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From the **PASTOR**—

I Need More...FAITHFUL FRIENDS

A friend is someone who knows all about me and likes me anyway. Have you heard that description of a friend? How would you define what a friend is? Are you happy with the friends you have? Do you wish you had more friends or different kinds of friends? That your friendships were healthier or more helpful?

People might define friends in various ways, but one thing is certain. God designed people with a need for friendship. When he created the first man, he offered this observation: "It is not good for the man to be alone". We naturally feel the need that God observed, but faithful friends might be hard to come by.

In the world in which we live, even the best of friends at times turn on each other and end up more as enemies than as friends. No matter how well someone knows and likes you, there really is no friend who knows all about you. Your innermost secrets remain locked within you, and there are deeper feelings than anyone could ever understand.

God wants you to know what you might have suspected all along. He does know all about you. He observes that you need someone to whom you can pour out your heart, and he is willing to be that one.

But do you want God to be a best friend, when deep down you know what he knows about you? As his own Word says, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves". Few of us would make such a claim, but the good news is that God still wants to claim us as friends, despite our shortcomings.

That is why Jesus Christ, God's Son, came into the world long ago. He came to do what only the best of friends would do—he came to lay down his life for you. He came to stand in for you and take whatever punishment God's justice demanded for your sins. And God accepted his own Son's sacrifice to wipe out the guilt of your sin.

That is why God invites you to see him as your best friend. He knows all about you and everything that you need. He extends his love to you without conditions, for the sake of his Son's death on the cross.

You will not find a more faithful friend than God. Look to the living God and learn more about his faithfulness and love. The more you learn, the more you will find that he is a true Friend that you can always trust.

COUNCIL CORNER

This month we here from the Chairman of the Congregation
Members of Christ Lutheran,

Another year has come and gone. It's hard to believe how fast time flies. Like I tell my family, I find time flies whether you're having fun or not. Hopefully everyone had a chance to participate in some if not all of the activities that Christ Lutheran Church and Samuel Lutheran School had to offer. If you didn't, it's not too late for a New Year's resolution to get more involved in God's word and in his church that he has provided for us here. Over the coming year we will have ample opportunities to gather for Bible study, receive the sacrament and sing praises to our wonderful Savior. What a blessing it is gathering together worshiping and sharing our faith in Jesus with other believers.

Have a wonderful worship year and God's blessings to each and every one of you,

Karl Baumann
President

PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals: A Christian funeral and burial was given to Reinhold "Rudy" Kehren on November 27-28, 2018. God called Rudy to his side in heaven on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

Jordan Clapsaddle was given a Christian funeral and burial on Thursday, January 3, 2019. He died December 30, 2019.

PIONEERS



The pioneers meet on January 13 for some indoor winter snowman fun! First they tried their artistic skills at folding and cutting snowflakes. (I think Pastor had the only one that didn't turn out.) After that we divided into 3 teams and worked together to build a snowman.

Each group was given a number of rolls of cray paper, some black and orange construction paper, scissors and tape. One of the members of each group actually became a snowman! It was crazy how nice they turned out. I hope you had a chance to see the finished product on the monitor at church. We then played a few "snowball games using giant marshmallows. Lastly each group was encouraged to "play with their food" as they took powder sugar donut holes, toothpicks, small chocolate chips and a fruit roll us and made snowmen. Yes, we got to eat them before they melted! As we enjoyed our snack pastor talked about how, like snowflakes, we are all unique in our own way as God has made each of us special.

We meet next on Sunday, February 10 from 1-4 at Samuel for a first aid class.

CLYF

This newsletter needed to be finished and sent before our January event took place. So God willing a nice number of our high school aged youth went to a Willmar Warhawks hockey game on Friday, January 25th. I am just going to assume that it was a GREAT game and we all had a lot of fun. In fact I'm thinking that even if it wasn't a great a game we all still had fun.

MISSION FESTIVAL

Our annual Mission Festival this year will be on Sunday, February 3. Rev. Philip Gieschen will be our worship leader and focus our attention on sharing God with others. A large part of his focus, especially in Bible Study between services, will be on our synods work in Vietnam working with Hmong outreach. God has opened a door for us in this communist country that only he could have opened. Come, worship and learn more about how God can use us as individuals and as a synod to share Him with the world.

Be sure to join us after the second service for our annual pot luck lunch. Bring a generous dish or two to pass and join your fellow family members at Christ for food and fellowship.

TECHNOLOGY

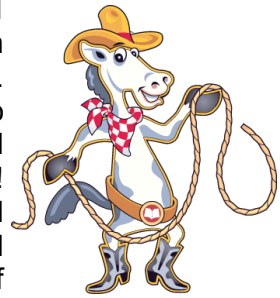
Are You Techy? We are looking for someone who can help us set up a new format for providing Studio 1 with our recorded services. The system we currently use is working for now but we need to update to a different format sooner than later. We are not asking you to record the services, our youth group does that, we are just asking for someone to help us get the video into a different format. If you can help out, please contact Pastor or the church office.

FELLOWSHIP FUN

20/30 year olds - Save The Date - Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 28th for a 20/30 year old get together! We will be getting together for an afternoon of Fun, Food, Fellowship and Faith. Watch for more details later but mark it down now. If you would like to help organize the event, please contact Pastor or the church office as soon as possible so we can start planning.

ROUNDUPS

Kindergarten Round-Up at Samuel Lutheran School will be **Monday, February 11th**. The evening will begin downstairs in the Kindergarten room at 6:00pm with cookies and refreshments. There will be activities for the children to do while parents get to know the teacher and learn all about the day of a kindergartener! We will begin a read aloud around 6:15 and then will dive into the daily schedule and will walk through a typical math lesson. If you are planning on attending, please call the school office at 532-2162 or email Ms. Davis-cdavis@christlutheran-marshallmn.org by February 4th.



Preschool Round-up will also be held on **Monday, February 11th** from 6:30-7:00 PM in the preschool classroom. Please contact Miss Gross with any questions at 532-2162 or kgross@christlutheran-marshallmn.org. Hope to see everyone there!

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

We welcome Miss Cassey Davis to our teaching staff. Miss Davis graduated from MLC in December and has been teaching in the K-2 classroom since we started classes again in January. She will continue to teach in the K-2 room through the rest of this school year and then was assigned to us as our 1-2 grade teacher. Please keep the ladies we called for our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Holly Dannecker, and Preschool Director/Teacher, Mrs. Lauren Thiele, in your prayers that God guides their deliberations and decisions. Our school is in the midst of basketball season until the end of February. We congratulate Adyson Fischer for winning the 5-8 grade school spelling bee. She moves on to the regional spelling bee held in Redwood Falls on Tuesday, February 5. Our chapel offerings will be going to WELS Christian Aid and Relief in the second semester which sends aid to places that have been hard hit by natural disasters. Finally, please keep our school, faculty, students, and families in your prayers.

In Christ's Service,
Mr. Obry

LADIES AID & MISSION SOCIETY

The Ladies Aid and Mission Society did not meet in January.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—December 10, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Dan Herrmann, Tom Werner, Craig Heil, Wes Hoflock, Karl Baumann, Lucas Tietz, Rick Kobylinski, Kevin Lee, Ryan Obry, Perry Schultz, Tom Vanderwerf, Arlen Meyer

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the board meeting were read modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers and CYLF- In recess until later the New Year.

Christmas bags- Will do approximately 125 bags on December 22nd.

Church organ inspection- Organ is approximately 34 years old. Possibly get a committee to look at a new one or repair the one we have.

Scholarship Recipients-Lucas Thooff MLC, Carlie Heil, Andrew

Heil, Kristina Hagberg, Paxton Schultz, Brayden Schultz, Sarah Werner GPLHS. There is 1523.00 at this time. A motion was made and 2nd to give the GPLHS student's 150.00 each and MLC student 473.00. The motion passed.

School security- Advanced Heath, Safety and Security meeting with Brian and Jeremy Parrie will be on December 17th.

Jesus Cares Ministry Christmas service will be on December 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Middle School fun night- For grades 5-8 will be one December 27th at 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Samuel.

Christmas ad in the paper- Will be done with fuds from the Advent meal

Church pictorial directory- Will get a new one in 2019.

Installation of newly elected members- Will be on December 16th at either service.

Annual meeting- Will be January 20th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Get reports to Linda by January 11th.

20/30ish group- Will meet Sunday February 10th in Taunton for Faith, Food and Fellowship.

Board of Elders:

In by Transfer: Doug & Missy Goodrich (Nolen, Bethany & Zoey) from Zion LC Morgan- WELS. A motion was made to accept, it was 2nd and passed.

Financial Secretary: December is off to a strong start.

Treasurer: Report given and accepted.

Stewardship/Endowment: Schwan's Cares is doing well, so far raised 762.00 with 79 days to go.

Evangelism: We plan on getting involved in 2019 with Light up the Night parade.

Evangelism served the advent meal, very good turn out.

Planning the Christmas for kids on December 15th.

Going to put new members on the T.V monitor.

Education: Board of education recommends keeping the assistant teacher pay at 14.75/hour for the upcoming year, keeping the interim assistant teacher pay rate at 11.50/hour for the upcoming year, raising the aide pay rate to 10.00/hour for the upcoming year, and raising the cook's pay rate to 11.25/hour for the upcoming year. A motion was made, 2nd and passed.

They are working on updating the school hand book.

We received an assignment for a 1st and 2nd grade teacher.

We had a call meeting to call a kindergarten teacher and also a preschool teacher/Director.

Maintenance: The crack behind the church was filled in at no charge. The drywall at the Pastor's house won't be done until early summer.

Activities: No report

Worship: Christmas Eve Service will be at 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day service will be at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas program will be at Samuel on Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilmen on duty next month 8:00 a.m.

Karl Baumann, 10:30 a.m. Lucas Tietz

NEW BUSINESS:

Council for 2019 are as follows: President- Karl Baumann, Secretary- Ryan Palmer, Financial Secretary #1- Tom Werner, Financial Secretary #2- Mark Patzer, Maintenance #1- Perry Schultz, Maintenance #2- Wes Hoflock, Treasurer- Kevin Lee, Elder- Arlen Meyer, Evangelism- Lennis Kennedy, BOE- Rick Kobylinski, Activities- James Hartke Stewardship- Lucas Tietz
The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Mike Prah—December 4, 2018

Attendees: Mr. Ryan Obry, Pastor Schreiner, Craig Heil, Mike Prah, Darik Lyons, Justin Schultz and Miss Kali Gross.

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

Minutes: Minutes were read, amended and approved.

EC News:

Discussion of dates that the Early Childhood would be open during Christmas vacation.

Discussion of Early Childhood faculty plans and availability for summer and next school year

Discussion of enrollment for pre-k and kindergarten

Financial Report: Darik presented the monthly activity report for the month of November.

Old Business:

Discussion of gym mats. **Motion** by Craig, **second** by Darik to purchase gym mats for approximately \$1800.00 for the safety of the children using the gymnasium. **Motion passed.**

Basketball tournament is being held in Redwood Falls December 8th. Samuel is sending three teams including a girls B team, boys B team and a co-ed A team.

Basketball meeting was held in November. Practice has started and the schedule is still being worked on.

Discussion of purchasing a new clock for the gymnasium.

Nick Noble has resigned from the school board.

School is looking to the assignment committee for a mid-year graduate to be a 1st and 2nd grade teacher.

Call meeting to be held December 9th for Kindergarten and Early Childhood director.

Discussion of admin release time for principal to observe teachers in the classroom.

Sink in kitchen is now fixed.

Motion by Darik, **second** by Craig to install wireless for the classrooms and wireless on the two floors where the offices are at a price of \$853.36. **Motion passed.**

Sign up sheet is at church for snow shoveling at school.

Parent/teacher conferences, forensics, cookie decorating and Christmas concert were all recent school activities that went well.

New Business: Pastor recently met with a rep from Advanced Health Safety and Security from Balaton. A meeting is being set up for the school board and safety committee to meet with the rep.

Recommendation to church council for the following hourly wages for these positions: Assistant teacher \$14.75, Interim-Assistant teacher \$11.50, Aide \$10.00 and Cook \$11.25.

Discussion of vacation time reporting and recording for called workers.

PTF is looking at options to upgrade locker rooms.

Discussion of possible stage ideas in the future.

Discussion of gym usage by community services and community basketball teams.

Discussion of getting new video taping equipment at school in the future.

Christmas Eve practice 12/15 & 12/22, Christmas Eve service 12/24, Christmas break 12/24-1/2 and school resumes 1/3

Ryan is meeting with a family that might possibly attend Samuel.

From the Board: Discussion of kids drinking pop at lunch.

Discussion of possibly getting an outside speaker to discuss school safety with faculty/parents.

Discussion of basketball coaches having a key for school.

Next Meeting: January 8th, 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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