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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

### Welcome Home!

The parable of the Lost (or prodigal) Son in Luke 15 is one that many of us hold especially close to our hearts. In that parable Jesus tells us about the love a father has for a son who might seem to be less than lovable. The son in question had asked to receive his share of the family inheritance early and then went off and selfishly squandered his inheritance—property that truly still belonged to his father. We aren't told how much time passes between the son's departure and his return, but it appears to be enough time that the father had all but given up hope of seeing his son alive again.

During that time he was away, after he had spent everything he had, the son reached the lowest of lows. He had put himself in such a position that even the slop that the pigs were fed seemed appealing to him and he longed to eat as well as they were. That's when he decided to go back home. Having been left with no other option, he seeks the mercy of his father. I can only imagine the thoughts in that son's mind as he approached his family home. Will they be angry with me? Will they accept me again or run me off? What kind of embarrassment will I be forced to endure? But what he finds when he arrives home is a joyful father who eagerly greets him and welcomes him!

The father in the parable runs out to greet his son and immediately called for servants to attend to his needs and prepare a feast of celebration in his honor. No hoops to jump through, no teasing, no anger...just joy! What a wonderful lesson that is in how our Heavenly Father rejoices when we repent and turn back to him. He doesn't put any conditions on his grace and mercy. He doesn't give us tasks to prove that we are sorry for our sin. He joyfully welcomes us with open arms, tends to our needs, and all of heaven celebrates with him.

As his representatives here in this world we act similarly. Recently you received a letter in the mail about “Welcome Home Sunday,”—an initiative being led by our board of elders. In that letter it explains that there may be legitimate reasons a person misses church, but sometimes we just wander away. On “Welcome Home Sunday” our hope is that those who may have wandered would rejoin us to receive that same sort of joyful welcome that we hear about in the parable Jesus told. Please help encourage all of our members to come and hear the good news of God’s free and full forgiveness on that special Sunday, September 11, 2022. Also, if you have friends, neighbors, or relatives who don’t currently have a church home, invite them to come and see what being a part of our family of believers is like!

Pastor Dan Herold

P.S. To help keep you more up to date on what’s going on at Christ Ev. Lutheran Church our church council has adopted a new policy for approving minutes from their meetings so that they can be published here in a more timely fashion. This month the minutes from two meetings are included to get you “caught up.” In future newsletters you’ll now see the minutes from the most recent church council meeting.

## **NEW HYMNAL**

At the July Voters meeting, the purchase of 250 new hymnals was approved. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of the hymnals, a special envelope has been included in the newsletter.

## **SUMMER MUSIC RECITAL**

Our summer music lessons are wrapping up. Thank you to the teachers for the time they have spent sharing their musical talents with us. A recital is scheduled for Sunday, August 7 at 6:30 PM. All are invited to come and hear what our students have been working on and see how much they’ve learned (some had never played an instrument before this summer!). Also, you’re invited to join us for ice cream and refreshments in the church basement following the recital.

## **COLLEGE ADDRESSES**

If you have a student attending college this year please call the church office and give us their information so we can send them newsletters, etc. Even if you don’t have the information now please let us know when you get it.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are happy to announce that we will be starting up Sunday School for children 3 years old (by September 1) through 5th grade. Children in grades 6-8 are once again invited and encouraged to attend the adult Bible class led by Pastor Herold in the sanctuary. Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 18 and run through the end of the school year. Registration for Sunday School will be Sunday, September 11. If you have any questions, please contact our Church's President, Mr. Craig Heil, or Mr. Obry.

## **CARING COOKS**

Several years ago our congregation started a group which brings meals to members who have had surgery or a new baby. During Covid we were unable to continue doing this, but we will now be starting up again. If you would be willing to help with this or have questions, please call Ellen Loe at 828-2400.

## **SLS NEWS AND NOTES**

School starts in just over a month on Tuesday, September 6 with our theme for the 2022-2023 school year being Courageous in Christ. We will be holding our Registration night on Thursday, August 18 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This year we will have an Open House for our K-8 students on Tuesday, August 30 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to give them the opportunity to bring in their school supplies, set up their desks, check out the classroom, and set up their lockers. We are blessed to have Mrs. Amy MacArthur as our 3-5 grade teacher, Mrs. Renee Manian as our 1-2 grade teacher, Ms. Tabitha Mays as our Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Sarah Zander as our preschool director, Mrs. Lacey Timm as our preschool lead teacher, and Mrs. Melanie Werner as an assistant teacher in the preschool. All the teachers are busy getting everything ready for the new school year and excited to serve the families God has blessed our school with this year. We ask that you continue to remember our school in general and the teachers and students specifically in your prayers that God may bless us all with a wonderful school year.

In Christ's Service, Mr. Ryan Obry

## **OWLS**

The Minnesota Prairie OWLS will have a summer outing to the Minnesota Machine Museum in Hanley Falls on Tuesday, August 16th at 10:00 AM. After the visit to the museum the group will eat

lunch at Carl's Bakery in Granite Falls. After lunch the group will have time to enjoy scenic Granite Falls including the local shops and the walkway and bridge over the river.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Submitted by Geoff Stelter—June 13, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Herold, Craig Heil, David Biastock, Steve Mohwinkel, Gregg Swanson, Arlen Meyer, Wes Hoflock, Geoff Stelter, Ryan Obry, Adam Henning, Brian Onken, Tom Werner.

Opening Devotion and Prayer

Reading of the Minutes – Review Minutes for publication in Newsletter

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Vacation 6/14-6/23

VBS Coming up

One youth group activity planned, more in the works

Met with representative from the chamber of commerce. Motion buy Geoff Stelter second by Steve Mohwinkel to participate in the Chamber of Commerce at \$245 dollars per year taken out of the media fund motion was discussed and passed.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

**Elders:** See membership changes below

Delinquent members - looking at synod's Peter Plan as an initial guidance for implementing a plan for our congregation. Next meeting is June 26 they will discuss.

**Financial Secretary:** Report read and accepted.

**Treasurer:** Report read and accepted.

**Stewardship:** Long Range Planning Committee has been meeting and discussing strengths and weakness of our church. Building a long-range plan.

**Evangelism:** First postcards were sent out 5/28. 37 postcards were sent out. Next mailing will go out 6/28. Checking progress on the technology station in the balcony.

**Education: Principal Report:**

Janitor: Ronda Kobylinski & Kristi Wiese; 1 day/week for both; just summer; \$35/day. Samuel Facility Use Guidelines - see handout. Curriculum update Motion from School Board second by Arlen Meyer to spend up to \$2,000 over budgeted amount to purchase science lab kits to come out of the school gift fund Motion passed. 22/23 Theme: Courageous in Christ. Work Bee: Monday, August 22 6:00 p.m. Repainting inside of gym over summer - working on getting everything lined up. Back to School Activity: Science Museum of MN - working on lining it up





**Maintenance:**

Bend-Rite will work on installing railings at parsonage

New refrigerator installed at the parsonage

Installed 2 new locking doorknobs at the parsonage

New sign installed on College Drive

Gordy, Earl and Ray fixed the wall at church

Shingles were repaired on the church roof, will look at the roof to see where the rain is getting through in the driving rains.

**Activities:** Discussed outdoor Worship at the school and the summer picnic. Games and Potluck to follow.

**Worship:** Need to discuss whether to begin printing the full service in the bulletin. \$6,000 per year approximately in extra printing costs if we print the full service. Motion From Arlen second by Steve to order 250 new hymnals for the church, motion passed. We need to start a fundraising campaign.

**OLD BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS**

LRPC "SWOT" Analysis - Church Council: Monday June 27th, 5:30pm

**Adjournment****Membership Changes:**

OUT BY RELEASE – Doug Palmer Motion from elders second by Brian motion passed

IN BY AFFIRMATION – Kristi Ebnet, Jena Rohlik Motion from elders second from Steve Motion passed

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Submitted by Geoff Stelter—July 11, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Herold, Craig Heil, David Biastock, Kevin Lee, Steve Mohwinkel, Wes Hoflock, Geoff Stelter, Ryan Obry, Brian Onken, Tom Werner.

Opening Devotion and Prayer

Reading of the Minutes – Review Minutes for publication in Newsletter

Discussion was had about reading minutes from active meeting and approving so it can be published in the next months mailing to keep information more current. Council decided to try and see how it works.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

LRPC Updates

Mission Statement "*Sharing the Love of Jesus*"

VBS- Good adult turnout, encourage families and kids to attend, encourage more kids to attend.



Meeting with synod campus ministry coordinator on 8/2 to discuss ministry opportunities at SMSU.

Looking toward fall: Additional Bible Study offerings, Catechism and Christlight at Samuel, public school catechism Wednesdays, monthly youth group Bible study, coffee with pastor.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

**Elders:** No membership changes. Peter Plan implementation-Met the end of June and will kick off with welcome home Sunday. Welcome Home Sunday - September 11 letter to be sent out soon with more information.

**Financial Secretary:** Report read and accepted.

**Treasurer:** Report read and accepted.

**Stewardship:** No Report / working with LRPC

**Evangelism:** No Report / working with LRPC

#### **Education: Principal Report:**

Pioneers – Wendy Rubendall, Pastor, and Mr. Obry are working on getting ideas and leaders

Floor waxing - for the kitchen, lunchroom, gym area, and bathrooms by the gym the total cost is \$1,000 - Motion by Kevin Lee Second by Wes Hoflock to have this work done, motion passed.

Preschool - 22 students signed up right now; making contacts with all to further cement numbers; looking to do more advertising closer to end of July; staffing

Janitor - made contact with Ronda Kobylinski, other ideas: looking into merry maids, matec, or family cleaning schedule on weekends throughout school year.

Tuition Assistance Fund- Discussions are being had with school board.

Call- Pastor Manian has a call which impacts our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher.

#### **Maintenance:**

Railings at parsonage installed.

Sprayed the parsonage and rental lawn.

Contacted contractors about concrete work at church and gutter work at the school.

The unattached garage at the parsonage needs to be painted, would like to make it a youth group project.

Look at spraying weeds at the school in the landscaping.

**Activities:** Outdoor worship this week 7/17/2022 looking for volunteers to show up at 7:30 a.m.

**Worship:** Recommend to continue purchasing 250 hymnals (plus those ordered for individuals), 25 copies of Psalter, Christian Worship: Service Builder subscription, and CCLI

copyright license (~\$400 annually) Service Builder subscription cost based on pre-pandemic avg. worship attendance: \$600/Annually with purchase of at least 200 Hymnals (\$900 without). \$250 one time set-up and support fee.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Update: Endowment committee consideration of gains toward Christian education

\$3,500, split between each of the 7 students (\$500 each) - still to be approved by committee

### **NEW BUSINESS**

For upcoming Voters meeting on 17th

Mrs. Timm salary change vs budget (~\$1k increase)

Door Security Project proposal from BOE (~\$41k)

Use \$25k from school gift fund

Banner for picnic out at school is purchased and here.

### **Adjournment**

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Submitted by Tom Werner—June 2, 2022

**Attendees:** Mr. Ryan Obry, Pastor Herold, LeRoy Affolter, Tom Werner, Darik Lyons, and Adam Baumann

Ryan opened with devotion, prayer, and read through the Chief Objectives

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

### **Pre-School Report:**

1 more deposit for pre-school

Summer Care – Started yesterday, so far working as it should

Future Operations/Mrs. Timm's Contract – Working on getting finalized

**Financial Report:** Financial Report was read, amended, and approved.

### **Old Business:**

Janitor – Ronda (Tuesdays) and Kristi (Thursdays) – rethink/rework pay schedule: Discussion. Pay them \$35/day

Memorial – Piano handout: Discussion. Motion by Darik to move forward with the Clavinova CLP 725 by use of the Festerling Memorial Funds. Seconded by Tom. Motion Passed.

Key Fobs/Door Locking – Discussion. Proposal was sent to Voters for a vote/consideration.

Activities Banquet – Pot luck vs. ordering pizza. Discussion.

2022-2023 Calendar: Discussion

Christmas Eve Service to be moved back to actual Christmas Eve, by consensus.

Discussion about Panther Field Day

## Activities Banquet Discussion

Motion by Darik to have Graduation on May 25th in the evening like we used to do it. Seconded by Tom. Motion passed 3-1.

Facility Use Guidelines: Discussion. Ryan will take it to council to add "sports" to Community "Sports" Organizations

Curriculum Updates: Science is being updated this year. Discussion regarding getting the science lab equipment as well, however it would increase the total and put us over budget. Motion by Darik to purchase the Science Curriculum and Lab Kits and to pay for the excess in cost of about \$2,000 with gift funds. Seconded by Adam. Motion passed.

Art Drying Rack – Works well/as it should

3 foot clearance by fire panel upstairs –No Update

Dates/Activities – Spring Program (5/4), 3-5 grade field trip (5/5), Panther Field Day (5/6), Band/Piano Concert (5/11), 6-8 Field Trip (5/13), Softball Tournament (5/17), Activities Banquet (5/19), K-2 Field Trip (5/20), Preschool-8 sing in church (5/26), Last Day of School/Graduation (5/27)

## **New Business:**

Long Range Planning Committee – 1st Meeting two weeks ago. Also met with school staff

Summer Music Program – Started today. Lessons from 9am-5pm at the school once a week.

VBS – June, July and August. Means of Grace is the theme. Last Wednesday of each month.

Hymnal – Planning on changing to new hymnal at church and students will purchase it as well

End of Year Faculty Meeting Items – 1) Theme: "Courageous in Christ" 2) Work Bee: Monday, August 22 at 6pm – repainting the gyms white walls and blue lines 3) Curriculum 4) Back to School Activity 5) Home Visits – Same as last year

Summer Plans – Ryan went over the faculty's summer plans

Sunday School –No Updates. Ryan will send out a list of all the Sundays kids will sing at next year

CLYF/Pioneers – No Updates. Possibly have 1-2 events this summer

Families Update – Couple of transfers out of our school.

## **Next Meeting:**

July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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## Worship Services

**Sundays: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM** (resuming February 20)  
(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  
Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel at 8:00 AM  
VAST cable channel 17 and Charter cable channel 180  
at 11:30 AM Thursday and 8:30 PM Friday

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