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From the **PASTOR—**

The Struggle Against Sin

I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ... What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! - Romans 7:18-19, 24-25

“I wanted to be done with that bad habit, but there I went and did it again.” Does it surprise you that even when you are a Christian, and have a heart that wants to follow God, you still struggle against sinful impulses, and too often fall to them?

You are not the first Christian to feel that way. Almost 2000 years ago the apostle Paul wrote: “I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.” Right before that verse, he explained why this was so. He wrote, “I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.”

When God brings people to faith in Christ, he covers them with Christ’s forgiveness and counts them as completely holy. He creates in them a new heart that loves the Lord and wants to walk in his ways. But as long as we are in this life, the old, sinful self that we have from birth still wants to do what is evil and fights against the good desires of the new heart God created within us.

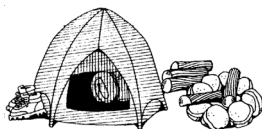
So Christians still struggle against sin every day. They often stumble and do sinful things their new hearts don’t want to do. And it frustrates them! Paul wrote, “What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?”

But there's good news: "Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Though we struggle each day, each day God forgives us because of Jesus' perfect sacrifice that was complete payment for all our sins. At last, Jesus will come and take us to be with him in heaven. There will be no sin there, around us, or inside us, to fight against or drag us down.

Keep looking forward to that day. Meanwhile, let your daily struggle with sin make you appreciate even more how good it is to have Jesus as your Savior, and to be covered by his mercy and forgiveness.

CLYF – BWCA OUTING

Seems like it has been a while since this event took place but this is the earliest we could report on it. Eight high school aged youth and four adults spent 4 days and 3 nights in God's great outdoors. While it



rained for 30 hours straight we all still managed to have a good time. Below are a few comments made by some of the participants. We all thank the members of the congregation who support this group through prayer and purchase of the Hy Vee gift cards.

"It was an amazing experience. I couldn't believe how quiet and beautiful the Boundary Waters are. I loved every minute of it and will never forget this trip.

On the 3rd day we got to camp on an island in Lake One. Some of us explored some small trails and had a lot of fun exploring. Also a chipmunk lived near our camp and decided to get real close to us. Overall it was a great trip!

The best experience this year at BWCA was when there was a chipmunk at our campsite and one person scared it so it ran up the leg of Grant and Jerad and scared both of them to death! Later that day we had a photoshoot because the area was so beautiful. It was a really fun trip and I'm glad I came!

It was a really good experience. I got to know a lot of kids that I didn't know at all. I made a lot of great memories that I will never forget. This was definitely a trip to remember.

I think one of the best parts of the trip was spending time with everyone and being able to make fun, new memories with everyone. And at the end where we all stood around and talked about how much fun we all had. Oh, and all of the scenery.

I liked how we had to search for every campsite and how we had to canoe to get to them. It was also fun to hang out with other youth from the church.

The trip was really fun. When you are with your friends and family it is even more fun. The camping and canoeing was fun, but I am only 14 and the bags were really hard to carry. When I get older and stronger I will definitely go on the trip again.

It was really fun and really wet.

Thank you to our congregation for the opportunity to interact and enjoy the company of the youth of the congregation while enjoying God's amazing creation without any distractions. We were blessed in sunshine and in rain with plenty of good food and water. (We all were able to fish and Bradyn even caught on to eat.) The kids and leaders worked together on all the daily activities like setting up or taking down camp, food prep, clean-up, foraging for wood, and building a fire all while breathing in the fresh piney air and taking in the scenery, which was my favorite part. Thanks again!

For four days I enjoyed the privilege of guiding our youth through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. We paddled about 12 miles, we caught fish, we ate fish, sang songs, shared devotions and enjoyed the most remarkable scenery. We endured some challenging weather together. My personal favorite memory was my wife's confession to me on day 3. "You were right, I was wrong. There, I said it." (Melanie Werner).

JESUS CARES MINISTRY - CRAFT NIGHT

One time OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE your neighbor and your God for ages 10 and up: We are looking for a group effort who will get to put together the supplies for each of the 15-20 simple crafts that we do at Jesus Cares throughout the school year and to make a few examples to show our students. These crafts closely relate to our Bible lessons. Some of our Jesus Cares volunteers will get to be on hand to share exactly what needs to be done. We plan to meet at **Samuel School on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 starting at 6:30 P.M. Come when you can.** Please, call, text, or email Melanie Werner to let her know if you would like to serve in this way at [507-828-3798](tel:5078283798) or mel.werner21@gmail.com. All thanks to God for your consideration and for your continued prayers as you, the body of Christ, get to reach out to those in our community with intellectual and developmental disabilities!

VBS

One of the duties of our music teacher, Rachel Winter, is also heading up our Vacation Bible School program. This year we had about 50 (give or take depending on the day) students seeing that "In Jesus, the victory is won." A number of our members both young and old volunteered to teach, help with crafts, bring and/or serve snacks and do anything else that was needed so that our program could be successful. In all about 20 volunteers



helped so that we could share the message of salvation with our children and those of our community. We could not do it without these people and that is why we offer you our heartfelt thanks. The theme for this year was MIGHTY FORTRESS! Each day a different Bible Story brought the reality of Jesus' victory alive for us.

Check out a summary of each day.

Day 1: Shout! God is mighty! The victory is won! - Like Joshua and his people, we put our faith in our mighty God. Our lesson was from Joshua 6:1-20: "God's Might Tumbles Jericho's Walls."

Day 2: Fear not! The victory is won! - Like Hezekiah, when we are under attack, we turn to God. Our lesson was from 2 Kings 18-19: "God Delivers King Hezekiah's Kingdom."

Day 3: God's Word is true and powerful! The victory is won! - When we hear God's Word read, we like King Josiah, learn what God expects and see how we have turned away from God's will and ways. Our lesson was from 2 Kings 22:1-23:30: "God's Word Reforms King Josiah."

Day 4: Jesus comes to save! The victory is won! - Jesus our Savior gives us His victory! Our lesson was from Luke 19:28-40: "King Jesus Enters Jerusalem."

Day 5: Jesus is our Savior King! The victory is won! - In our baptism we defeated sinners receive the righteousness of Jesus Christ our King through God's Word. Our lesson was from Luke 23:1-24:12: "Jesus Wins the Victory."

PARADE

Once again this year we plan on having a float representing our church and school in the Sounds of Summer parade. The date of the parade is Saturday, August 19th at 4PM. If you would like to help out with this event please talk to our Evangelism chairman Perry Schultz.

MEET OUR NEW TEACHER – Miss Kali Gross

Hi my name is Miss Kali Gross and I am 22 years old. I recently moved to Marshall from my home town in Oconomowoc, WI. I enjoy traveling to different states and countries. I have an older brother named Jon, an older sister Lauren, and two younger sisters, Jenny and Hannah, and a niece named Amelia. I will be the prekindergarten teacher and the director at Samuel Lutheran School. I grew up in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin where I attended grade school at Zion Lutheran and high school at Luther Preparatory School where I graduated in 2013. In May of 2017 I graduated from Martin Luther College with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. On that day I received the divine call to teach at Samuel Lutheran School. Some of my favorites include Mac and Cheese, anything Disney the color green, COFFEE!, Culvers, Jason Alden, Hiking, Kohl's, Ice Cream, traveling the world, and Rocky Mountain National Park.

Miss Gross will be installed on Sunday, August, 13 at our Divine worship service. We will also be hosting a coffee hour after the service in the basement. Stop down get a goodie and welcome her to our family at Christ and Samuel.

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

Summer is flying by. VBS is wrapping up as I write this. We will have TWO **WORK BEES**. One will be on the weekend of August 4-5-6 to paint in the Early Childhood center. The other will be on Wednesday, August 16, to cleanup around the school (inside and out) before school starts. We do have some painting to do as well in the rest of the school so come prepared. If you can't come on the 16th, call Mr. Festerling and he will help you find a job any day that week. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5. Please join us for the opening service at Samuel which begins about 8:25 am.

SAVE THE DATE – CLGO

The 19th annual Christ Lutheran Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, September 17th at Savannah Oaks. Be sure to get it on your calendars NOW so you don't miss it. Remember, even if you don't golf you can join in on the fellowship afterwards for supper.



LANDSCAPING – UPDATE

As you know there was a lot of talk about updating the landscaping at both church and school. A number of different fund raising events has allowed us to be able to do some work without impacting the church budget. The landscaping at school, around the sign, has already been completed. The old tired bushes were removed and some new plants and rocks were added. It looks GREAT! If you have not driven by lately it's worth the trip to see how our curb appeal is now appealing.



The bid we had to do the work at church was higher than we had hoped so we are going to do the work ourselves in stages. You have, I'm sure, noticed that the overgrown bushes and a couple dying ones have been removed. Plans are to put up a couple large planters where the 2 smaller bushes were and some grasses where the huge overgrown bush was. We think this new look will freshen things up a lot and be easier to maintain. Thanks to all who donated to the fund and or helped in other ways in making both these projects a reality.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Each quarter Thrivent members may have choice dollars that can be donated to a charity. This quarter **"Summer of Impact" bonus dollars (\$50)** may have been added to your account. Be sure to log into your account or call Thrivent (800-847-4836) to direct your Choice Dollars. Both Christ Ev. Lutheran Church and Samuel Lutheran School are available to direct yours dollars to. Don't leave money on the table - be sure to direct your Choice Dollars now! These dollars do expire!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—June 12, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, John Festerling, Mark Patzer, Perry Schultz, Geoff Stelter, Lyle Patzer, Tom Werner, Craig Heil, Wes Hoflock, Tom Vanderwerf,
Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.
Minutes from the May board meeting were read, modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers are in recess. The CYLF trip planning is going well. Heil's will back off a little and get others to help out.

Vacancy at St. John's Wood Lake- Pastor will fill in the vacancy, with service at St. John's at 10:30a.m. Our service will change a little to save time for Pastor to get to Wood Lake in time. We had a motion to do this, it was 2nd and passed.

Summer music program- Had to close the program because it was full. VBS is July 24th -28th. Worship in the park and picnic is set for July 30th

The date of the Voters meeting is July 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

The fence at the parsonage- 250.00 from Thrivent, and 150.00 from the church.

We will send flowers for Linda Onken's father, a 50.00 arrangement.

Board of Elders:

No changes

Financial Secretary:

No report

Treasurer:

Missions are behind

Stewardship:

Talked about the new MLC program for 1st and 2nd year students.

Motion to use a Line Budget of 250.00, 2nd and passed

The Schwan's care balance is 250.00

Evangelism:

The pie social will be in July.

Education:

ECC teacher Kali Gross will start July 3rd

The new discipline policy will be voted on.

The faculty meet and discussed the security at the school

Lunch prices will have a slight increase

Maintenance:

No report

Activities:

No report

Worship:

Working on getting special music on Sundays and Mondays.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Karl Baumann

Councilmen on duty next month: Tom Werner.

Landscaping at church-Greenwood on hold, we will clean up the

front, removing some bushes and trimming some.

Tuck-pointing needed at church- have one bid, will work on another.

Chair situation- Will work on getting new ones.

NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Wes Hoflock

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by David Biastock—June 6, 2017

Attendees:

Pastor Schreiner, Nick Noble, Mr. John Festerling, Mike Prah, Craig Heil, Darik Lyons, and Dave Biastock

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections from the May 2 meeting.

Financial – Treasurer Reports:

Darik reviewed financial activities for May along with current account balances.

Families with outstanding balances – as the school year closes, we have a couple families with outstanding balances.

Old Business:

EC Enrollment – no changes in school year enrollment as reported last month. We need to visit current 7:00 start time vs 7:30 as numbers last year did not support a 7am opening. Mr. Festerling will contact families that typically drop off early to see what they plan to do when school starts to allow the board to make a final decision. One task for our new director/teacher will be setting up a coverage matrix for staffing based on enrollment numbers.

EC summer lunch – in the first couple days we had 18 eat on Monday and 19 on Tuesday. Motion by Dave to increase summer lunch price to \$2.75 effective June 5. Seconded by Nick. Further discussion – we just need to ensure we are looking ahead and keeping on top of costs. Motion passed. Mr. Festerling will talk to our cook to firm up hours per week.

EC Call – Ms. Kali Gross has formally accepted her call. She will be moving her stuff to Marshall on June 12th. She has an apartment on 4th Street.

Sportsmanship policy – motion by Darik to update extra-curricular policy based on the latest revision as reviewed during

the meeting by the board. Seconded by Dave. Further discussion – A couple board members felt the Bible and current handbook disciplinary policy provide all the necessary guidelines plus parents should be installing these values in their children. Motion called – 3 in favor, 2 opposed. It was felt since the board was not united that the motion should be tabled and guidance obtained from the church president and also check the church constitution to see if a simple majority vote is enough to make a handbook policy change. Motion tabled.

Lockers for Kindergarten – 3 additional lockers are needed. There is no space to put them in the hallway so unfortunately they will need to be put in the small hallway as you enter the boy's bathroom as had been previously done when we have had a larger kindergarten class.

School security/doors – staff would like to see something done. Mr. Festerling will continue to look into options.

Lunch Report:

A new warmer was purchased as one of the old ones went out. Mr. Festerling indicated he could order replacement parts for \$26 so that we have a spare warmer as a backup.

Pastor/Teacher Reports:

CLYF – 12 will be going to the BWCA.

Pioneers – no update.

Laptops/tablets – looking into a couple spares.

Enrollment for 2017-18 – K-11, 1st-4, 2nd-8, 3rd-10, 4th-3, 5th-8, 6th-2, 7th-3, 8th-2

Band instructor – Mr. Festerling met with current teacher and discussed what has been going well and areas where improvements can be made. It was express that those who take private lessons should be allowed to participate in the various music programs held throughout the school year. Mr. Festerling indicated a sign-up sheet will be available at school registration.

Tiller for school garden – it was recommended to just rent one since part of the garden area is currently grass.

Cleaning – the teachers using the newer part of the school during the summer will take some time to do cleaning in their rooms to help hold down the need to hire additional cleaning that was not originally in the cleaning contract.

Summer music program – Ms. Rachel Winter started on June 5. All band time slots are full and there are 23 enrolled in the dance portion of the program. There has been more involvement in the program by our church members than in past.

Upcoming Activities:

July 24-28 - VBS

From the Board:

Aide for 1st and 2nd grade – it would be nice to have an aide a couple of days per week. It was recommended that we wait until school starts to determine if an aide is needed and how much time per week

Outside stairway fire exit on north side of building – is it ok that the stairs do not go all the way down to the ground? Yes, it is fine since it is only to be used as an emergency exit.

It was noted that there is a sharp piece of metal sticking out of the ground next to the playground.

Grounds upkeep – question asked as to who coordinates and communicates when things need to be done? Most of the work is done by volunteers as their time permits. Some of the tasks are channeled through the maintenance committee who will ask for volunteers to help.

Aluminum cans – it would be nice if these were not sitting outside the main entrance. The cans are kept in the storage shed on the south side of the school until taken to be recycled. We either need to start asking people to drop the cans off by the storage shed or have someone volunteer to remove the cans from the main entrance more often.

Next meeting – July 11 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

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