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From the **PASTOR**—

The Great Exchange

“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

Life is filled with exchanges. Employees exchange forty hours, many times more, for a paycheck. Fans exchange forty dollars, many times more, for a seat at the game (and then exchange another ten dollars for a hotdog and drink)! Every day we exchange time, money, effort, and emotion for what we hope brings us joy, peace, and satisfaction.

The Bible speaks about exchanges, too. It says that God does not want us to have any sin. In fact, he says that if we do sin, we cannot live with him because he is a sinless, holy God. Sin is so serious to God that he pronounces the death penalty for anyone who sins. He says, “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23) and “The soul who sins is the one who will die” (Ezekiel 18:20). So, who can ever hope to stand in God’s presence and enjoy his favor? For try as we might, we are not perfect. Sinful thoughts, words, and acts clutter our lives.

There is good news, however. In love for us, God made an exchange. Instead of holding us under his judgment for all our wrongdoing, he placed his Son under judgment instead of us. The Bible is speaking about Jesus when it says, “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

That is a great exchange! Jesus came and exchanged his life for ours. Our transgressions (times when we fail to live according to

God's holy will) were taken away when Jesus was pierced on the cross. Our iniquities (all the things we think or do that don't measure up to God's perfect will) were taken away when Jesus was crushed in death. Our punishment was paid for by Jesus.

Through Jesus you have peace with God. Through his wounds you are given life with God. Through Jesus you are forgiven and loved by God. Yes, you! God chose to make that exchange for you. I hope and pray that you take time out of your busy schedule this Lenten season to gather in God's house to hear more about how he did it!

PASTORAL ACT

Baptism: On February 23rd Peter Robert Palmer, infant son of Ryan and Rebecca (nee Studniski) Palmer, became a child of God through the washing of Holy Baptism. We pray God's blessings on this young family!

“THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR”

Many picture Jesus in robes, holding a shepherd's staff and guiding his sheep. Others see him crowned and bright, sitting on a throne in heaven. Less commonly today, we recognize him as the brave and often-opposed soldier the Word tells us he is. This Lenten season, we will see *The Son of God Goes Forth to War*. During our time together we will take a thoughtful look at Christ's role as a warrior by reflecting on Scripture's telling of the battle against sin and death that Jesus fought and won for us. Most important, these Wednesday evening services will help you focus on the tremendous courage, humility, and power of our Savior--and his ultimate victory! This year we will be in a pulpit rotation with three other clergy taking part. They are Pastor Adam Manian who serves in Vesta and Echo; Pastor Eugene Andrus of Balaton and Tyler and Pastor Michael Muehlenhardt from the ELS church in Cottonwood.

CLYF

The youth group was encouraged to help with our service project, Food 4 Kids this month. If you haven't heard we were able to do two weeks worth or over 1400 bags! We were done in under two hours and I think everyone had a good time for a good cause. I'm sure we will do it again in the future if you missed it!

This month we plan to travel to Tracy to try our hand at bowling.



COUNCIL CORNER

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" Matthew 19:14

Greetings from your Board of Education!

As we get closer to the end of the school year we start to think about next year and that has started with the Kindergarten and Preschool Round-Up that was held February 10th. We had good attendance and already have a number of kids signed up. Students and parents were able to visit the school and their classroom and get acquainted with their teacher. Students spent time with their teacher listening to a story and bible lesson. Kindergarteners were also introduced to Superkids, while parents got a feel for a normal day.



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 or grade school program, 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 Sarah Zander, Ryan Obyr, Pastor or a school board member. To spread the word about our school 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.

Would like to give a thank you for all those who support the different activities for students: teachers, pastor, parents, grandparents and friends whether it is through PTF or individual volunteering. Such activities as Christmas concerts, volleyball, basketball, soccer, Pioneers and many more would not be possible without this support. As a school and congregation we should be proud all this is done to the glory of God. There are always opportunities to volunteer, if you are interested please reach out to Pastor, Mr. Obyr or a school board member.

God's Blessings to you all. Rick Kobylinski

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

I hope that many of you know that our church has an Endowment Fund. But you might not be 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.

ORGAN



Did you know that our organ at church is about 35 years old and the life expectancy of that instrument is about 30 years.....so yes that means we will need to replace it very soon. The casual listener might not notice but it has been acting up more and more over the past year or so, at times giving our organist fits! The fear is that one Sunday it will not work at all. For that reason, a group consisting of our current organist and the worship committee has been looking into what we can do to replace it. When they have compiled all their information it will be presented to the congregation so we can act on what we want to do. Stay "tuned" for more information and pray that our old instrument holds out long enough for us to replace it.

CARING COOKS

A number of years ago we started a program that brings meals to individuals and families that could use an extra hand with things. Usually it is when someone first comes home from the hospital. Having a few meals that they don't have to prepare can be a big help. If this is something you think you can help with speak to Pastor or Ellen Loe about it or sign up on the sheet by the bulletin board at church. The more people we have the less often you will be called upon – and it's not that often at all! Thanks for showing your Christian love.

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

As the months go by in the school year we see a lot of change in different activities that happen at Samuel. We had our Kindergarten and Preschool Roundups at the beginning of February as we welcomed children and their families into our school as they prepare to enroll their children for the 2020-2021 school year. Our current students that participate in basketball finished up their season at the end of February and are looking ahead to the other activities coming up the rest of the school year. We would like to invite everyone to our Science Fair which will be held on Sunday, March 15 from 3-5 p.m. in the gymnasium at Samuel. The students will have their projects set up by 3:00 and be by their projects to explain what they learned as the judges go around to view the projects. At 3:45 everyone will go up to the cafeteria to have a snack and fellowship while the judges finish recording on the judging sheets and hand out the ribbons. Around 4:15 we will open the doors again to the gym so the students can see what ribbon they earned and for everyone to finish going around and seeing all of the projects. We will also have art projects up on the walls for everyone to view from all of our students throughout this time. We hope you can make it to see the hard work the students put into their projects and to enjoy some fellowship with all the families. The faculty has been working the last month to figure out end of year field trips and other assembly/field trip ideas that the whole school can do together and more information on this will be coming out in upcoming newsletters. We again humbly ask for your prayers for our school and to please continue to help us look for prospects of families to serve with our preschool and school. In Christ's Service, Mr. Oby

SCHOOL WISH LIST

The faculty has started putting together items for a wish list that the school would like to have. Please speak with Mr. Oby or one of the teachers if you have any questions. We will update this as often as we are able.

1. Magnetic whiteboards
 2. Smartboard speakers
 3. Dual touch Smartboards
 4. Individual student boards to connect to the Smartboards
 5. Portable stage for gym
 6. New Dishwasher for kitchen
- P.E. Equipment: Hula Hoops, Foam Dodgeballs, Juggling Scarves, Balance Beam, Cornhole Games

LADIES AID & MISSION SOCIETY

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Ryan Palmer—January 13, 2020

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Craig Heil, James Hartke, Tom Werner, Adam Henning, Rick Kobylinski, Kevin Lee, Doug Goodrich, Ryan Obry, Mark Patzer, Lennis Kennedy, Ryan Palmer

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. Minutes from the December 2019 board meeting were read modified and accepted as amended.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers met January 12 with 14 members in attendance.

CLYF will be meeting January 19.

Mission Festival is Sunday January 26. Rev. Patrick Feldhaus will be our guest.

Worship Committee will be meeting January 27 to discuss the church organ. A meeting with the organists will be organized to discuss the organ as well.

Samantha Bunke will be our Summer Music Program instructor.

Annual Meeting January 19 at 7pm.

Board of Elders:

Motion by Board of Elders and second by Mark Patzer to release Amber Beadell from membership at CELC was passed.

Financial Secretary: Reviewed balance sheet.

Treasurer: Reviewed balance sheet.

Scholarships will be paid out equally to four kids attending Great Plains Lutheran High School. Total of \$1,606 to be paid. \$401.50 will be paid each to Andrew Heil, Paxton Schultz, Brayden Schultz, and Sarah Werner.

Stewardship/Endowment: No Report

Evangelism: No Report

Education: Discussed possible tuition increase for Pre-school at last Board meeting.

Discussed current Pre-school teacher/director roles and future calls at last Board meeting.

Round-Ups in February.

Many Basketball games and tournaments coming up.

Lutheran Schools Week is the end of January.

Raising Funds to replace swing set in Pre-school area.

Motion by Mark Patzer and second by Kevin Lee to have Rick Kobylinski be added to current signors roster for Samuel Lutheran School bank accounts, passed.

Maintenance: Current bid to replace emergency exit door in Pre-school room at \$3,700 from Suesner Construction. Current bid to replace windows in new addition at school at \$14,000 from Suesner Construction. Current bid for snow retention clips to put on school roof at \$3,150.

Activities: No report

Worship: Meeting January 27th to discuss organ.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Council Corner Writer for February is Craig Heil-President. Councilmen on Duty for February 8 - Adam Henning 10:30 - James Hartke. Third Street Rental is still available. General discussion was held about the rental. Craig Heil will look into the progress of the 410 property sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

GPLHS Association membership-discussion was held, council decided not to join.

Approval of various committees

Endowment Committee for 2020- Dan Herrmann, Tim Meyer, Perry Schultz, Tom Gruhot, Gary St. Aubin.

Financial Committee for 2020-Steve Paxton, Brian Onken, Wayne Mitzner, Ray and Joan Sorenson.

Motion by Mark Patzer to approve Endowment and Financial Committees for 2020, second by Rick Kobylinski, passed.

Elders for 2020- David Biastock, Steve Mohwinkel, Don Schultz, Clarence Possail, Arlen Meyer- council. Pending Voter Approval.

Council agreed by consensus to approve the Long Range Planning Committee to do more investigation into extra staffing.

Call Meeting, Tuesday, January 21.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Adam Baumann—January 7, 2020

Attendees: Mr. Ryan Obry, Mike Pahl, Justin Schultz, Rick Kobylinski, Aaron Krenz, and Adam Baumann

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

School Board Alignment: Mike – President, Adam – Secretary, Rick – Treasurer

Preschool Report:

Survey: 7 yes for Pre-K, 1 no for K, 5 yes for K

Summer Care: 7 that need/want summer care for Pre-K, Still working on numbers for K-5, 1st-3rd grades: 1 that wants all 5 days, 2 that want 4 or 5 days. Would need a separate teacher for them

Play-set: Discussion about funds

Call Update – Ryan sent more information and answered more questions for Deb. Deb is still holding and deliberating the call.

Discussion about the call – Tabled for next meeting

Minutes: Minutes were read, amended, and approved.

Financial Report:

Read and approved. Tuition Rates: Discussion – Ryan will talk to Kevin to get financial details and Rick will talk to Darik about financial details. Concession Money for Uniforms – Approved by consensus to order what they need

Old Business:

Faucet/Sprayer in Dishwasher area – Installed by Justin, works great

K-8 Before School – Nothing new to report

Upcoming Classes: K:7, 1:8, 2:8 – Nothing New

Directory – Work on for next year

Singing at Area Churches – Work on for next year

Snow Removal – Ryan will talk to Wes about sanding the parking lot

Dates/Activities: Redwood Bball tourney (12/7), Christmas Concert (12/8), Gr. 3-8 Sing in Church (12/11), Christmas Eve Practices (12/14 & 12/21), Christmas Break (12/23 – 1/1), Christmas Eve Service (12/24) All Went Well

New Business:

Updating Teacher Laptops/1-2 Tablets/Computer Carts:

Ryan wants to replace 1 laptop for sure – Ryan will get quotes

They are looking for a carts to hold 30 laptops that will charge the laptops and keep them secure – Cost \$450 per cart

Motion by Justin to buy 2 computer carts and to pay for them out of the technology fund. **Seconded** by Aaron. **Motion Passed**

Basketball Cart Holder is in need of repair or replacement – Justin will look into if they can be fixed and Ryan will get quotes for new ones

Science Fair – Sunday, March 15 at 3:00pm. They are looking at having 3rd-8th Grades do it

Faculty Handbook (Leave of Absence)

From the Board:

House hasn't been sold yet What's being done with the money from the house and property being sold? Parking Lot Update?

Basketball Courts Outside – Updates for them? West Side School? Discussion was had about above listed items

Next Meeting:

February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Obry closed 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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