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From the **PASTOR**—

It's always amazing how quickly time moves. Sometimes the days, or even weeks, might seem long, but the months and years seem to breeze by quickly. It doesn't seem so long ago that I was attending college nearby in New Ulm, but a whole lot has happened since then! Most recently, my family and I have moved here, to Marshall, Minnesota, to serve the congregation at Christ.

Not so long ago, the members of Christ received word that their pastor who had served them for over two decades had accepted a call and would be moving away. The following months, I'm sure, felt long at times. Though a faithful pastor diligently filled in to the best of his ability, the flock here in Marshall was without a permanent shepherd...but, now a lot has changed!

So, since we've all experienced quite a bit of change lately, I thought I'd write a little about myself and my family to help us get to know each other. I grew up in Eagan, MN just south of St. Paul. I attended kindergarten-8th grade at Good Shepherd Lutheran Elementary School in Burnsville, MN; high school at St. Croix Lutheran in West St. Paul (class of 2005); college at Martin Luther College in New Ulm (class of 2009); and finally Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI (class of 2013).

Growing up, my family attended many Minnesota Twins baseball games and I've been an avid fan my whole life. In high school I worked in the amusement park in the middle of the Mall of America (it was still Camp Snoopy back then!) in the various food service locations throughout the park. Through middle school, high school, and college I played football and eagerly anticipated and prepared for each season.

In my third year of Seminary training I was assigned to Messiah Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas for my vicar/ internship year. It was there that I met my wife Chauntae who was working in the Child care center operated by the church. We were married in 2013 after I completed my final year of seminary training.

I didn't immediately receive an assignment to a congregation after graduating from our seminary, but shortly after I was asked to help fill a vacancy at Shepherd of the Hills in Fredericksburg, Texas. After serving there for a couple months I was formally assigned to be their pastor. We made many friends with whom we stay in touch there and our two daughters, Ellie and Leila, were born in Fredericksburg.

In 2017 I received and accepted a call to serve two congregations in the "Chicagoland" area. For the next several years I served Glory to God in Tinley Park, Illinois and Our Redeemer in Grant Park, Illinois. We also added a baby boy, Theodore, to our family while in Illinois. Then, just a few months ago, I received and accepted your call to come back to Minnesota (though, I had never been to Marshall before) and serve Christ at Christ. My family and I are incredibly grateful for the hospitality you've shown us in the short time we've been here and are very excited to meet and get to know our new church family here in Marshall, Minnesota!

Pastor Dan Herold

"THE CRUCIAL HOURS"

Ash Wednesday (3/2) marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. Throughout the 40 days of the Lenten season the church retraces the steps our Savior took to the cross where he died to pay for the sins of the world. Beginning on Ash Wednesday we will gather each Wednesday for a service of meditation and prayer under the theme, "The Crucial Hours," as we contemplate the events leading up to the greatest sacrifice the world would ever see. Please join us for these midweek services Starting March 2 at 7 PM (a meal will be served each Wednesday at 5:30 PM).



THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Lent is the Christian's forty-day journey with the Lord to the cross and tomb, preparing for the joyous celebration of Christ's Resurrection. The forty days are reminiscent of several biblical events: Moses' stay on Mt. Sinai at the giving of the law, Elijah's fast on his way to the mountain of God, and Jesus' forty-day fast at the beginning of His ministry, among others. The forty days are counted backward from Easter Sunday. Since all regular Sunday worship services are an observance of Christ's resurrection, and thus occasions for reverent joy, the Sundays during this period are not counted in the forty days of a more somber remembrance of Christ's Passion. This also explains why this season begins on a Wednesday.

In addition, for more than nineteen centuries the Christian believer's Lenten journey has begun with a reminder of our mortality and a call to repentance through the placing of ashes on one's head (Genesis 18:27, Job 42:6, Jeremiah 6:26, Matthew 11:21). Ashes are a sign of spiritual cleansing, as in the Rite of the Red Heifer (Numbers 19:17), in which the ashes of the calf, when mixed with water, had the ceremonial effect of purifying the sinner. (Hebrews 9:13). Thus, the first New Testament believers adopted the use of ashes as a symbol of sorrow and repentance over sin. This has been the normal practice of the Christian Church from the 1st century onward.

It is this ancient practice of placing ashes on the heads of the faithful that gives Ash Wednesday its name. The ashes are a strong reminder of the need for God's mercy, forgiveness, and the redeeming grace of Christ.



Indeed, we remember well the words from the Christian burial service: "...earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust...;" words that will someday be spoken over us all.

The imposition of ashes has never been an exclusive practice of the Roman Catholic Church. It was already being practiced hundreds of years before the church of Rome gained its current prominence. Today it is observed by faithful believers in many Christian churches throughout the world—including our own. Thus, Christ Lutheran has incorporated the practice of The Imposition of Ashes into its observance of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent.

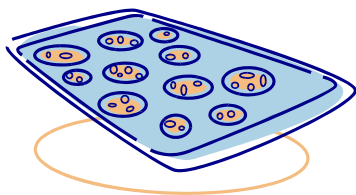
Procedure:

We offer this ancient and traditional rite for those who wish to participate. **Please keep in mind that you are not required to take part in this aspect of the service if you do not wish to! It is only for those who, at present, feel comfortable with the practice.** Early on in the service the ushers will direct those who desire to receive ashes to come forward and stand before the Altar, where the minister will apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return! Members will approach the Altar and return like we do for Holy Communion. Unlike the Lord's Supper children are also invited to come forward, at their parent's discretion, and participate. As with anything we do in worship we do it to the glory of God and to edify God's people. We pray that that is what will happen. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor and he will be happy to speak to you about this matter.

LENTEN MEALS

Soup and sandwich suppers will be served prior to worship each Wednesday during Lent from 5:30-6:30 PM. We hope you will join us for this wonderful fellowship opportunity.

Desserts: We are again asking the members to provide desserts for these meals. You can choose what day you would like to provide treats by signing up on the sheets on the table by the bulletin board. Thanks.



PIONEERS

In February we had 8 Pioneers gather at school to use their crafting skills. We wanted to **warmly** welcome the Herold family to Christ Lutheran so we made tie blankets for each of the kids – a dog blanket for Theodore, a unicorn blanket for Leila, and tie-dye printed blanket for Ellie. We also decorated a wall/door hanging for the family – a large H and a small wooden plaque for each family member hanging from the H. Several of the kids also created cards to welcome the Herold family to the Christ Lutheran family. They all did an awesome job! Welcome Pastor and Mrs. Herold, Ellie, Leila, and Theodore!!

ROUNDUPS

Kindergarten Round-Up at Samuel Lutheran School will be held on **Monday, March 14**. The evening will begin downstairs in the Kindergarten room at 6:00 PM. There will be activities for the children to do while parents get to know the teacher and learn all about the day of a kindergartener! We will begin with a read aloud around 6:15 and then will dive into the daily schedule. If you are planning on attending, please call the school office at 532-2162 or email—tmays@christlutheran-marshallmn.org.

Preschool Round-up will also be held on **Monday, March 14** beginning at 6:00 PM in the preschool classroom. Please contact Miss Sarah Zander with any questions - szander@christlutheran-marshallmn.org.



SLS NEWS AND NOTES

Basketball is coming to a close. Our 6-8 grade coed team participated in the MLC tournament February 26-27 and they will end their year with a tournament at Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown, SD March 4-5. The end of the basketball season will officially be done with our parent/child game on Friday, March 11. I would like to thank all the students for playing hard this season, the parents for supporting their children, and for the coaches who volunteered a lot of their time to teach and coach our students. We are looking ahead to next school year for enrollment and one of the ways we try to get solid numbers is through our Preschool and Kindergarten Roundups on Monday, March 14. We have advertising on Facebook, in the newspaper, on the radio, and fliers that we have sent out to prospective families, but if you know of someone to invite please let them know about our Roundups or contact me so we can get them information. We would like to invite everyone to our 3-8 grade musical performance which will be held on Friday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Samuel. The end of the 3rd Quarter also happens in this month on March 25. It is hard to believe, but another school year in God's grace is coming closer to a close and we will be figuring out our end of the year activities shortly here as well. One of the items I've been asked about for quite a while is a school wish list. The faculty has been working on this for a few months now and we are working on getting this out to the congregation as well. At the top of our list is school safety. We are looking into getting electronic locks on our main outside doors and to each classroom and office door in the building. We

are in the process of getting quotes and getting this information out soon. Finally, 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. Obry

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Geoff Stelter—January 10, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Caauwe, Craig Heil, Kevin Lee, Ryan Obry, Geoff Stelter, Wes Hoflock, Brian Onken, David Biastock, Chad Kulla, Tom Werner.

Pastor opened with Devotion and prayer

Minutes from the December meeting were read and approved.

Pastors Report: Pastor discussed an installation meal and other ways to make a smooth transition for the new pastor. We will discuss with Pastor Herold how he would like to meet all the members of the church.

Sent pictures of all Samuel students to Pastor Herold.

Discussed taking off the live stream YouTube service and just posting a recorded service. Decision made to continue broadcasting the live services.

Pastor Herold's official start day is February 20, 2022, with 2 services and a bible study.

Elders: Membership changes include in by transfer- Seth Wendland from St. Paul's Lutheran Church Arlington, MN motion by elders second by Brian Onken, motion passed

Out by transfer Grant Martinson to Good Shepherd Sioux Falls SD motion by elders second by Kevin Lee motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Report reviewed and accepted as presented

Treasurer: Final numbers have not been completed yet but will be done for the voters meeting 1-16-2022. Report was reviewed and accepted as presented

Stewardship: No Report

Evangelism: No Report

Education: Darik Lyons is studying a flat rate versus an hourly rate for early childhood. Smart boards have been purchased and installed at the school. Looking for a new janitor at the school C&C will continue through the end of the school year. Voted to order 6 copies of the hymnal accompanying book for classrooms at the school. Board voted to prorate the new student at Samuel through the end of the school year. Voted to purchase new reversible jerseys for the basketball team coming from the concession proceeds. School board has voted to update tuition

fees for the school starting September 2022 \$1,000 for first child members, \$2,250 for sister congregations, \$2,850 for non-WELS members. They also approached the council asking if it would be a good idea to install a sign at church showing all events for the week. There will be a Lutheran Schools week and all parents will be invited for a meal and other activities. Christmas Eve Service was well attended, and everything went well.

Maintenance: Gutters at the school are starting to leak and cause icy patches on sidewalk. Will look at costs to replace now that the ice guards have been installed on the roof. The furnace quit at the third street rental house; waterlines froze but there was no water damage in the house because it was caught soon enough. The furnace and waterlines have been repaired. Both garages at the parsonage have been cleaned and ready for the arrival of the new pastor. A new washer and dryer have been installed at the parsonage. Members have also cleaned the parsonage top to bottom to be ready for the new pastor. A motion by Geoff Stelter and seconded by Dave Biastock to spend \$3,000 from the building improvement fund to install a push button handicap door opener at church to bring to the voters was discussed and passed. Will investigate the crack in the wall at church to see why it is happening and what it would take to fix.

Activities: No report.

Worship: February 6th Pastor Caauwe will be gone Pastor Maertz from Great Plains will be here to fill in. February 13th is installation Sunday Welcoming Pastor Herold. February 20th St. Johns will be hosting a hymn festival all are invited.

Old Business: Reorganization of the council:

President- Craig Heil; **Treasurer-** Kevin Lee; **Elders-** David Biastock; **Financial Secretary-** Brian Onken; **Financial assistant-** Vacant; **Stewardship-** Gregg Swanson; **Evangelism-** Adam Henning; **Board of Education-** Tom Werner; **Maintenance-** Wes Hoflock; **Worship-** Arlen Meyer; **Activities-** Chad Kulla; **Secretary-** Geoff Stelter

This list is still subject to change.

New Business: Council discussed startup of fellowship on non-communion Sundays no decision has been made. Council Discussed that the chair of each committee shall generate and distribute a report of agenda prior to the council meetings. Ryan Obry will work on creating a Google document that everyone can fill out prior to council meetings to help meetings move faster and everyone can see early what we will be talking about. Kevin will get in touch with Pastor Herold's current churches to see when his last payment from them will be.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Tom Werner—January 4, 2022

Present: Mr. Obry, Aaron Krenz, LeRoy Affolter, Tom Werner and Darik Lyons. Mr. Obry opened the meeting with a devotion.

School Board Alignment:

Chairman: Aaron Krenz

Treasurer: Derek Lyons

Secretary: Adam Baumann

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Preschool Report: Flat rate vs hourly is being studied.

A survey of preschool parents was conducted. PreK: Yes = 5. Kindergarten: Yes=5, at this time. The Pre-K director is asking parents if there is a need for summer care. We have received a Correction Order from the State of MN. The items are easily correctable.

Financial Report: The financial report was read and approved.

The ECC account is looking robust in December. This is because of some prepayments. A gift of \$2,500.00 was reported from the Kuehn family memorial. Smart board bills were paid for a total of \$34,592.00. These funds will be reimbursed.

Raising the tuition was discussed.

A motion was made by Derek and seconded by LeRoy.

To raise tuition \$200.00 per child for members.

To raise tuition \$100.00 per child for non-members.

To reduce the technology fee to \$50.00 from \$100.00.

Motion Passed. 5 – 0.

Old Business:

Purchasing new “Organist Copy” hymnals was discussed.

A motion was made by Derek and seconded by Tom.

To order 6 “Organist Copies” of the new hymnal to be distributed to the teachers.

Motion Passed. 5 – 0.

Old Business:

A consensus was reached to have Pastor Harold’s child tuition prorated to approximately 4/9th. Janitorial replacements will need to be found by the end of this school year.

A request was brought forward from the basketball coach to purchase 20 reversible jerseys at \$26.00 per jersey. This was approved by consensus. The funds will be provided by the Concessions account.

We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools week the last week of January.

The next meeting is set for February 1st.

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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

Samuel Lutheran School

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Teachers: Mrs. Amy MacArthur Mrs. Renee Manian
Ms. Tabitha Mays

