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SAMUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

December has been one of my favorite months for a long time. I remember many years looking forward to flipping over that page on the calendar to begin this wonderful month. There is quite a bit to like about December, but growing up it was real easy to love a month that contained my birthday, an extended break from school, Christmas, and New Years' Eve. From my childhood perspective, December was a month long celebration! I may not be able to stretch out a birthday celebration as long as I did in my younger years, but there still is quite a lot going on in December isn't there?

Just around church we have additional services on Wednesday evenings during Advent. The Christmas concerts, Christmas service practices, and the Christmas Eve service occupying the time of our kids. We all have our own family events coming up along with all the other regular daily activities. Yes, it is a wonderful time of year, but it is certainly a busy time of year as well. So busy in fact, I've barely even mentioned the reason for all the "extra" stuff and celebrations yet!

It can be so easy to get so busy that we lose track of why we are busy in the first place. I suppose, though, that first Christmas wasn't exactly calm either...There was very pregnant Mary and her husband traveling to Bethlehem knowing their baby could arrive at any minute. There was the last minute panic of finding no room in the inn. Then the unexpected (and unknown!) visitors arriving at the stable to visit the newborn Lord. But there, in the midst of all that chaos, Mary found time to quietly ponder these things in her heart!

It's my prayer that in this busy season you'll find some time to quietly ponder these things as well. To simply reflect upon the great love your Lord has for you. Love that led him to set aside the fullness of his glory to come and be with us—to be one

of us. I hope and pray that amidst all the bustle you find a few moments to sit still and ponder your Lord and Savior like Mary did in that Bethlehem stable so many years ago. Take in the wonder of it all, that God came to be with us. He came to live with us and he came to die for us. Oh yes, don't forget that part of the Christmas story...the very reason for the Christ-child's arrival was to live and then die in our place. That makes the wonder of it all grow a bit, doesn't it? We celebrate his birth, which anticipates his death.

That's not all though...the season of Advent points our eyes to what is not yet done. Christ's birth and death have both occurred in history, but now we eagerly wait for him to come again. We wait for the day when he comes not as a humble child, but as the King of kings and Lord of lords! What a wonderful time of year this is. What joy there is to be found! What peace there is to be found! And what hope there is to be found! The promise of a Savior who, having accomplished our salvation, will return to bring us to himself to live eternally at his side in heaven. In this busy time of year, don't lose sight of these truths we hold so dear. Ponder them and rejoice in them!

—Pastor Herold

## **JESUS CARES MINISTRY**

On Thursday, December 15th, the participants of Jesus Cares Ministry Bible study invite everyone of all ages in the congregation and the community to come witness our Savior, Jesus', birth by hearing the account from the Holy Scriptures. You will also get to sing Christmas carols and listen to bell music. What a meaningful way to worship the newborn King! We hope to see you there!

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

You will have several opportunities to celebrate the newborn Savior starting with the children's service on Christmas Eve held at Samuel Lutheran School starting at 5:30 PM. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at **9:00 PM.** This contemplative service always has special music and joy as we welcome the light of the world into our hearts and lives with candles illuminating the way. On Christmas Day we will have our normal Sunday worship times of 8:00 and 10:30.



## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

On Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 PM the children of Samuel will present their Christmas concert, Break Forth in Joyful Song. We hope you will join them.

## **BUDGET/ELECTION MEETING**

This budget/election meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 7:00 PM at church.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE**

We will have one practice on Saturday, December 17th. Students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin at 9:00 AM. Pre-K students are asked to be at practice at 10:00 AM. All students will be dismissed at 11:00 AM. Parents we could use your help packing the Christmas bags while the children are in practice. We will do this in the cafeteria. On Christmas Eve the students need to be at school no later than 5:10 PM.



## **CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING**

Come enjoy an afternoon of Christmas caroling to some of the shut-ins of our congregation with the church choir and Pioneers. We will meet at Church at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 11th. Watch for more information in the bulletin and Cougar Chronicle, or for more information, please, contact Melanie Werner at [mel.werner21@gmail.com](mailto:mel.werner21@gmail.com) or 507-828-3798.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start thinking about getting together what you would like to see in the 2022 Annual Report. The deadline will be January 6, 2023.

## **CALENDAR(S)**

You will notice that this month on the back side of the December calendar is the January 2023 calendar. That is because the January newsletter has always been relatively "light" on the news side of things. We feel that we can easily convey all the information we need to for the month of January in the Sunday bulletins. We will also save the cost of postage for the month.

## **STUDENT TEACHERS**

We will have two student teachers from MLC that will be with Mrs. MacArthur in Grades 3-5 and with Mrs. Manian in Grades 1-2. They will be coming from February 27 through May 5 for this experience. This is one of the final experiences for students at MLC as they train to be full-time called workers in the public ministry. We are busy getting things ready for them at school so they have a wonderful experience. To that end, we are looking for a couple desks that we can use in the classrooms for their "teacher" desk and a couple office chairs. If you have any of these items and are willing to donate them to school please contact Mr. Obry at 402-992-4419 or [robry@christlutheran-marshallmn.org](mailto:robry@christlutheran-marshallmn.org). We will share more information as we get closer to the time when they will be joining us.

## **SLS NEWS AND NOTES**

We would like to thank Mrs. Ellingson and all who volunteered to help her for all of their hard work this last month in running the book fair at school. There were a lot of great books to be purchased again and we thank everyone who came to the book fair for helping support our school's library as well. In connection with the book fair again this year we held our Fall Into Reading night. This has been well attended by our school/church families in the past, but we did have a family join us from the community this year as well. We will have a similar Story Time/Reading Night coming up in the second semester so be on the look out for that opportunity. The 5-8 graders all did very well at the Forensics meet at MLC on Thursday, November 17. Basketball season has now started with practices beginning for both the A and B teams. The first tournament for the A team will be Saturday, December 10 in Redwood Falls with the rest of our games/tournaments in January and February. You can check the school easel at church for the updated schedule and it is also posted on our church/school website under the resources tab on the school page. We may still be adding a few more games to the schedule so you can continue to check those two spots for the most updated information. The attention of our students and faculty now turns to prepare for both the Christmas Concert on Friday, December 2 and for the Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24. We hope that you will be able to join us for these opportunities to see our students use their God-given talents in praising their Savior. May God bless you all through the Christmas season as we again give praise to God for the blessing of sending His Son to be our Savior.  
In Christ, Mr. Obry

## **LADIES AID/MISSION SOCIETY CHRISTMAS**

The congregation is invited to attend the Ladies Aid Christmas Party lunch on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in the church basement. Please bring a side dish to share. Broasted chicken will be provided by the Ladies Aid. Please sign up on the table in the narthex if you plan to attend and indicate what side dish you will be bringing.

Mission Society will have their Christmas gathering on December 8th at 6:00 PM at The Atlantic (if open), with the next venue choice being Perkins.

## **LADIES AID**

Submitted by Teri Knutson—November 5, 2022

Pastor opened the Ladies Aid meeting with his devotion. Sue called the business meeting to order. Secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved. The bank account has \$813.47 as of Oct. 31. Ribbon cost for the new hymnal markers came to \$130.34, paid to Sue. Motion by Mavis and seconded by Joyce to purchase plastic boxes to be used as this year's cookie boxes for shut-ins. Greeting cards were signed by the ladies present to include in the boxes. Remember to bring small sandwich sized bags with 3 cookies each for packing in these boxes. Sign-up sheets will be located on the long table in the narthex at church for attending the Christmas meal AND for indicating what side dishes attendees plan to bring. Broasted chicken will be the main course. October cards to members: Birthday to Gary Radtke, Gayle Schultz, Judy Ziegenhagen,. Anniversary: Paul & Judy Arends, Dale & Amy MacArthur, Steve & Ronnie Meyer, Justin & Lori Schultz, Jim & Gladys Jacobson, Gary & Mary Radtke, Mark & Colette Patzer. Get Well: Leroy Affolter. A Thank You card to Anne Rockman for her many, many years as chairperson on the Funeral Committee. Kathy Paxton consented to take on the responsibility. Chauntae and Rose volunteered to arrange the Thanksgiving decorations in and around church. So beautiful! Sign up to help with monthly flower care, sheet located on table in the narthex. You will receive detailed information on the duties involved for the month you select. Next business meeting scheduled for March 2023. We need a volunteer to do light lunch. Attending the meeting: Merna, Chauntae, Mavis, Joyce, Sue, Rose, Teri, Anne, Teri, Pastor Herold. The meeting adjourned, The Lord's prayer and table prayers were recited. Sue provided Reuben sandwiches and pizza burgers; Chauntae treated us to fabulous fresh fruit for our lunch. Great treats! Reminder to bring your baggies with 3 cookies per bag to the Christmas dinner for filling shut-in boxes.

## MISSION SOCIETY

Submitted by Amy MacArthur—November 1, 2022

The November meeting began by singing CW 610, "Now Thank We All Our God," accompanied by Pam Ellingson and followed by prayer.

President Ellen Loe thanked Pam for playing the hymn. The business meeting began with the reading of the secretary's report which was discussed and approved. The treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$315.00. The September offering was \$255.00 and the congregational mite box offering was \$336.00 which was sent in for the Fall Rally and resulted in an ending balance of \$570.00.

The church basement cleanup (floor and backroom, if time) for November 5th was discussed. Everyone was encouraged to bring extra cleaning supplies to help out.

Joyce Flock, Kathy Paxton, and Rose Wilmes will decorate the Christmas tree at the museum by November 18th. Pam Ellingson purchased the decorations for the tree so it is ready to set up.

Tabitha Mays and Melanie Werner attended the Fall Rally in Watertown, SD on October 15th. Tabitha reported on some of the highlights of the rally. The 2022 National Rally will be held in June, 2022 in LaCrosse, WI, and the 2024 National Rally will possibly be held in our local district. The 2023 Spring Rally will be held in Milbank, SD on April 15th.

No Mission booklets will be printed for 2023.

Our Christmas gathering is planned for December 8th at 6:00 PM at The Atlantic (if open), with the next venue choice being Perkins. Joyce Flock will serve at the March 9th meeting.

Seven members were present, and we pleasantly welcomed our newest member, Melanie Werner. The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and Common Table Prayer, followed by lunch served by Tabitha.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Geoff Stelter—November 14, 2022

Opening Devotion and Prayer

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Have completed instruction with several families lately. One finishing this week, one more about  $\frac{1}{3}$  complete.

Private baptism for a prospect family scheduled for 11/19; 2-member family baptisms coming soon

First of four confirmation class service projects coming up this week. Babysitting clinic for members.

Midweek Advent services coming up (11/30, 12/7, 12/14)  
Registered for WELS leadership conference in Chicago.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **Elders**

Met yesterday and discussed the new Peter Plan.  
See membership changes below.

### **Financial Secretary**

Report handed out at meeting-read and accepted

### **Treasurer**

Report handed out at meeting-read and accepted  
Review proposed budget- the council has been presented  
another deficit year.

### **Stewardship**

Proposed Handout for 10 for 10 Stewardship emphasis was  
presented, discussed. We will discuss more next month about  
customizing the plan to fit our needs and when to implement.

### **Evangelism**

Light up the Night / Tree Decoration / Sponsorship / Volunteer /  
etc.

Re-evaluate postcard invitations, we will continue for now.

### **Education**

Survey - Handed out to preschool families at the end of  
November asking if they want to reserve their spot in  
Kindergarten or Preschool for next school year. Will have results  
in January sometime.

The Board of Ed is looking at other avenues of tuition/financial  
support from sister congregations - initial stage right now and will  
report on more in months to come.

School Door Project - Received \$38,639.84 out of \$41,000 goal.  
Just received another donation towards the Tuition Assistance  
Fund that the Board of Ed has been looking to get going over the  
past couple of months. This fund idea was intended for families in  
grades K-8. Families will have to fill out an application that the  
Board of Ed would review and decide how much money the  
family would receive. General thinking is it would be at most a  
couple hundred dollars depending on how much this fund would  
receive from donations/memorials.

If you have any ideas on someone that would be willing to  
vacuum hallways and classrooms after school, please contact  
Mr. Obry with names. We are flexible on the amount of days they  
are able to work each week. Ronda Kobylinski is currently doing  
it every day, but needs to cut down to 2 days/week by the end of  
November.

End of the 1st Quarter was 11/4. We had Parent/Teacher



Conferences on 11/10-11 and all went well.

Had between 20-30 children at our "Fall into Reading" annual event. One family from the community that attended because they received the flier we passed out at Trunk or Treat.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair went well again. I don't have the final numbers at the time of this writing, but a big thank you to Mrs. Ellingson for running it again and to the multiple volunteers she had that helped her with set-up and take-down.

5-8 grade students head to MLC in New Ulm for the annual Forensics competition on 11/17.

The Christmas Concert in the gym will be 12/2 at 6:30 p.m.

Contacting Sunday School/Public School families for participation in the Children's Christmas Eve Service on 12/24. We've heard back from about half of the families at this point.

John Festerling subbed in the 6-8 grade classroom. A huge thank you to him! Tegan and Chelsie are both doing well.

Sunday School numbers are down need to look at how to grow the Sunday School

Tree removal and trimming at school has been completed.

The school board has been evaluating tuition rates at the school.

Tabitha Mays has received a call.

### **Maintenance**

Replaced furnace filters

Fixed cement crack by the entry doors

Contacted Mike Geurts about snow removal at the school. Sign up sheet at church for snow removal, the snow removal equipment is in the attached garage.

### **Activities**

Reformation worship and potluck was well attended.

### **Worship**

Thanksgiving Service: Night before at 7PM (nothing on Thanksgiving)

New Years falls on Sunday, no New Years eve service planned

### **OLD BUSINESS**

LRP - Next Steps

Introduce proposal for assignment of Vision Statement Objectives to various committees

Beginning in 2023, once committee chair's are established, Pastor and Chairman to meet with committee leaders to discuss process of leading committee's in development tactics to achieve objectives.

Also early in 2023, want to review Leadership development opportunities available for all church leaders

Some on-line options that may be most practical

## Nomination Committee Updates

End of 1st term (eligible for re-election):

Craig Heil, Adam Henning, Steve Mohwinkel

Aaron Krenz

End of 2nd term (ineligible for re-election):

Wes Hoflock

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Spaghetti Supper for first midweek Advent service November 30, 2022 at 5:30

Christmas decorating, chili lunch, placing new hymnals in pews— 11/26 at 9:00 a.m.

**READING OF THE MINUTES** – Review Minutes for publication in Newsletter

## **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

OUT BY TRANSFER—Paxton (Schultz) Schmidt to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Brookings, SD- WELS, Motion passed.

ADULT CONFIRMATION – Becky Timmerman, Roberta Gitz, Motion Passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Submitted by Tom Werner—November 1, 2022

Opening Devotion – Mr. Obry

Christ Lutheran Church's mission statement: Sharing the Love of Jesus

Samuel Lutheran School's 2022-2023 school year theme: Courageous in Christ

Present: Tom Werner, Darik Lyons, Adam Baumann, Pastor Herold, Mr. Obry

### **Preschool Report**

- Staffing - Training requirements were presented
- Survey (handout) - was presented regarding numbers for students next year for preschool and Kindergarten

### **Financial Report**

- Tuition Payment Schedule & Lunch accounts - Going well
- Tuition Review - Cost sheet was presented
- Financial Support from sister congregations - Discussion

### **Old Business**

- Key Fobs/Door Locking Update & Fundraising Update - \$38,139.84 received
- Tuition Assistance Fund - working on it
- Sports/Coaches update - basketball meeting 11/21 - Schedule is approximately 50% set
- Parent/Child Vball game - Last Friday, went well
- PITF - Pride in the Tiger Foundation, 5 items applied for were

all granted

- Teachers' Conference - In New Ulm, went well
- Dates/Activities - Vball vs. True Light (10/6), Vball @ Lynd (10/11), Vball MVL Tournament (10/15), Teachers' Conference (10/20-21), Trunk or Treat (10/29), PreK-8 Sing in Church (10/30)

### **New Business**

- Person to vacuum after school - Rhonda Kobylinski is currently doing it, but looking for other help
- Flooring in the entryway by gym bathrooms - Some of the tile floor near the transition is starting to crack and crumble. Discussion about the flooring - Ryan will contact Marshall Decorating to discuss it
- Battle of the Books - in Watertown SD. Discussion - declined to participate due to not knowing/being able to approve the books ahead of time
- Curriculum
  - Currently Reviewing Spelling for 3rd-8th Grades
  - Curriculum study through the years - Ryan presented prices of curriculum over the years
- Pickleball - Individuals are looking at potentially wanting to use our gym. Nothing formally has been asked yet. Discussion
- Dates/Activities - End of 1st Quarter (11/4), Book Fair (11/7-11), "Fall Into Reading" (11/8), P/T Conferences (11/10-11), Forensics Meet (11/17), PreK-2 Sing in Church (11/20), Thanksgiving Break (11/24-25), Christmas Concert (12/2)
- Sunday School - Going well
- CLYF/Pioneers - Pioneers has food for kids coming up
- Families Update - Had one family from K-8 move to another state.

### **Minutes Approved**

Closing – Pastor Herold Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

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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  
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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