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From the **PASTOR**—

What do you think is needed to make a Thanksgiving a thank-filled day? For that day in November is it turkey and all the fixings prepared and served just the way you like them? Is it a perfectly peaceful weekend where everyone gets along and enjoys each other's company? Is it kicking back watching football or shopping at all the sales until your credit card begins to melt? To be thankful the rest of the year what do you need? Is it the perfect job where you hit it off with your coworkers and the boss? Is it the new car? What about the perfect house that has every convenience and all the room you ever wanted? Or would you have to declare an abstention in the thanksgiving prayer if these things were missing and replaced with something like spinach casserole? Let's face it life can be like spinach casserole at time.

If you had some or all these things and they were all taken away, or if you never had any of them and could never hope to receive them would you be missing what is needed for Thanksgiving? The Psalms repeatedly say, ***"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."*** The Apostle Paul encourages Christians: ***"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:19-20).***

We can always give thanks to God the Father for everything, even for hardships and suffering, because we know that he is good and his love endures forever. We are not good because of our pride and self-love, our misuse of God's name, our neglect of God's word, our disobedience of authority, anger, lust, greed, gossip and discontentment. But God is good. Not only is he

perfect and holy but he loves us even when we break his commands. In undeserved mercy he sent his Son to live and die for us. Christ died for the ungodly. He laid down his life to suffer condemnation on the cross so that the whole world could be declared “not guilty” for his sake.

What’s needed for Thanksgiving...nothing but repentance over sin and faith in Christ! Then all these things will be given to us as well. Trust God’s providence and do not worry about what to eat or drink or what you will wear, for his love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord and be content with what you have, for his love endures forever.

On Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day we will have special opportunities to “***speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.***” On the three Wednesday evenings after Thanksgiving, there will be special Advent opportunities for gathering to thank, worship and praise God the Father for everything, especially in sending us our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us then, continue to meet together to give him thanks, for he is good. His love endures forever.

SPECIAL SERVICE

The month of November offers us a special chance to thank and praise our God for all the goodness he showers upon every day. Thanksgiving Day this year falls on Thursday, November 24th. As Christians, of course, we don’t need someone to tell us we should be thankful for all we have. Our hearts overflow with thanks, first of all, for the spiritual blessing of faith in Jesus as Savior and secondly for material blessings. You will have a chance to gather in God’s house on either Wednesday evening November 23rd at 7:00 PM or Thursday morning the 24th at 9:30 AM. Our Thanksgiving worship will include a special printed service with lots of singing and special music. These services will be identical so you can choose to attend either the evening or morning service. Of course, you are always welcome to attend both – maybe you will pick up on something you missed the first time!

“Let us give thanks to the Lord for he is good.”



PIONEERS

The Pioneers met on October 9, 2016 for a trip to the Holmberg Apple Orchard. A total of fourteen Pioneers were in attendance. A wagon ride to the pumpkin patch was enjoyed by all, and each Pioneer got to select a pumpkin to take home. The weather that day was beautiful. The Pioneers will meet again from 1:00 to 3:00 on November 13, 2016 at Samuel school. We will be making a holiday craft and enjoying some hot apple cider.

CLYF

In October we met at Camden State Park and were joined by three youth from Peace in Echo. We got to know each other a little better by doing a fun ice breaker that told everyone a little about ourselves. Pastor Schreiner led us in a topical discussion about coping with a loved one's, family, friends or classmates death. A good discussion was had by all the kids. Then we divided up into two teams and headed out on a scavenger hunt in search of some items you can find in a state park. One group somehow got lost!! Not to worry they found their way back after a while and all was good as we enjoyed supper together before heading home.

We want to thank all those who ordered Christmas greenery this year. We hope you appreciate the opportunity this give you to "spruce" up the outside of your home during the Christmas season. CLYF doesn't make much in profit but considers this another service opportunity to the members. A reminder to our members that we will meet at the parsonage on Friday, November 18 to unload the truck and then bag and tag the items. We will also need you to help load them into people's cars on Sunday, the 20th after each service.



Just a reminder that you can also show your support for our high school aged youth by praying for them. The teenaged years can be tough and what could be better than asking God to bless these future leaders of our church and synod! Another way you can help is by purchasing the Hy-Vee gift cards. You get face dollar amount and we make 5% on the dollar. It is a GREAT deal. If you don't presently use these cards please consider doing so. Look for Jennifer Schreiner or Linda Onken, and their blue folders, before and after services and they can tell you more.

COUNCIL CORNER

Harvest is in full swing in the country and in the city I hear many people starting up the old snow-blower to make sure it is in working order to make our lives somewhat easier over the next four to six months. Yes, it is THAT time of year again and along with your preparations for the end of the year and upcoming winter months, your Church is working on our 2017 financial budget. There are many things that go into establishing budgets for the Church, School, and Early Childhood Center. What are the expenses that we know we will incur? Are there any “big ticket” projects that are on the horizon that we need to start budgeting for? How will we fund the budget that will be proposed and voted on? How many children will be enrolled in our School and Early Childhood Center in 2017? Some of the answers to these questions are easy to find and others take some time to figure out.

The question our members have a major role in answering is how will we fund the budget? This answer is a matter that all members need to think about personally. What portion or percentage of what God has blessed me with will I return to him? Budgets are just numbers printed in a report but stewardship is a spiritual matter. May we all prayerfully consider this important matter at the end of our 2016 year and the beginning of our 2017 year.

There is no doubt that the last three months of the year go a long way in determining if we will meet our budget for the year or not. We are thankful for the offerings and gifts that God has blessed our congregation with thus far, but there is no question that we will need a “strong finish” if we are going to reach our goal of a balanced budget for 2016. With thoughts and prayers, I know our Congregation will make our year-end a blessed one, both financially and spiritually!

God Bless, Kevin Lee, Treasurer

CHURCH YEAR

We begin a new church year on Sunday, November 27th with the season of Advent. The four Sundays in Advent are a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. We will also be having our three mid-week Advent services this year on Wednesday's November 30, December 7, & 14. The Evangelism committee will be serving a spaghetti supper before the first mid-week service on November 30. They will serve from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. The PTF will offer suppers for the other two services with proceeds going toward PTF projects. We hope you will come for food, fellowship and the nourishment of God's Word.

TREE OF LIFE

Most of you probably have seen that the old trees have been removed and by the time you receive this newsletter or shortly after, two trees will have been planted to take their place. The response for our fund was so wonderful that we have funds enough to put up two trees and still have some money left to do more landscaping next spring. Below are the names of those who donated in memory of someone or in honor of some event. If by chance someone's name was omitted – please contact the church office.

In Memory of June Herbert

given by Kay Nauman

In Memory of Raymond Sanow

given by Darik & Julie Lyons

In Memory of Sylvan & Elsie Schroeder, Delores Schroeder

given by Joyce Flock

In Memory of Ed & Dolores Bossert,

Maurice & Wanda Vierstraete, Leo Arends

given by Larry & Nadine Vierstraete

In Memory of Edward & Dolores Bossert,

LuVerne & Judy Kent

given by Jon & Wendy Rubendall

In Memory of Carol Affolter

given by LeRoy Affolter

In Memory of Arnold Thomsen

given by Merna Thomsen

In Memory of Arthur Pequin

given by Gene Pequin

In Memory of Ray Mohwinkel

given by Steve Mohwinkel & Jacki Knigge

In Memory of Stan & Erma Schlorf

given by Pam Lundberg

In Memory of Sandy Miller

given by Jack Miller

In Memory of our departed loved ones

given by Grey & Becky Lecy

*In Memory of Harry & Leona Schultz,
Donald Gladitsch, Vern Long*
given by Darleen Gladitsch

In Memory of Shirley & Duane Londgren
given by Dan & Karol Jacobson

In Memory of Cliff Ellingson
given by Erma Ellingson

In Memory of Cliff Ellingson
given by Mike & Pam Ellingson

In Memory of Walter & Lydia Stelter
given by Chad & Deanna Kulla

In Memory of Curtis Rathje
given by LaDonna Rathje

In Memory of Dennis Wilmes, Floyd Wilmes
given by Rose Wilmes

*In Memory of Larry Petersen, Jens & Elnore Petersen,
Les & Alice Becker*
given by JoAnn Petersen

In Memory of Orville Rockman
given by Anne Rockman

In Memory of Leah S. Mitzner Burris
given by Larry & Susan Mitzner

In Memory of Gregory Pagel, Derek Pagel
given by Duane & Marian Pagel

In Honor of John Paxton
given by Kathy Paxton

In Honor of the Baptism of granddaughter Brynlee Schreiner
given by Pastor & Jennifer Schreiner

In Honor of Vicki & Daryl St. Aubin 's 25th Anniversary
given by Rose Wilmes

On the Occasion of our 30th Wedding Anniversary
given by Wes & Tammy Hoflock



LOOKING AND THINKING AHEAD

I know it seems hard to believe but there are only two months left in the year! Where has 2016 gone? As always we will need a strong financial finish to the year to make our budget for 2016. With the blessings God has bestowed upon us as a congregation there is no reason to believe that we will not be able to reach our goals and God willing exceed them.

For many, year-end giving means looking for places that are available for them to put some of their God given dollars to use. If this might be you we hope you will keep in mind the Endowment Fund that our church established a few years back that will be able to fund future ministries and projects. This is not a fund that we should just think about when we are talking about wills, trusts and estate planning when our time on earth is coming to an end but anytime God has blessed us with gifts we can use to his glory. And yes, there can even be tax advantages for us that might free up even more funds to be used for gospel work. If you want more information about our Christ Lutheran Endowment Fund be sure to grab one of the brochures on the rack by the basement steps or call and talk to pastor and he can direct you to those who can help.

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings from Samuel Lutheran School in the wonderful month of October! All of the students have been very busy this month. The Kindergarten class had a last-time trip to Holmberg Orchard to conclude their apple unit. They saw over 7,000 trees in the orchard and got to pick out pumpkins to take home. They also went to the Fire Station as part of Fire Safety Week. The third grade class got to experience the Smokehouse as part of Fire Safety Week. The upper grade girls finished their volleyball season with a tournament at New Ulm. Kindergarten and first and second grades participated in "Read for the Record" on Friday, the 27th. The book, "The Bear Ate Your Sandwich", was read to the students here at Samuel as well as at schools all over the country and around the world as part of a literacy campaign for school children. As LUTHERANS, we have also been talking about Martin Luther and the Reformation this month. We had a special Reformation Activity day this past Friday with projects in the classrooms, games in the gym, and a special meal at noon in the cafeteria. Thank-you to all who participated. This coming

Sunday, October 30th, we will have an opportunity to learn more about the Reformation with a special afternoon planned at Samuel Lutheran School. The celebration begins with a supper at 4:30, followed by a Reformation presentation for adults in the cafeteria and Reformation for the children in the gym. We hope to see many there to learn more about our Lutheran heritage and enjoy a time of Lutheran fellowship.

LADIES AID

Submitted by Joan Palmer— October 6, 2016

Our meeting opened by singing the hymn, *“Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored”*. Pastor Schreiner’s Bible study was on church and government. It was a very interesting and thoughtful study. As the secretary’s minutes were printed out for all they were not read – a motion by Sue Mitzner and seconded by LaDonna Rathje to accept the minutes as printed.

The treasurer’s report for September was read.

Motion by Vivian Mix and seconded by LaDonna Rathje to accept the treasurers report. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports:

MLC Auxiliary: Meeting in New Ulm on October 15th at 9:30 AM.

Visiting Committee: Anne Rockman visited Vi Brackman.

Cards to members: Birthday: Gene Pequin, LaDonna Rathje; Anniversary: Ron & Judy Pullman; Baptism: Brynlee Schreiner, daughter of Andrew & Jordana Schreiner; Get Well: Bob Martinson; Sympathy: Greg & Becky Lecy, his mother.

New Business: Election for vice president and secretary/treasurer. As there were no nominees it will be decided at the November meeting.

Darlene Schultz wants to buy the large white coffee pot. After discussion the Ladies Aid will sell it to her for \$20.00.

Sue Mitzner suggested that ribbons in the hymnals should be replaced so she will be in charge for that project.

Acknowledgement from MLC Auxiliary for the gift of money.

Teri Knutson called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Anne Rockman and seconded by Darleen Gladitsch.

Nine members present today plus Pastor Schreiner.

Serving lunch was Darlene Schultz – open face pizza sandwiches, fresh veggies, and candies.

Pastor chose hymn *“For All the Saints”*, vs. 1, 3, 6 for his birthday hymn and Vivian Mix chose *“Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink”*, all verses.

Flowers in November – Merna Thomsen, Teri Knutson, Jim & Gladys Jacobson, and Mavis Schultz. Serving in November – Veronica Meyer.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Lyle Patzer—September 19, 2016

Opened with devotion and prayer

Present: Gary St Aubin, Pastor Schreiner, Lyle Patzer, Kevin Lee, Mark Patzer, Geoff Stelter, Tom Vanderwerf, John Festerling, Brian Onken, Dan Herrmann

Minutes of August 2016 council meeting were read and approved

●**Pastors Report:** 1. Pioneers went hiking at Garvin Park in September. Real good attendance. 2. A discussion was had about the “confirmation tree” in the church basement. The tree is full, we may consider a photo album, adding another tree (which we have), rearranging the current tree or other ideas. 3. Monday night summer worship average attendance in '16 was 34. There was a request by a member to have Monday night services year round. After discussion, it was decided to leave it as is partly because there are a lot of conflicts on Monday nights during the school year. 4. The Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW) met with Pastor and the called workers individually to get their thoughts. The committee report and discussion will follow. 5. The nominating committee sent out 49 letters on Sept 9th and is asking for response by Sept 30, personal contact will be made to those who do not respond by that date. 6. Pastor Schreiner reported that there are several ministerial changes and church changes going on within our circuit. Tyler and Lake Benton are considering partnering and there are a couple of “open” pastors' positions. 7. The CLGO golfer participation was down this year but quite a few went to the fellowship that followed. 8. The Reformation Rally is Sunday Oct 30th in Marshall. The meal will be at 4:30 and the presentation will follow at 5:30. Next year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation to be held in New Ulm. We are considering renting a bus and encouraging our members and area churches to go.

●**Elders Report:** In by transfer-Jason Kotecki from Zion LC Crete, IL WELS, motion Elders second Brian Onken-passed. In by transfer-Johanna Halloff (Morgan,Lillian) from Immanuel

Hutchinson WELS, motion board second Geoff S-passed. Out by Transfer-Jordan and Jesse Austin to St John's LC Redwood Falls, MN WELS, motion board second Lyle P-passed. The postcard campaign to encourage church attendance continues.

●**Financial Secretary:** Report was presented.

●**Treasurer's report:** Treasurers report was presented. A \$1942 loan was taken from savings as we ramped up for school to begin. This will be paid back shortly. Mission offerings are up approx \$2300 vs py. Budgeted offerings are up approx \$1800 vs py. A new reading curriculum at school was purchased for \$3896. ECC is in the black approx \$1450 ytd. It was noted that \$750 in lunch money that was not in as of Aug 31st. Mr Lee reported that current health insurance and pension expenses are expected to increase approx. \$4000 in 2017.

●**Stewardship:** Pastor Dietz talked about endowment issues at bible class on Endowment Sunday which was Sept 17th.

●**Evangelism:** We will be in the SMSU homecoming parade with 2 units. One for the church and one for the school.

●**Education Report:** The lower level bathrooms are finished under budget. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the project. The Board of Eds' project to continually improve Samuel School's image continues. Staff from Martin Luther will be here several times in the coming months to guide us with strategies for teaching, discipline and other image topics. Volleyball has started. RWF will host a "Kick it for Cancer" event to raise money for children with cancer. Samuel will take a bus to RWF to participate. Enrollment numbers for the 2016-17 school year are as follows: 8th grade down to K 6,3,3,4,7,3,11,9,5 respectively for a total of 51. Fifteen 4yr olds and six 3-yr olds.

●**Maintenance:** Blading the school lot was \$173, well under budget. Hopefully the trees at church will get cut down and trimmed sometime in September.

●**Activities:** No report

Worship: We are now into our regular worship service times.

Old Business: Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Geoff S/Tom V with maintenance. Councilmen on duty for Oct in 1st service is Geoff Stelter, 2nd service tbd. The tree of Life fund for a new tree at church currently has \$420. Mr Festerling's 40th anniversary celebration and pot luck is Sun Sept 25th.

New Business: The 3rd street house is vacant, some cleaning will be needed. After discussion about having a called worker live in the house there was a motion by Mark Patzer second-Dan Herrmann “offer the 3rd st house to the Kotecki’s with no rent, they pay utilities, mow the lawn and shovel the snow” motion passed. Next, health insurance for Mrs Kotecki was discussed and will need to be addressed in the upcoming months. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer at 9:15 pm

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by David Biastock—September 6, 2016

Attendees: Pastor Schreiner, Darik Lyons, Charlie Hoflock, Mr. John Festerling, Craig Heil, and Dave Biastock

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections from the August 9th meeting.

Financial – Treasurer Reports:

Darik reviewed financial activities for August along with current account balances. Currently we have 6 families with outstanding summer care balances ranging from \$23 to \$245 with \$152 combined outstanding lunch balances. Balances are from the last 2 weeks of the summer program. Mr. Festerling will be sending out a 2nd notice and will follow up with a phone call as necessary. One family with outstanding tuition from last year. Craig will setup a meeting with the family to better understand their situation and see if they can start making smaller weekly payments.

Old Business:

•Early childhood

oPre-paid 5% discount – question asked if pre-school is prepaid for a half year for two children would the family receive the 5% discount. No, since the policy was setup if pre-paid for the full year. The board will take it under advisement and discuss at a future meeting. The policy will remain as is until further review by the board.

oDiscussion regarding what rate should be changed to a family if their child leaves earlier than they contracted for the day. The normal hourly rate applies in this situation.

oEC numbers for the new school year were discussed. Need to ensure we are staffing correctly to meet the number of children in attendance as we have had some days where it appears we

are over staffed.

oLower level bathrooms remodel – project has been completed.
A big thank you to all who helped complete this project.

Definitely a big improvement for our school facilities.

School image Faculty In-service with MLC – Mr. Festerling and Pastor met with Cynthia Whaley, a professor at MLC, to discuss putting together a series of 4 in services for the faculty. The in-services will be held on September 21, November 16, February 20, and a date to be determined in June after school is out.

Some topics to be covered are: discipline, positive attitude, learning behaviors, etc.

Lunch Report: We are up and running for the year.

Pastor/Teacher Reports:

CLYF – no meeting will be held in September.

Pioneers – the group will going to Garvin Park for their September meeting.

Kick-It For Cancer – checked with Southwest Coaches on a bus for the day. It would cost \$500. Mr. Festerling will explore other options. Planning to conduct fundraising 2 weeks prior to the event. Possibly hold a penny war.

Enrollment for the 2016-17 school year was reviewed. We have a total of 72 students in PreK through 8th grade. 30 children enrolled in the after school program with various schedules.

Script program – Ms. Sarah Zander put together some information on a script program which has hundreds of different options to pre-purchase gift cards that would return a portion of the proceeds to our school. Initial review by the board it feels like this is a big undertaking with a lot of logics that need to be figured out. No decision made if we should move forward.

Scoreboards – we will keep the smaller of the 2 scoreboards and use parts from the larger scoreboard.

Confirmation – student/parent orientation meeting will be held September 7.

Friday Fun Days – we will have a Friday Fun Day approximately once per month. The first one will be held on September 16 with a football theme. Tailgate picnic will be held outdoors.

Pastor will check on Thrivent Dollars for work activities.

From the Board:

No additional items

Next meeting – October 4th at 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)

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