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From the **PASTOR**—

The Purpose of the Bible

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. - Romans 15:4

Every book has a purpose. Whether it's a cookbook, music book, history book, novel, science book, biography, or even a comic book, every book has a reason. So what is the purpose of the best-selling book in the world, the Bible?

The Bible imparts wisdom, and has been used in many lands during various ages as a key educational textbook. While this is useful, it is *not* the real purpose of the Bible.

The Bible proclaims the Creator's natural law for his creatures. Guided by its directives, people can live productive and happy lives, caring about others. While this is very beneficial, it is *not* the real purpose of the Bible.

Many claim the Bible teaches us how to live according to God's commands so we can gain his favor. This common misunderstanding is certainly *not* the purpose of the Bible. Rather, the Bible clearly proclaims and demonstrates that we cannot keep God's commands to gain his favor for salvation.

God's answer to this dilemma is the *REAL* purpose of the Bible. According to his eternal plan God sent his own perfect Son, Jesus, to live in obedience to all of God's commands, and to suffer the punishment for our wrongs against God's commands by his death on the cross. Jesus gained God's favor for all of us!

The apostle Paul wrote, “Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

Just before this verse, Paul quoted from what was written in the past, about a thousand years before Jesus was born: “The insults of those who insult you fall on me” (Psalm 69:9). Paul described how that Psalm verse speaks of Jesus Christ, who did not come to please himself, but came to do the Father’s will. In his suffering and death Jesus voluntarily bore all people’s hostility toward God.

This is the amazing purpose of the Bible. It points to Jesus Christ and describes in detail his work of salvation. It is God’s word. It is his eternal plan of salvation for sinners. This is what truly teaches us, encourages us, grants us endurance and hope! This is *THE* purpose of the Bible—to show sinners their salvation in Jesus Christ alone. So great is God’s love for us!

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism: On May 28, 2017 Samuel David, infant son of Michael and Hannah Prah, was welcomed into the family of God by the washing of Holy Baptism. He was born on May 8, 2017.

Funeral: John Milford Paxton was given a Christian funeral and burial on Saturday, June 17, 2017. God called him to his side on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the age of 68.

VOTER’S MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the voter’s assembly will be on Sunday, July 23 at 6:00 PM at church. Please take note of the date and time.

PIE SOCIAL

The Evangelism committee will be hosting the New Member Pie Social on July 9th after the 9 AM service. Please join us as we welcome Kyle Barker, Adam and Kallie Baumann, Brian Bertrand, Johanna Halloff, Jason Kotecki, Roxanne Rieke and Cameren, and Roland and Cynthia Rokeh as new members of our congregation. Take time to come downstairs and get to know our new members and their families.



WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Sunday, July 30th is the day for our Worship in the park. This has been really well received over the past number of years and I'm sure will be this year as well. Those who have attended in the past know to bring a lawn chair and look for shade if possible. Casual dress and sunglasses are in fashion at this service. Our children of VBS will be singing for this service. Parents, please have the children in the park by 8:45. We will congregate up by the band shell. Worship starts at 9:00 at the Liberty Park band shell and will be followed by our annual church picnic. The picnic starts about 11:00 with kids games being played while we set up. If you bring your dish to pass and it needs to be plugged in we will have outlets available. If you live close enough you will also have time to run home to get your dish. You will also need to provide your own table setting – drinks will be provided. Be sure to stick around and enjoy some fellowship time with your church family. Please note that if the weather does not permit us to worship outside we will be holding service at church.



VBS REGISTRATION

A mighty fortress is our God! This year Christ Lutheran Church will be holding its VBS from **July 24 through July 28** at Samuel Lutheran School from 9:00 – 11:30 am. We are looking forward to an enjoyable and spiritually worthwhile week. We hope your child(ren) will be able to join us! Bible stories, singing, crafts, and snacks following the theme, Mighty Fortress, will fill each day. All children ages 4 years through those entering 6th grade are invited to attend. For those enrolled in the summer ECC program, this week will be a part of the ECC activities. As it was last year, children will not be checked out during this time but will continue to be under the supervision of the ECC program. Please still fill out a registration form if your child is in ECC. Fill out the registration form at church and place it in the box marked VBS on the table by the bulletin board. You can also mail it to Christ Lutheran Church, 500 Village Dr., Marshall, MN 56258. Online registration is also available on our website: christlutheran-marshallmn.org. Click on the Vacation Bible School link.



VBS VOLUNTEERS

Miss Winter, our summer music/dance teacher is also heading up our VBS program. There are a number of different areas she is hoping people will volunteer to help with during this week long event. You can check them out on the sign-up sheet located on the table by the bulletin board. Don't be shy I'm sure there is something you can do! If you have any other questions be sure to talk to her and she can fill you in.



VACANCY

Most of you know that Pastor Berg has taken a call out of our area. That means, for the present time, St. John's Wood Lake has a pastoral vacancy. Pastor Schreiner will be serving as their vacancy pastor. While serving Christ congregation remains his number one calling I believe we would all want to do what we can to be sure God's people at St. John's are being served too. During July and August Pastor will preach here at 9 and then drive to Wood Lake for a 10:30 service there. It will be tight so there might be times when he will NOT be able to shake hands and visit after service. We will also be making a slight adjustment to our communion procedure for those two months which is only 4 times. This change is something that has been talked about in the past to help with the flow of communion during the summer months when, with only one service on a Sunday, the number of people communing is quite large. This vacancy gives us a reason to try this new procedure and see if we maybe want to continue it next summer. You will be ushered up as in the past but Pastor will give you the host (wafer) as you come up you then eat the wafer and continue to stand in line. The assistant will, as in the past, pass in front of you and if you desire the individual cup you take one from the tray and then Pastor will follow with the common cup just as we are doing now. When he finishes he will simply say "Depart in Peace" and you will proceed back to your seats. After all have communed he will speak one blessing to close out the supper portion. As you can see the change is very minor but should help with the flow of the meal. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to Pastor or our head elder Arlen Meyer.

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

Now that we are into July, it is time to think about school starting in the fall. First, however, is Vacation Bible School, which runs from July 24-28. Look for more details on VBS in another article in this newsletter. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Tuesday, July 25th. We will have two times to choose from. The first will be from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM (to coincide with VBS dismissal time) and another from 4:30-6:30 PM. A letter with more particulars on the summer's events and school startup in the fall will be coming in the mail this month. Watch for it! A school calendar and school supply list will be included.

LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—June 1, 2017

Our devotion started with "Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore You", hymn # 189. We studied Pentecost and the birth of the Christian Church in Acts 2. Acting as chair, Teri thanked Pastor Schreiner for his bible study. The meeting was called to order. The Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report were read. We had card income and no expenses. There was no correspondence to read. Visiting done by Anne included Vi Braakman and Rick Geske. Greeting 'cards for sale are on display. Sunshine – 2 birthday, 1 baptism, and 2 sympathy, and 8 confirmation cards and a retirement card to Lois Zander. Anne reported that Becky Lecy plans to step down from the kitchen committee. Thank You Becky for taking care of our needs. New business: Teri will check with our pre-school director for needs she will likely have at Samuel School. Members should continue to think ways we could support the work needing to be done in and around our church and school. Flower committee: July – Tom and Connie Gruhot. We meet at Bello Cucina at 1:00 on Thursday, July 6 for our picnic outing. Serving at the August meeting – Mavis and Merna. Roll call was taken with 7 members present. June birthday hymns: Anne Rockman chose #415 "Be Still My Soul". Other members with June birthdays are Ronnie Meyer on the 19th and Pam Lundberg and Mavis Schultz both on the 30th. Happy Birthday! The motion by Darlene G. to adjourn was seconded by Anne R and carried. Pastor Schreiner led the ladies in the Lord's Prayer and table prayers. Finally, a special thank you goes to the day's server, LaDonna, who treated the ladies to delicious cake. Tom Pagel joined us for dessert.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—May 8, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Dan Hermann, John Festerling, , Geoff Stelter, Lyle Patzer, Tom Werner, Craig Heil, Arlen Meyer, Wes Hoflock, Tom Vanderwerf, Karl Baumann.

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the April board meeting were read modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report: Pioneers and CLYF- Pioneers will meet in the fall. The youth planning is going well. So far there are 8 planning on going. The trip is planned for June 26th-30th. We had some discussion regarding the last voters meeting. Summer music program- There is already 25 signed up. The summer music teacher Rachel Winter will do a radio spot and also be in the paper. Marshall Chamber Member- A motion was made 2nd and approved to be a Marshall Chamber Member with an annual cost of 225.00. The money will come out of the memorial fund. Fence at the parsonage- A motion was made and 2nd and approved to use 150.00 toward the fence, with possibly 250.00 from Thrivent. The fence would go between the parsonage and the 3rd street house back yard. Broken chairs- we got 28 new chairs to replace the broken ones. We will look at them at the next council meeting. Graduation recognition will be Sunday June 4th. The pie social will be moved back. The delegate conference will be Tuesday June 6th in New Ulm. Summer council meetings June, July, August, will be at 8:00 p.m. at the church on the second Monday. MLC call day is Saturday May 13th- There are 7 candidates and 1 director. There was a motion made to proceed with the call for an ECC/Director from the assignment committee, with a secondary call if the 1st is not filled, to call for an early level trained teacher. The motion was 2nd and passed. Landscaping discussion- An estimate was shown to the church council from Greenwood Nursey with a cost of 7900.00.

Board of Elders: Member ship changes- Out by release, Angela Rasmussen. Motion was made 2nd and approved. In by Transfer-Jeremy Hoflock. Motion was 2nd and approved. Out by Transfer- Chad Knutson (Carter) to Our Savior LC- Brookings, SD- WELS, Motion was 2nd and approved. IN BY Affirmation- Katie Hoflock, Motion was 2nd and approved. IN BY Confirmation- Andrew Heil, Adrian Knutson Kvistad- Brennen Nelson- Bradyn Schultz- Brock Schultz- Isabelle Tomoson- Abigail Wendorff. Motion was made 2nd and approved

Financial Secretary: Report was presented and approved

Treasurer: Report was presented and approved

Stewardship: Tom Gruhot is now a member of the stewardship committee. Motion was made 2nd and approved. There is 245.00 in Schwan campaign so far. This will go toward the landscaping.

Evangelism: Will meet on May 21st

Education: They are reviewing the sportsmanship policy. Got a new milk cooler from the milk supplier. The children will sing at Mrs. Zanders retirement party. The spring activities are in full swing.

Maintenance: Sewer system at school-Gary Laleman worked on, the renter has been contacted on the use of the drains. Will be working on tree clean up at the Village Drive rental. The fans in the bathrooms at the school will be installed this summer

Activities: Served 162 at the Easter Breakfast

Worship: Ascension service will be Thursday May 25th. Mrs. Kotecki's class will sing

OLD BUSINESS: Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Perry Schultz. Councilmen on duty next month are: Dan Herrmann and Tom Vanderwerf. Landscaping will be reviewed at the June council meeting

NEW BUSINESS: CAB exonerated- Tuck pointing needed at the church- will be looked into.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by David Biastock—May 2, 2017

Attendees: Pastor Schreiner, Darik Lyons, Nick Noble, Mr. John Festerling, Mike Pahl, Craig Heil, and Dave Biastock
Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections from the April 4 meeting.

Financial – Treasurer Reports: Darik reviewed financial activities for April along with current account balances. Families with outstand balances – continued progress is being made.

Old Business: EC Enrollment – summer enrollment – Pre-K has 15 in the mornings and 14 in the afternoons. K-5th grades has 11 in the mornings and 10 in the afternoons. Fall enrollment for ECC – 1st year-7 and 2nd year-11. For those that are new to Samuel, we should find out where they heard about us to see which marketing program has been most beneficial.

EC Call – third call was returned. We will be going to the assignment committee with the hopes of getting a graduate from MLC. Call day takes place on May 13. EC Marketing – the plan is to do another marketing push if we get a new teacher. EC summer storage/lockers – need additional places to store swimwear/extra clothing and hang wet swimwear. Sportsmanship policy – revised policy was reviewed. Adjustments will be made and the policy reviewed again at the next board meeting.

Lunch Report: Our milk supplier has provided us with a newer milk cooler. Installation of garbage disposal has been completed. Review of lunch program is up for review next fall.

Pastor/Teacher Reports: CLYF – the group going to BWCA will be meeting in May to further plan their trip. Summer Music Program – Mrs. Loe has graciously allowed our summer music teacher to stay with her. More Samuel students have signed up this year for the program. Chamber of Commerce – Pastor talked about joining the Chamber as an additional community outreach. Cost is \$225 per year. Sewer – acting up again at school. Will be contacting the city.

From the Board: Burger King has new owners and it sounds like they will no longer have whopper feeds. Lunch program – with the change of president there is the potential some of the rules will be relaxed. We will address them as they occur. Parking lot – can this be added to the list of items to address in the future. Pastor indicated it was already on the list and costs were being obtained. Band – concerns raised about the current band teacher and that other options should be looked into. Also a signup sheet should be available for Samuel children who do not participate in school band/music to have the option to be included in band/music programs. Outreach programs – has it brought additional families into school and/or church? While that is a goal it is not the main reason for the various outreach programs we do. Another thing to keep in mind is Marshall has a very high percentage of church individuals and it is not our intent to sheep steal. Cleaning expectations over the summer – with the music program more traffic comes in/out of the newer part of the school. This was not factored into the bid for summer cleaning. It was recommended that if additional time was needed, that it should be submitted.

Next meeting – June 6 at 7:00 pm

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 6:30 PM Tuesday and 12:30 PM Wednesday

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