilting 1-3 pm—Art 6pm-Property Comm. Mtg.	3 9:30-Exercise Class	4*	5	6
	* open office days 8:00 am—2:00 pm					
7 9:00-Worship	8* 3:30-Bible Study	9* 8:30-Quilting 1-3 pm—Art 	10* 9:30-Exercise Class	11	12	13 
14 9:00-Worship 10:00—Care & Creation Mtg.	15* 3:30-Bible Study	16* 8:30-Quilting 1-3 pm—Art Newsletter items due	17* 9:30-Exercise Class 	18	19	20
21 Graduate Sunday  9:00-Worship HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22* 3:30-Bible Study	23* 8:30-Quilting 1-3 pm—Art	24* 9:30-Exercise Class	25	26	27 
28 9:00-Worship	29* 3:30-Bible Study	30* 8:30-Quilting 1-3 pm—Art				

Worship Committee Notes: In June, offering Plates will continue to be located at the sanctuary doors, but we are returning to ushers bringing them forward as part of the service, after the passing of the peace, with Pastor placing them on the altar. Our offering is a gift to the Lord for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. If you miss giving your offering before service, a plate will remain at the door, and your gift will be added to that day's offering. (Note: there are spare envelopes located near the plates.)

ALSO, if you have a song suggestion, jot it down and place it in the brown box on the narthex table.

June Community Outreach Report

— Kathy Murphy

It's recently been very busy with Community Outreach, and that's a good thing!

We had Kids Day April 25th - An estimated 750 kids attended! Then May 9th was the Adams County Duck Derby, followed by the Senior Fair on May 15th. A big thank you to Tom and Sharon Guzman for sharing their canopy for Duck Derby and to Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky for setting it up!



If you know of an event that has available booth space and you think it would be a great place for our church to be represented, leave a message for Kathy at 608-772-2603.

The 4th of July parade is our next event. Anyone interested in being in the parade? Any fun cool ideas? If so, give Kathy a call at 608-772-2603. Thanks, and Happy Summer!

Stewardship Idea

Traveling this summer? Don't forget your church back home. Financial gifts can be mailed to: Trinity, PO Box 65, Arkdale, WI 54613 or through our website donate tab: arkdaletlc.org, or use the QR code shown. Automatic withdrawals can also be setup through VANCO (forms are in the narthex kiosk).

Get involved: lawn & flower care, help with quilting, join our prayer chain warriors, volunteer to help with various committees such as the Care and Creation Team, the Altar Guild, the safety team, youth programs, donate to the food shelf, pray for our shut-ins. Contact Pastor Terri, or the office to get started.



Frog and Toad

The look-alike of frog is toad;
They have a similar dress code.
But I should call to your attention
Some differences I thought I'd mention:
A bunch of frogs is called an army;
A batch of toads is called a knot.
A frog leap-frogs over a swamp log;
A toad does not do diddly-squat.
A frog has skin that's smooth or slimy;
A toad has skin that's warty and dry.
A frog enjoys kissing a princess;
A toad prefers kissing a fly.

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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!

Bible Moment

What do you know about these men?

MEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WORD SEARCH

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ELISHA
ESAU
EZEKEL
GIDEON
GOLIATH
HAGGAI

HEZEKIAH
ISAAC
ISAIAH
JACOB
JEREMIAH
JESSE
JOB
JONAH
JONATHAN
JOSEPH

JOSHUA
MORDECAI
MOSES
NAAMAN
NEBUCHADNEZZAR
NOAH
SAMSON
SAMUEL
SAUL
SOLOMON

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

Creamy Banana Pecan Pie

(Shared by Judy Hatlevig in *Recipes & Memories Cookbook*, p. 89)

Crust:

1 c. all purpose flour

1 c. pecans or walnuts, finely chopped

1 c. butter or margarine, melted

Combine flour, butter, and nuts. Mix well. Press onto bottom and sides of greased 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Let cook completely.

Filling:

1 (8 oz) pkg. cream cheese, softened

1 c. confectioner's sugar

1 (8 oz) frozen whipped topping, divided

1 (3.4 oz) instant vanilla pudding

1-1/3 c. cold milk

3 large bananas, sliced

In mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar. Fold in 1 cup of whipped topping. Spread over crust. Arrange sliced bananas on top. In a bowl, whisk pudding mix and milk. Pour over bananas. Top with remaining whipped topping. Garnish with few finely chopped nuts, if desired. Refrigerate until serving, at least a couple of hours. 6-8 servings.

KFC – Kids For Christ

★**9th Graders** (May's 8th graders): June is a good time to work on faith posters.

★**6-12graders**: Watch for an upcoming time of fun and possible crafts preparing for next summer's trip.

★**VBS** Watch for details to come; SS families please return survey responses.

★**Bible Verse**: Genesis 1:21 **"God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves ... And God saw that it was good."**

★**Bible Challenge** There is a **Prize** for the first 6 kids who memorize the verse above OR this verse where Peter in Jesus's name healed a man who couldn't walk, who was healed. Then, as he went to temple: **He went "Walking and LEAP-ING and praising God"**. Acts 3:8 - Contact Pastor Terri.

★**Activity**: Shadow play: At night find a place to see your shadow, then pull the neck of t-shirt onto your head (or towel) and strike a pose to make the shadow look like a frog and LEAP. [see photo.] What other shadows can you make?

★**Table Talk**: What do you know about frogs? Look for the photo of 'Frog and Toad' in this newsletter. Do you like frogs? Why do you think God made frogs as part of creation? Do you think God likes to hear his frogs, just like he loves to hear our prayers?

★**Prayer**: Dear Lord, in the darkness I hear the frog's call to me, "It's time to pray--It's time to pray." As the pond's waters ripple and cattails sway, it's like every croak is a psalm, every splash a baptism, and the Lord leans closer, listening. I pray for ___ and ___. Now, as I close my eyes and rest, I know you love them all, and I am blessed. Amen.





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June Food
 Pantry

Let's load up the shopping cart with some of your father's favorite foods! Make your food donation a tribute to dads and a blessing to those in need!

HELLO
 my name is

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

Graduates:

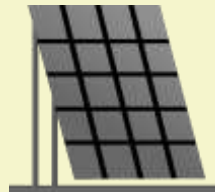
Share post-graduation information with the church office. Let us know your plans/goals.



Graduate Sunday
 is June 21.

Congrats Graduates!

***SAVE
 THE
 DATE***



Sunday, August 23

JOIN US FOR A FUN
 DAY OF
 CELEBRATION!

◇ **Worship at 10:00**

◇ **ATLC Solar Panels
 Dedication at 11:00**

◇ **Congregational
 Potluck Picnic at 11:30**