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## *From the* **PASTOR—**

### **Know the Truth**

#### **“Your word is truth.” - John 17:17**

Human beings have never stopped desiring to search for the truth. And who can blame us?

As we swim our way through life, so often we find ourselves in deep water over our heads, water that has a muddy bottom which is sometimes slimy and threatens to trap our feet. What could feel better than to finally touch a smooth, solid, rock bottom where we can plant our feet and rest, keep our heads above water, catch our breath?

God’s word is rock-solid truth. That’s how Jesus described it. He was speaking to his heavenly Father in prayer when he said, “Your word is truth.” Though such a simple statement, it is a profound reality. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, testifies that the word of God the heavenly Father is truth!

It’s hard sometimes to hear the truth. It can cause us to hang our head in shame and even cringe with fear. Truth that God tells us is every bit as difficult to hear. He tells us the truth that we are sinful. The sin that swirls around in our heads and floods our hearts is devastating. Sin brings death—every kind of isolating, slimy, feet-trapping death, including the eternal kind.

God tells us the truth about sin so that we are willing to listen to a more important truth. The truth that his Son, Jesus Christ, came and lived the perfect life required of those who want God to care about them in this life and save them for the life to come. The truth that he died the perfect death on the cross that completely paid for sin. The truth that he rose again to prove he had done

everything that is necessary for our salvation. The truth that he did this for every sinful human being. He did it to give us a firm foundation for life—a blessed life with God now and forever.

And do you know how God gives us everything Jesus earned for us by his life, death, and resurrection? Through his rock-solid word. Be sure to come often to his house to hear that word. Be frequent at the table of his holy supper to strengthen that faith the word of truth has planted in our hearts. Then you will find yourself standing on a firm foundation that will not move!

And that's the truth!

## COUNCIL CORNER

This month we hear from Arlen Meyer, Head Elder.

Confirmation time is upon us. I was just thinking of it and comparing it to spring. We have young adults that are spouting, like flowers that are coming out from the winter snows and cold. These young adults need nurturing and care to help them fully bloom into a beautiful flower of God. The devil would love nothing more than to see them wither and die like a flower caught in an early frost. Hopefully we are all there to protect them with good sound scripture, and that their roots are in good soil. As we can all remember the parable of the sower and the seed. (Matthew 13:3-9).

*A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow, but when the sun came up, the plants were scorched and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear.* Let's all pray that the seed that is sown here produces, as the seed that fell on good soil. Hopefully you will all have a chance to attend the examination and the confirmation, if not here but at another church with family and friends. May God's Blessings be with us all.



# Confirmation

These young people will be confirmed and receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 7th in the 10:30 AM service.

*Andrew Heil*

*Son of Craig and Kristin Heil*

*Adrian Knutson Kvistad*

*Son of Stacey Knutson and Dustin Kvistad*

*Brennan Nelson*

*Son of Greta Buehler and Charles Nelson*

*Brock Schultz*

*Son of Lonny and Kathryn Schultz*

*Bradyn Schultz*

*Son of Justin and Lori Schultz*

*Isabelle Tomoson*

*Daughter of Carey Duraiappa and Dustin Tomoson*

*Abigail Wendorff*

*Daughter of Brad and Donna Wendorff*

We wish them God's richest blessings.

## CLYF

We want to again thank our youth for the things they do within the congregation like taping the church services and serving at the Lenten meals. This month those who will be attending our summer outing to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) will meet on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-2PM at church. We will spend time picking our meals and firming up some of the details for our trip.

A reminder to the congregation that your support of these young adults is greatly appreciated. Remember to pray for them during their high school years. Another way you can support them is by purchasing the Hy Vee gift cards. Our youth group gets 5% on every dollar sold. It is a great deal for our kids. The cards are easy to use. Just buy one in the denomination you wish - \$25, \$50, or \$100. You get the full value of the card but our youth get 5%. Cards are sold in the narthex every Sunday. Just look for Linda Onken or Jennifer Schreiner. Our youth group thanks you!

## **PIONEERS**

The Pioneers met on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Samuel Lutheran School. Each Pioneer selected and painted two wooden Easter eggs for a display at the breakfast on Easter Sunday. Punch and cookies were served at this meeting, followed by a game of kickball in the gym. Fourteen Pioneers were in attendance. We wished farewell to the eighth graders who will soon be confirmed. There will not be a meeting in May. We will meet again in September at which time we will welcome those in first through eighth grade to join us at Pioneers.

## **ASCENSION**

We will celebrate our Lord's ascension back to his throne in heaven on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 PM. Please join us at 5:30 for our Ascension supper. Pastor has consented to work his grilling magic again this year. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be prepared and served along with salads, chips and bars donated by our serving committees. A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses with proceeds going towards the church landscaping project.



## **GREENWOOD NURSERY**

With the nice weather on the horizon for many of us our thoughts turn to flowers and gardening. Just a reminder, that if you planned on picking up any of your plants at Greenwood Nursery, we have certificates available which will net our church landscaping program 15% in total sales. Please see Jennifer Schreiner for your purchase. Cards will be available through Mother's Day.

## **MONDAY WORSHIP**

Our Monday night worship services begin on Memorial Day, May 28th. They will run every Monday throughout the summer.

These services are a great way for us to keep in contact with God's Word and our fellow believers while still enjoying our summer activities at the lake etc. If you can't make it on Sunday we hope and pray you take advantage of Monday nights!

**Services begin at 7:00 PM in our air conditioned church!**

## SUMMER MUSIC/VBS



We are very happy to announce that we have received a young lady to take over our summer music and VBS program. Her name is Rachel Winter and she is a junior at MLC. The program will run from Monday, June 5th - August 13th. As in the past lessons will be given for many different kinds of instruments. She is also accomplished in DANCE and will be teaching a class in that as well if there is interest. We know summer is busy for everyone so we want people to sign up ASAP so schedules can be formalized. Information and registration sheets are on the table by the bulletin board. Below is a bio from Miss Winter.

Greetings! My name is Rachel Winter, and I am excited to teach summer music lessons at Christ Lutheran and Samuel School this year! I hail from Manitowoc, Wisconsin. I am in my third year out of five at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, where I am studying both Instrumental Music Education and Elementary Education. I have taken piano lessons since the age of six, oboe lessons since the age of ten, and method courses in many of the band and orchestral instruments. In addition, I have had four years of voice lessons and 13 years of dance lessons, including tap, jazz, and ballet. For the past five summers I've been a counselor at Soli Deo Gloria's WELS Grade School Band Camp in Milwaukee, WI, and during the past two summers I was the pit orchestra director with my community theatre, directing *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Seussical the Musical*. Through these and other opportunities, I have gained experience working with musicians of all ages. This summer I'll be giving free music lessons to anyone who wants to grow in their musical abilities. This will include piano lessons for kindergartners through adults, instrumental and voice lessons for fourth graders and up, music appreciation and theory lessons for all ages, and, if there is enough interest, a weekly dance class for kindergartners and up. I look forward to getting to know you all this summer!

—Rachel Winter | (920) 629-1278 | [winterrr@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:winterrr@mlc-wels.edu)

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Christ Lutheran is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels June 19 -30. This is an important opportunity for our church to volunteer in the community. We thank Joan Sorenson for coordinating our volunteers. Sign up sheets will be available later this month.

## CHURCH WORK BEE

We hope that a good number of people will be able to help out at our annual church work bee on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will start at 5 PM and go till the work is finished. There is work that needs to be done both inside and outside. If you want you can bring cleaning supplies and outdoor equipment. We will have a list of things that need to be done.



## ONLINE APPAREL ORDER

For those of you interested in ordering Christ Lutheran apparel (t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, half zip pullovers, etc), Borch's Sporting Goods has set up an online order for us. Please follow this link to the online store and you can make your selections and then pay online: <https://christlutheran17.itemorder.com/>  
This online store will open on May 1st and run until May 21st. If you have any questions or need assistance ordering please call the office.

## GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Please join us on Sunday, June 4th at the 9:00 service as we recognize our High School and College Graduates. After this service we will gather in the church basement for our annual Graduation Brunch. We hope you will join us as we congratulate them and wish them God's blessings on what lies ahead for them.

♦If you have someone graduating this year please notify the church office so that they may be recognized on this special day.

## RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is invited to a retirement open house honoring our preschool teacher, Mrs. Lois Zander. The open house will take place on Sunday May 21st at Samuel Lutheran School from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm with a short program at 3 pm. His lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." *Matthew 25:21 KJV*







## **TEACHER CALL**

The voters have decided to extend a call through the assignment committee at Martin Luther College for a person to teach pre-K 3 and 4 year olds as well as serve as the director for our early childhood center at Samuel. Call day this year is on May 13. Pray that the Lord of the church blesses us with a teacher that will meet our needs and help further our school's ministry.

## **SUMMER ECC**

Samuel Lutheran will have a summer program which is open to those who are 3 years old to those having completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Children will have the opportunity to participate in water activities, crafts, walking trips, intergenerational activities at Boulder Estates and Boulder Creek, and a children's garden. If you know of someone who would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, pass the word along to them about our summer program. For more information or to enroll in the summer program contact the office at 532-2162 or Mrs. Lois Zander (507-401-1893).

## **SLS NEWS AND NOTES**

The snow is gone, and the feeling of spring is here! The students and faculty at Samuel Lutheran School are preparing for end of school year activities.

By the time you read this, grades K – 5 will have attended the MLC Children's Theater production of *Peter Pan* on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Our Pre-K – grades 2 students are preparing a spring production of their own which you are welcome to attend on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM. The Pre-K section is entitled *Sing a Song*, and the grades K – 2 section is *Goin' Buggy*.

May 8 – There will be no school since grades 3 – 8 will participate in the track meet in Sleepy Eye beginning at 9:00 AM. Watch for more information if your children are involved in the track meet.

May 16 – Softball Tournament in Mankato for Grades 6 – 8

May 17 at 6:30 PM – Band/Piano Concert

May 21 – Mrs. Zander's Retirement Recognition – Students in grades K - 8 will sing in the 10:30 AM service. A retirement reception will be held at school beginning at 2:00 PM with a

program scheduled for 3:00 PM.

May 22 – Field Trip for Pre-K 2<sup>nd</sup> year class to End-O-Line Railroad Museum in Currie

TBD – Field Trip for Pre-K 1<sup>st</sup> year class to a farm

May 23 at 6:00 PM – Activities Banquet

May 24 – Field Trip for Grades 6 – 8 to EROS Data Center and a wind turbine on a farm near Lake Benton

May 25 at 7:00 PM – Grades K – 8 sing in the Ascension Service at church

TBD – Field Trip for Kindergarten to Bramble Park Zoo in Watertown, SD

May 26 – Field Trip for Grades 3 – 5 to Pipestone National Monument

June 1 – Last Day of school for the 2016 – 2017 school year (Out at Noon) J

June 1 at 7:00 PM - Graduation at Samuel Lutheran School (Grades K – 8 sing in the service.)

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of Samuel Lutheran School! Have a super summer! ☺

## **FUNDRAISING FOR SAMUEL**

The *Labels for Education* program will be ending this summer. Please gather your final labels and bring to church or school by June 1st so our final submission can be made. We will continue to collect Box Tops, as well as inkjet and toner cartridges, laptops, iPods, and tablets. Remember to disable the “Find a Phone” feature on iPhones before sending to us. Coke Rewards: Save Coke codes and enter them into the new Coke website to donate codes to Samuel Lutheran School (<https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>). If you prefer not to enter the codes yourself, bring them to church or school, and they will be entered for you. If you have any questions, please call or email Mrs. MacArthur. Thank you!

## **LADIES AID**

Submitted by Teri Knutson—April 6, 2017

The April meeting of the Ladies Aide opened with the singing of hymn 133 “Ride on, Ride on In Majesty” and Pastor Schreiner read Luke 19, a study of Palm Sunday, for devotions.

President Sue Mitzner called the meeting to order, thanking Pastor Schreiner for the bible study.

Minutes from March were read. Treasurer report filed.

A Thank You from Christmas was read from Carlie Heil.  
The 2016 treasurer reports will be audited by Merna and Ronnie.  
OWLS met earlier in the week and a letter was presented regarding the Christians Forward group. Pastor Tuttle, St. Johns in Renville, will travel to Thailand and take medical supplies and act as an EMT while abroad.  
The palms for Palm Sunday are in and ready.  
Mrs. Zander retires in June. The ladies will be able to sign a card for her at the May meeting.  
Sue asks that Aide members consider a group project to work on at our meetings.  
Teri and Stacey Knutson are the May flower committee.  
Next meeting is May 4 with Alone Cahow serving.  
Sue called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Darlene Gladitsch and seconded by Darlene Schultz.  
Pastor led the ladies in the Lord's Prayer and Table Prayers.  
Lunch followed with turkey and ham salad served by Teri Knutson.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—March 13, 2017

**Members Present:** Pastor Schreiner, Mr. Festerling, Perry Schultz, Geoff Stelter, Tom Werner, Craig Heil, Lucas Tietz, Tom Vanderwerf, Wes Hoflock, Karl Baumann, Arlen Meyer

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting were read, modified and approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pioneers and CLYF- The pinewood derby went very well. Very excited. Church decorating- Talked about getting 3-4 ladies together to decorate the church. The council made a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to give them 500.00. ECC/ school marketing campaign- Radio advertisement is still going and having some good feedback. Facebook had had a lot of action. School parking lot and pot holes-Maintenance committee will look at seeing what can be done. They will get in touch with D&G. Would like to see them fixed by April 16<sup>th</sup>. Lighting at the church- Being worked on. Landscaping at church-We will stick with the rock and maybe put planters out instead of bushes. The fundraising from the Easter breakfast will go for this project. Easter breakfast prep on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>- The council will work on the prep work and serve on Easter. The product will be ordered from Variety Foods. Summer music program- We don't

have anybody yet. Marshall School calendar ad- The council made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to give 100.00 for our ad.

**Board of Elders:** Arlen Meyer reported the following membership changes: Out by release- Gary & Jayni Blough- Diane Doll & adult children, Kimberly, Daniel, Charles, and Benjamin. Pollie Hauge- Andrew Jenson (Abigail) – Vicki Wurscher & adult children Brock, Heather, Jessica. Meredith Martell – Colin Martell. A motion was made 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved. In by Adult Confirmation- Kyle Barker. A motion was made 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved

**Financial Secretary:** Was given, we are up 3000.00 over last year. The report was accepted

**Treasurer:** Report was given and accepted

**Stewardship/Endowment:** Missions are up. The Endowment Fund information has been sent out. Pastor went over the offering analysis

**Evangelism:** No report

**Education:** A request from the committee to cover expenses up to 300, 00 for Mrs. Zander's retirement party and also give 150.00 from the church for a gift. A motion was made 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.

There were 12 children at kindergarten round up.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> there will be Bands and Arts at the school.

**Maintenance:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> street basement plumbing issue is all taken care of.

No news on the school garbage disposal.

**Activities:** The Easter breakfast is being worked on.

**Worship:** No formal report was given.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Council Corner for the next month is Geoff Stelter/Tom Vanderwerf.

Councilmen on duty next month are 8:00 Tom Werner, 10:30 Craig Heil.

ECC update- The voters called Sylvia Beahm

**NEW BUSINESS:** Unused savings account-A motion made to table, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved. BPE member vacancy to be filled- A motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to fill vacancy possibly with Mike Pahl.

WELS Church Extension Fund was presented, possibly to use with some of the church's savings. Will look into.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by David Biastock—March 7, 2017

**Attendees:** Craig Heil, Pastor Schreiner, Darik Lyons, Charlie Hoflock, Mr. John Festerling, and Dave Biastock  
Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections from the February 7 meeting.

**Financial – Treasurer Reports:** Darik reviewed financial activities for February along with current account balances. We currently have 1 family with a larger outstanding balance however they are actively working to get caught up.

**Old Business:** Tuition – in order to get an updated tuition schedule finalized for Pre-K and Kindergarten rounds ups a motion was made and approve through email. Email motion by Darik to increase tuition for grades Kindergarten thru 8th grade beginning with the 2017-2018 school year as presented in the below table. Email responses were in favor. Motion passed.  
Note: the last tuition increase was the fall of 2013.

Members	Current	Proposed	Increase
1st child	700	750	50
2nd child	600	650	50
3rd child	400	450	50
4th and each over	300	350	50
<b>Sister WELS/ELS</b>			
1st child	1950	2050	100
2nd child	1500	1600	100
3rd child	1000	1100	100
4th and each over	1000	1000	0
<b>Non-WELS</b>			
1st child	2500	2650	150
2nd child	2000	2150	150
3rd child	1500	1650	150
4th and each over	1500	1500	0

EC 5% prepayment discount policy – motion by Craig to end the 5% prepayment discount for Pre-K at the end of this school year. Seconded by Darik. Further discussion held around grandfathering those currently taking advantage of this policy

however it was decided it was best to end it with this school year. Motion passed.

EC Call – first call was returned. New call issued on 3/5 and acknowledged on 3/7. EC Marketing – radio ads and Facebook marketing currently in progress. We have had over 4,000 hits on Facebook so far. Costs to cover these items will come out of the Misc. Other account. The board discussed other potential marketing ideas such as handing out materials at the Sounds of Summer parade and electronic billboards. EC age for summer – upper age threshold is any child who has completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Lunch Report:** Currently obtaining bids for garbage disposal and associated plumbing.

**Pastor/Teacher Reports:** CLYF – at the February meeting the group completed a community service project tying blankets. The March meet will be held with area WELS youth groups. Seven members will be participating in the BWCA trip in June. Pioneers – pine car derby will be held March 10 at 7pm.

Mrs. Zander retirement – costs will be split between school and church and possibly PTF. Craig will check with PTF. The school will contribute up to \$300.

MLC Tourney results – our Cougar team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the tournament.

Parking lot repair – will be brought to council as potholes and grading need to be addressed.

MLC In-services – Good session held February 20 focusing on brain development and learning styles. Last in-service will be held in June.

Kindergarten Roundup – there were 12 kids and families in attendance.

**Upcoming Activities:** March 10-Pine Car Derby, March 13-PreK/EC Roundup, March 19-Afternoon of the Arts.

**From the Board:** Poor sportsmanship by our team was observed by various individuals during the MLC tournament. A proposed policy addressing poor sportsmanship and respect was presented by one of the board members. The rest of the board will review prior to the next meeting.

Charlie Hoflock gave his resignation from the board as he and his family will be relocating out of the area due to a job transfer. We thank Charlie for his time on the board and wish him and his family God's blessings during their transition to a new jobs and a different area.

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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