

**CHRIST EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SAMUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

On the eve of that first day of the week—Easter day—two disciples of Jesus walked along the road to Emmaus with Jesus himself, though they did not know it was him. They had been filled with doubt and sadness. But along the way, He opened the Scriptures to them. He told them things they had never heard or understood before. In just a few hours (a seven mile walk), they were so drawn to His words that they didn't want their time to be over. When it seemed that He was continuing on without them, they urged him, "Abide with us. It's almost evening. Stay here with us."

You and I have had a longer time to listen to the post-Easter teaching of Jesus. For some of us, we've been hearing it our whole lives. It doesn't really even matter to us if the source of such teaching is a stranger along the road, or a dear pastor, or even Jesus himself. That teaching is the word of Jesus! That is what we want to remain. That is what gives us comfort when we are perplexed and confused and afraid.

It may seem sometimes as if Jesus might be moving on without us. Or we look back on another time in our lives where it seemed Jesus was closer. But because we have been captivated by His Word—from His Old Testament promises to New Testament fulfillment and Pentecost proclamation—we also cry out, "Abide with us."

And our risen Lord Jesus hears our prayers, and He stays. He will always stay.

This is really the significance of the upcoming festival of the Ascension. Forty days after His resurrection from the day, Jesus departed from His disciples by ascending into heaven. But He did not really leave them. That's the reason we also confess, "He sits

at the right hand of God the Father.” Jesus has all the divine power of God, which He now uses to be with us. And, He uses that power to bring us to Himself.

The festival of the Ascension is perhaps the most powerful feasts of the Christian year—after Christmas and Easter. It’s kind of like the culmination of both Christmas (Jesus ascends in his human body) and Easter (it’s his coronation).

But it is also our chance to say to Jesus, who seems to be going away, “Abide with us.” In the Ascension texts, we hear Jesus’ answer: “I will never leave you.”

## ASCENSION

The Festival of the Ascension of our Lord will be celebrated in a joint Divine Service at St. John’s Lutheran in Wood Lake (130 3<sup>rd</sup> St). The service begins at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 13. An ice cream social will take place following the service.



## Confirmation

These young people will be confirmed on Sunday, May 2nd in the 8:00 AM service.

*Adyson Evelyn Fischer*

*Daughter of Travis and Heather Fischer*

*Ethan Paul Kennedy*

*Son of Lennis and Kristi Kennedy*

*Hannah Christine Lyons*

*Daughter of Darik and Julie Lyons*

*Madeline Joy Prahł*

*Daughter of Mike and Hannah Prahł*

*Anna Grace Rubendall*

*Daughter of Jon and Wendy Rubendall*

*Austin Michael Rubendall*

*Son of Jon and Wendy Rubendall*

We wish them God’s richest blessings.

# **A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Dear Members of Christ Church -

I hope this letter finds all of you well, not just in physical health, but more importantly in spiritual health. Through this past year or more, all of us have endured significant impacts in our lives, directly or indirectly, as a result of the pandemic. Ranging from nagging inconveniences, to far more difficult situations, the virus has had real impacts on many peoples lives. Unfortunately, as he always does, Satan took advantage of this, discouraging many of us, and tempting us to "take a break" from worship. I pray that all of us, as brothers and sisters in Christ, encourage one another to fight this temptation and prayerfully consider returning to regular worship.

In looking ahead, as we have recently returned to our pre-pandemic worship practices, we now set our sights on other opportunities to serve our Lord and Savior. Although it will be limited to members of Christ Lutheran, we are blessed to have the opportunity in sharing a resource with the Wood Lake congregation, and will be offering summer music lessons, and we also planning our annual worship in the park. Be on the lookout for more details.

Finally, we have many opportunities for our members to use the time and talents God has blessed them with, to further our ministry here at Christ. Please consider contacting the church office, and/or a council or school board member to hear about the various Stewardship opportunities.

God's Blessings to all of you,

Craig Heil – President, Christ Lutheran Church

## **SUMMER MUSIC 2021**

For this year, there were no MLC music students who applied for summer music programs, and therefore, Christ Lutheran was not assigned a student. However, Miss Michaela Johnson is returning to give music lessons in Wood Lake this summer, and has agreed to come to Marshall to give lessons two days a week. Miss Johnson is an exceptional teacher and musician. Because lesson time is limited, lessons will be available first to returning students from church member families, and will be limited to piano, voice, and organ. Watch for registration information in the bulletin or church website in May.



## **PIONEERS**

In April we had 7 Pioneers gather together to remind ourselves that God made this Earth and everything on it. He put us in charge of taking care of it. We talked about things we can do like recycling, riding bike or walking instead of driving, not using Styrofoam, planting trees, etc to take care of the Earth. After a short discussion, we put on our gloves and picked up trash around church, the parsonage and Liberty Park in recognition of Earth Day. We collected 6 bags of trash! We also found a purse we were able to return to its owner. The kids did a GREAT job cleaning up around our church and the park so they were able to play a bit at the park before we closed the afternoon with a snack. Thank you to all the kids that did such a great job taking care of God's Earth!

## **SLS NEWS AND NOTES**

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost to an end. We've had many changes to our school year this year, but have been blessed to stay in-person and have our students learning and working with each other every day. We will not be having our normal schedule of activities and events at school this May, but are still trying to schedule as many items as we can to make the end of the year as fun as normal. The students are all working on songs (band, piano, and vocal) to be recorded and sent out for you to view like we did right before Christmas. This will come out near the middle of May so be on the look out for that information in the newsletter and bulletins. We are looking to have our Activities banquet and Graduation in person this year, but at this point are looking only at inviting families at school to be able to socially distance in the gym. The first through eighth graders will be attending Great Plains' Field Day this year on Friday, May 7 and the sixth through eighth graders will attend th softball tournament at Mt. Olive, Mankato on Tuesday, May 18. Our students will also be headed to these upcoming field trips: K-2 is headed to the Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls on Thursday, May 7; 6-8 will be headed to the Old Courthouse Museum and Sky Zone in Sioux Falls on Friday, May 21; and 3-5 will be headed to Walnut Grove on Friday, May 28. Finally, we ask for your continued prayers for Samuel in general and for the students, families, and staff of Samuel in particular. If you have any questions about the school or have a lead on a prospective family for the school please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Obyr or any of the teachers/staff of the school. God's blessings as we head to the end of another school year!

## GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Please join us on Sunday, June 6th as we recognize our High School and College Graduates. After this service we will gather in the church basement for our annual graduation coffee hour. 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.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Christ Lutheran is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels June 14-25. 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 COUNCIL

Submitted by Ryan Palmer—March 8, 2021

**Members Present:** Pastor Caauwe, Craig Heil, Dave Biastock, Brian Onken, Geoff Stelter, Wes Hoflock, Adam Henning, Kevin Lee, Doug Goodrich, Ryan Obry, Mark Patzer, Ryan Palmer  
Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the February board meeting were read and amended. Motion by Doug Goodrich to accept minutes as amended. Second by Wes Hoflock, passed.

### **Board of Elders:**

In by Affirmation- Motion by Board of Elders to accept Sean-David and Angela Doyle and confirmed children Jasmine and Jacob. Second by Geoff Stelter, passed

**Financial Secretary:** Reviewed February numbers

**Treasurer:** Reviewed balance sheet

**Stewardship/Endowment:** Discussion held on agenda items for upcoming committee meeting

**Evangelism:** Visiting with potential committee members.

Looking into Worship in the Park

**Education:** Round Ups will be held March 15. Board of Education discussing summer care needs. Board of Education reviewing a consistent Leave of Absence Policy

**Maintenance:** Elevator code. Church was contacted about a new guideline with our elevator. Wes looked into this and found that our elevator at church should be compliant at this time.

Wes and Jim looked into bat issue at the church. Reached out to Plunketts Pest Control for possible fixes to issue.

**Activities:** No Easter Sunday breakfast this year due to COVID guidelines.

**Worship:** COVID protocol discussion

**OLD BUSINESS:** Councilmen on Duty for April: Craig Heil and Brian Onken

**NEW BUSINESS:** Holy Week Schedule was established. We will have a guest Pastor. Maundy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 1:30 pm and 7pm tenebrae, Easter Sunday 8 and 10am services.

Motion by Brian Onken for CELC to pay the guest pastor for Holy Week services and mileage. Second by Adam Henning, passed.

Discussion held on Easter Lilies. Confirmation will be on May 2.

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Pastor Caauwe

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Submitted by Charles Hoflock—March 2, 2021

**Attendees:** Charlie Hoflock, Darik Lyons, Ryan Obry, Lennis Kennedy, and Adam Baumann, Pastor Caauwe.

Ryan opened with devotion and prayer

**Preschool Report:** Carpet for downstairs to be replaced in the summer. Ask maintenance to come up with a price. Wes is looking into the pricing. Preschool rug was added. Call out for a lead teacher. March 15th- Round up days.

**Minutes:** Minutes were read by Charlie

Financial Report: Darik presented financial notes. Financial Report was read and approved.

### **Old Business:**

- One confirmed case for covid.
- Bathroom update. Darik will get complete cost list. Still looking at prices
- Volleyball will have practice, but will not have games
- Monday and Friday practice
- Cheerleading is starting on Wednesday, March 3rd
- Looking for service to clean the school for 3 to 4 hours every other night. 15 hours a week.

### **New Business:**

- PTF- Science activity
- Banner for the Graduation Party
- Pioneers will have activities in the gym.
- Getting rid of 2 old printers.
- New Family starting in March, Darik made motion to pro-rate tuition for the remainder of the school year. Adam seconded the motion. Motioned Passed

**Closing** - Pastor closed with prayer.

**Next Meeting** - Tuesday, April 6th, 7:00pm.

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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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