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From the **PASTOR**—

We conclude our study of the Lord's Prayer this month. May God continue to bless our study of this prayer that Jesus' himself taught us to pray.

The Doxology – For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

And I wouldn't want it any other way! You and you alone rule in the kingdom of the world. And you have assured me in your Word that your rule is always for the benefit of those who love and trust you. Even to old age and to the hour of death you guide and govern the times and the tides that I need not fear even though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. You, my Father, my God, my Savior will rescue me from death and the torments of the damned and bring me to your heavenly kingdom where I will worship and adore you for all eternity.



And you rule as well in the kingdom of your church with your holy gospel and the sacraments. In the kingdom ruled by your Word I have the certainty of your grace and mercy; I have peace of conscience in the knowledge of the perfect forgiveness Jesus has won for me. And with your Word I know what works will please you, my only King, in my heart and mind and life.

All my powers are nothing and accomplish nothing without your gracious aid and protection. How blest I am that you have been pleased to use your power for my rescue and my redemption.

My feeble efforts would have left me in the powerful jaws of the devil who plots and strives by night and day to ruin me for time and for eternity. But the resurrection of your Son has won for me the assurance that the devil's power is shattered and I am free.

To you and to you alone belongs the glory for all that is good and best in my life here. To you and you alone belongs the glory for my conversion and the preservation of my faith.

And so I say Amen, confident that you will hear and receive my prayer. For your Son has taught me to pray it. And he has won for me your ever kind and gracious hearing and your rich answer to these his petitions. Amen and Amen!

Confirmation

These young people will be confirmed and receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 1st in the 10:30 AM service.

Lenei Estrada Palmer

Daughter of Gustavo and Ann Estrada

Kjah Hoflock

Daughter of Charlie and Heather Hoflock

Claire Martinson

Daughter of Robert and Mary Jo Martinson

Ashley Mauland

Daughter of Phil and Amy Mauland

Brooke Mauland

Daughter of Phil and Amy Mauland

Abigail Pullman

Daughter of Chad and Angie Pullman

Paxton Schultz

Daughter of Justin and Lori Schultz

Rachel Schwarz

Daughter of Nicholas and Jill Schwarz

Sarah Werner

Daughter of Tom and Melanie Werner

We wish them God's richest blessings.

COUNCIL CORNER

This month we hear from Arlen Meyer, Head Elder.

From Luther's Catechism -

Confirmation - A ceremony following instruction in which Christians confess their faith and are acknowledged as sufficiently instructed to receive Holy Communion.

Hopefully you were able to attend the questioning between services not only to hear the young adults answer questions, but to also use it as a review for oneself, and then God-willing you were able to attend a confirmation, if not at Christ Lutheran, at a fellow church. Attending a confirmation reminds us of the commitment we all have made to the Lord. Let us all be good stewards and encourage these young adults and others that we all need to keep growing in our faith by attending church, Bible class, and at home studying the word. (Hebrews 10:24,25) *"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up on meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

With God's Love and Blessing, Arlen Meyer.

CLYF

The youth group will meet on Sunday, May 15 from 1-3PM. We are hoping to get together with other area WELS churches again for a picnic and planning session for our summer activities. All of our churches are including our new confirmands so they can get to know each other and start some long lasting friendships. Watch for more details in the bulletin.

PIONEERS

The Pioneer youth group did not meet in April. The next meeting will be on May 8, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Samuel school. At this meeting a craft and some games are planned. Snacks and refreshments will be provided also. Even if you have not attended this year, please feel free to join us. All members of Christ Lutheran Church in grades 1-8 (who have not yet been confirmed) are welcome to attend. This will be the last meeting of the school year. A camping outing is being planned for August. More details will be provided once the date has been finalized.

ASCENSION

We will celebrate our Lord's ascension back to his throne in heaven on Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 PM. Please join us at 5:30 for our Ascension supper. Pastor has consented to work his grilling magic again this year. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be prepared and served along with salads, chips and bars donated by our serving committees. A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses with proceeds going towards the summer Music/VBS program.



TEACHER CALL

The voters have decided to extend a call through the assignment committee at Martin Luther College for a person to teach pre-K 3 and 4 year olds as well as serve as the director for our early childhood center at Samuel. Call day this year is on May 14. Pray that the Lord of the church blesses us with a teacher that will meet our needs and help further our school's ministry.

MONDAY WORSHIP

Our Monday night worship services begin on Memorial Day, May 30th. They will run every Monday throughout the summer.

These services are a great way for us to keep in contact with God's Word and our fellow believers while still enjoying our summer activities at the lake etc. If you can't make it on Sunday we hope and pray you take advantage of Monday nights!

Services begin at 7:00 PM in our air conditioned church!

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Please join us on Sunday, May 22nd at the 8:00 service as we recognize our High School and College Graduates. After this service we will gather in the church basement for our annual Graduation Brunch. We hope you will join us as we congratulate them and wish them God's blessings on what lies ahead for them.

♦If you have someone graduating this year please notify the church office so that they may be recognized on this special day.

SUMMER MUSIC/VBS

Don't forget that we are doing our summer music program again this year! Miss Shannon Eggers will be back at this position for another year. Registration forms are available on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex. Register ASAP! Lessons will begin May 31st.



FACEBOOK

We are happy to report that our new Facebook page has been “liked” by a lot of members and non-members. It is our hope that this social media contact can serve as a good tool for us as we look at ways we can keep in contact with our members as well as connect with those outside our membership to inform everyone what we at Christ and Samuel have to offer. You can find us by searching **Christ Lutheran Marshall**.

WLCFS - CHRISTIAN FAMILY SOLUTIONS

At our Mission Festival back in late January we were introduced to WLCFS and the opportunity we have to assist our members who are in need of professional counseling. In a time when emotional and psychological needs are increasing and traditional health insurance costs are rising with higher deductibles or no mental health benefits, I am happy to announce that our congregation can help. As a demonstration of our love for Christ and his saving gospel message, we now have access to a variety of needs-based services. With advancements in technology, through this program counselors can now provide services not only by telephone or in person at one of our counseling offices in Wisconsin or Minnesota, but also through live, interactive video conferencing right from the member's own home or organization. There is a half-page insert in this newsletter that helps explain the Member Assistance Program (MAP). If this is something you think you might be in need of be sure to speak to Pastor.

BRIDAL SHOWER



The congregation is invited to attend a bridal shower for Kathryn Marquardt, bride-to-be of Zach Thooft, on Saturday, May 21st at 10:30 AM in the church basement. Please bring a favorite recipe to share. The couple is registered at Kohl's and Target.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Christ Lutheran is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels June 13-24. This is an important opportunity for our church to volunteer in the community. We thank Joan Sorenson for coordinating our volunteers. Sign up sheets will be available later this month.



SLS NEWS AND NOTES

April has been a busy month full of field trips, musicals, spring programs, and more! The entire school has been hard at work throughout the Month of April getting ready for their programs. 3-8th grade performed "Dragon Tale" on April 10th. It was a success! Thanks to everyone who helped with that. On April 27th Pre-K performed, "What I Want To Be" and K-2nd performed, "Prime Time Nursery Rhymes." Grades K-8 are all preparing to sing at the Ascension Service on Thursday, May 5th.

With less than three weeks of school remaining, we are now in the midst of end of the school year activities:

Pre-K will be going on a trip to a farm and they will also head to Currie and visit the, "End-O-Line Train Museum!"

Kindergarten is in the midst of their Community Helper unit. That means they have had special guests in their classroom; Pastor Schreiner, Officer Vanleuwee, and Mrs. Flock. They also have been able to visit different places in our community such as the Marshall Lyon County Library, Hy-Vee, the Post Office, and the Marshall Animal Clinic.

Grades 1-2 went to Martin Luther College along with grades 3-8 to see the Children's Theater performance, "Once Upon a Wolf." They will also be going to Avera Medical Center for the Teddy Bear Clinic on May 4th.

On April 12th, Grades 3-5 attended the Southwest Minnesota Orchestra Concert presented at the Marshall High School and also experienced an instrument petting zoo before the concert. They will be going to the Pioneer Village on May 4th in Monte for Heritage Days and will see the high school play, "Just So Stories on May 5th.

On April 25th, grades 6-6 traveled to Big Stone, South Dakota to the Big Stone Power Plant. The 8th graders will be confirmed on Sunday, May 1st.

On May 4th we will have our Piano/ Band concert. No school on May 9th, but grades 3-8 will be attending the Track Meet in Sleepy Eye. The Activities Banquet will take place on May 12th. 8th grade graduation is May 18th and the last day of school is a half day on May 19th!

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of Samuel Lutheran School! Have a super summer! ☺

LADIES AID

Submitted by Joan Palmer—April 7, 2016

Our meeting opened with singing the hymn *Alleluia Jesus Lives*. Pastor Schreiner's topic of study was from Luke 24 – Easter.

The treasurer's report was read for the last three months. We didn't have any meeting but still had ongoing financial business. Teri Knutson called for a motion to accept the treasurer's report. LaDonna Rathje made the motion and it was seconded by Sue Mitzner. All were in favor.

President Knutson announced that OWLS will meet April 12th at St. John's in Vesta at 9:30 AM. Any wanting to go – contact Darleen Gladitsch.

Correspondence were thankyou's from Peridot Lutheran School in Arizona, Friends of China, MLC, and Pastor Schreiner.

Jo said she sent a total of 26 greeting cards the past three months. Birthday – 13, Get-well – 9, and Sympathy – 4.

Sue Mitzner chose the hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* for her birthday song.

Serving today were Ann Rockman and Deb Herrmann. A delicious salad, crackers, and candies were served. Thank you. Next month the server will be Jo Palmer.

Flowers in May – Ellen Loe.

The treasurer's book was audited by Darlene Schultz and Sue Mitzner and was found in good order.

Roll call with 10 members and Pastor Schreiner.
Teri called for a motion to adjourn. Ann Rockman made the motion and Merna seconded.
Pastor led us in the Lord's Prayer and table prayers.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Lyle Patzer—March 14, 2016

Opened with devotion and prayer

Minutes of Feb 2016 council meeting were read and approved

- **Pastors Report:** Pioneers met March 13. CLYF did go sledding, 6 kids. CLYF continuing to look at summer ideas. Pastor Schleewe from Vesta will be retiring, hoping the youth group from that church will be reactivated.

There are pot holes at school and the 3rd street house, Arlen will look into it, hopefully by March 27th.

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet on Monday March 28th at 7pm in church basement.

Easter breakfast prep is Sat Mar 26 at noon. We will order product from Variety foods. Proceeds from Easter breakfast free will offering will go to the summer music/VBS program.

There was discussion of slightly changing the communion procedure on Easter Sunday to move it along quicker, it was decided to leave as is.

Standing for the sermon text reading will be eliminated, this will be communicated for several Sundays.

There may be changes to the Sunday School curriculum next year possibly involving more videos and new & different lessons to aid learning and reinvigorate Sunday School.

A donor has stepped forward to change some of the landscaping in front of church, various ideas will be studied.

The MN District Pastors conference is Apr 4-6 in the cities, Pastor will attend. Circuit pastor elections are coming up, the current elected leader is Pastor Schreiner.

Two hi-top bistro table have been ordered for coffee hour at church.

It was reported that 2 chairs in the basement have cracked. Lyle will look into it.

- **Elders Report:** Motion by Elders second by Lyle Patzer: Chad & Angie Pullman (Abigail, Wyatt) in by Affirmation – approved. Six re-locate letters were sent out but no replies yet. There was a discussion about potentially releasing 6 non-active

or distant members. No action was taken.

- **Financial Secretary:** Written report was handed out.
- **Treasurer's report:** The loan from savings is at \$0. There was a discussion about the lunch balance at school being fairly high, it should essentially be a break-even program. The mortgage is now under \$200k (\$199,191 vs \$227,627 PY)
- **Stewardship:** A 2015 giving analysis was discussed, may present it to the congregation in near future. The committee will do an Endowment push in 2016. Michael Dietz will be here Sept 18, 2016
- **Evangelism:** No report.
- **Education Report:** Mr Festerling reported the cost to refinish the gym floor should be about \$500 less than originally planned (originally \$3090) because we wont need to repaint as many lines as initially figured. Samuel School will start Sept 6, 2016 to coincide with the public schools.

A custodial cart was purchased. Still pursuing a "slop sink" somewhere.

An upgrade for the musical sound system was purchased.

Pre-K round-up will be week of March 20, 2016.

- **Maintenance:** No report.
- **Activities:** Easter breakfast is the next major activity, details are currently being finalized.
- **Worship:** No report.

Old Business: Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Geoff Stelter Maintenance (Church Clean-up). Councilmen on duty for April Brian Onken first service, 2nd service tbd.

Church Painting Southwest Pro Painters from Marshall submitted an estimate of \$4200 to paint the Sanctuary. Not including paint (estimate 25 gallons) The paint will come from Patzers. A second estimate from Meisen's color center will be coming soon.

New Business: The joint meeting between the School Board and Council concerning an ECC Director/Teacher that was held after 2nd service on Mar 13, 2016 was discussed. The consensus of the school board is to call a director/teacher from MLC. After discussion Arlen Meyer motioned, second by Brian Onken to "Call a Director/Teacher through the assignment committee at MLC" Motion passed.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by David Biastock—March 1, 2016

Attendees:

Nick Noble, Pastor Schreiner, Darik Lyons, Mr. John Festerling, Craig Heil, and Dave Biastock

Pastor Schreiner opened the meeting with prayer.

Earlier Childhood Center Update:

After further discussion around calling an additional ECC teacher, the board felt the next steps were to bring information gathered from the ECC teacher call committee to the church council with a recommendation of calling an additional teacher.

Motion by Darik to increase the early childhood care hourly rate to \$3 per hour effective September 1st. Seconded by Dave. No further discussion. Motion passed.

No minutes were reviewed as the February meeting was cancelled due to winter weather.

Financial – Treasurer Reports:

Darik reviewed financial activities for January and February along with current account balances.

Old Business:

Gym floor refinishing cost is \$1800. To have all lines and logo repainted it would cost an additional \$1200. At this time the black lines are the only ones in need of being repainted so the board recommended only doing the black lines and refinishing the floor.

Vacuums for school – an extra one was brought over from church and someone donated another one.

Lunch Report:

Small water heater for the dishwasher has been replaced.

A few floor tiles need to be replaced in the dishwasher room that were damaged by the leaking water heater.

Pastor/Teacher Reports:

CLYF – six from our youth group went sledding in Lake Benton. Looking into some different summer activities such as attending a Stinger's game in Willmar and going to Valley Fair.

Pioneers – The group has been holding regular monthly meetings.

Faculty In-Service with WELS District was held February 15 with the topic focusing on math curriculum.

The board reviewed a draft of 2016-2017 school calendar. We will closely follow the same calendar as Marshall Public Schools with the first day of school on September 6th.

Gym rental – slight tweaks have been made to contract wording.
Cart for custodian and mop sink – Craig looked in costs for obtaining a janitor's cart and also suggested it would be beneficial to have a mop sink in the kitchen/cafeteria area.

Motion by Craig to spend up to \$175 to purchase a janitor's cart. Seconded by Darik. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Craig and Mr. Festerling will explore options as to where the mop sink could be installed. Craig will contact the health department to find out if there are any rules around where the mop sink can be located in the kitchen.

School sound system upgrade – Mr. Festerling purchased a new Amp for \$195. The price of the speakers went way up so it was decided to wait on purchasing them.

Upcoming Activities:

Science fair – March 11th

Kindergarten round up – March 14th

Pre-K round up – March 21st

Easter break – March 25-29.

From the Board:

PTF – with low participation (usually 8 to 10 people are in attendance), does the group need to be revamped? Like most other organizations it takes a good leader and someone with drive and the ability to bring some excitement. Some additional thought will be given.

Next meeting – April 5th, 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

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