

**CHRIST EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SAMUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

### Marriage & Ministry

Over the years, I have observed many connections between marriage and ministry in the church.

To start, both marriage and the ministry are God's idea and institution. These are not merely social or man-made customs, but part of God's design and plan. God instituted both of these for our good—to provide loving order to our life and faith. Through these institutions, God pours out gifts upon us. Upon one, He gives the gifts of companionship, chastity, and children. Through the other, He pours out the preaching of His Word and the blessings of the Sacraments. Yet, in contrast to the Roman Catholic church we do not name either of these blessings as Sacraments themselves. Those who are married or in the ministry do not receive special grace or divine favor simply by being part of the institution.

At the same time, we recognize the mystery of holy marriage in which God reflects the union between His Son, the bridegroom, and his holy bride, the Christian Church (Eph. 5). Also, we recognize that the Office of the Holy Ministry is inseparably tied to the Means of Grace (Jn 20). Our Lutheran Confessions concede that they would be willing to even understand ordination as a Sacrament, if by it we understood the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments (Apol. XIII).

Rather than Sacraments, we properly understand both as vocations, or callings, from God. Because He has ordained these callings, God is the one who calls people into the offices. Even though human beings participate in the process, it is God who brings man and woman together in holy marriage (Mt 19: "what God has joined together") and it is God who calls men into the

pastoral ministry. In the same way that men and women find their spouses and give their consent to the union, a Christian congregation elects to call a pastor. In the same way that Christian men and women seek the godly counsel of their parents and seek their blessing upon selecting a spouse, so congregations seek the advice and counsel of district presidents, and other pastors give their blessing upon placing a pastor into a new office.

Both of these callings are permanent, meaning that they have no expiring term. You serve in the calling God has given until God calls you elsewhere. For marriage, that is until death parts you. In ministry, until God calls elsewhere. We are not free to walk away from those to whom God has called us. We are never free to abandon our post.

Finally, we note that most of our pastors have both callings. We do not enforce celibacy upon our pastors. The Lutheran Church from its founding has been opposed to such a non-biblical requirement. And we have recognized that not only according to God's design from men in general, but also that marriage is a particular blessing for the Ministry. Lutheran theologian Martin Chemnitz notes that "marriage is a sort of preparatory school where in lesser matters a bishop learns, practices, and produces a pattern of how the church of God should be cared for and governed."

But keep in mind that a pastor's wife is not called to be an assistant pastor. She is called to be her husband's wife. She may well take up an active role in the life of the congregation. She may well help her husband behind the scenes as he fulfills his calling. But her calling is wife, not "Mrs. Pastor."

You are about to receive a new shepherd here at Christ Lutheran. I confidently pray that this pastorate will be a blessing to you and the whole flock. I also hope and pray that as you learn and grow in your appreciation and practice of Christian marriage among you, you might also make more and more of these connections, which will build up the whole body of Christ, His Bride, among you.

## **PIONEERS**

We had 15 Pioneers attend the skating event at the Red Baron Arena on Sunday, January 23rd – a very good turnout! We even had a few CLYF members join us! Everyone had a good time and no one got hurt so it was a successful event. Thanks to all that attended and parents for bringing their children out for the event.

## INSTALLATION

Please join us on Sunday, February 13th at 4:00 PM for the installation of our new pastor, Rev. Dan Herold. This service will be followed by a fellowship meal in the church basement. If you would like to provide a salad or pan of bars for the meal, please contact the office or sign up on the sheets by the bulletin board in the church narthex.

## MEET THE HEROLD FAMILY

Pastor Dan Herold has previously served congregations in Wichita, KS (as a vicar), Fredericksburg, TX, Tinley Park, IL, and Grant Park, IL.



Dan was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on December 4, 1986 to Dale and Kathy Herold. He attended grade school at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Burnsville, Minnesota. He later graduated from St. Croix Lutheran High School in West St. Paul. After high school God led him to study for the ministry at Martin Luther High

School where he graduated in May 2009, and at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary where he receive his Master of Divinity degree in May 2013. On June 22, 2013 he married Chauntae Taylor, whom he met during his vicar year of seminary training in Wichita, Kansas.

The Lord has blessed Dan and Chauntae with 3 children. Ellie is 6 years old, wants to be a zookeeper when she grows up, and will be attending first grade at Samuel Lutheran School. Leila is 4 years old, loves all things sparkly and princess-like, and gymnastics. Theodore is an energetic 2 year old who loves trucks, tractors, and his favorite kids show "Blippi."

Dan enjoys the outdoors; hiking, hunting and fishing. He is an avid fan of most professional Minnesota sports teams and the Green Bay Packers. In her free time Chauntae enjoys going on adventures with her family exploring the area where they live, decorating cakes and cupcakes, and various craft projects. The Herold family is excited to meet the members of Christ and the Marshall community!

## **BIBLE CLASS AND 10:30 WORSHIP RESUME**

On Sunday, February 20th we will resume our normal worship schedule. This means we will have worship at 8:00 AM, Sunday School and Adult Bible class at 9:15, and worship at 10:30 AM.

## **HYMN FESTIVAL AT WOOD LAKE**

St. John's Lutheran of Wood Lake invites you to its annual hymn festival on Sunday, February 20th at 4:00pm. It will include festival settings of hymns that include organ, brass, choir, and other instruments. A fellowship meal will be served following the service. St. John's is at 130 Third St. S. in Wood Lake.



## **SLS NEWS AND NOTES**

At the end of January, we celebrated "Lutheran Schools Week" where we invited parents to come in for a mini breakfast with their students and then attend chapel with us. Pastor Caauwe led us in worship using Matins on page 45 in the front of our hymnal and a devotion on stanza 4 of Hymn 529 which is our theme hymn for the school year. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. It was great to see so many of you there! We also did a service learning project during Lutheran Schools Week where the students in grades 3-8 made centerpieces for dining tables at Hospice here in town and the preschool-2nd graders made tie blankets for them. We pray that the children learned an important lesson through these projects. Our school spelling bee for grades 5-8 was held on Tuesday, January 11. Congratulations to all that spelled and specifically to Sam Manian who was our school champion and heads to the regional spelling bee in Redwood Falls on Tuesday, February 1. Our second semester began on January 24 and our chapel offerings this semester will be going to Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown, SD towards their building project. We currently have five graduates of Samuel Lutheran attending Great Plains. To learn more about their building project please visit <https://www.gplhs.org/united-in-praise>. Basketball is in full swing right now and you can find our schedule of games on our church/school website or by going to this address <https://bit.ly/slsbball21-22> Please continue to keep Samuel's teachers, staff, students, and families in your prayers that God continues to bless our school throughout the year 2022.





# CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Rick Kobylinski—December 13, 2021

**Members Present:** Pastor Caauwe, Craig Heil, James Hartke, Kevin Lee, Mark Patzer, Ryan Obry, Geoff Stelter, Wes Hoflock, Adam Henning, Rick Kobylinski, Brian Onken New board members: Arlen Meyer

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. Minutes from the November 8th council meeting were read amended and approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Hatch wedding December 4<sup>th</sup>; meeting with two couples having premarital classes; Wendland baptism; meeting with a new member; have asked Pastor Manion & Pastor Andrus to help visit shut ins; (Tim Meyer PPP funding discussion defer to Craig)

## **BOARD REPORTS**

**Board of Elders:** Membership changes:

Out by release- Nick Noble -motion by Elders and second by Brian Onken, motion passed

In by transfer – Kayleigh Wendland from St. John's Lutheran Church – New Ulm, MN - WELS -motion by Elders second by Mark Patzer, motion passed

Out by transfer – Jack Miller to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church – Shakopee, MN – WELS motion by Elders second by Mark Patzer, motion passed

**Financial Secretary:** Organ funds still coming in, funds will need to be re-allocated since organ paid off, coming off envelopes in January. Report reviewed and accepted as presented.

**Treasurer:** Report notes: excess funds up to date, tuition reimbursement to be completed this year, mutual fund, budgeted offerings, ECC report, school curriculum reimbursement in this month. Reviewed 2021 projects completed: New storage shed at school, Parsonage remodel, Bathroom remodel at school, LED lights upgraded at school, Basement carpet at school, Sound system at church, Video equipment at church, Snow bars at school, AED at church – majority paid from land proceeds. Report approved as presented.

**Stewardship/Endowment:** Scholarship funding discussion and meeting with endowment committee, Would like to set up plan for scholarship allocation timing to align with schools matching funds, bring to voters changes in scholarship funding, donations can be given to the endowment fund or a scholarship fund once set up as line item for scholarship, Craig to reach out to Gary about funding. Need to have a written up and voter approved scholarship plan for members attending Lutheran high school/



college. Discussed where to move house sale funds, suggestion from Stewardship was to move to the mutual fund – put on agenda for next voters meeting. Discussed mission offerings – support raising mission offerings \$1,000. Sunday school offerings – bring options to Sunday school for students to vote, bring to Sunday schools to vote in January. Put message in bulletin for mission offerings before end of year. Discussion about communion every Sunday – stewardship committee was in favor, Open discussion – bring to voters as discussion topic to understand support from congregation, impact to those that help serve and alter care committee, Pastor framed it up as commune as often as you like – not a requirement to commune every Sunday. Discussion about getting people more involved in the church (time/talent/treasures) how do we get back to two services, get more people in church, how can we partner with evangelism. Discussed sharing budget short fall at church.

**Evangelism:** Light up the night – thank you to Ronda and Elise Kobyliniski for helping decorate the float and tree, used the Neyens trailer. Set up storage and decorations for future use, lot of attendance at the parade, tree looks good after the snow storm, recommends visiting, Saturday 12/11 volunteer night – thanks to those that came to help volunteer on a cold night, needed more volunteers, cross and manger look great, recommend caroling during the volunteer night next year.

**Education:** Report notes – Christmas eve service coming up 12/24, Saturday practices 12/11 & 12/18, organ hooked up and ready to go; pre-school lead teacher Lacey current year contract all set (will review year to year), December survey 2 no's, 3 yes's 1 undecided, Christmas break open for those that need ECC, snow day numbers at ECC were very low so closed at noon; dishwasher arrived and install over Christmas break; tuition discussions – looking at member rates for pre-school, K-8, compare to other schools, complete review of tuition costs; board looking at contacting other Lutheran churches about Samuel; basketball – first tournament in redwood falls boys A team took 2nd, B team took consolation 2<sup>nd</sup> place, schedule online for games; discussed Christmas tree walk at museum – something led by school or evangelism, Friday Christmas concert – very packed; Emails about legislation about federal funding to make pre-school free – board sent out to families; Email from MDH that we should be all masked board aligned to stay as is; Smart board in and installed – one arrived damaged and being replaced; Pioneers – concerns with lack of numbers looking for ideas for

events. Council aligned to allow non-members to attend if members invite; Sunday school – have a member of the board sit in at Sunday school; recruiting – working to bring in more people; Adding events onto the radio

**Maintenance:** Report notes - Replaced furnace filters, cleaned out gutters again gutters looking in bad shape. Look at getting estimates. Church handicap door access estimates \$2,500 per door needs 110 electrical. Timer for entry door lights at church needs to be looked at adjust for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. School toilet leaks taken care of – working good, toilet flappers replaced.

**Activities:** No report

**Worship:** Christmas schedule 8pm Christmas eve, Christmas day service 10:15am in Wood Lake only, Christmas day offering at Wood Lake if provided in Christ Lutheran envelopes will go to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Councilmen on duty for January 8am service is Mark Patzer. Motion by Kevin Lee, second by Rick Kobylinski and passed to set the 2022 housing allowance pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 107 for Ryan Obry \$25,000; Amy MacArthur \$25,000; Renee Manian \$0; Tabitha Mays \$24,000.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussed dental insurance for called workers – don't currently offer for called workers (\$150 for family members, \$1860 for all called workers). Washer/Dryer at parsonage – to be updated with matching set, Mark Patzer to bring back cost. Discuss shortfalls of constitution with regard to council numbers – committee members need to be in place by January voters meeting. Annual Meeting – January 16, 2022. Get reports to Linda by January 6. Stuffing candy bags on Saturday 18th during Christmas eve service practice. Installation of new council members on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. Can we start church council meetings at 6:30pm - discussion around ways to expedite meeting. Motion by Brian Onken to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Submitted by Lennis Kennedy—December 7, 2021

**Attendees:** Mr. Ryan Obry, Lennis Kennedy, Darik Lyons, Aaron Krenz, LeRoy Affolter

Ryan opened with devotion and prayer

**Pre-School Report:**

Voters approved to continue a year-to-year contract with Lacey as pre-school teacher

Flat rate vs. hourly rate: No update  
Survey for 2022-2023 school year  
Pre-School: 2 yes, 1 undecided  
Kindergarten: 4 yes, 2 no, 2 undecided  
ECC closed December 27-29  
ECC state inspection went well

**Minutes:**

Minutes were read and approved

**Financial Report:**

Financial report was read and approved  
Plumber will install dishwasher over break  
Discussion on tuition

**Old Business:**

Michelle Lee is the B Team Basketball Coach  
Working on lining up refs and communicating a basketball schedule  
Christmas Eve Service - Organ ready  
Christmas tree walk - no updates  
Stand mixer is in  
No updates on science curriculum  
GPL visit went well, 4-5 families stayed for HS meeting  
Forensics went well  
No takeaways from principal meeting  
Parent/Teacher conferences complete  
Christmas concert went well, positive feedback

**New Business:**

Discussion on Pre-K childcare legislation; consensus to send info to school parents  
Discussion on Covid letter from Minnesota Department of Health  
Smart panels received: 1 damaged during shipping and being replaced by the vendor  
Discussion on new hymnal use in school for 2022-2023 school year  
Discussion on class outlook/recruiting Pre-K and Kindergarten; reach younger generation of church  
Look at dates for upcoming activities  
Sunday school going well  
CLYF - no update  
Pioneers - popcorn and movie night in December

**Next Meeting:**

January 4th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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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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**Principal:** Mr. Ryan Obry

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