

Trinity Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Pen — August 2026



Dear Friends,

Oh dear, where did the summer go! And now we are approaching fall, and this year school starts in August?! I don't know your schedule, but mine seems to never stop. Busy, busy, busy.



Note: A few seconds or minutes matter and can make a huge difference. **It is essential to take those moments to quiet oneself.** Put your phone down. Park yourself. Turn off the radio/TV. Take a moment & close your eyes. Feel yourself breathing in and out. Count to 10 or 55, what have you. Let your shoulders drop. Think of a place that makes you wish you were there, perhaps on a beach under an umbrella or in a deer stand. Breath in, and when you exhale, think - I release it. Release the stress, the tension, the frustration, what have you. Release it into the hands of God.

Taking a moment, even for just a few seconds, to pause, breathe, or reflect; it's far more than extravagance; it's a vital practice for mental, emotional, and physical well-being. It enhances focus and your productivity. It boosts your creativity and improves problem solving.

Deepti Bhatt, in her May 2022 article for Linked In, said, "With constant meetings, deadlines, and juggling tasks, taking time for yourself can seem like a luxury—or something you don't need. But the truth is, without a break, burnout is likely. Life moves quickly, and getting caught up in work, family, and nonstop notifications is easy. But small moments of self-care, like enjoying your coffee in peace, stepping out for fresh air, or simply taking a deep breath, can make a more significant impact than you think... Even a few minutes a day... can help you feel more balanced and in control."

Before entering a room for a meeting or a talk with a child, even before getting on your riding lawn mower- remember to breathe in and exhale a long slow breath. It's a prayer to God to help, to stay calm and see clearly. Did you know Jesus prayed all the time and it's recorded at least 25 times in the Bible. Talk to God and breath in His peace. These few seconds are crucial!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Your sister in Christ, *Pastor Terri*

Bible Moment key: 1. Lost sheep; 2. Seed sower; 3. Rich fool; 4. Great feast; 5. Lost coin; 6. Weeds and wheat; 7. Narrow Door.

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Gretchen Wetzel & Becky Oleson
Garbage: Zach & Shelby Hobbick
Food Pantry: Mike Carroll & Nancy Kubina

Lawn Mowing

August 6 Hank Sauer & Ed Heideman
August 13 Tom Guzman & Ray Groskinsky
August 20 Glenn & Peggy Quinnell
August 27 John Stormoen & Kurt Mikolite

Gardening

THANK YOU!!

Counters

August 3-9	Rich & Deb Wachholz	August 3	Sue McIntosh & Maggie Wahlen
August 10-16	Terri Soley & Vickie Pedersen	August 10	Maggie Wahlen & John Stormoen
August 17-23	Tony & Ramona Forman	August 17	John Stormoen & Terri Soley
August 24-30	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka	August 24	Terri Soley & Nancy Sauer
Aug. 31-Sept. 6	Tom & Sharon Guzman	August 31	Nancy Sauer & Debby McClyman

Acolyte

Greeter/s

Bulletin Sponsorship

August 2	Ava Nawrot	Penny Ross	Barb Albrecht
August 9	Amari Hoerneke	Zach & Shelby Hobbick	Barb Albrecht
August 16	Gabriella Baggs	Tony & Ramona Forman	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka
August 23	Ellie Christensen	Mike Carroll & Nancy Kubina	Steve & Danna Peterson
August 30	Owen Amundson	Sue McIntosh	Steve & Danna Peterson

Lector

Camera

Liturgist

Ushers

August 2	Sandy Pheiffer	Mike Willis	Tom Guzman	Hank Sauer & Garret Gould
August 9	Lily Bittner	Mathias Hoerneke	Mike Willis	Nancy Dix & Marge Edwards
August 16	Zach Hobbick	Raylee Pavelec	Mike Kuss	Sue McIntosh & Zach Hobbick
August 23	Sarah Wright	Avery Christensen	Roxanne Irey	Steve Peterson & Derek Pavelec
August 30	Garret Gould	Karlie Amundson	Tom Guzman	Ed Heideman & Crystal Nawrot

Stuff the Bus and LWR School Kits Challenge

It's that time!
 We, at ATLC,
 sponsor two
 fundraiser
 drives related

LWR School Kit Supply List

- *Four 70-sheet notebooks (no loose)
- *One 30-centimeter ruler
- *One pencil sharpener
- *One blunt scissors (no pointed tips)
- *1 box of 16 or 24 colors
- *One 2-1/2" eraser
- *5 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- *5 black or blue pens (no gel)
- *Monetary donations

Stuff the Bus School Supply List

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *Backpacks | *Expo markers (fine point) |
| *Supply boxes | *Composition notebooks |
| *pencil pouches | *1-inch binders |
| *Pencils | *Black & blue pens |
| *Folders | *Spiral notebooks |
| *3-subject & 5-subject notebooks | *Monetary donations to: |
| *Highlighters | Stuff the Bus-Adams |

to school supplies. Stuff the Bus donations support the A-F school district. LWR School Kit donations support students throughout the world. Thank you for your support!!

KFC – Kids For Christ

★ **Save the Date – Rally Day:** Sunday School will start Sunday, **September 13** with games on the lawn and ice cream!! About 10am - Following 9am worship.

★ **Teacher(s)** needed for 4-6th grade class.

★ **SS Wish List:** 1. A portable Projector with 5G Wi-Fi & Bluetooth, to use connectively with a cell phone. 2. A Bluetooth speaker.

★ **Bible Verse:** 2 Samuel 23:4 “He is as the light of the morning when the sun rises.”

★ **Activity:** Suncatchers

Supplies: 1/2 C of water - 2 tbsp cornstarch - 1 tbsp white vinegar - 1 tbsp unflavored gelatin powder, dried flower petals or small objects to put in it, - A non-stick surface (plastic sheet, silicone mat, or parchment paper) - Hole punch - String or a suction hook for hanging. Optional: fine glitter.

Directions: 1. In a small pan, mix water, cornstarch, vinegar, and gelatin. Stir well until everything is smooth and clump-free. 2. Place the pan over low to medium heat, stirring continuously until the mixture thickens into a glossy, gooey gel, about 3–5 minutes. Remove it from the heat. Pour the colored mixtures onto your non-stick surface, spreading each pour into thin, even layers. Let your creativity shine—use toothpick to gently press in petals, objects or glitter. Leave the suncatchers to air dry for 24–48 hours. If thicker, flip halfway through drying to help them firm up. Once dry and slightly flexible, carefully peel each suncatcher off and punch a hole at the top. Thread string through the hole and hang them in a sunny spot where they'll catch the light beautifully. One option is to use food safe color additive.



★ **Table Talk:** What do you feel when you close your eyes and face the sun?

Suncatcher by Terri J Skildum

If I could catch the sun, I'd hold it in my hand,
And lay beneath it, right out on the sand.
I could use it like a flashlight and see far, far away.
and give it to my mom on Mother's Day.
I could find things I've lost in the dark
I'd play all night over at the park.
But shoot, I can't catch the sun,
that would be wrong and that's no fun.
God made it to share, for everyone to see,
No ribbons or bows, but a gift that's free.

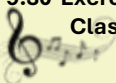
Like a new day, Jesus gives us a fresh start. He warms our soul kind of like the sun on our faces. When you close your eyes, what colors do you think of? What colors do you think of when you think of Jesus?

★ **Table Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for the food we are about to eat. And thank you for the hands that prepared it. Amen.



August 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			*open office hours/days 8:00 am—2:00 pm Mon., Tues., Wed.			1
2 Name Tag Sunday 9:00-Worship 10:00-TLCW Mtg.	3*	4* 8:30-Quilting 6:00-Property Comm. Mtg.	5* 9:30-Exercise Class	6 	7	8 Fellowship Hall Reserved
9 9:00-Worship	10* 5:30—Council Mtg.	11* 8:30-Quilting	12* 9:30-Exercise Class 	13	14	15
16 9:00-Worship	17* Newsletter items due	18* 8:30-Quilting	19* 9:30-Exercise Class	20	21 	22
23 10:00-Worship With baptism 11:15—Solar Panel Dedication 11:45-Potluck	24*	25* 8:30-Quilting	26* 9:30-Exercise Class  6:00-Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 9:00-Worship	31*	Look for the sign-up sheet for altar flowers on the narthex table. Donations may be in honor/memory of someone, or just to share your garden's abundance of beauty.				

Interested in membership? Contact Pastor Terri or Danna (in the church office). Forms are available in the kiosk in the Narthex. We would welcome you joining our mission and service here at Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church!

August Community Outreach Report—Kathy Murphy

At the recent Adams 4th of July parade, 'FREE HUG' coupons were given to people watching the parade. Everyone really liked them, and it put a smile on their faces. Our church information was stamped on the back of the coupon.

There will be a Community Outreach table at our Solar Panel Dedication event on August 23, 2026. Come check it out! There will be free giveaways, and a chance to win a door prize. Just write your name and phone number on the paper slip provided and place in the bowl. You don't have to be present to win.

Upcoming Community Outreach event.....Trunk or Treat in October. More details to follow as they become available. Enjoy summertime!



GIVING TABLE — Thanks to Pat & Kathy Murphy, the Giving Table is back!

Please bring gently used items that you no longer need or want. If you have a large item too big for the table, fill out an index card listing the item, description, your name and contact information (and a photo, if you wish).

Each week, peruse the Giving Table. Take any items you want for yourself or someone you know. The Table will be up all year. Happy Sharing!



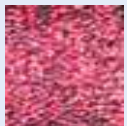
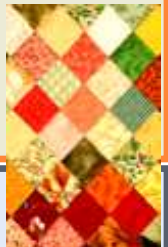
Food Pantry Idea

Speaking of tuna...this month please help the TLCW stock their food pantry shopping cart with canned items such as tuna, fruit, veggies.

The Women of Arkdale Trinity Lutheran, along with the Adams County Food Pantry folks, are very appreciative of all donations. Thank you to all those who make monthly deliveries to the Food Pantry on our behalf!

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.



Cranberry Snack Pouches are available in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds benefit TLCW. Purchase these delicious and healthy snacks for \$1.50/pouch, or 4 pouches for \$5.00 Thank you, Leif & Vickie Pedersen!

Unapproved, abbreviated Council Minutes—July 13, 2026

Present: Sandy Willis, Mike Willis, Leif Pedersen, Carrie Easterly, Garret Gould, Pastor Terri Skildum. Absent: Liz Hendricksen, excused, Cathy Westover, excused, Gretchen Wetzell, excused.

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

Approve agenda: Agenda item #4 was corrected to read “Approve May 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. Agenda was amended to add under New Business: #2.Council Reassignments. #3.1st Aid/CPR/ Conceal Carry classes: Zach Hobbick. Motion to approve corrected/amended agenda by Mike/Carrie. Carried.

Opening Devotions: Romans 12: we are all one body in Christ. All are important; with different talents for a reason. Followed with prayer.

Approve May 2026 Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Terri/Mike. Carried.

Approve Treasurer’s Reports: no Treasurer present, so report was reviewed.

Review Budget to Date Reports: Report was reviewed and we are within budget to date.

Pastor’s Report: Shut-in visits: 12. At Rest: 2 with 1 not scheduled and 1 upcoming. At The Altar: 1 in August at alternate location. At the Font: 2 on July 12 and 1 on August 23. Other: Garret will preach on July 19.

Set Next Meeting: August 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

- BMO Fees/BMO Savings Account: To be fiscally responsible we may need to move away from BMO because of their fees. Garret will talk to BMO about the fees to see if they can be waived/reduced and report back.
- Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting Review: Reviewed meeting - it was a good, productive meeting.
- Congregational Picnic and Solar Panel Dedication Event: The committee will meet July 19 and again in August. They are working on invites, ads/announcements/food/donations. To be finalized at August meeting.
- Donation to Adams County Fire District: Tabled

New Business:

- Visit Adams County Membership Fee: Sandy/Leif moved to pay \$150 renewal fee. Carried.
- Council Reassignments: Cathy Westover has resigned from Council as Treasurer. Liz has accepted the nomination for Treasurer. A unanimous vote was cast to elect Liz as Treasurer. Carried. Council will ask the congregation for someone to volunteer to fill the empty position before someone is appointed.
- First Aid/ CPR/Conceal Carry classes: Zack and Shelby Hobbick have volunteered to teach classes for 1st Aid and CPR. Council approves teaching First Aid and CPR. Conceal Carry can wait for now.

Reports:

- Education: VBS is Sunday, July 26 from 10:30am– 12:30pm. Adult Bible Study will start up again in the Fall. Rally Day is September 13 with ice cream social and lawn games for all (table games if rain).
 - Outreach: Report on 4th of July Parade/Solar Panel Dedication. Coming up: Trunk or Treat in October.
 - Property: Meet 8/4. Need 1 iPad for security cameras. Fire door by kitchen must be closed-not propped open.
- Agenda Items for next meeting: Rally Day. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m., closing with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.

**Thank You To All
ATLC Worship &
Churchwide
Assistants!**

Stewardship

Understand that everything belongs to God. This perspective shifts how we view our possessions and responsibilities, even our paychecks, reminding us that we are the caretakers of what has been entrusted to us. Think of five to ten things and/or people that you are responsible for. Now thank the Lord.

Rhubarb Dream Dessert

(Shared by Helen McClyman in *Our Daily Bread* Cookbook, p. 136, © 1984)

Crust:

1 c. flour

5 Tbsp. sugar

1/2 c. butter

Blend flour, sugar and butter for crust. Press into a 9 X 9-inch pan. Bake 15 min. at 350°.

Topping:

1-1/2 c. sugar

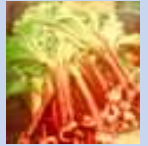
2 eggs, beaten

1/4 c. flour

3/4 tsp. salt

2 c. chopped rhubarb

Combine topping ingredients; spoon over crust. Return to oven and bake 35 min. at 350°.



TLCW CORNER: The Trinity Lutheran Church Women's group consists of many sub-groups. You are welcome to join any (or all) of these committees at any time. For more information, contact the leader/s or call Danna in the church office. We would love to have you be a part of any you are interested in.

- ⇒ Altar Guild—Dana Henriksen, Kris Peterson
- ⇒ Crafting—Danna Peterson
- ⇒ Fellowship—Barb Albrecht, Kathy Kuss
- ⇒ Food Pantry—Donna Olson, Danna Peterson
- ⇒ Funeral—Sharon Guzman, Dana Henriksen, Penny Ross, Nancy Sauer
- ⇒ Quilting—Penny Ross, Sharon Guzman, Sandy Willis
- ⇒ Scholarship—Terri Soley
- ⇒ Social Media—Sandy Pheiffer, Kris Bougie
- ⇒ World Ministry—Sharon Guzman

Congratulations to 2026 Senior Graduates!

Beautifully handcrafted quilts were presented to the seniors by the amazing members of the TLCW

Quilting group. We hope these blankets will be a reminder of the warmth and support found here at Trinity Lutheran Church of Arkdale.

Bible Moment

Each set of words rhymes (or nearly rhymes) with one of Jesus' parables. Guess which one:

1. Frost heap (Luke 15:3-7)
2. Keyed lower (Mark 4:1-20)
3. Switch spool (Luke 12:16-21)
4. Plate Beast (Luke 14:16-24)
5. Bossed loin (Luke 15:8-10)
6. Creeds and sleet (Matthew 13:24-30)
7. Sparrow war (Luke 13:22-30)



(not pictured:
Ryan Oleson
and Kyra
Meisenheimer)





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HELLO
my name is

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

Needed for 2026-27
Sunday School Year:
4th - 6th grade Sunday
School teacher or
co-teachers
Contact Pastor Terri or
Danna, in the office.



***SAVE
THE
DATE***

Informational Booth

Drawings

Sunday, August 23
**JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OF
COMMUNITY & CELEBRATION!**

- ◇ **Worship at 10:00am**
- ◇ **ATLC Solar Panels Dedication
at 11:15am**
- ◇ **Congregational Potluck Picnic
at 11:45am**

Food

RSVP to churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org
Bring a lawn chair and dish-to-pass.