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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

### ***Saved by Grace***

**When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. - Titus 3:4-5**

What can happen if you forgot to close the gate in your back yard and you let the dog out? You were 99% sure you closed it. What might happen if you are 99% sure you turned the stove off before you left the house? We don't like to be less than 100% sure of something; it makes us uncomfortable that something bad can happen.

That's why we really like the word GRACE. For the past 500 years the Lutheran church has focused on the fact that the Bible tells us very plainly that we are saved by grace. God tells us that he has done everything for our salvation and he gives eternal life to us as a free gift—there is nothing we have to do for it. This is an amazing message of good news!

However, the proclamation of God's Word wasn't always clear. For many years the message of the Bible was not made available to everyone. People went to church, they confessed their sins, they heard the priest tell them to go and do certain things and then maybe, hopefully they might make it into heaven. How would people ever know if they did enough, or if they were good enough? They were led to believe that Jesus' life and death were not enough; they still had to contribute in some way for their salvation. Even after they died, someone still might need to do something to help them finally reach heaven. Imagine the doubt.

The Word of God removes all doubt about our salvation. The Bible teaches us: "When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." Salvation does not depend on what we do, but entirely on what Jesus Christ came to do for us.

Jesus had great mercy on us. In his love he died the death we deserved and rescued us from our sins. By faith in him as our Savior, we have complete confidence of eternal life in heaven.

This is the main message of the Bible that we preach and teach in the Lutheran church. We are saved by grace through Jesus. Please come and hear it for yourself. We have a wonderful opportunity to gather this year again for Holy Week celebrations at God's house. There we will once again hear with 100% certainty that our sins have been washed away in the blood of the Lamb and that the empty tomb means we too shall rise and live with our Lord and Savior in heaven. I can't wait to celebrate Holy Week with all of you!!

## **PIONEERS**

The Pioneer Pine Car Derby was held March 10th. Madeline Pahl and Connor Martinson were the winners in the Speed Category. Bradyn Schultz, Abby Wendorff, Madeline Pahl, and Jaxxon Schultz were the winners in Originality/Appearance. Our next meeting will be April 9th at 1 PM. We plan on working on a craft, and may spend some time playing games in the gym or outside, weather depending.

## **CLYF**

The youth group, including this year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and 6 youth from a couple area WELS churches met on Sunday, March 26 at Samuel for a few hours of speed gaming. As a good Lutheran you might be asking "What Does This Mean?" We had 5 different games going at one time and the youth had to move from one to the other switching up partners and opponents each time so as to get to know one another better. We did darts, bad mitten, ping pong, yard Yahtzee, and bean bag tic tac toe. Then we took a break and had some snacks, talked and headed back to the gym for some spirited games of flat bat and dodge ball. Only a couple people were humiliated and no one got hurt so it was a successful day. We are already planning another outing with the other churches.

## COUNCIL CORNER

This month we hear from Geoff Stelter, Maintenance.

It's that time of the year again. We need to wipe winter's weather woes from both the exterior and interior of our church property. We are shooting for Monday, May 1st starting at 5PM and going until we have results that reflect the reverent rever we have for our God. Some of the things we need to do will be to rake and spruce up the grounds, wash windows, dust and just clean in general. So bring whatever outdoor or indoor cleaning supplies you have and let's just get it done.



## CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION

As we look to the end of April and the first week in May our attention turns to those young men and women who will be taking their confirmation vows before God's altar. The examination will be on Sunday, April 30th at 9:30 AM.

## INVITE

Have you ever thought about inviting a friend or relative to attend a worship service with you here at Christ? Sometimes that is all a person needs to get them motivated to come. What better friend could you be than to invite them to hear the life-giving gospel of forgiveness and love in Christ. Good Friday and especially EASTER offer us an excellent chance to be a real friend to someone! Invitation note cards or postcards can be found on the easel at church. Take as many as you can use.

## GREENWOOD NURSERY

We will again be offering Greenwood Nursery gift certificates that can be purchased through the church. These certificates will be in \$10, \$25 and \$50 denominations. Purchaser receives full value and we will receive 15 percent on all sales. We will use the proceeds for church landscaping. They will be available starting next week for a limited time.



# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## **Maundy Thursday**

We hope and pray that you will spend Holy week worshipping your merciful Savior starting with Maundy Thursday on April 13th. 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, April 14th. 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 April 16th. 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 towards church landscaping. We hope many of you will be able to attend this fellowship opportunity.

## **ECC**

Samuel Lutheran will again have a summer program which is open to those who are 3 years old to those having completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Children will have the opportunity to participate in water activities, crafts, walking trips, intergenerational activities at Boulder Estates and Boulder Creek, and a children's garden. Since space is limited, we need to have your contract returned by April 7. After that time we will open our program to those that are not attending Samuel Lutheran School. So if you know of someone who would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, pass the word along to them about our summer program. For more information or to enroll in the summer program contact the office at 532-2162 or Mrs. Lois Zander (507-401-1893).

## **RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE**

Everyone is invited to a retirement open house honoring our preschool teacher, Mrs. Lois Zander. The open house will take place on Sunday May 21st at Samuel Lutheran School from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. His lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21 KJV

## **SLS NEWS AND NOTES**

March has been a busy month at Samuel Lutheran School. Both the PreK and Kindergarten programs had Roundup for the next school year on the first two Mondays of the month. They began with a pizza supper for parents and students and then the children participated in some activities. Everyone left excited about next year!

"Afternoon of the Arts" was celebrated on March 19. Grades 3-8 presented an inspiring musical tribute to our flag and country. The PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade also displayed some of their artwork for visitors to see. We have an amazing amount of talent in our student body in both music and art.

Although it could be said that the students have fun every day at school, on March 24, we had a special March Madness fun day to coordinate with March Madness in college basketball. We had a special lunch, played games in the gym and had a competition to see who could come up with the winning basketball bracket.

The seventh and eighth grade classes have just completed their two month literature project. The classes read Across Five Aprils

and assembled a 50-60 page booklet including such items as vocabulary and character analyses.

Now that spring is here, we have a few new things on which we are working. We are hoping for nice weather so that grades 3-8 can begin preparing for the track meet that will be at the beginning of May in Sleepy Eye. The PreK, kindergarten, first and second grade classes are working on their Spring Program which will be May 3. Save the date. We hope to see you there!

## **LADIES AID**

Submitted by Teri Knutson—March 2, 2017

Pastor Schreiner opened our meeting with a Bible study on making Lent personal for you from 'A Festival Undisturbed' by Daniel Balge.

President Sue Mitzner called the meeting to order, thanking Pastor Schreiner for the Bible study. Minutes from November were read. Treasurer report filed. A Thank You was read from Lucas Thooft.

Cards sent to members in January included Baptism to Rick & Rhonda Kobylinski. In February, a sympathy card to Stan & Teri Knutson and get-well to LaDonna Rathje and Richard Geske.

There was discussion about ordering sympathy and birthday cards for now, No more napkins are being ordered. Sue will check with Jo when she returns concerning cards.

Next meeting is April 6 with Teri Knutson serving.

Pastor led the ladies in the Lord's Prayer and Table Prayers.

## **MISSION SOCIETY**

Submitted by Julie Festerling—March 9, 2017

The March meeting was held on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 3 ladies and Pastor Schreiner present.

Pastor led us in a Bible study on The Power of Baptism and The Meaning of Baptism for Our Daily Lives. The Holy Spirit works through water and the Word in baptism. Adults are to be instructed before being baptized. Baptism makes us mindful of the conflict that exists within every Christian between the Old Adam and the New Man. As baptized children of God, Christ's love compels us to live new and holy lives.

After the Bible study, the Secretary's report from the November meeting was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read. The November balance was \$653.55. Deposits from the

November meeting and the Christmas Potluck were made. Mission money was sent to the missions voted on at the November meeting and annual dues were paid to LWMS. We have an ending balance of \$273.55.

Correspondence from California Lutheran High, The Lutheran Home, and Calvary Academy was shared.

Our Minnekota Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, in South Shore, SD. We will send \$225.00 for the mite box collection for the Spring Rally. Mite box collections at church will be held after Easter.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and Common Table Prayers. Refreshments were made by Ellen Loe. Our next meeting will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—February 13, 2017

Opened with devotion and prayer

Present: Pastor Schreiner, Dan Herrmann, Lucas Tietz, Lyle Patzer, John Festerling, Wes Hoflock, Tom Vanderwerf, Tom Werner, Mark Patzer, Arlen Meyer, Geoff Stelter, Karl Baumann, Craig Heil.

Minutes of the January 9th council meeting were read, modified and approved.

**Pastors Report:** 1. The Pioneers will have the pine wood derby the end of February or early March. 2. The CLYF will meet on February 19<sup>th</sup>, they are working on a service project of tie blanket for the hospital. 3. The CYLF trip is planned for the last week of June. There can be as many as 18 to go. 4. The pastor is planning a get together for other WELS churches on March 26th. 5. The Board of Education approved 700.00 for marketing our ECC. There will be 45 radio spots over a 3 week period and they will also have it on Facebook. 6. Vesta and Echo will not be in the Lenten rotation this year, Balaton and Tyler will be together. There will be meals served before each service sponsored by the CYLF and the pioneers. 7. There was discussion about the alter lighting, Tom Werner said it would cost roughly 500.00. There was a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to spend 500.00 to improve the lighting. 8. The LRPC brought to the council some ideas-a) School name change b) Fellow ship opportunities for the 20 somethings c) Projector screen for the church d) School carpet/tile e) Fix the ramp at the school f) Texting message system for the school g) Security doors at the school h) Church directional



sign at the school or google change I) Wiring in the parsonage 9. The church painting feedback has been very positive. The vents have been installed. 10. We are looking at venues off campus for fund raising for the church and school landscaping. 11. The copier is up and running.

**Elders Report:** Membership changes-Release letters were sent out to, Gary and Janie Blough, Diane Doll and kids, Charles, Benjamin, Danial, and Kimberly, Polly Hauge, Andrew and Abigale Jensen and Vickie Wurscher. A motion was made 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to amend the January minutes to change Charles and Merri Jo Wilgenbusch and daughter Lauren to transfer to Christ our Rock Rochester, MN- WELS with Kevin and Megan released

**Financial Secretary:** Report was presented and approved

**Treasurer's report:** Was presented and approved

**Stewardship:** They are going to be working on a better job of getting the word out of the endowment fund. There was also talk about getting the church wired for the internet.

**Evangelism:** Arlen Meyer reported that Rolland and Cindy Rokeh were visited and the really liked the church and the Pastor.

**Education Report:** 1. The basketball season is starting to wind down 2. Hartz P&H were called out to fix the freezer at the school, it seems to be working good. 3. The garbage disposal at the school need attention. 4. Mrs. Werner is helping as an aid in Mrs. Kotecki's room. 5. Hannah Stahl has been called for the director/teacher position. 6. May 21<sup>st</sup> has been set for Mrs. Zander's retirement party.

**Maintenance:** Geoff Stelter is going to call Rich Louwagie for fixing the 3<sup>rd</sup> street basement drain.

**Activities:** No report

**Worship:** The lent rotation has been set.

**Old Business:** 1. Newsletter for the council corner next month is Craig Heil. 2. Councilmen on duty next month are: 8:00 Wes Hoflock- 10:30 Perry Shultz. 3. ECC call update, Hannah Stahl has been called.

**New Business:** 1. It has been submitted to remove 3<sup>rd</sup> street house from property taxes. 2. There has been discussion on handicap parking.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Submitted by David Biastock—February 7, 2017

**Attendees:** Charlie Hoflock, Pastor Schreiner, Craig Heil, Darik Lyons, Mr. John Festerling, Nick Noble, Jason Kotecki, and Dave Biastock.

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Jason Kotecki was present to discuss the new Facebook page that has been created for the school and EC program. He also presented potential marketing ideas for the EC program by running targeted ads on Facebook. It is a fairly low cost option considering the potential number of people that can be reached. Members can also share and promo the school as well to additionally help spread the word. Motion by Darik to spend up to \$75 to run ads on Facebook beginning approximately 3 weeks prior to Pre-K round up. Target will be a 30 mile radius of Marshall. Seconded by Nick. No further discussion. Motion passed. At the end of the discussion Jason excused himself from the meeting.

Additional EC Marketing discussion items:

- To reduce confusion and to better connect the school with the church do we need to consider a name change? Just something to think about.
  - Clarification on tuition for 4 or more kids as the tuition list has rates up to 4 children. The consensus is additional children would be charged the same tuition as the 4<sup>th</sup> child. Mr. Festerling will revise the wording.
  - The EC and before/after school rate discount for non-called workers was discussed. No action taken at this time.
- Radio advertising option was presented by Pastor as put together by Marshall Radio. The 30 second ads would run a few weeks prior and after pre-K and Kindergarten rounds up. Motion by Dave to spend up to \$700 on radio ads through Marshall Radio using the marketing plan and airing schedule as suggested by Marshall Radio. Seconded by Nick. No further discussion. Motion passed.

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections from the January 3 meeting.

**Financial – Treasurer Reports:** Darik reviewed financial activities for January along with current account balances. We currently have 1 family with an outstanding balance however they are actively working to get caught up.

**Old Business:** Aide for Mrs. Kotecki – Mrs. Werner is on board and the additional help is already making a difference. EC Call – the call that was sent on 2/5 has been acknowledged. Round ups – Kindergarten March 6 and Pre-K March 13. Mrs. Zander and possibly Mrs. Berg will be on hand for the Pre-K round up. No changes will be made to the current EC contract or rate per hour.

**Lunch Report:** It would be beneficial to add a garbage disposal to the main sink in the kitchen. This will be brought forward to the maintenance committee. Also since we purchase our milk from Variety Foods, they might be willing to supply a milk cooler as our current one is getting up there in age.

**Pastor/Teacher Reports:** CLYF – BWCA deposit from members due by 2/19. The March meeting will be held with area churches. Pioneers – next meeting is February 12 with the group continuing work on their pine cars. PTF backboards – it has been decided there is not a good place to install them so they will be returned. Mrs. Zander's retirement celebration – will be held May 21 with PTF hosting. Mrs. MacArthur – will be attending continuing education classes. Coaches' hotel – Motion by Craig to pay \$100 for the head coach and \$75 for assistant coach to help defray some of the cost for their hotel rooms and also a small token of thanks for all their time. Seconded by Darik. No further discussion. Motion passed. Sewer fix – sewer line was plugged further out from the school. A plumber was called in but they were unable to resolve the issue. The city was called in and found and corrected the issue. Possible cause is either baby wipes or Clorox type of wipes that formed a ball. Music – since we do not have a band this year we are offering the opportunity for kids to participate in a one day band festival at MLC called Jr Knights. Cost is \$5 per child which will be covered by the school for anyone interested. Long Range Planning Committee – committee recently meet. Highlighted items discussed regarding the school: security doors with a potential option now available through Living Connected and flooring replacement (carpeting and/or tile).

**From the Board:** Bullying – staff continues to highlight the subject. Replacement basketballs are needed. Will check with Borch's.

Next meeting –March 7 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)

**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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