

**CHRIST EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

### **I Need More...STRENGTH**

After several attempts of twisting and tapping, the lid just wouldn't budge. How many times hasn't that happened to you? So what do you do? You hand the jar off to someone who you think might be a little stronger than yourself. And...pop...they hand it back to you and you quickly remind them that you must have loosened it for them.

Life is sometimes like that jar, isn't it? Sometimes we just don't have the strength we need to tackle what's in front of us. Not the strength it takes to move a piano or change a flat tire, but the strength we need to raise our children or stay married to someone who is difficult to live with. We need the strength it takes to go to work and deal with people who are rude, inconsiderate, and lazy, or to walk to the mailbox that contains bills we'll have difficulty paying.

I need more strength!

“Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth... He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak... Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:28-31).

What should we do when we need more strength? Hand that jar over to the LORD. He has all the strength we need and so much more. After all, he is the One who created the earth and everything in it. More than that, this strong, wise, loving God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. The all-powerful God

came in human weakness to rescue us from sin and death. He was condemned and crucified. Weakness, right? No! Strength! Jesus used his strength to remain on that cross until every last sin of ours had been paid for. His empty tomb proves it. "Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4). Death has been defeated! The guilt of sin before God has been removed! By trusting in Jesus, life in heaven is waiting for us.

Need more strength? The One who created the earth has it. The One who died and rose for you has it. He is the One who gives us the strength to face each day with fresh confidence. Find that strength in his Word. And then be ready to soar. Be ready to soar on eagles' wings with renewed strength and through every challenge of life! Be ready to soar on eagles' wings to the home that Jesus has prepared for you in heaven!

## COUNCIL CORNER

This month we hear from Perry Schultz, Maintenance.

Spring is here, so once again it is time for spring clean up. On April 29 we will have our annual church cleaning. It will start at 5:00 PM and go until we get our church done.



We are looking at repairing our stained glass windows that are on the bell tower of our church. This will be an extra expense over our budget but it needs to get done and soon for they are in worse shape every year. We will be putting a repair cost together to see how much this will cost us.

Also there are a lot of small projects that need to be done at the church and at the school this summer, so if anyone is willing to help please contact me. Your help will be greatly appreciated! I want to thank you for all the help we have gotten in the past and hope for more in the future. Thank you!

## PASTORAL ACTS

*Funeral:* Viola Braakman was given a Christian funeral and burial on Thursday, February 28, 2019. God called her home on Friday, February 22, 2019 at the age of 92.

*Baptism:* Isaac Abraham, infant son of Isaac and Katie (nee Haugen) Paxton became a child of God by the washing of Holy Baptism on March 24. He was born January 28, 2019.

# 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 18. 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 19. 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 21. 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 at Samuel and runs from about **8:00-9:00** 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.

## PIONEERS

The Pioneers will meet on Sunday, April 14th from 1:00-3:00 PM at Samuel. We will be making decorations for the Easter breakfast and play some Easter-related games. We hope you can join us!

## CLYF

The high school aged youth are working on firming up numbers for their summer trip to Lutheran Island Camp on Battle Lake near Fergus Falls. They will be there from Tuesday, June 17 – Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Some of the activities they will enjoy are canoeing, kayaking, disk golf, horseback riding, archery, etc. They will also have time for swimming, Bible Study, hiking and relaxation. Parents and students be sure to respond when you get your email information on this!

A reminder we will also be helping to serve at our Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## ATTENTION 20/30'S

If you are between the ages of 20-39 (and there are over 75 of you at Christ) this is for you! We are planning a four "F" party – **Fun – Fellowship – Faith – Food!** Join us at Brau Bothers in their game room on Sunday, April 28 from 2-4 PM. Activities will include games, billiards, darts and their golf simulator. We will have a nacho bar provided as well (you are on your own for drinks). All this for only \$5.00 a person.

**Come and meet your fellow 20/30 year old members at Christ.**

RSVP by April 21<sup>st</sup> to church office 532-2162; call or text 828-3333 or email the church. Please be sure to include your name and number attending.

We are hoping this will be the first of many opportunities you will have to meet together with your fellow members in the faith.

## 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.

## WORSHIP

I hope we all recognize that the most important hour we spend during the week is when we are gathered together around Word and Sacrament on Sunday morning (or anytime we have a divine service)! As your spiritual leader I am always striving to make that time the best and most edifying it can be. I also believe one of the ways that we make it spiritual, edifying and yes, enjoyable is by adding variety in worship. While there is a reason we do what we do in the liturgical service we follow, that format allows for us to have any number of different and varied instruments and voices involved. The biggest challenge I face is not knowing who has what talent in what area and who is willing to use those talents to serve God and their fellow members. So if I am talking about you please be sure to contact me and let me know where your talents lie. Even if you think I know be sure to call/text/email or speak to me in person! I want to develop a data base that I can draw from during the year.

So maybe its been a few years since you dusted off that instrument and played a tune or two. Get it out, give it a shot and see if you still have what it takes. It might be fun and your fellow members at Christ might like it too.

## 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 28 at 9:30 AM.

## SUMMER MUSIC/VBS

Raquel Freese will be returning for her second year as our music and VBS leader. She is excited to be able to build upon what she did last year. Lessons will start after school gets out and run into August. This year ALL registrations will be done online so watch for that when it becomes available. Remember lessons are free and open to young and old so be sure to take advantage of it.

## CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our church will be producing a new pictorial directory with Lifetouch. **Our photo dates are September 25-28, 2019.** Look for more information to come. You will receive a complimentary portrait session, 8x10 portrait, and directory for participating.



## SUMMER CARE

On Sunday, March 17, it was decided at a special meeting of the Board of Education to not have a summer care program for the 2019 summer. While this was a difficult decision to come to, the decision based on the following:

1. We, at this point, still do not know how the Lord will provide for us in terms of a director position for the preschool. We will be having another call meeting soon, and, if needed, will ask the assignment committee of MLC for a graduate.
2. The low amount of numbers that would be participating in the 2019 summer.
3. With the low amount of numbers and the amount of staff needed to run the summer care due to our licensing through the state of Minnesota we would be having a significant weekly loss that the board did not believe would be wise as stewards of God's blessings here at Samuel.

While we will not be having summer care this year, we are praying and hoping that God will bless us through a director for our preschool as well as in the numbers needing summer care that we will be able to review this program again for the 2020 summer and, God-willing, be able to have summer care next year.

## SLS NEWS AND NOTES

It has certainly been quite the winter this year! We were finally able to get a full week of school with no days off, early releases, or late starts from March 18-March 22 which was our first full week of school since the beginning of January! Even with the disjointed schedule we were able to prepare for our Afternoon of the Arts where students in preschool-8th grade displayed their art projects and the 3-8 graders showcased their singing abilities with a group of songs. We ended our 3rd quarter on Friday, March 22 and are now in full swing for the final quarter of the school year. We are looking ahead and preparing for the activities that come with the end of the school year, as well as preparing our students to sing during Holy Week as we follow our Savior's journey to the cross and see the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. We ask that you keep our faculty in your prayers as we continue to strive to serve the families God has entrusted to our care at Samuel.



## SLS NEW AND NOTES (continued)

I am sure it is noted elsewhere, but wanted to make sure I mentioned that our Board of Education voted to not hold Summer Care for the summer of 2019 due to the low numbers wanting the care, not knowing who our next preschool director will be, and the large deficit we would be having on a weekly basis if we stayed open with the numbers we had. We hope to be able to offer this again next summer when we look at the need for it from families and the ability to have enough people to staff the program. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions about this or anything else about the school.

In Christ's Service,  
Mr. Ryan Obry

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Ryan Palmer—February 11, 2019

**Members Present:** Pastor Schreiner, Tom Werner, Lucas Tietz, Kevin Lee, Ryan Obry, Lennis Kennedy, Mark Patzer, Ryan Palmer

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. Minutes from the board meeting were read modified and accepted.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Pioneers met Feb. 10 for First Aid training with 22 kids in attendance. CLYF attended the Willmar Warhawks hockey game with 7 kids and 3 adults.

Sunday school fund distribution for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester to the church in Chile and Christian Aid and Relief.

Advanced Health began installing security devices on main entrance to school.

Discussion on updated ways and technology to get the recordings of our services on public access television. Waiting on a proposal from Adam Henning.

Looking at the carillon at church with possible upgrades by use of memorial funds specifically for it.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir concert Tuesday March 12.

LRPC next meeting February 25.

Marshall HS Music Booster Calendar cost of \$70.40.

**Board of Elders:** No report

**Financial Secretary:** Report on January and February so far.

**Treasurer:** No major activity, strong start to first quarter, \$500 has been paid on postage.



**Stewardship/Endowment:**

\$878.12 raised in Schwans Cares with 16 days left as of this meeting.

2019 Committee approved by motion made by Stewardship committee and seconded by Kevin Lee and are as follows; Lucas Tietz, Gary St. Aubin, Dan Hermann, Tom Gruhot, Lyle Patzer.

**Evangelism:**

Committee approved with motion by Pastor Schreiner and seconded by Mark Patzer and is as follows: Kristin Heil (Craig), Ronda Kobylinski (Rick), Linda Onken (Brian), Colette Patzer (Mark), Barb Raske, Kristi Kennedy.

Meeting February 21 at school.

**Education:** Board of Education meeting moved to February 12. ALICE training. Information on the water leak at school. Adjuster has been through the building and noted the damage.

**Maintenance:** Garage door opener needing to be replaced in attached garage at parsonage

Boiler at school had some maintenance done.

**Activities:** No report

**Worship:** 2019 Committee approved by motion made by Pastor Schreiner and seconded by Mark Patzer and are as follows; Melanie Werner, Teri Knutson, Becky Swanson, and Elder Arlen Meyer.

Lenten rotation is Vesta/Echo, Balaton/Tyler, Cottonwood, and Marshall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council Corner for March is Rick Kobylinski

Councilmen on duty for March are 8:00 Tom Werner and 10:30 Lennis Kennedy.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Calls have been returned and a call meeting will be held on February 17.

Approval of various committees listed previously.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Adam Baumann—February 12, 2019

**Attendees:** Mr. Ryan Oby, Pastor Schreiner, Mike Prah, Darik Lyons, Justin Schultz, Rick Kobylinski, Adam Baumann, and Cassey Davis.

Mr. Oby opened the meeting with devotion, prayer, and read the chief objectives of Samuel Lutheran School.

**Minutes:** Minutes were read and approved.

**Update from Cassie:** Melony will be with the children in the morning in the basement and Cassie will be with the children in the afternoon upstairs. Ryan then provided an update on the basement and the water damage. Ryan stated they will hopefully be back in the basement room in 1-2 weeks depending on when it can get patched up. A pipe had frozen and burst in the kitchen. The thermostats weren't functioning correctly but have since been adjusted.

**Pre-School Report:** Summer Care: 7-10 students for Pre-School and K-5. Round-Up has 5 families and 6 students. Potential for up to 13-14 students possible for Round-Up. Pre-School and Kindergarten Calls were returned.

**Financial Report:** Financial report was read and approved.

**Old Business:** Gym mats are here. Perry Schulte is going to get them put up.

Sports: Basketball is wrapping up. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade is getting ready for another tournament.

Teacher Calls: Calls were returned as previously covered in the Pre-School report.

Internet - \$808.36 has been paid.

Student/School Safety Issues: Doors – 90-95% done. Camera is on. They are still working on the phone App yet. Final Quote was \$2,900.

Stage Ideas: Ryan is waiting to hear back from his old school yet.

Upgrade of Volleyball posts/net – Featherlite Systems \$2850, Steel Systems \$2500, \$150 in freight: Pastor and Ryan will look into what we really need.

ALICE Training: Ryan will check into price difference between ALICE and training through Brian.

Clock for Gym: Atomic clock that plugs in was purchased. Perry will put it up.

Principal Meetings: 4 Modules for WELS vs. doing Teacher Observation. Modules throughout the next year are as follows:

Module 1 for Faculty

Module 2 is for Ryan

Module 3 is for Faculty – About Growth

Module 4 is for Faculty – Teacher Evaluations

MN Twins Game – Ryan's working on that.

Sunday School: Discussion was made about keeping the position "In-House" or putting out a call.

Dates/Activities: January 14 & 16 School Spelling Bees were at 1:00 – Spelling Bees went well. End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter was January 18.

**New Business:** Water leak/Repairs: Covered during Cassey's update.

Bus rental for MLC Children's Theater: K-5 is going (44 students, 3 teachers). Costs \$75/hr. They would be gone from approximately 8:30am-3pm. Total cost would be around \$500. Discussion about renting a bus and costs could be offset by applying for Thrivent funds. **Rick motioned to rent the bus. Seconded by Justin. Motion passed.**

Computers: Quote from Computers and Beyond is \$699.99 for a new computer. Ryan expressed interest in updating the Smart Notebook Program. Ryan would look more into the computers. **Motion by Darik to update the Smart Notebook Program. Seconded by Adam. Motion passed.**

Sunday School Funds: Funds are being sent to WELS Christian Aid & Relief as well as the Chile Mission.

WELS Ed Tech Lead Summit: 3-day summit for WELS. Ryan is going and asked if the church and/or school could pay for it. Cost is \$275. Summit is at the Wisconsin Dells. Discussion about the summit. Ryan will use Title funds to pay for the summit.

3/20 - Math Discussion at the High School: Ryan will meet with the High School to make sure kids are ready for High School math.

Faculty Handbook: Discussion about the handbook.

Dates/Activities: PreK and K Roundup – February 11 6-7pm, February 15 –Dismiss at Noon, February 22 – No school, multiple Basketball games, MAP Testing 2/25-3/8.

CLYF/Pioneers – Went to Warhawk game. 7 students and 3 chaperones went. They also are going to have a meeting to talk about Bible Camp in Henning, 4 days and 3 nights. \$175/person on Battle Lake from June 18-21<sup>st</sup>.

Family Update: New member family with three kids potentially coming to school. Ryan is waiting to hear back from them.

**From the Board:** Rick brought up Pickle-ball and possibly buying nets. Pastor asked Rick to email him as the church would likely take care of it. Darik brought up for consideration of an activity fee for Basketball as it is currently 1/3 of the cost for all activities funds that are brought in.

**Next Meeting:** March 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
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

## Service Broadcast times

KMHL Radio Station at 8:00 AM on Sundays

VAST cable channel 17 and Charter cable channel 180

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

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