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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

### **God's Encouraging Word ... *when I feel hopeless***

I think all of us, at one time or another, has felt helpless and hopeless. I think drowning would be a terrible way to die. I can't imagine that helpless feeling as you sink deep and deeper into the water unable to breath. Arms and legs flailing and kicking but to no avail until you suddenly succumb to your watery grave.

Undoubtedly, at times you have felt like you are drowning in life's problems and it can feel utterly hopeless. Hopeless that your marriage will not survive its present struggles. Hopeless over your debt, your grandkids' struggles, your sinful habits. Hopeless that you will ever find happiness. Hopeless that there is no way God could forgive you for your past sins or hopeless because you know death is coming. When you feel hopeless, you feel like you are drowning and that no one, not even God, hears your cries for help, for mercy and relief.

So where is lasting hope found in a hopeless world? In God's Word! There Jesus grabs you by the hand and pulls you from the depths of despair. There he breathes into you what your sin-sick soul is gasping for—the forgiveness of sins. There Jesus wraps his nail-marked hands around you and reminds you that he has claimed you as his own and that nothing, not even death itself, can separate him from you. Why? Because he lives! And because he lives you have the sure and certain hope that you will live forever in heaven. True hope, happiness, peace, and life are found in Jesus!

If you found yourself drowning and someone saved you – would you ever forget what that person did for you? Would you ever

forget it felt when you were safe on shore? Would you ever forget the name of the one who rescued you? By God's grace to this day I remember the name of the one who saved me from a death far more terrible than drowning—Jesus. Although I have never seen him, I am forever grateful that he has saved my life and given me the sure and certain hope of an eternity in heaven, just like he has for you!

**Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. – Psalm 25:4-5**

## **COUNCIL CORNER**

This month we hear from head elder, Arlen Meyer

Dear members of Christ Lutheran,

Confirmation is a great opportunity for all of us to reflect back on our confirmation day and how much more we have learned with every time we attend church. Attending an examination will be a reminder of some of the things we have forgotten, and possibly the nervousness of answering the questions. Having our Bible and catechism available is a good place to go when questions arise. Lutheran's small catechism was written so that teaching could be done in a uniform way, year after year, and a good resource area. Hopefully the church attendance is good for examination and confirmation. Offering our encouragement to these young members can go a long way, in making them feel welcome. What a blessing we have to belong to a church body that teaches God's word in truth and purity.

May God continue to bless us all.

*Arlen Meyer*

## **CLYF**

Since our transportation to the youth rally fell through on us we will be planning a different even to enjoy this summer. There seemed to be a lot of interest in going to Valley Fair so we will start looking into a good date to go. Be sure to keep your ears open as to when we will be going so you can be sure to attend.

# Confirmation

These young people will be confirmed and receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 6th in the 10:30 AM service.

*Brandon Ronald Duscher*

*Son of Dean and Lori Duscher*

*Danya Celeste Estrada*

*Daughter of Ann and Gustavo Estrada*

*Preston Charles Hoflock*

*Son of Charles and Heather Hoflock*

*Franziska Camilla Lubenow*

*Daughter of Franz and Barb Lubenow*

*Maxim Michial Lubenow*

*Son of Franz and Barb Lubenow*

*Hailey Danielle Lyons*

*Daughter of Darik and Julie Lyons*

*Hailey Ann Schaffran*

*Daughter of Lynn and Patty Schaffran*

We wish them God's richest blessings.

## **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 summer music 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!**

## ASCENSION

We will celebrate our Lord's ascension back to his throne in heaven on Thursday, May 10th 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 our summer music program.



## SUMMER MUSIC/VBS

**When:** Monday - Friday in summer (first week in June - second week in August). Half hour, weekly time slots will be available during the day Monday – Friday. Lessons will start Wednesday, June 6th.

### **Music:**

For the following lessons, complete beginners are welcome:

- \*Piano - children finishing Kindergarten (2018) and up (adults too)
- \*Organ- Anyone with the ability to play 4-part hymns on piano without too much difficulty. If you have any questions email Miss Freese
- \*Guitar- children finishing up 4th grade (2018) and up (adults too). Students must have their own instrument and music.
- \*Voice- Children finishing up 4th grade (2018) and up (adults too)

For instrumental lessons, we ask that the child already has at least 2 years of experience. Our instructor doesn't have much experience with band instruments, but is willing to work with students who already know the basics about their own instrument. Instrumental (band type instruments) - Children Finishing up 4th grade (2018) and up (Children must have their own instruments and music)

**Kid's Night:** Children finishing Kindergarten (2018) through 8th grade. These will be one hour long and one night a week. Nights will include a devotion, singing, games, activities, crafts, and fun (different every week)!

Please return your registration forms as soon as possible so we can begin scheduling. You can also find a registration link on our website - [www.christlutheran-marshallmn.org](http://www.christlutheran-marshallmn.org).

## **SUMMER SOCCER CAMP**

We are going to be doing something new this summer at Christ. Not only will we again be offering our summer music and Vacation Bible School but we are also hosting a week long soccer camp the week of July 9-13. We are still working out the details as far as what ages but as it stands now we have two students from MLC who will be here as a part of the Minnesota Valley Regional Mission Team of Kingdom Workers. In addition to teaching some basic soccer skills to the youth of our church and community they will also be here to help us do some outreach and canvassing of a few neighborhoods in the area.

We are also hoping to enlist the help of a number of volunteers from church for this project. You don't have to be a soccer player or even know what a soccer ball looks like to help out. There will be any number of areas that you can lend a hand.

Wait – you can't use your hands in soccer so I guess I am asking you to lend other things like your time, your hearts and minds in prayer and anything else you can to help make this successful. Keep watching for more information and how YOU can be a part of the summer excitement at Christ.



## **EVENT SUNDAY**

I felt our first ever Event “Job Fair” Sunday was a success. Sixty nine people enjoyed a light lunch and then had an opportunity to stop at six different stations where they could sign up for various activities that they can help with at church and school. If you were not able to attend the event you can still sign up to use your talent in a way that benefits God's people at Christ and in general as we minister to those around us. Look for the sheets at church over the next couple weeks.

## **GRADUATION RECOGNITION**

Please join us on Sunday, June 3rd 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.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Christ Lutheran is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels June 18 -29. 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

## SUMMER ECC

If your children are in 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. Since space is limited, we need to know as soon as possible if you are taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. For more information or to enroll in the summer program contact the office at 532-2162.

**ENROLL**  
*Now!*

## SLS NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME SPRING!!!(We hope, anyway!) With Spring come LOTS of activities here at Samuel. The 3-8 Grades musical, scheduled for Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, had to be postponed due to the weather. (MORE SNOW ☹). Everyone was finally able to see "How the West Was REALLY Won" on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The students did a GREAT job, the singing was excellent, and everyone had a great time. Thank-you to everyone who helped make it a success! The Pre-K, K, 1-2 Spring Program will be performed on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to see a great turn-out for "Stone Soup" and "Pajama Party". The students in PreK-8 will be singing for the Ascension Service on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. There are also many Field Trips planned for this time of year. The Kindergartners have been going on Community Helper Field Trips and there will be an end of the year picnic for them, too. Mr. Festerling's students will be taking a trip to the State Capitol and Fort Snelling on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. MacArthur's students will be going to Walnut Grove to see the Ingalls Homestead and Museum on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Other dates to remember: Track Meet on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>; Band/Piano Concert on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>; Activities Banquet on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>; and Graduation on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Have a great Spring and Summer!

## LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—April 5, 2018

The April meeting of the Ladies Aide opened with the singing of hymn 159 “Morning Breaks upon the Tomb” and Pastor Schreiner read Joshua 6 for our devotion. We discussed artifacts discovered that date to the 1<sup>st</sup> Century a.d. and books written by Josephus with history and references to Jesus.

President Sue Mitzner called the meeting to order, thanking Pastor for the bible study. She welcomed Dori, Alona Cahow’s daughter, as our guest for the day.

Minutes from November 2017 were read. Treasurer’s report filed.

Sue presented a bill for a card and postage stamps.

Thankyous were read from Bradyn and Paxton Schultz and Andrew and Carlie Heil.

Sue sent cards to members.

Teri and Anne visited with members over the past months, Teri by phone and Anne in person.

2017 treasurer’s records will be audited by Ronnie M. And Darlene Schultz.

April OWLS meeting is scheduled at St Matthew, Flora twp, Renville.

LWMS Rally at Clear Lake, SD on April 21.

Please consider the gift we need to give to MLC Auxiliary soon.

Roll call was taken with 9 members present.

Next meeting is May 3 with Mavis and Merna serving. (Reminder: trying to serve one item for lunch)

Alona chose hymn 379 “Amazing Grace” as her birthday hymn , March 19. Ruth Pagel’s birthday was March 6 and Deb Herrmann on April 5.

Sue called for a motion to adjourn, motion by Darlene G. and second Darlene S.

Pastor led ladies in the Lord’s Prayer and table prayers.

Deb Herrmann made her mom’s cherry dessert for our lunch, a family favorite; Anne R. served lunch. Definitely delicious.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—March 12, 2018

**Members Present:** Pastor Schreiner, Dan Hermann, John Festerling, Mark Patzer, Tom Werner, Arlen Meyer, Wes Hoflock, Tom Vanderwerf, Karl Baumann, Lucas Tietz, Rick Kobylinski ,

Kevin Lee, Perry Schultz

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

**Pastor's Report:**

Pioneers and CYLF- Will meet on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Summer music program- Pastor met with Raquel Freese. She is in year 3 of her 5 year program. She specializes in voice lessons. She also plays the piano and organ. She will be staying with Ellen Loe. She will start the first week of June,

Soccer Camp- WELS Kingdom workers will be here July 8<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. There will be two college students. There will be a meeting on this in April.

April council meeting- The meeting will be moves to Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> due to the MN District Conference.

Marshall School calendar- It was approved to be on the calendar for a cost of 70.40.

Guest Preacher on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will be gone visiting Jenny's mom in Illinois.

Church decorating update- Being worked on and will be done soon.

Voter's meeting- Will be on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at the church.

Samuel Parking lot- Perry Schultz will work on getting the lot fixed before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Easter breakfast- Prep will be on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> at noon. The product will be ordered through Variety/Reinhart Foods. Donations from the breakfast will go to the Summer Music program.

Event Sunday- April 22<sup>nd</sup> after the late service. Looking for events to get members involved at the church or Samuel.

**Board of Elders:** Nothing to report

**Financial Secretary:** No report

**Treasurer:** Report was given and accepted

**Stewardship/Endowment:**

We will be removing the debt reduction line on the envelopes

Gary St. Aubin will be doing a presentation on the Ameriprise Account. They are looking for ways to increase e-giving. We are working on a graph to show where member are giving their amount of dollars.

**Evangelism:** June 10<sup>th</sup> will be the pie social. Working on Friendship Sunday, where we can hand out information about the church to non members.

**Education:** Planning on purchasing 2 defibrillators. Had a meeting on the security at the school. Had roundups on March 12<sup>th</sup>, for summer care and preschool. Went very well. Bids are being taken for the new oven and dishwasher at Samuel.

**Maintenance:** We are currently waiting for bids on the bathrooms at Samuel. Perry will get in touch with Depyper construction to come back for some more tuck-pointing.

**Activities:** Working on the Easter breakfast.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Perry Schultz/Tom Vanderwerf. Councilmen on duty for April ushering are- Karl Baumann 8:00a.m. Tom Vanderwerf at 1030 a.m. Principal and Kindergarten calls- Waiting on.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We will pass on the purchase of a garage to be moved. The ice buildup in at Samuel is being looked at. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Submitted by Nick Noble—March 6, 2018

**Attendees:** Mr. John Festerling, Mike Prah, Craig Heil, Pastor Schreiner, Justin Schultz, Darik Lyon  
Pastor opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

**EC Update:** Currently have 8 summer contracts and they are broken down as follows: 4-Full time, 2-4 days, 2 -1 day  
Miss Gross predicts 10 current pre-k students to be at registration. Miss Gross will provide official summer numbers to the board next meeting. It was asked about advertising. Last year we had radio ads. Around \$700 for several spots.  
Open House for the ECC will be combined with pre-k roundup as original date was cancelled due to weather.

**Minutes:** No minutes were shared since Secretary Noble was absent.

**Financial – Treasurer Reports:** Darik reviewed financial activity for the month along with the current balances. We discussed using concession dollars for soccer equipment as well as new basketballs. We still have an excess state funds to dissolve (either \$2,700 or \$4,590 depending on what Darik finds with state verbiage) Administrative review anticipated in the April-May timeframe, during which Darik will determine total of which we need to spend down.

**Old Business:** Security System was discussed. \*First meeting was held \*Looking at something similar to what the Marshall

Armory has in place as an option \*Next meeting has been scheduled

ECC Parent Contracts-\*Darik Lyons contacted families of current ECC enrolled children. \*Board agreed that ECC Director meeting with parents ahead of Kindergarten registration to discuss kid's readiness for moving up would be very beneficial.

Call Report:

\*Some contact by current called teacher has been made.

\*We are awaiting more contact with principal/upper grades call

\*Miss Gross's Call, originally a 1 year call, is in the process of being made permanent. Pastor will send in appropriate paperwork. It was confirmed with Miss Gross that she is happy with the role at Samuel and wants to continue on.

Mr. Festerling has secured a school bus for the Children's Theater. The cost is \$395, however Thrivent matching funds of \$250 expected in to help defray the cost. It was agreed we would give \$250 to the coach for the New Ulm basketball tournament to help toward cost of hotel and transportation. Darik confirmed amount from last year and cut a check

**Lunch Report:** Looking at potential new equipment/appliance to use up state funds. \*Stove/range is anywhere from \$3,500- to \$3,700. Convection Oven is anywhere from \$2,800 to \$3,200 The Board agreed a convection oven was most in need and is most used, will pursue more official quotes for this.

**Pastor/Teacher Reports:** CLYF has currently 2 families, total of 3 youth for the National Youth Rally. They are currently looking for transportation since Redwood option fell through with going to the Rally. Samuel Records: Parents from former students had commented to Board Chair that Samuel School could do a better job at documenting progress of students that have special learning needs. This is helpful for when the student move into public schools and their advisors felt more information would be useful. Mr. Festerling had explained what is all done in this process and took this under advisement for future situations.

**From the Board:** It was brought up that a serious look at drainage in front of school to be considered to prevent ice build-up and sitting water. Perhaps spend some significant dollars on drain tile to the street? This will be brought up at next council meeting.

**Next Meeting**

Next Meeting will be April 3, 2018

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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