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From the **PASTOR**

In fourteen hundred and ninety-two Columbus sailed the ocean blue and discovered America. We all would agree a significant event to say the least. But something far more important in the life of the Christian church took place nine years earlier in November of 1483! A child was born to a poor couple living in Eisleben, Germany. The next day, after his birth, on November 11, 1483 the child's father, Hans, took his newborn to St. Peter's church to have the water of life poured on his head. The day celebrated the festival of St. Martin of Tours so in honor of this they named their boy Martin, Martin Luther.

The church owes a huge debt to the man knows as Dr. Martin Luther. God used this man to restore to His church the truth that we are saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ. There are certainly many things to remember about Luther. He was, of course, a great theologian. He wrote volumes upon volumes explaining the truths of Scripture in a way that even children can understand. His love and appreciation of music can also not be overlooked. Writing words and music that clearly lay out God's plan of salvation was a gift that this man still shares with us today. And then there is the symbol he designed that immediately reminds us of Martin Luther – his coat of arms.

As early as 1517, while Luther was a professor at Wittenberg, he replaced his father's seal with one that he himself designed. Composed of five parts, it suited him better than did the crossbow and two roses of his father Hans Luther.

Luther explained the meaning and significance of each part and color of his symbol. During this time month of the Reformation may we keep these words in mind to help us better celebrate our Lutheran heritage. The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross, black, to put me in mind that Christ crucified saves us. "For with the heart man believes unto righteousness."

Now, although the cross is black, mortified, and intended to cause pain, yet it does not change the color of the heart, does not destroy nature – that is, does not kill, but keeps alive. "For the just shall live by faith" – by faith in the Savior.

This heart is fixed upon the center of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy, consolation, and peace...

This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-colored field to denote that such joy of faith...is but an earnest and beginning of heavenly joy to come...

And around this field is a golden ring, to signify that such joy in heaven is endless...

His coat of arms told the story of what he believed and confessed. As Lutherans, grateful to God for what He allowed this man to give to the church, may we remember October 31st, Reformation Day, as a great festival of the church. We will be having our celebration festival on Sunday, October 30th this year!

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

CLYF

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.

COUNCIL CORNER

This month we hear from Geoff Stelter, Maintenance

TREE OF LIFE

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

TREE OF LIFE

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 Vicki & Daryl St. Aubin 30th Anniversary given by Rose Wilmes On the Occasion of our 30th Wedding Anniversary given by Wes & Tammy Hoflock



SLS NEWS AND NOTES

LADIES AID

Submitted by Joan Palmer— September 1, 2016 Our meeting opened by singing the hymn, "Songs of Praise the Angels Sing", vs. 1, 3, & 5. Pastor Schreiner's topic was the 19 minute Bible study – Genesis 1 – The Creation with discussion. The secretary's minutes were read; as there were no corrections they will stand as read. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Cards to members: Birthday: Laurina Gregg, Missionary Tom Naumann-Apache Mission, Louise Krause, and LeRoy Affolter; Get Well: Pastor Schreiner, Nick Noble, and Gladys Jacobson; Sympathy: Family of Laurina Gregg, Family of Dorothy Lang, Tom & Barb Vanderwerf-mom, Nick & Mary Noble -sister, Sue & Larry Mitzner-daughter. Old Business: None. Election of officers - vice president and secretary/treasurer in October. New Business: Discussion of sending monies to MLC Auxiliary. Motion was made by Sue Mitzner to send \$250 as done in the past. The motion was seconded by Anne Rockman. All voted in favor. Pastor Schreiner stated that book shelves were purchased from Hallmark at their going-out-of-business sale. He said he would make some shelves for them at a minimum cost to the aid. Motion made by Anne Rockman and LaDonna Rathie to pay Pastor for his purchases. Ten members present today plus Pastor Schreiner. LaDonna Rathje chose "What a Friend we Have in Jesus" as her birthday hymn and Jo Palmer chose "The Lord Moves in a Mysterious Way." Flowers in October – Darlene Schultz. Serving in October – Darlene Schultz.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Lyle Patzer—August 8, 2016

Opened with devotion and prayer Present: Gary St Aubin, Pastor Schreiner, Tom Werner, Lyle Patzer, Kevin Lee, Mark Patzer, Geoff Stelter, Tom Vanderwerf, Craig Heil, John Festerling. Minutes of July 2016 council meeting were read, corrected and approved



Pastors Report: Pioneers will start up again in September.

CLYF-15 from Marshall have signed up for Willmar Stinger tickets. The Hamilton Funeral Home seminar was attended by 40 members, it was a good Christian presentation on "end-of-life" topics. Summer music/VBS program had over 50 kids this summer. Motion by Craig Heil, second by Kevin Lee "To move ahead with a similar program next year". Motion passed. It was noted though that it may depend if there is a music student teacher available. The Schreiner family will have a BBQ thankyou party for various church committees on Friday Aug 26th. Sunday School is working with Mrs Kotecki on implementation and introduction of a possible new Sunday School program. The Sept council meeting has been moved to Sept 19, 2016 due to a pastors conference is St. Croix. CLGO and fellowship outing meal is Sun Aug 28th, 1pm tee time. Confirmation class and parent orientation meeting is Wed Sept 7. Sunday School registration is Sunday Sept 11th. The first SS and Bible Class will be Sept 18th, Endowment Sunday. Adult Information Classes will start in early/mid September. We will be getting the word out about SMSU campus ministry.

Elders Report: No report Financial Secretary: No report

Treasurer's report: Minimal activity in savings accounts. for the first 7 months, loan from savings is \$0 thru July 31st. Total checking and savings accounts is up approx \$24,000 over py. Budgeted offerings are up \$2,391 vs py. Mission offerings are up \$1,993 vs py. There were no major "non-budgeted" expenses in July. ECC is positive by \$2,537 YTD. A complete written treasurer's report is available.

Stewardship: The committee is discussing ideas for Mission Sunday in January. There will be a guest pastor and a special envelope for Endowment Sunday Sept 18th.

Evangelism: Planning is underway for the SOS parade float on Aug 20th.

Education Report: A proposed SLS disciplinary handbook is being amended based on feedback from staff and parents. The wheels are in motion for the approved lower level bathroom remodel project at Samuel. School registration is Aug 11th. We received some extra lockers that were needed. A second scoreboard has been donated, we will try to put it into use. The kitchen dishwasher room has been scraped and repainted.

Maintenance: The parking lot at school was bladed and packed, no extra gravel was required. Dakota Mud Jack was contacted about repairing the ramp at school. It would run approx

\$325 per square but they would not have time this year. Looking at other options including replacing the ramp. The trees at Church will hopefully be cut down and trimmed in August.

Activities: The service in the park attendance was down just a bit this year.

Worship: The "worship aspect" of the service in the park and the sound system went well. We will return to our regular worship times the Sunday after Labor Day. There was a discussion of possibly moving up the service time of the Monday night service.

Old Business: Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Craig Heil (BPE) and Stewardship (Endowment). Councilmen on duty for Sept 8:00am TBD, 10:30 service Craig Heil. The Church Painting committee will try to have a couple color choices for the congregation. Nominating letters will be going out to potential Council and BPE candidates. It was noted that the President and Treasurer position will be open and to consider the importance of these two jobs.

New Business: Possible members of the Budget committee are Kevin Lee, Gary St Aubin, Dan Herrmann, Darik Lyons. Two pine trees at school have died and a large branch broke off, these will need attention as well as other branches.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer at 9:30 pm

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by David Biastock—August 9, 2016 Attendees: Craig Heil, Darik Lyons, Charlie Hoflock, Pastor

Schreiner, Mr. John Festerling, and Dave Biastock

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

<u>Minutes:</u> Minutes were reviewed from the July 5th meeting. Motion by Craig and seconded by Charlie to approve minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

<u>Financial – Treasurer Reports:</u> Darik reviewed financial activities for July along with current account balances.

Majority of outstanding tuition and lunch balances have been caught up with the exception of one family with a large outstanding balance.

<u>Old Business:</u> Early childhood - Mrs. Zander will be getting Sarah Zander on board with taking on additional directorship duties. Sarah will ramp up to working an additional 8 hours per week. It was recommended by the board that Sarah keeps a general list of additional duties that she takes on so that it can be used as a future reference. Lower level bathrooms remodel – demoing will begin the evening of August 19 with remodeling work to continue for approximately 2 weeks. School image/ discipline policies – the proposed changes to the disciplinary policy in the school handbook as recommended by the board was reviewed with the facility. The faculty had a few wording adjustments which the board agreed most were good revisions. Mr. Festerling will make updates to the policy as discussed and have copies available to handout to parents during registration. It was also suggested that a periodic review of the handbook take place to see if updates are needed and/or new information needs to be added.

Pastor/Teacher Reports:

Band teacher – Robyn Lubitz, a 4th year music student at SMSU, will be our new band teacher. Super Kids reading program for K -2 – moving forward with updated program. Some of the new materials have been received. Lockers – Mr. Festerling was able to pick up 6 additional lockers at a cost of \$10 each from the Lamberton School. The lockers will need a few minor repairs and painted to match our existing lockers. Scoreboards – Justin Schultz dropped off the 2 score boards he obtained from the Russel school. The smaller scoreboard closely matches our existing score board. The consensus of the board was to install the small score board on the south wall so players facing that side of the gym are able to see the clock. Carpet cleaning – Mr. Festerling cleaned the carpets last Friday. Kick it for Cancer – will be held September 30 from 10 to 2:30 in Redwood Falls. Mr. Festerling will check on the cost of a bus.

From the Board: Concession for Volleyball – we will have the concession stand during home volleyball games. Need to encourage parents to help with clean up, score keeper and line judge. Possibly put out a signup sheet during registration and add something to the Cougar Chronicle.

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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