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SAMUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

### **God's Encouraging Word ... *when I am burdened with guilt***

Over the years I have had to deal with a number of people who are overwhelmed by their guilt. Sometimes they have taken more on themselves than they needed to but other times they are feeling the way they are because of what they have done or have failed to do. It's difficult to watch someone who has their face buried in their hands sobbing uncontrollably. What is harder is when they look up and ask, "What kind of person would do that to her own family?" She knew the answer. That was why she was crying.

How does your guilt feel? Does it hit you like a wrecking ball when you are confronted with the horrifying truth of how evil you really are or how much damage and pain you've caused? Does it leave you hopeless or even horrified at the truth you have to face sooner or later? The truth that you're never going to be the person you know you should be. The truth that makes you a failure to a holy God and undeserving of anything good from him.

You should know something about all those people who were overwhelmed by their guilt, they all found relief. They found it in the only place it can be found—in the God who pledges, **"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."**

You might think your sins and weaknesses define you. They don't. Not in God's eyes. You know how you highlight a phrase and then hit "delete" when you are editing a document? God does that with your sins. He not only doesn't see them anymore,

he doesn't even remember them. He doesn't recall the worst things you've done or your habitual failings. So your sins not only don't define you before God, they don't condemn you to his punishment either.

How is that possible? God loved you with a love so amazing that he charged his Son, Jesus, with your sins and punished him in your place. All of the ways you have sinned or ever will sin, have been paid for. They are not on your record or clinging to your identity anymore.

Believe it, and in Jesus live unburdened from your guilt and in the joyful freedom of forgiveness.

## COUNCIL CORNER

Greetings from your Board of Education! **SAVE THE DATES!!**  
MONDAY, MARCH 5th: Kindergarten Round-Up will be held at Samuel Lutheran School.

MONDAY, MARCH 12th: Preschool Open House will be held at Samuel Lutheran School.

ALL SUMMER: Please help get the word out – as we are fast approaching the summer months (perhaps not fast enough!), we are putting an emphasis on filling the available seats in our Preschool/Early Childhood program, as we want to ensure as many of God's children are hearing his word on a daily basis as possible! As part of this effort, please see our Facebook page dedicated to the school and ECC program (don't forget we also have one for the Church as well). We encourage you all to visit these pages and "Like" them, as that essentially is free advertising.



As we are all aware, Samuel Lutheran School provides an excellent opportunity for our children to hear God's Word on a daily basis. Also, it has proven year after year to provide an education second to none. If you happen to know of any young families that may be looking for a Preschool/ECC program, whether it be for the school year, summer only or year round, and more importantly seek a Christian learning environment for their kids, I would encourage you to speak to them about what Samuel has to offer, or put them in touch with Kali Gross, Pastor or a school board member.

God's Blessings to you all. Craig Heil

## **PIONEERS**

The Christ Lutheran Pioneer youth group met on February 11<sup>th</sup> at Samuel Lutheran School. A total of 13 Pioneers were in attendance. The Pioneers played several “Minute to Win It” style games, had random drawings for some “sweet” prizes, enjoyed snacks and finally some free play in the gym. A great time was had by all! The Pioneers will meet again on Sunday, March 11, 2018. If there are any members of Christ Lutheran that would be interested in helping with these youth events, please contact Pastor Schreiner, Linda Onken or Craig & Kristin Heil.

## **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

Do you know that our church has an Endowment Fund? Not exactly sure what that is or how you might be able to contribute to it? Well then pick up one of the brochures on the tract rack. It contains a lot of information about the endowment fund that our congregation set up a few years back. I suppose many only equate endowment giving with their estate planning and, while that is a major cog in the foundation wheel, giving to this fund can be done any time. And any amount can be given to this fund as well. The hope is that, over time, the fund will grow so that more ministry work can be done through our church. Maybe you have reached the age where you need to take a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA and you'd like to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Or maybe you have an excess on your budget and you could give a donation to the fund. Read through the brochure and give it a thought.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

I am hoping that if you are someone who uses Facebook you have already checked out our church Facebook page and, of course, have “liked” it too. If not I hope you will do so very soon. And while you are out there be sure to check out our Facebook page for the school. We pray you take advantage of these ways to keep in touch with everything that is going on at YOUR church. It's also a great way to share your faith with family or friends who might also be looking for a church or school. By the way if you know of someone that might be interested in learning more about us Pastor is always more than happy to contact people and talk to them about their needs and what Christ has to offer them.

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## **Maundy Thursday**

We hope and pray that you will spend Holy week worshipping your merciful Savior starting with Maundy Thursday on March 29th. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at this service which begins at 7:00 PM. The word MAUNDY comes from the Latin word Mandate which means command. The command was not to receive the Lord's Supper, as some think, since Jesus instituted it on this day. No, the command he gave was that we love one another. Jesus, of course, showed us the full extent of his love for us by going to the cross. At this service we also remember the blessed meal which he gave us whereby we receive his body and blood - in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

## **Good Friday**

At Christ we offer two different services on Good Friday, March 30th. The first service will start at 1:00 PM and will feature special choral music by our school children. The second service will be held at 7:00 PM. This will be a Tenebrae service of darkness which will stand as a moving reminder of the darkness of our sins and what they caused. The Lord's Supper will be offered at both of these divine worship services.

## **Easter Sunday Celebration**

Please make plans to attend the highest festival in the church year - Easter on April 1st. Two services will be offered. The sunrise service at 7:00 AM and the Festival service at 10:00 AM. The Easter services will not be the same so if you want to attend both you can.



## **Easter Breakfast**

Please join us between our two Easter services for our Easter breakfast, prepared by our church council. It is held out to Samuel and runs from about 8:00 - 9:30 AM. The menu will include scrambled eggs, egg bake, sausage, French toast sticks, donuts, juice and coffee. There is no cost for this meal but a free will offering will be taken and any money over and above the cost of the meal will go towards our summer music program. We hope many of you will be able to attend this fellowship opportunity.





## **PARKING AT CHURCH**

Not having a parking lot at church does have some draw backs. One is that we can't designate any handicapped parking for those who need it. That is why we have tried to keep the spots on Marshall Street in front of church open for those who have more difficulty with their mobility. So if you are able we ask that you leave those parking spots open for those who might need them. Thanks for your Christian Cooperation!

## **KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

Kindergarten Round-Up at Samuel Lutheran School will be held on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin at 6:00 with a pizza/pop supper served in the school cafeteria. At 6:30, we will go to the Kindergarten room for some fun and fellowship time. We will have a short devotion/Bible story followed by an introduction to our reading series, "The Superkids". We will answer questions about vaccinations and health forms for children entering Kindergarten and a representative from Southwest Coaches will be here to give information about bussing for your child. If you are planning on coming, please call the school office (532-2162) no later than noon, Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, you may call the school office or Mrs. Festerling (872-6353).



## **PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Samuel Lutheran will host a preschool open house on Monday, March 12th from 6:00-7:00 PM. At Samuel we offer morning 3K and 4K classes. Before and after school care is also available. (Open 7:30 AM-5:30 PM.) We offer a small child-staff ration with an emphasis on spiritual development. For more information or to register, please contact Kali Gross at [kgross@christlutheran-marshallmn.org](mailto:kgross@christlutheran-marshallmn.org) or call the school office at 532-2162. We hope to see you there!

## **SLS NEWS AND NOTES**

This past week the school participated in spirit week. The children had fun dressing up according to the themes: Olympic rings, dress up, and Cougar wear. The basketball team participated in the MLC basketball tournament where they took



6th place. The kindergarten and preschool rooms are getting ready for their round-up/open house. The kindergarten round up will be March 5<sup>th</sup> and the preschool open house is March 12<sup>th</sup>. All kindergarten and preschool age children are welcome. The school is also looking forward to the upcoming science fair on Friday, March 16. The students in the 5-8<sup>th</sup> grades as well as a few others in the lower grades will prepare their science projects to display in the gym. To help the children get excited for this event, we are having a group from SMSU come in and present some fun science experiments to the school on March 12<sup>th</sup>. After the past week, we have lots of snow on the ground, parents and students remember to bring your snow gear to school for recesses. Although there is snow on the ground and summer might seem far away, the plans for summer care are in full swing. If your children are preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade we have spots for summer child care. During the summer we will be traveling the world! Every week the children will learn about a different place and participate in an activity. The summer will be filled with fun water activities, crafts, sports, and much more. Come one, come all!

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—January 8, 2018

**Members Present:** Pastor Schreiner, Dan Hermann, John Festerling, Mark Patzer, Tom Werner, Craig Heil, Wes Hoflock, Tom Vanderwerf, Karl Baumann, Rick Kobylinski, Kevin Lee. Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. Minutes from the December board meeting were read modified and accepted.

**Pastor's Report:** Pioneers and CYLF- There will be a meeting in January, they will be taking a trip to see Blizzard Hockey in Brookings. Adult Information Classes- confirmations, 4 adults on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Thoughts on Amazon Smile program- Sounds like a good thing, Stewardship will move forward with this. Middle school fun night- Went well, 18 kids attended. Mission Festival- Kayli Gross's brother will possibly speak. Alzheimer's seminar- Possibly on Saturday in the fall from 9-12, or 1-4. Annual meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Summer Music Program- Rachel Winter is not returning, we will be getting Raquel Freese.

**Board of Elders:** Board for Elders members are: Jon Schmutge, Clarence Possail, Don Schultz. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept these members. The motion passed.

**Financial Secretary:** Members for Financial Secretary Committee are: Steve Paxton, Ray Sorenson, Wayne Mitzner, and Brian Onken. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept these members. The motion passed.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer report was read and accepted.

**Stewardship/Endowment:** Members for the Stewardship committee are: Lyle Patzer, Tom Gruhot, Gary St. Aubin, and Dan Herrmann. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept these members. The motion passed. Members for the Endowment Committee are: Dan Hermann, Tim Meyer, Lyle Patzer, Kevin Lee, and Gary St. Aubin. A motion was made to accept these members. The motion passed.

**Education:** The ECC director and board of Education Chairman met and went over the training guidelines.

**Evangelism:** Members for the Evangelism committee are: Barb Raske, Brian and Linda Onken, Craig and Kristin Heil, Mark and Colette Patzer, Ronda Kobylinski. A motion was made and seconded to accept these members. The motion passed.

**Maintenance:** An estimate sheet was handed out for costs to fix up the 410 Village Drive house.

**Worship:** The Worship committee members are: Amy MacArthur, Teri Knutson, Melanie Werner, and Arlen Meyer. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept these members. The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Brokerage Account is set up with Ameriprise. So far the balance is 36,000.00  
The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Submitted by Nick Noble—January 9, 2018

**Attendees:** Mr. John Festerling, Mike Prah, Nicholas Noble, Pastor Schreiner, Justin Schultz, Darik Lyons. Pastor opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Craig Heil was voted in to continue as Chairman and Nick Noble as Secretary

**EC Update:** Miss Gross provided her monthly update to the board. Miss Gross is also working on an employee handbook for current and any future ECC employees.

**Financial – Treasurer Reports:** Darik reviewed financial activity for the month of December along with the current balances. We need to start looking into how we are going to spend funds from the state in the amount of \$2,776.78. These funds are excess

funds in the lunch balance. It is a mandatory spend down required by the state.

**Old Business:** Security System was discussed. Justin has talked to some staff and says it is time we get a committee started. There was discussion as to who we open this committee up to? It was requested that one of the law enforcement members be on the committee. Decided that 5-6 people would be good. Several ideas were tossed around about the security system. CCCS Report- Mike brought up that we need to be upfront with new workers with our expectations of them. We need to be more open minded to what teacher are saying or suggesting. It was noted that communication is improving. Call Meeting- Health insurance is a concern from the present candidate that was recently called as Principal. This could potentially be the reason the call is returned. The candidate if still contemplating the call and praying about it. A decision will be made by the end of the week. Justin expressed concerns with the principal/teacher husband/wife team. Thoughts of a principal oversee his wife just might pose a conflict of interest. This was also a concern that Nick has and expressed the same concerns.

**Lunch Report:** Currently, we are charging \$2.65. Per state guidelines, we need to increase lunches to \$2.86 however we can only increase lunches by \$.10 at a time. As a result, new lunch price will be \$2.75 effective February 1, 2018. Darik proposed the \$.10 increased and it was seconded by Justin. There was a recall of the butter the school received. As a result, we have to dispose of the 35 pounds of butter, but we were reimbursed for it.

**Pastor/Teacher Reports:** New family with two students starting at Samuel. One in Kindergarten and one in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This family moved here from TX.

**From the Board:**

Mike said there is an opportunity to play in a BB tournament on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> in Hutchinson. He requested \$75 for the tournament entry fee. Justin questioned why we do not partake in special events that SMSU puts on that the public schools attend. Thought it was a good idea to look into this since we are so close to SMSU. Nick questioned what we are doing to build our enrollment numbers up. Suggested that we start looking into marketing ideas now and not wait.

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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