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From the **PASTOR**—

God's Encouraging Word ... *when I am frightened*

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” - Isaiah 41:10

This fall, students and teachers will be headed back to the classroom. Some students will be getting on a bus for the first time, some will be away from Mom and Dad for the first time, or they are headed to a new school and a new classroom. Many of those children will be very anxious. The other side of that classroom door is completely unknown. The worst could possibly happen. They will wonder if they can even do it!

Likely, the same can be said every time we have an opportunity to talk about Jesus. We're afraid. More than that, terrified. What if the worst happens? We could look so foolish. We could stammer and trip over our words. We could say things all wrong, or run into a question to which we don't have an answer. We could lose a friend or come off as "weird." What if people find out that we believe Jesus with all our heart but still sin against him? What if they call us hypocrites?

It is to such terror-stricken, spiritually terrified people that God speaks through the prophet Isaiah: "Do not fear, because I am with you."

Picture a new kindergartener walking onto the school grounds and confronted by a couple of students intent on taking his lunch? Just in time, the youngster's older brother in sixth grade walks up to ward off the bullies.

God is with us, just like the big brother was with his little brother.

Except our God is infinitely more powerful, infinitely more wise, infinitely more caring. He is not just our big brother, he is our God. The creator-of-all-things has our back! The courage we need to speak up about our faith rests in the one in whom we believe—the one who came to be with us to rescue us from sin and death. In his great love for us, he strengthens and helps us, and keeps us safe.

So, do not be afraid. Don't be afraid this fall or at any time to talk about the Savior who has come to rescue all humanity. Do not be afraid. He is with you.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms: Callen Andrew, infant son of Andrew and Jordana (nee Beens) Schreiner was washed with the water of life on Sunday, July 1st, and Logan Steven, infant son of Derek and Melinda (Hohbach) Grohs on Sunday, July 15, 2018. We pray God continues to bless both young families.

Funeral: A Christian funeral and burial was given to Vera Mohwinkel on Thursday, July 12, 2018. God called her home on Monday, July 9, 2018 at the age of 93.

COUNCIL CORNER

Greetings from your Board of Education! As most of you know, for several weeks now we have been very busy in working on fulfilling calls to replace Mr. and Mrs. Festerling's roles at Samuel for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Our Lord and Savior has blessed us with a replacement for Principal and upper grade teacher in Mr. Ryan Obry. Mr. Obry was previously acting principal and teacher at Trinity Lutheran in Hoskins, NE. If you have not already done so, please take time to introduce yourself to Mr. Obry and welcome him. We know he will have an unending outpouring of support as he grows in this role in leading the students and faculty at Samuel. As we are all aware, Samuel Lutheran School provides an excellent opportunity for our children to hear God's Word on a daily basis. Also, it has proven year after year to also provide an education second to none. If you happen to know of any young families that may be looking for a Preschool/ECC program, or would have the desire to have their kids in a Christian learning environment, I would encourage you to speak to them about what Samuel has to offer.

God's Blessings to you all. Craig Heil

VBS

One of the duties of our music teacher, Raquel Freese, is also heading up our Vacation Bible School program. This year we had about 40 (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 15 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 SPACE STATION SALVATION! Each day a different Bible Story brought the reality of Jesus' victory alive for us. Check out a summary of each day

Day 1: Journey to Alpha One Star - We praise God for his wonderful creation and take care of it. Our lesson was from Genesis 1,2: "The Beginning of All Things."

Day 2: Journey to Beta Two Star - We trust God and his promises, because he is always faithful. Our lesson was from portions of Genesis: "A Promise in the Stars."

Day 3: Journey to Gamma Three Star - We thank God for showing us the way to heaven through Jesus. Our lesson was from Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 2:1-20: "The Brightest Star is Born."

Day 4: Journey to Delta Four Star - We believe that Jesus is the only way of salvation. Our lesson was from Portions of the gospels: "The Sun Stops Shining."

Day 5: Journey to Omega Five Star - We shine for Jesus by serving him and others and by sharing his saving Word. Our lesson was from Acts: "A Believer Shines for Jesus."

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 18th at 4PM. If you would like to help out with this event please talk to our Evangelism chairman Rick Kobylinski.

MEET OUR NEW PRINCIPAL – Mr. Ryan Obry

It has been fun the last month or so to get to meet so many of you already and I look forward to the future getting to know all of you even better. I grew up in Eldorado, WI, a town of about 100 people, which is near Fond du Lac or an hour and a half north of Milwaukee and an hour south of Green Bay. For the past seven years I was serving as principal and 3-8 grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Hoskins, NE which is in the Northeast part of the state. While I have many teachers in my extended family, I was the first to go into the public ministry. My dad, Paul, has been a semi-truck driver for over 30 years now and does mainly city routes today. My mom, Janice, was a secretary until she had my brother and I, then she was a stay at home mom who was always volunteering in some way at church and school. She did go back to work at a factory when I got to high school, but she has since retired from that and gone back to a bunch of volunteering “jobs”. My brother, Craig, works at a waste water treatment plant near Milwaukee. He and his wife recently had their first child about a month ago. I’m sure many of you have already met my wife, Chelsie, who is now working as a lab tech at ACMC. She grew up in Milbank, SD which is about two hours northwest of here just across the state border. Our children are Linnea and Trey. Linnea turned 5 in July and will be headed to Kindergarten in the special education class at Marshall Public. Trey turned 2 in June and, as you’ve probably heard in a church service already 😊, loves to run around, talk, and play with other kids. We all want to thank everyone again for your generosity with the pantry items, the Hyvee gift cards, the food the night we moved in, the help with moving, and all the other support you’ve given our family the last month. We look forward to working with you in the future.

OUT REACH

We want to thank our evangelism committee and the volunteers who helped canvass the neighborhoods we targeted. We hung about 450 door hangers with information about our church and school. Formal evangelism efforts like this are fine but the most effective evangelism is done by individuals like you who just share Jesus with others by inviting them to attend church with you. “Here I am send me, send me!”

CHRIST LUTHERAN SOCCER CAMP

Our first (maybe first annual) soccer camp went GREAT! We had over 40 campers, some being introduced to soccer for the first time, others who were able to sharpen their skills a bit. We had 16 volunteers who gave of their time to make this camp the success it was! We thank each and every one of them – we could NOT have done it without them!



The last day of camp each participant was given a 20 ounce custom plastic water bottle with our Christ Lutheran Soccer Camp logo on it along with information about our VBS, worship in the park and our church and school.

SAVE THE DATE – CLGO

The 19th annual Christ Lutheran Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, August 19th at 2 PM. 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.



SLS NEWS AND NOTES

School starts in just over a month on Tuesday, September 4. We will be holding our Registration night on Thursday, August 9 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom and will also be doing an Open House from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the classrooms to give everyone the opportunity to see the changes in our school with our new teacher and principal Mr. Obry in the 6-8 grade room, with Mrs. Kotecki and the combined K-2 room, and also to see the exciting things that will be happening in the 3-5 grade room with Mrs. MacArthur and in the preschool room with Miss Gross. The teachers are busy getting everything ready for the new school year and excited to serve the families God was blessed our school with this year.

LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—June 7, 2018

Opening hymn was selected by Anne Rockman whose birthday was June 5, “Holy, Holy, Holy” and recited by members. Instead of Bible Study, Pastor Schreiner spoke about an article written in the Forward in Christ, June 2018 issue, by WELS

President, Mark Schroeder. The article was entitled: "Some Polls Should be Believed".

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Mitzner. Minutes from the May meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and filed. There were no bills presented. Anne Rockman visited with Vi Braakman on Vi's birthday. Prairie OWLS will meet Tuesday, June 26, at St. John's in Vesta. It begins at 9 a.m. with coffee. Old business: the decision was made by all to eat at the Pizza Ranch for our July 5th outing. We will meet there at 11:30 a.m. Invite friends to join us for lunch. Cards were sent to several members with May birthdays: Vi Braakman, Duane Pagel, Walter Strangman, Merna Thomsen, Earl Wiering and Maxine Wilmes. An anniversary card was sent to Dora and Donald Schultz.

Roll call was answered by 7 members and Pastor Schreiner.

The meeting was adjourned. Pastor Schreiner led the members in the Lord's Prayer and table prayers. Thank you to LaDonna Rathje for taking notes for the secretary's report.

MISSION SOCIETY

Submitted by Julie Festerling—June 14, 2018

The June meeting of Christ Lutheran Mission Society began with the singing of CW284 "How Precious Is the Book Divine". Pastor Schreiner led us in a study of a Forward In Christ article by Synod President Mark Schroeder entitled "Some polls should be believed". The survey contained information about beliefs among members of a large Protestant church body. Only 31% believed that a church should be Bible based; 69% stated that right or wrong depends on the situation at the time; 15% did not believe in heaven and 41% said they do not believe in hell. These are just a few examples of the shocking results of this poll. This poll should serve as a warning to us so that we listen to God's warning about standing firm so we do not fall and it also shows us what a blessing we have that God has preserved His Word among us. Pastor Schreiner also shared the wonderful mission news that the WELS has been invited to share the Word of God in Vietnam.

Pam Ellingson thanked Amy for playing and Pastor for the Bible study. The business meeting was called to order. The Treasurer's and Secretary's report from March were read and approved. A thank-you note from John and Julie Festerling for

the retirement gift was read.

Committee Reports:

Altar/Communion: Kathy reported that everything is taken care of

LWMS: Julie reported that the National Convention will be held at the end of the month and there is a new Befriend a Mission list.

CAMM: Joyce reported that there have been power outages at the clinic that have disrupted lives.

There was no old business and no new business.

Our next meeting will be September 13th and Deb Herrmann will serve. Pam thanked Jennifer for serving. Roll call was taken with 8 ladies and Pastor present. The meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Common Table Prayer.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—June 11, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, John Festerling, Mark Patzer, Craig Heil, Arlen Meyer, Wes Hoflock, Karl Baumann, Lucas Tietz, Rick Kobylinski, Kevin Lee Perry Schultz, Wes Hoflock

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. Minutes from the council meeting from May were read, modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers and CLYF- Pioneers will start back up in the fall> they are still looking for volunteers to help out. CLYF is planning a trip to Valley fair.

Summer Music- There are 52 signed up for music lessons. There will be a fun night on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m.

Soccer camp- WELS Kingdom Workers will be here July 8th-15th. The camp will run Monday- Thursday July 9th -12th. There will be canvassing in the P.M. They are still looking for volunteers to help, also some help to pick up and assemble the goals.

We will be switching phones to Spectrum.

The Voters meeting will be on Sunday July 22nd after church at 10:00 A.M.

Pastor was re-elected to circuit pastor for another 2 yr. term.

We will be calling Cathedral Crafts for a stained glass inspection.

Elders: We have 3 attending adult information classes.

Financial Secretary: Report given and accepted

Treasurer: We are going to research and see if it would be worth paying off our assessments.

Stewardship/Endowment: The Endowment Fund is now up to 76,697.56

Evangelism: The new member pie social went good. Now working on the Friendship Sunday and the Sounds of Summer parade.

Education: The call for a Kindergarten teacher was returned. Now Melanie Werner will help out as a teacher's aid.

The Tile floors at Samuel will be getting cleaned.

The new oven is in for Samuel, Tom Werner will install.

The freezer at Samuel will need to be looked at.

Samuel purchased a Defibrillator and will have it installed.

Samuel purchased 4 new laptops, with the help of the Campbell's soup label program.

The blinds in the kindergarten room need to be replaced.

The A/C will be replaced in the preschool room with the money coming from the Building Improvement Fund.

Maintenance: The water softener at the 406 & 3rd house was looked and changed some settings, Will check at another date to see how it is working.

The leaf cover at the Pastors house and 406 & 3rd house will be replaced by Geskes for a total of 871.50. A motion was made and 2nd and passed to have this work done.

The basement windows at church have been scraped and painted.

Activities: They are working on the summer service and picnic in the park.

Worship: Looking for communion helpers, if interested talk to Pastor. Raquel Freese will be playing the organ in July.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilmen on Duty for July will be Wes Hoflock. Principal Ryan Obry will be moving here on June 21st, we will need help unloading. The installation for Ryan will be Sunday, June 24th with a meet and greet after church.

NEW BUSINESS: Bea Patzer Memorial- The church received insurance money from Bea Patzer. Principal housing allowance will be given per IRS guide line for housing allowance as it reads in section 107 of the IRS code.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's 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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