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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

The synod's Assignment Committee met a few weeks ago in New Ulm to assign teacher and staff minister candidates graduating from Martin Luther College. A week later they met again, this time in Mequon, Wisconsin to assign pastor candidates to their field of service.

At the assignment in New Ulm, at MLC, all candidates who were able to serve in any location were assigned, with 106 receiving assignment to their first field of service, reassigned to an additional year, or assigned permanently after a temporary assignment. Twelve candidates limited to a specific location (due to marriage or other circumstances) were also assigned to calls in the area in which they will be living. A number of those limited by geography have not yet received their assignment, but the process will continue throughout the summer months, and these candidates will be assigned as requests are received from congregations. Three candidates were also assigned as staff ministers.

Unfortunately, they were not able to fill our request for a candidate to fill the position of Pre- K three and four year old teacher and director of our ECC program here at Samuel. The Board of Education will be working on a way to temporarily fill the need until we can receive a full-time WELS certified teacher for this position.

At Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary In all, 36 men were assigned. Of those, 31 were seniors receiving their first call and five were from the class of 2015 who were reassigned to one-year calls. Four were from the class of 2014 and one was from 2013.

We are thankful to the Lord of the church for supplying these workers for his harvest field, and we are confident that God will use them to carry out his gospel mission.

## PASTORAL ACTS

*Junior Confirmation:* The following students were received into communicant membership on May 1, 2016: Lenei Estrada Palmer, Kiah Hoflock, Claire Martinson, Ashely Mauland, Brooke Mauland, Abigail Pullman, Paxton Schultz, Rachel Schwarz, and Sarah Werner

*Wedding:* On Friday, May 20, 2016 Jeremy Hoflock and Katie Zahalan were united in marriage here at Christ. We wish them God's blessings as they start their new life together as husband and wife.

## COUNCIL CORNER

This month we hear from Mark Patzer, Evangelism Chairman. Greetings from your Evangelism Committee! Following are a few notes on what has been worked on thus far in 2016, as well as what's in store for us moving forward:

The Elders and the Evangelism committee continue to join forces to review our membership list and contact our brothers and sisters in Christ that we have not seen in some time. Many on this list are likely in a good church home and are receiving the gospel message regularly, and we will be over-joyed in those cases. However, many have likely fallen away from the Word, which all of us should be concerned about. Please pray, as we continue this effort, for those that are volunteering, and also pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of those we contact and return them to hearing God's saving message on a more regular basis.

The Evangelism committee will be hosting the New Member Pie Social on June 5th after the 9 AM service. Please join us as we welcome Karl and Gloria Baumann, Nicole Dorn, Carey Duraiappa, Isabelle Tomoson, Lucca and Aiden, Adam Henning, Paula Jordan, Amy and Annie Magnuson, Vivian Mix, Chad and Angie Pullman, Abigail and Wyatt as new members of our congregation. Take time to come downstairs and get to know our new members and their families.



The committee will also soon be considering plans for the Sounds of Summer Parade as well as the SMSU Homecoming Parade. Plans are also in place to enhance the lettering on the outside wall of the west side of the church with some back-lighting. Stay tuned for more information and activities from your Evangelism Committee.

## CLYF

On Sunday, May 15 eleven youth met outside of Samuel for a cook out games and a planning session for the summer trip to Valleyfair. The weather was just a bit cool but no one complained as it was warmer than it had been. We picked Tuesday, June 28 as the date to go to Valleyfair for a day of fun. We have again invited the area WELS church youth to come along with us. We are hoping there will be a nice turn out. We are still looking for some parents to drive and chaperone. If you are interested please let Pastor know. The next big event after that will be the Wilmar Stingers baseball game on August 12. This event will be open to youth (and possibly adults) from 6 grade through those who graduated from high school this year. Watch for more details on that as the date nears.

## PIONEERS

The Pioneer youth group met on Sunday, May 8, 2016 at Samuel School. Twelve Pioneers were in attendance. Mr. Heil opened the meeting with a devotion. Mason jars were painted, decorated, and filled with candy for Mother's Day. While the paint was drying, the group enjoyed smoothies and vanilla wafers for a treat. This was followed by a game of kickball outside. This meeting marked the end to a fun year. An outdoor outing is tentatively being planned for some time in August. More details will be provided once the outing has been scheduled.

## SUMMER WORSHIP

Just a reminder that if you are unable to attend worship on Sunday's at 9:00 AM you are always welcome to come Monday evenings at 7. While we typically think of summer as a time for vacations we don't want to ever take a vacation from God's Word. We have a special order of worship that is printed out one for communion Sundays and one for non-communion Sundays. We do not chant the Psalm and we only sing selected verses of the hymns. Most of the parts of the liturgy are spoken and not sung. People who attend these services really liked the change we made to keep the service liturgical but friendlier to the smaller Monday attendance.



## BRIDAL SHOWER

The ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a bridal shower for Jess Onken, bride-to-be of Jordan Austin, on Saturday, June 25th at 10:00 AM in the church basement. The couple is registered at Shopko and Target.



## SUMMER MUSIC/VBS

We still have time slots available for you to sign up your son or daughter for FREE music lessons. Lessons begin on May 31st and run through mid-August. To register for lessons contact our director Shannon Eggers at (507) 404-0702 or [eggersse@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:eggersse@mlc-wels.edu). Our VBS will be the week of July 25-29 from 9-11:30 AM. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS this year speak to pastor. All events and activities are being held at Samuel School.



We want to acknowledge the accomplishments of our member graduates and wish them God's blessings.

*Marshall High School*

**Abigayle Blanchette** daughter of Mike & Tanya Blanchette

**Maria Estrada** daughter of Gustavo & Ann Estrada

**Ramsey Nielsen** son of Jason & Darice Nielsen

**Janae Wood** daughter of Dawn Wood & Mike Wood

*Great Plains Lutheran High School*

**Walker Schultz** son of Justin & Lori Schultz

**Abigail Biastock**

*South Dakota State University*

**Kora Knutson**

*University of South Dakota, Graduate School*

**Stephanie St. Aubin**

*North Dakota State University*

**Zach Thooft**

*Martin Luther College*

## FACEBOOK AND MAILCHIMP

While some of us still view social media as a two headed monster (great in some ways and not so great in others), it is here to stay and we might as well use it in a way that benefits us as a church and individually. For that reason I encourage you to be sure to check out our new Facebook page and also sign up for Mail Chimp if you are not already signed up. Both are a good way to keep informed as to what is going on at church and school. We are happy to report that our new Facebook page has been "liked" by a lot of members and non-members. If you don't remember what Mail Chimp is or how to sign up read on. We use a service called MailChimp to collect emails of our members so we can contact you about events, etc. at church and school. Here is all you need to do. Click on the *Join our Mailing List* tab on the home page of our website. Once we have your email address you will receive emails containing special announcements, school newsletters, etc. Your email address will not be given out to anyone else and no one will even be able to see what it is. You will be able to subscribe or unsubscribe to this service at any time.



## JESUS CARES MINISTRY

The Jesus Cares Ministry will hold their summer picnic on Thursday, June 21st at 5:00 PM in the courtyard at 1005 N. 4th Street. In the event of rain, it will be held at church. Congregation members are invited to enjoy the festivities and bring a dish to pass. Staff, caregivers, and friends in the community are welcome to attend too. Jesus Cares Ministry is a ministry of the Lutheran Home Association in Belle Plaine, MN "Where the Care of the Soul is the Soul of Care."

## RADIO

Just a reminder that since our service airs on the radio at 8:00 AM and church is now at 9:00 AM we will be taping the service and playing it back the following week. Any questions about this please speak to Pastor.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Have you signed up to deliver? Christ Church will be delivering Meals on Wheels June 20-July 1. It works best to have two volunteers per route. Children and young people are welcome faces. Please take the time to serve your community. The sign-up sheet is on the table below the bulletin board at church. If you need a partner or have any questions, call at Joan Sorenson at 532-9294 or the office at 532-2162. Thank you.



## LADIES AID

Submitted by Joan Palmer—May 5, 2016

Pastor Schreiner's lesson was from I Corinthians chapter 13 on Agape Love.

Vice President Sue Mitzner called our meeting to order. The secretary's report was read. As there were no corrections they will stand approved as read.

Darleen Gladitsch gave a report on the OWL's meeting at Vesta.

Cards to members: Birthday: Rudy Kehren, Mrs. Tom Naumann (missionary's wife at San Carlos); Anniversary: Pastor & Mrs. Tom Naumann, Larry & Sue Mitzner; Get-Well: Bea Patzer; Sympathy: Ray Sanow family.

Pastor Schreiner announced that rolls and juice will be served between services on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for graduation recognition.

Pastor Schreiner addressed the question of giving to the Summer Music Program and on the pluses of getting more students. Sue Mitzner brought up the discussion on donations for the program. LaDonna Rathje made a motion to give \$125 and the motion was seconded by Darleen Gladitsch – all voted in favor.

Vivian Mix was a guest today and she also joined the aid. Welcome Vivian. She signed the secretary's book.

As the treasurer's report was already read from April in the last minutes it was not reread.

As Teri was gone today, Merna Thomsen's birthday song will be sung at the June meeting.

Serving today were Jo Palmer and Darlene Schultz. Hot sandwiches, fresh fruit and coleslaw. Thank you Darlene for helping and bringing flowers. Serving in June will be Sue

Mitzner.

Flowers in May – Sue Mitzner.

Roll call with 8 members and Pastor Schreiner.

Sue called for a motion to adjourn. Darleen Gladitsch made the motion and it was seconded by Merna Thomsen

Pastor led us in the Lord's Prayer and table prayers.

This month is also Vi Braakman's birthday so all signed a card for her.

Tidbits: Ruth Pagel has been a member of aid since August 1968 – 48 years and Merna Thomsen joined on April 2, 1987 – 29 years. These are our longest serving members along with Teri Knutson at 32 years – she had joined September 9, 1984; and Pam Lundberg joined January 1984, so she has been a member also for 32 years.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Lyle Patzer—April 11, 2016

Present: Tom Werner, Geoff Stelter, Arlen Meyer, Tom Vanderwerf, Lyle Patzer, Mark Patzer, Craig Heil, John Festerling, Kevin Lee, Dan Herrmann, Pastor Schreiner, Todd Konietzko

Opened with devotion and prayer

Minutes of Mar 2016 council meeting were read, corrected and approved

- **Pastors Report:** Pioneers met do make Easter decorations plus other activities. CLYF will meet this coming Sunday Apr 17 to talk about upcoming activities. Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) update: Discussed church landscaping. The group agreed that church landscaping and tree work is necessary, consensus of the group to use rock instead of mulch. Church Clean Up Day is Monday April 25. We may need to purchase a different lawnmower for the Church properties at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Marshall. Confirmation will be Sun May 1, examination will be May 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 students. Christ has started a facebook page, Miss Dorn and her fiancée Jason will oversee it along with Pastor and Jennifer Schreiner. Ascension service and meal Thursday May 5. Hamburgers etc at Pastors backyard, applied for a \$250 Thrivent grant to pay the costs. The cross will be taken down after this service. Pastor is hoping to go back in for knee surgery soon.

- **Elders Report:** Motion by Elders second by Lyle Patzer :



Kirsten Jurgenson out by release – passed. Motion by Elders, second by Craig Heil Vivian Mix from Zion Tracy In By Transfer – passed. A second round of PWC postcards was sent out. Some follow up has occurred after relocate letters were sent out in Feb 16, no action taken.

- **Financial Secretary:** Written report was handed out.
- **Treasurer's report:** No major savings activity in March. No major costs in 2016 yet. Total checking and savings stands at \$190k this year vs \$161k py. Mutual fund is at \$135.9k. Mission offerings are currently up \$1700 over last year. Budget offerings are up this year vs last, but Easter was in March in 2015. Net income for 2016 is \$9,474. ECC ytd net income is \$524.
- **Stewardship:** Endowment Sunday will coincide with guest preacher Pastor  
• Dietz in Sept 2016 with no special project attached to it. The Endowment committee will determine where/how the funds earnings will be disbursed. Member Tom Gruhot will be archiving church records and documents.
- **Evangelism:** New member pie social will be Sun June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will participate in the Sounds of Summer and the SMSU Homecoming parades. The group will print a banner with summer hours to be posted in front of church. The committee will promote summer music/VBS to the community.
- **Education Report:** Motion by Board of Education second by Mark Patzer to “Give a \$.25 per hour raise to the cook effective immediately” – passed. The lower level bathrooms need remodeling, a committee will put together recommendations. A few tile in the kitchen need replacing. Concerning school janitorial duties, the board will look into options from the church membership and will get two bids to have the school cleaned professionally. The slop sink will likely be located in the kitchen, will get a bid to have one installed. Kindergarten round-up was held, 7 children committed. Early Childhood projects 8 three yr old and eleven four year old children. Track meet is May 9<sup>th</sup> in Sleepy Eye. Softball tourney is Tues May 17th
- **Maintenance:** Church insulation project is completed and well under budget thanks to member help. Maintenance will look into insulating Pastors house. A boiler circulating pump at school is out, Tom W will replace it. The 3<sup>Rd</sup> street house furnace needs approx \$400 in repairs or \$2000 to replace. It is an old furnace. Motion by Kevin Lee, second by Arlen Meyer to

“replace the furnace at the 3<sup>rd</sup> street house for a cost of approx \$2000.” Motion carried.

**Activities:** Easter breakfast served about 160, cost \$440 donations \$767. Net proceeds go to Summer Music Program/VBS

**Worship:** Attendance was good for Holy Week. Summer service times will change again this year same as prior years.

**Old Business:** Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Arlen Meyer from Elders (Confirmation topic). Councilmen on Duty for May: Dan and Todd for first service, Arlen and Craig for 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Two bids to repaint the church interior have been received. \$4200 from Southwest Pro Painters of Marshall and \$7650 from Miesen's Color Center of Springfield. After discussion, motion by Arlen M second by Lyle P to “contract Southwest Pro Painters at a cost of \$4200 + paint from Patzers” - motion carried. A “color committee” is looking at different color choices. Funding will come from a variety of sources. We at Christ would like to form a “partnership” between us and WELS Lutheran Childhood Family Services (WLCFS) Member Assistance Program to potentially help members who may need various counseling services that may be beyond the Pastor's abilities. The candidate must go through the Pastor first before being approved for the funds. Motion by Mark P second by Geoff S to “put \$375, or 5 hours x \$75/hour to the membership assistance program with WLFCS for counseling cases that may be beyond a Pastors abilities” - motion passed.

**New Business:** Items to be put on the agenda of the April voters meeting will include the “call” for director/teacher, the Member Assistance Program, church painting project, and LRPC items.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Submitted by David Biastock—April 5, 2016

Meeting minutes for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Attendees:** Craig Heil, Nick Noble, Charlie Hoflock, Darik Lyons, Mr. John Festerling, Mrs. Zander, and Dave Biastock  
Mr. Festerling opened the meeting with prayer.

**Earlier Childhood Center Update:** Round up – 13 children in attendance. Currently have 8 enrolled in the 1<sup>st</sup> year program of which one might opt to enroll in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year program. Eleven

currently enrolled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year program with 2 possibilities. Summer program – Mrs. Zander reviewed projected numbers and the variety of schedules. The board reviewed qualifications for a potential internal employee who could serve in the capacity of EC director along with teaching. This would be a potential option if we do not receive a call candidate. Minutes were reviewed from the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and approved with corrections.

**Financial – Treasurer Reports:** Darik reviewed financial activities for March along with current account balances.

**Old Business:** Gym floor refinishing will be completed the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Lower level bathrooms remodel was discussed as a potential item to be completed in the near future. Craig will bring to the church council. Potential new scoreboard from Russell school gym was tested for compatibility with our existing scoreboard. The scoreboards are compatible and it would work to install a second scoreboard in the gym. New janitor cart has arrived. Mop sink – OK was given from the Health Department as long as we are 18” away from food prep areas.

**Lunch Report:** We have experienced a couple of strange things with the kitchen refrigerator and one of the freezers. In both cases the issue self-resolved and has not happened again. Will keep a closer eye on them. Cook wages were not increased with the rest of the staff wages at the beginning of the year. Darik motioned to recommend to the church council to increase the cook’s wages by \$0.25 per hour effective with the next pay period. Seconded by Nick. No further discussion. Motion passed.

**Pastor/Teacher Reports:** CLYF – the group will be meeting in a couple of weeks and will work on a table center piece decorations that will be used for Easter morning breakfast.

Pioneers – no meeting occurred in March.

Kindergarten round up – 7 children in attendance with 5 definite for next year and 2 maybes.

Stage setup – April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**From the Board:**

Janitor – other options need to be explored.

Next meeting – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm

The meeting was concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.

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## **Worship Services**

**Sundays: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

(Memorial Day-Labor Day: Sunday: 9:00 AM, Monday: 7:00 PM)

(Advent & Lent: Wednesdays - 7:00 PM)

**Holy Communion:** 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

## **Service Broadcast times**

KMHL Radio Station at 8:00 AM on Sundays  
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