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From the **PASTOR**—

Over a year ago, in order to slow the spread of disease, people were asked to limit close personal contact with other people and to carry out their business—schooling, meeting, socializing, even worshipping—virtually. Businesses, schools, and churches scrambled to figure out how best to serve people when they could not meet face-to-face. Everyone, I think, recognizes that it's a blessing to have the technology. What would we have done without it? But most also recognize that it's not quite the same thing. It's not as good as person-to-person, face-to-face.

There is a good reason for that. God has created human beings to be physical, social beings. Our bodies and minds interact with the bodies and minds of other people in a way that can't be replicated electronically. We need each other. We need human touch and interaction.

This is therefore also true of the gathering of Christians called worship. Christians can hear, read and learn the Word of God on their own, or electronically. But Christians are called to gather (Heb. 10:25). And that means more than just simultaneously looking at the same pixels on a screen. It means being together. Communing is, by definition, communal. It involves being together. There is no virtual substitute.

When Jesus came into our world to be “God with us,” He came in human flesh. When Jesus welcomed the little children, He took them in His arms, touched them, and blessed them. Often, Jesus' healing came at His touch, even though He could—and sometimes did—heal at great distance with just His Word. On the Sunday after Easter, Jesus showed Thomas His wounded hands and side as proof of His physical resurrection from the dead.

When Jesus comes to you, He still comes in flesh. When Jesus is present with two or three who are gathered in His name, His presence is not virtual. It is a real presence.

One of the guidelines given during the pandemic was to “limit social gatherings.” Christian worship and the life of the church is not primarily social. We do not come to church just to be together with each other. We come to be with Jesus. Ours is not just a social gathering. It is a divine, miraculous gathering between the risen and ascended Christ and His own body. It is an intimate communion between the Church and her heavenly Bridegroom. It’s not just social, and it’s definitely not virtual!

Now, “let us not give up meeting together... and all the more as you see the day approaching.” As the day approaches, let us gather and congregate again all the more. Not virtually or electronically, but for real, in flesh. Let us gather together with the One who came in flesh for us and remains with us through all.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

St. John’s in Wood Lake has a worship service on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM throughout the summer. All are welcome to join!

VOTER’S MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the voter’s assembly will be held on Sunday, July 18th at 7:00 PM at church.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Due to our pastoral vacancy the church council has decided to cancel our Worship in the Park and church picnic that was scheduled for August 1st. Worship will be held at 8:00 AM at church.

BRIDAL SHOWER

The ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a bridal shower for Rachel Ellingson, bride-to-be of Riley Sharbono, on Saturday, July 10th at 10:00 AM in the church basement. The couple is registered at Target.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Ryan Palmer—May 10, 2021

Members Present: Pastor Caauwe, Craig Heil, Dave Biastock, Brian Onken, Geoff Stelter, Wes Hoflock, Kevin Lee, Mark Patzer, Lennis Kennedy, Ryan Obry, Ryan Palmer Guest: Tim Meyer

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. Presentation by Tim Meyer about long range and strategic planning for the church. Minutes from the April board meeting were read modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor reported on recent pastoral acts: 1 wedding and 6 confirmations.

Motion by Mark Patzer to purchase breakfast items for the Minnesota River Valley Delegate Conference being hosted at CELC on June 2. Second by Brian Onken, passed.

Board of Elders: No Report

Financial Secretary: Reviewed April Numbers

Treasurer: Reviewed Financial Statement

Stewardship/Endowment:

Discussed the LRPC presentation from last March at committee meeting.

Evangelism: No Report

Education: Sample Medical Leave of Absence form presented to the Council for potential use at the school. School year ends June 3rd.

Maintenance: Various repairs have been done at both school and church. Clean up day went well.

Tom Werner will work on LED light upgrade at the school throughout the summer.

Shed for lawnmower has been placed at the school.

Floor-To-Ceiling will install carpet in the pre-k and kindergarten rooms week of July 12 and July 19.

Activities: Minnesota River Valley Delegate Conference will be hosted by CELC on June 1.

Worship: Motion by Kevin Lee to remove sign up list for church services. Second by Brian Onken, passed. Summer Schedule: 8AM service. No Monday night service. Discussion held on new hymnal being released this fall.

OLD BUSINESS: PPP Loan forgiveness paperwork has been prepared and is awaiting review before submission.

Councilman on Duty for June: Craig Heil/Lennis Kennedy

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion held on Tim Meyers presentation. Council decided to table topic for now until a new pastor is here.

From voters meeting: is there a synod benchmark regarding mission giving? Yes. 10% of general offerings. From voters meeting: Discussion held about the wall chimes. Will be looked into more when sound system is updated and work station is installed in balcony. Council consensus to forego Vacation Bible School this summer.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Charles Hoflock—May 4, 2021

Attendees: Ryan Obry, Lennis Kennedy, Darik Lyons, Adam Baumann, Charlie Hoflock, Pastor

Caauwe, Aaron Krenz.

Mr. Obry opened with Prayer and Devotion.

Preschool Report:

- Replacing carpet this summer was passed and will take place on July 12th and July 19th. Asking for volunteer to help tear up the existing carpet before they come on the July 12th.

- Summer Care: Contracts went out to the family.

- Blinds: Motion by Lennis to spend up to \$550.00 dollars. Seconded by Darik. Further discussion. Motioned Passed.

Minutes: Minutes were read, amended and approved.

Financial Report: Financial Report was read and approved.

Old Business:

- Bathroom Remodel: Will be set to get started mid June.

- Leave of Absence: Motion by Darik to pass the Leave of Absence form and to send it to Church council. Seconded by Adam.

- Janitor: Samuel Lutheran is looking for a Janitor for the school, roughly 4 hours a day.

- Gym Rentals: Asking for more information.

- Activity Banquet: Pick up on June 2nd.

- Graduation: June 3rd, 7pm.

New Business:

- School Lighting: Approved

- Rewiring class rooms: Getting quote's

- Freezer for lunchroom: Passed

- Long Range Planning Committee: Wellsa-Shows prospect family's what we are teaching.

- High School: Talks about looking at something in Marshall for kids after they graduate the 8th grade.

Closing-Pastor Caauwe

Next Meeting-June 1st, 2021

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Worship Services

Sundays: 8:00 AM

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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