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From the **PASTOR**—

God's Encouraging Word ... when I deal with death

Everyday tragedy bombards you. The world news scene is constantly flooded with horrible stories. Another bombing, another mass shooting, and another natural disaster fill your newsfeed. This sad and frustrating news isn't just out there. It's personal. A co-worker is diagnosed with a terminal illness. A close friend dies. You're attending the funeral of a family member.

No matter how many happy days we enjoy, these sad days come too. When faced with death, our hearts may cry out, "It shouldn't be this way!" And we're right. It shouldn't be like this. Death is a jolting end of life. Death is a separation of body and soul. We don't want that. God doesn't want that. God didn't intend it to be like this when he created the first man and woman. Why is it then that death eventually comes to all people?

Quite simply and tragically, death comes because of sin. The first man and woman rebelled against God. When they chose to rebel, they brought death upon themselves. And they have passed both their sin and death on to all their descendants, to you and to me. We see their rebellion in our little rebellions - in our lies, our pride, our arrogance, our hate, our sin. And where there is sin, there is death.

How much does Jesus hate sin and death? Jesus detested sin and death so much he fought and defeated them. Jesus took our sin. In our place, Jesus suffered and died. He endured the punishment we deserved. When Jesus died, his death was not a result of his sin. Jesus' death came as punishment because he

shouldered the sins of the whole world every one of your and my sins. Since Jesus dealt with the cause of death, which is sin, death lost its sting.

Jesus comforted a friend who was grieving the death of her brother by proclaiming: **“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”** Jesus promised that because he is “the resurrection and the life,” all believers will be raised to eternal life too. Jesus gives eternal life to all who believe in him.

You will face death over and over again in the relentless stream of world news and in the sad news that death is striking those you love. Listen to Jesus’ words. Trust Jesus. He is the resurrection and the life. One day death will come to you. And even though you die, because you believe in Jesus you will live eternally with him in heaven. I pray that as we celebrate Holy Week this year the sting of death will be blocked out by the empty tomb and the promise of life.

COUNCIL CORNER

This month we hear from Perry Schultz, 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, April 30th starting at 5 PM and going until we have results that reflect the reverent reverence 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. Hope to see you there.



CLYF

The high school aged youth met on Sunday, March 18, had a Bible Study using Easter Trivia and then made Easter cards to send to our shut-ins. They will also be helping to serve at our Easter breakfast as well as helping at our “Event Sunday”. Not sure what that is? Be sure to read all your newsletter to find out! We thank the youth for their service to the congregation.

PIONEERS

Fourteen kids attend Pioneers in March. We had stations set up to work on 3 different table decorations and treats for each place setting for Easter breakfast. There are some great artists in the group! They worked hard, and together as a team we were able to get everything done! After completing the decorations, we had an egg hunt and each egg contained something to help us tell the Easter story. Treats and fellowship closed out the day.

Pioneers will meet on Sunday, April 8th from 1-3 PM at Samuel. A number of fun and challenging games and activities will be planned, and a snack will be provided. If anyone is interested in helping, or possibly running the program for the month of April or any upcoming months, please contact the Heil's.

EASTER



The highest festival in the church year - Easter is on April 1st. We will offer two services; 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.

Please join us between our two 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 our summer music program. We hope many of you will be able to attend this fellowship opportunity.

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 our summer music program. They will be available in early April for a limited time.

EVENT SUNDAY

Attention!! Please get out your calendars right now and mark this day and time down – **Sunday, April 22, 2018 starting at 11:30 AM**. That is the day we are going to be having a **“What is my role at Christ” EVENT!** Many of you are already doing any number of different “things” at church or school but maybe there is one more thing you might be able to do that you didn’t even know we needed help with or branch out and try something different. In order for our church and school to operate there are so many things that need to be done by the members. Here are just a couple. Could you run the projector for the WELS Connection video? How about playing an instrument at a worship service? Have you ever considered helping with communion set up or clean up? Flower care? Ushering? Visiting the shut-ins? And the list goes on and on.

When you join us on April 22 you will not only be treated to lunch but have an opportunity to hear about how you can make a difference at Christ. Yes, I said you will get a free lunch!! Come and explore the options available to you to serve your fellow Christians at Christ. You will NOT be roped into doing anything but come, listen, ask questions, be a part of the movement!

SUMMER MUSIC/VBS



We are very happy to announce that we have received a young lady to take over our summer music and VBS program. Her name is Raquel Freese, junior at MLC. The program will run from June-August. Below is a bio from Miss Freese.

Hi everyone- I'm Raquel Freese, and I am so excited to help with the music program at Christ this summer! I'm from Spring, TX and my home church is Abiding Word in Houston. I'm currently finishing up my junior year at MLC, double majoring in Elementary Education and Secondary Vocal Music. I play piano, organ, guitar, and sing regularly for worship at MLC and my home church, and I will look to incorporate these instruments into summer music at Christ as well. I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve you and look forward to meeting you all soon. God's blessings!

Online registrations will be available soon.

SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

We are going to be doing something new this summer at Christ. Not only will we again be offering our summer music and Vacation Bible School but we are also hosting a week long soccer camp the week of July 9-13. We are still working out the details as far as what ages but as it stands now we have two students from MLC who will be here as a part of the Minnesota Valley Regional Mission Team of Kingdom Workers. In addition to teaching some basic soccer skills to the youth of our church and community they will also be here to help us do some outreach and canvassing of a few neighborhoods in the area.



We are also hoping to enlist the help of a number of volunteers from church for this project. You don't have to be a soccer player or even know what a soccer ball looks like to help out. There will be any number of areas that you can lend a hand. Wait – you can't use your hands in soccer so I guess I am asking you to lend other things like your time, your hearts and minds in prayer and anything else you can to help make this successful. Keep watching for more information and how YOU can be a part of the summer excitement at Christ.

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 29th at 9:30 AM.

SAVE THE DATE - RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

A retirement open house is being planned to honor John and Julie Festerling on Sunday, June 10th at Samuel Lutheran School. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

At the very end of March, we had a great turnout at our Science Fair and a lot of fantastic participation! Thank you to all the students and parents that put so much hard work into all those projects!

In April, we look forward to lots of spring activities here at school like the musical put on by grades 3-8, getting ready for the spring program in May, and going to the MLC Children's Theater production of, "Cinderella and the Substitute Fairy Godmother," which grades K-5 will be going to!

MISSION SOCIETY

Submitted by Julie Festerling—March 8, 2018

The March 8th meeting of Christ Lutheran Mission Society began with the singing of CW106 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" accompanied by Amy MacArthur. Pastor Schreiner led us in a study of Luther's family life. We found out how little we really know about Luther's home life whether as a boy growing up or after marriage to Katie.

Joyce Flock thanked Amy for playing and Pastor for the study of Luther. The business meeting was called to order. The Secretary's report from November was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved with an ending balance of \$50.00 after money was given to various missions and people at Christmas.

Thank-yous for Christmas gifts were read from Lucas Thooff, Martin Luther College, CAMM, and WELS Aid and Relief.

LWMS report: Julie read information for the up-coming National Rally in Green Bay, WI. The Minnekota Spring Rally will be held at Clear Lake, SD on Saturday, April 21st. Registration begins at 8:30. Pastor Paul Janke, Chairman of the Board for World Missions, will speak about his recent trip to India and Nepal. Information about a mite box collection for this rally will be printed soon.

CAMM: Joyce reported that there have been many new cases of cholera and new nurses have been sent to Africa.

Altar Care: Jenny shared the information she found for a new altar cloth.

There was no MLC report.

Old Business: We decided that we will NOT combine the Secretary and Treasurer positions at this time.

There was no new business.

Joyce thanked Amy for serving. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 14th. Jenny will serve.

Roll call was taken with 4 ladies and Pastor present. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and Common Table Prayer.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—February 12, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Dan Hermann, John Festerling, Kevin Lee, Tom Werner, Craig Heil, Arlen Meyer, Wes Hoflock, Tom Vanderwerf, Karl Baumann, Perry Schultz, Rick Kobylinski

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the board meeting were read modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers and CYLF- Pioneers are looking for ways to get parents to help out. CLYF went to a Blizzard Hockey game in Brookings, went well and had a fun time, they are looking forward to the International youth rally with possibly 3 attending,

Adult Information Class- Had 4 confirmations from the classes and 2 more in private classes.

Summer Music program person will be Raquel Freese, Pastor will meet with her on February 13th.

Soccer Camp with WELS Kingdom Workers possibly in July. It is lead MLC Collage Students.

Lenten rotation- Vesta/Echo, Balaton/Tyler, Cottonwood, Marshall. The meals are put on by the Pioneers and CLYF.

Sound System at church- Contacted Mike Stolks to look at.

Offering envelopes-Stewardship Committee will look at.

Board of Elders:

Membership changes: out by release-Jeremy Nauman. A motion was made, 2nd and passed.

In by transfer- Lonnie Lambertus Jr. from St. John's LC Lake Benton, MN- WELS. Tyler Sandgren (Natalie) from St. John's LC Redwood Falls, MN-WELS. Motion was made, 2nd and passed.

Out by Transfer- Katie Zander to St. Paul's LC Jordan, MN-WELS. Motion was made, 2nd and passed.

In by Affirmation- James Hartke- Elaine Metz. Motion was made, 2nd and passed.

In by Confirmation- Steven Larson, Kelsey Austin, Derek & Melinda Grohs (Lucas) Motion was made, 2nd and passed.

Financial Secretary:

Offerings are off to a slow start.

Treasurer:

Report given and accepted

Stewardship/Endowment:

No report

Evangelism:

Have packets ready to be given out to new members.

Education:

A committee was put together to work on security at Samuel.

The cost to replace the dishwasher at Samuel is 3900.00. They will check on pricing for the other appliances.

Looking into work on the bathrooms at Samuel.

Maintenance:

Looking at fixing the garage door opener at the rental house on Village Drive.

Looking what needs to be done to fix the windows at the church.

Activities:

Planning the Easter breakfast.

Worship:

Sent out encouragement letter for Ash Wednesday on February 14th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Council Corner next moth is –Craig Heil BPE

Councilmen On duty for March are 8:00-Wes Hoflock- 10:00-Perry Schultz.

The Principal and Kindergarten calls were both returned.

There will be another call meeting on February 27th at 7:00p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a motion to make Miss Kali gross a permanent call, it was 2nd and passed.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Nick Noble—February 6, 2018

Attendees:

Mr. John Festerling, Mike Prael, Nicholas Noble, Craig Heil, Pastor Schreiner, Justin Schultz, Darik Lyon

Pastor opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

EC Update: No update

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved with any corrections needed.

Financial – Treasurer Reports:

Darik reviewed financial activity for the month of December along with the current balances.

The family with the lunch balance that was discussed at the January meeting has taken care of the balance.

Old Business:

Security System was discussed. Justin had asked if we have a set procedure if a lockdown is needed. It was mentioned that we have a procedure in place where Mr. Festerling will do a triple announcement over the phones. It was suggested that maybe we need to have a backup plan in case Mr. Festerling is unavailable. A Safety and Security committee has been formed and it is made up of Jennifer Neyens, Mrs. Kotecki, Ben Rieke, Ryan Brunsvold, and Adam Baumann.

Marketing was brought up. It was discussed that we really need to be reaching out to the four year old preschool families, talking to them about continuing on at Samuel. Pastor suggested that we look into having a few minutes to talk with families at conferences. We all need to be talking the program up as word of mouth is key marketing in a community such as Marshall. We talked about setting something up with Miss Gross to talk about future enrollment planning with her.

Calls that have been extended were discussed. Both Pastor and Craig have had communications with the called Principal and called kindergarten teacher. There was some discussion as to what is the next step if we don't get a call. We looked into our options. We will keep calling from the field as we can.

Lunch Report:

We received a bid from US Foods for a new dishwasher. The bid was for \$3900 plus freight or we can lease it for \$79 a month and it would be for a 5 year lease. Justin questioned why we need to get rid of or replace the dishwasher if it still works.

Mr. Festerling suggested we also look into replacing the convection oven. There are different things going wrong with it and it is a big appliance that is used almost daily.

Justin suggested that we look online for different options with buying appliances used. There are different online auctions for this.

Pastor/Teacher Reports:

CLYF had 8 people that went to the Brookings Blizzard Hockey Game. Also met with families wanting to go to the youth rally. It has an estimated cost of about \$700.

We did get a student teacher for the Summer Music Program.

Talked about July 8-15 having two college students come to put on a soccer camp. We can use these students for additional ministries in the afternoons.

Ethan Kennedy is a new student that started with Samuel and is in the 5th grade. Ethan has a sister that was already attending our pre-school.

Pioneers: We are always looking for other parents or adults to help out with the Pioneer meetings or events. We are trying to come up with new ideas and activities for the students to do throughout the year.

Upcoming Events:

From the Board:

Mike questioned if there is something that is being sent out about the Pioneer/CLYF Lenten Meals.

Mike asked if there is any role for the after school aides/teachers to do a devotion. It was noted that devotions are not held at that time.

Mr. Festerling talked about needing drivers for the Children's Theater or looking into a bus for the trip.

Justin questioned about the lunches during the Lenten Season.

Pastor is addressing this.

Justin had questions about summer contracts. Wanted to know if we need the contracts to be more structured and not just allow 1 day a week. It was suggested that maybe we look into doing something more like the YMCA and offer a 3 days a week or 5 days a week contract.

Next Meeting:

Next Meeting will be March 6, 2018.

Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

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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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VAST cable channel 17 and Charter cable channel 180

at 11:30 AM Thursday and 8:30 PM Friday

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