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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

### **The Sixth Petition: And lead us not into temptation**

We continue our study of the Lord's Prayer – digging deeper into this gem. May God continue to bless our study of this prayer that Jesus' himself taught us to pray.

What a prayer this is, Father, that your Son has bid us to pray! See how he invites me to cast the entire responsibility for my rescue from temptation on your gracious and mighty leading. He knows and so do I how I consider

everybody else's sins serious and my own trivial and how therefore I easily play with temptation. He knows and so do I that I even enjoy some of the temptations that plague me. Oh how wide is the path of temptations that I toy with! Left to myself I would run that highway to my ruin and perish eternally in the grip of sins great and small.



And therefore, Father, even this I beg of you and cast the responsibility for it at your feet. I know where my own sinful flesh leads; it pulls and drags me to everything that is contrary to your will in both law and gospel. I have prayed that your will may be done in me. And so I beg of you, if your will is to be done on earth as it is in heaven, then you must lead and guide me away from temptation. You must protect me from temptations that are so powerful that I would perish in them. Yes, you must show me your Father's heart in the cross of your dear Son so that in spite of my own perversity I strive to follow the leading of your Word so

that more and more your will is done in me, and less my own will. When you lead by your forgiveness and guide by your instruction there hell is put far away and heaven draws near to earth, to me and in me. Help me to remember that so that I may more gladly yield to your leading and abhor my own.

## **COUNCIL CORNER**

Greetings from your Board of Education! **SAVE THE DATES!!**  
MONDAY, MARCH 14th: Kindergarten Round-Up will be held at Samuel Lutheran School on Monday, March 14th. The evening will begin at 6:00 with a pizza/pop supper served in the school cafeteria. At 6:30, we will go to the Kindergarten room for some fun and fellowship time. We will have a short devotion/Bible story followed by an introduction to our reading series, "The Superkids". Mrs. Flock, the school nurse, will be available to answer questions about vaccinations and health forms for children entering Kindergarten and a representative from Southwest Coaches will be here to give information about bussing for your child. If you are planning on coming, please call the school office (532-2162) no later than noon, Monday March 14th. If you have any questions, you may call the school office or Mrs. Festerling (872-6353). We hope to see EVERYONE there!

MONDAY, MARCH 21st: Pre-K Round-Up will be held at Samuel Lutheran School on Monday, March 21. We will begin with pizza supper at 6:00 p.m. Afterwards, the children and parents will have the opportunity to explore the classroom and visit with the teachers and other parents. The children will participate in a small lesson and then while the children are having a snack, the parents will have a chance to learn more about our program.

As we are all aware, Samuel Lutheran School provides an excellent opportunity for our children to hear God's Word on a daily basis. Also, it has proven year after year to also provide an education second to none. If you happen to know of any young families that may be looking for a Pre-K program, or would have the desire to have their kids in a Christin learning environment, I would encourage you to speak to them about what Samuel has to offer.

God's Blessings to you all, Craig Heil

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## **Maundy Thursday**

We hope and pray that you will spend Holy week worshipping your merciful Savior starting with Maundy Thursday on March 24th. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at this service which begins at 7:00 PM. The word MAUNDY comes from the Latin word Mandate which means command. The command was not to receive the Lord's Supper, as some think, since Jesus instituted it on this day. No, the command he gave was that we love one another. Jesus, of course, showed us the full extent of his love for us by going to the cross. At this service we also remember the blessed meal which he gave us whereby we receive his body and blood - in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

## **Good Friday**

At Christ we offer two different services on Good Friday, March 25th. The first service will start at 1:00 PM and will feature special choral music by our school children. The second service will be held at 7:00 PM. This will be a Tenebrae service of darkness which will stand as a moving reminder of the darkness of our sins and what they caused. The Lord's Supper will be offered at both of these divine worship services.

## **Easter Sunday Celebration**

Please make plans to attend the highest festival in the church year - Easter on March 27th. Two services will be offered. The sunrise service at 7:00 AM and the Festival service at 10:00 AM. The Easter services will not be the same so if you want to attend both you can.



## **Easter Breakfast**

Please join us between our two Easter services for our Easter breakfast, prepared by our church council. It is held out to Samuel and runs from about 8:00 - 9:30 AM. The menu will include scrambled eggs, egg bake, sausage, French toast sticks, donuts, juice and coffee. There is no cost for this meal but a free will offering will be taken and any money over and above the cost of the meal will go the Summer Music/VBS Program. We hope many of you will be able to attend this fellowship opportunity.

## CLYF

The youth group from St. John's in Lake Benton invited us to a sledding party at Hole in the Mountain Park in January but with temps in the low single digits and a biting wind we postponed this event to February. Well this month we had a string of days that were very warm and most of the snow melted away BUT there was still enough on the hill that we were able to take a few breathtaking runs down the hill. After we had our fill we went to the church and played a couple games and had a pizza, pop and dessert supper. We are looking forward to getting together with them and maybe some other area groups again.

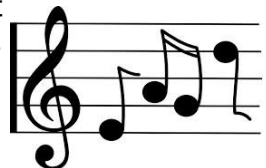
We plan on meeting Sunday, March 20 from 1-3. Watch for more details about this event. We will also be helping serve at the Easter breakfast.

## PIONEERS

The Pioneers met on February 14th at Samuel school. Fourteen members were in attendance. Mr. Heil began the meeting with a devotion from the WELS website. As the event occurred on Valentine's Day, several Valentine themed games were played. Most of the games were designed around the "Minute to Win It" game show. The group was split into 2 teams. The teams had 1 minute to see who could transfer the most candy hearts from plate to plate with a straw. They also were challenged to balance the most pieces of candy corn on end as possible, blow as many q-tips through a straw into a bowl, as well as toss as many marshmallows into a small container. The kids then enjoyed jello, apples and popcorn for a snack. The Pioneers will meet again on March 13th at Samuel school.

## SUMMER MUSIC/VBS

In spite of the cold temps summer is not that far off and that means our summer music and Vacation Bible School program is also coming. I am happy to report that Miss Shannon Eggers will be back at this position for another year. She is excited about coming back to Marshall and sharing her talents in teaching our children. Very soon we will be getting out information as to how you can sign up etc. Keep watching for it!



## **KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

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## **PRE-KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

Pre-Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Monday, March 21st from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at Samuel Lutheran School. Children that will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1 and are not currently enrolled in our Pre-K program are invited, along with their parents, to join us for a pizza and pop supper followed by an hour of fun. At Samuel, we provide a learning environment with God's Word as the focal point. Reading and math readiness, music, physical development, and listening skills are also an integral part of our program. You may choose to enroll your child mornings (Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Tuesday and Thursdays for 1<sup>st</sup> year) or you may enroll all day--up to five days a week. The center will open at 7:00 a.m. School will start at 8:15 a.m. and end at 11:50 for half-day enrollment or end at 3:00 p.m. for the full day enrollment. The center will remain open until 5:30 p.m. for those that would like to take advantage of the after school program. If you are interested or know of someone that might be interested, please call the school office at 532-2162 no later than noon on Monday, March 21st, so we will know how many to plan for the pizza supper. If you have any questions, please call the school (532-2162) or you may call Mrs. Zander at home (337-0996).

## **SLS NEWS AND NOTES**

We are at the end of the Samuel BB season, but as I write this we are in the middle of Spirit Week. The students wait all year for this week because they can participate in a lot of activities to show they are Cougars!! This year our Spirit Week consisted of four activities. Monday was Scrabble day. Each classroom chose a scrabble letter(previous week). The class had to dress according to that letter. If they chose a D they could dress up like a dog or a doctor, for example. The letters were B, T, E, A, and H. The students were very creative in their outfits. Tuesday was Twins/Triplets or Career day. We had pairs of twins in almost all rooms. Wednesday was our DRESS UP day to look sharp. Thursday was our Blue and White Day to show our COUGAR PRIDE. The day ended with a pep rally as one more push of Cougar spirit. Friday the students are playing their first game and at this writing we are waiting to see the results. Grades 3-8 are beginning to prepare for the spring musical entitled "Dragon Tale." We have begun working on the songs and soon will have try-outs for the solos and lead parts. This is a thoroughly entertaining musical about a medieval town that is threatened by a dragon and the men who attempt to defeat the dragon. The musical will take place on Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 pm. We hope to see all of you at the musical.



## **LADIES AID & MISSION SOCIETY**

The Ladies Aid and Mission Society did not meet in February. Due to scheduling conflicts with the Ladies Aid officers, the March meeting has been cancelled. Mission Society will meet on March 10th.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Submitted by Lyle Patzer—January 11, 2016

Present: Geoff Stelter, Kevin Lee, Lyle Patzer, Dan Herrmann. Pastor Schreiner, Craig Heil, Brian Onken, Todd Konietzko, Tom Vanderwerf, Mark Patzer, Mr Festerling  
Opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes of December 2015 council meeting were read and approved.

**Pastors Report:**

Pioneers did not meet. CLYF will “hopefully” go sledding at Lake Benton on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.

280 chairs were set up this Christmas at SLS. We need to consider new chairs at Samuel to replace the padded chairs which are in rough shape. We likely will order one more chair rack for school.

120 Christmas sacks were filled this year, that number is just right.

The next Annual Meeting is Sunday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7pm at church.

The “middle school fun night” for grades 5-8 was successful and will likely continue again next year with area churches. Candlelight Service time was discussed and will be put on next month's agenda to consider moving it earlier in the eve for better attendance.

Christ Lutheran needs to consider a more active social media presence going forward. This topic was discussed at the last Long Range Planning Committee meeting. “Social Media Matters '16” will look into this further in the near future, a facilitator would be necessary.

A motion was made by Mark Patzer, second by Craig Heil to “Pay ½ of Pastor Schreiners cell phone monthly bill” Motion passed.

An exploratory committee has been formed for the ECC director/teacher position.

Mission Festival Sunday is Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Rev James Mattek from the WELS Lutheran Childhood Family Services will be here. The topic will be “mental health”

**Elders Report:**

The People Who Care (PWC) committee will continue to remain active in 2016. The focus is to get in-active members to come back to church. There were no membership changes to discuss.

**Financial Secretary:**

Written report was handed out.

**Treasurer's report:**

2015 budget general offerings final number was \$350,500 which is \$25.5k over budget. \$9,400 from the 3<sup>rd</sup> street rent was transferred to the Building Improvement Fund to pay towards the \$40k 3<sup>rd</sup> street renovation project. Actual school tuition in 2015



was \$50,000. Total Offerings and Revenue was up \$21.4k over budget. ECC actual Tuition and Registration was \$125,334 at YE. Early Childhood surplus of \$13,237 was put back into the mutual fund. The School Lighting Retro-fit was paid in full ahead of schedule. Our real estate mortgage stands at \$204,039 at YE. Samuel Lutheran School account balance is \$37,611 at 2015 YE.

**Stewardship:**

The group will plan an Endowment Sunday in 2016, date TBD.

**Evangelism:**

Committee will work with the Elders and PWC on a future project.

**Education Report:**

A school board representative Will meet with the custodian to define expectations. The school board discussed the exploratory committee for ECC director/teacher at it's last meeting. Grandparents day at school is Sat Jan 16. There is also a home BB game that day and a Whopper feed. \$447 from chapel offerings will be given to Urban Ministry. Custodian needs two vacuums, one will come from church that is not used and a new one will be purchased. The gym floor will need re-finishing this summer. Basket ball is in full swing. The SLS faculty will be going to New Ulm for a curriculum study on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> and Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Maintenance:**

Will do a walk-thru of church rental properties.

**Activities:**

No report.

**Worship:**

Lenten rotation will continue this year, there will be 6 services and 6 meals.

**Old Business:**

Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Gary St Aubin-president. Councilmen on duty for February are Lyle Patzer 8am Mark Patzer 10:30am.

**New Business:**

Motion by Craig Heil, second by Todd K to "Purchase 3 x \$250 gift cards to be given to our 3 organists as a thank-you" motion passed.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by David Biastock—January 5, 2016

## **Attendees:**

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

## **Early Childhood Center Update:**

Mrs. Zander provided the board with an update.

We still have an opening for an assistant teacher position in the afternoons.

Mrs. Timm will be returning the week of January 11<sup>th</sup> part time and then back to regular hours the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>.

We lost 2 students as their families moved out of the area.

One student went from part time to full time.

Discussion held regarding potential call for an ECC Director/Teacher. The ECC teacher call committee will be meeting to further discuss pros and cons and try to work on what is best for our ECC program and its future.

After giving her update, Mrs. Zander excused herself from the meeting.

Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections from the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

For 2016 Craig Heil will serve as Chairman of the Board, Darik Lyons will continue to serve as Treasure, and Dave Biastock will continue as Secretary.

## **Financial – Treasurer Reports:**

Darik reviewed financial activities along with current account balances along with a final review of 2015 numbers.

## **Old Business:**

EEC call feasibility meeting – first meeting will take place January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Basketball boards/hoops replacement – installation was completed mid-December.

## **Lunch Report:**

Small water heater for the dishwasher needs to be replaced. New one has been ordered from Patzer's Hardware Hank. We have 3 family accounts that have larger outstanding balances. Mr. Festerling will be in contact with these families.

### **Pastor/Teacher Reports:**

CLYF – planning to go tubing at Lake Benton on Martin Luther King Holiday. Pioneer – The group will be meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Middle school fun night for grades 5-8 was held on December 28<sup>th</sup> with 13 kids in attendance. Very positive feedback was received.

Faculty In-Service with WELS District – will be held at MLC in New Ulm on MLK Holiday and Presidents Day. Mr. Festerling was able to secure some Title II money. It was suggested the remainder of the cost (\$183) come out of the Misc Other fund. Motion by Craig to cover the \$183 from the Misc Other fund. Second by Darik. No further discussion. Motion passed.

New vacuum is need at school. Mr. Festerling will contact Patzer's to get some cost and options.

Gym floor is due to be refinished and possibly have some of the lines and logo repainted as it has been 2 years since this was done. Mr. Festerling will get some cost estimates as we would like to try and get this scheduled for early summer.

Mid-year review for the janitor needs to take place. Craig offered to meet with the janitor.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

Basketball games: Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 4:15pm @ Redwood Falls, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 4pm home verses Coyotes, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 4pm home verses MACS, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 10am home verses Lynd with this being Grandparent's day and Whopper Feed, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 4:15pm home verses Redwood Falls, and Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 3 team tournament at MVL in New Ulm.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> - no school for MLK Holiday

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – PTF family movie night

### **From the Board:**

Justin Schultz has 2 score boards from the Russell school. He would like to donate one of them which looks larger than the one we currently have plus it has some additional features. Will need to check if it will fit in the space where the current scoreboard is located. Also it is felt we could run both the old and new scoreboards with the same controller. If that is the case we would move the old scoreboard to the south wall.

Next meeting – February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm

Pastor closed the meeting with the Benediction.

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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  
VAST cable channel 17 and Charter cable channel 180  
at 6:30 PM Tuesday and 12:30 PM Wednesday

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