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From the **PASTOR**—

God's Encouraging Word ... when I'm suffering

Are you familiar with tunnel vision? Someone experiencing tunnel vision can see an object directly ahead, but they often fail to notice what's around it. Maybe age or injury has robbed them of their peripheral vision. Maybe they grow fatigued during a long drive. Do you know what that's like?

We're also prone to tunnel vision when we're suffering. Face it, we've all been there. No one is immune from problems and pain. Everyone experiences hurts or hang-ups. But when we're hurting, is the bad all we can see? Do we focus on the problem so much that we ignore everything else? We can see no help. No hope. No good. No God. Do you know what that's like? It's not a happy place to be.

It can be especially tough as we prepare to enter the holiday season. How can we put on a smile for Thanksgiving and pretend that we are just fine?

No need to pretend. Listen to the psalmist: **"My comfort in suffering is this: your promise preserves my life"** (Psalm 119:50). Remember how God worked so wonderfully to solve our greatest problem. The burden of sin we could never carry. The consequence of guilt we could never dodge. The sentence of death we could not avoid. So Jesus stepped in for us and shouldered them all. The cross and the tomb—both empty now—mark Jesus' great victory.

And his victory is your victory. So resist the urge to give in to those feelings of defeat. Don't shrink back in fear. Don't separate yourself from others. Don't become bitter. Don't give up. Otherwise you will miss the help God wants to give you.

All around the problem of suffering, God's help is ready and waiting. *Look up* and find confidence: **"My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth"** (Psalm 121). *Look in* to God's word where he promises, **"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you"** (Hebrews 13:5). *Look back* and recall how God has helped you through past challenges. *Look around* and find Christian friends eager to give you a hand and fold hands for you in prayer. *Look ahead* and see the open heaven God has in store for you through Jesus.

God promises to bring you safely through the tunnel of trouble. Trust his goodness!

COUNCIL CORNER

Your Church is working on our 2019 financial budget. There are many things that go into establishing budgets for the Church, School, and Early Childhood Center. What are the expenses that we know we will incur? What changes are happening in 2019 that will impact us financially? Are there any large projects that are on the horizon that we need to start budgeting for? How will we fund the 2019 budget that will be proposed and voted on? How many children will be enrolled in our School and Early Childhood Center in 2019 and beyond? Some of the answers to these questions are easy to find and others take some time to figure out.

The question our members have a major role in answering is how will we fund the budget? This answer is a matter that all members need to think about personally. What portion or percentage of what God has blessed me with will I return to him? Budgets are just numbers printed in a report but stewardship is a spiritual matter. May we all prayerfully consider this important matter at the end of our 2018 year and the beginning of our 2019 year.

There is no doubt that the last three months of the year go a long way in determining if we will meet our budget for the year or not. We are thankful for the offerings and gifts that God has blessed our congregation with thus far, but there is no question that we will need a "strong finish" if we are going to reach our goal of a balanced budget for 2018. With thoughts and prayers, I know our Congregation will make our year-end a blessed one, both financially and spiritually! God Bless, Kevin Lee, Treasurer

PASTORAL ACTS

Burial: A Christian burial service was given to Martin Baumann on Friday, October 5, 2018. A memorial service will held on Friday, October 12th from church at 2:00 PM. God called him home on Wednesday at the age of 87.

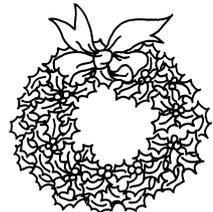
Wedding: On Saturday, October 6, 2018 Austin Patzer and Megan Vik were united in marriage. We pray God continues to bless their new life together.

Funeral: A memorial service was given to Debora Hoflock on Saturday, October 13, 2018. God called her home on Wednesday at the age of 60.

CLYF

In October we met at church and took a walk downtown on a kind of scavenger hunt for information. We ended up at the 9-11 memorial where we talked about the events of that day and how they affect us to this day. We also talked about how important it is for us to be ready at any time for the Lord's Judgment. We never know when we might breathe our last breath so staying connected to Christ is so important. We then went back to church for some fall goodies and great conversation.

We want to thank all those who ordered Christmas greenery this year. We hope you appreciate the opportunity this give you to "spruce" up the outside of your home during the Christmas season. CLYF doesn't make much in profit but considers this another service opportunity to the members. A reminder to our members that we will meet at the parsonage at 4:00 PM on Friday, November 16 to unload the truck and then bag and tag the items. We will also need you to help load them into people's cars on Sunday, the 18th after each service.



Just a reminder that you can also show your support for our high school aged youth by praying for them. The teenaged years can be tough and what could be better than asking God to bless these future leaders of our church and synod! Another way you can help is by purchasing the Hy-Vee gift cards. You get face dollar amount and we make 5% on the dollar. It is a GREAT deal. If you don't presently use these cards please consider doing so. Look for Jennifer Schreiner or Linda Onken, and their blue folders, before and after services and they can tell you more.

PIONEERS

Last month we loaded up a few vehicles and traveled out to Camden State Park. It was a cool, brisk day so we first started a fire in the stove in the group warming shed. We then took a hike and enjoyed God's beautiful creation. It was a great time to teach the pioneers some facts about nature as well as some Biblical things too. We then went back to the warming house and enjoyed some apple cider and various kinds of animal crackers mixed together. Thanks to those who helped drive.

SPECIAL SERVICE

The month of November offers us a special chance to thank and praise our God for all the goodness he showers upon every day. Thanksgiving Day this year falls on Thursday, November 22nd. As Christians, of course, we don't need someone to tell us we should be thankful for all we have. Our hearts overflow with thanks, first of all, for the spiritual blessing of faith in Jesus as Savior and secondly for material blessings. You will have a chance to gather in God's house on either Wednesday evening November 21st at 7:00 PM or Thursday morning the 22nd at 9:30 AM. Our Thanksgiving worship will include a special printed service with lots of singing and special music. These services will be identical so you can choose to attend either the evening or morning service. Of course, you are always welcome to attend both – maybe you will pick up on something you missed the first time!



“Let us give thanks to the Lord for he is good.”

SCHWANS CARES

From now through February 27, 2019 you have the opportunity to support a fundraising campaign through the Schwan's Cares Program to raise money for school security at Samuel. We will earn 20-40% back on every purchase during the campaign and 5% back on every purchase for the next six months. To order, go to SchwansCares.com, click on "Find a Campaign" and search "Samuel Lutheran School" or enter our campaign ID #42377. You can also order by phone at 1-855-870-7208. You will need to provide our campaign number. Thank you for helping us reach our goal! *The Stewardship Committee*

LOOKING AND THINKING AHEAD

I know it seems hard to believe but there are only two months left in the year! Where has 2018 gone? As always we will need a strong financial finish to the year to make our budget for 2018. With the blessings God has bestowed upon us as a congregation there is no reason to believe that we will not be able to reach our goals and, God willing, exceed them.

For many, year-end giving means looking for places that are available for them to put some of their God given dollars to use. If this might be you we hope you will keep in mind the Endowment Fund that our church established a few years back that will be able to fund future ministries and projects. This is not a fund that we should just think about when we are talking about wills, trusts and estate planning when our time on earth is coming to an end but anytime God has blessed us with gifts we can use to his glory. And yes, there can even be tax advantages for us that might free up even more funds to be used for gospel work. If you want more information about our Christ Lutheran Endowment Fund be sure to grab one of the brochures on the rack by the basement steps or call and talk to pastor and he can direct you to those who can help.

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

The end of the first quarter is fast approaching, as I write this, on Friday, November 2. The students have been working hard all quarter and especially now as we have been doing our standardized testing the last few weeks. The teachers are working to get everything ready for parent/teacher conferences after the end of the first quarter. We are looking forward to our Book Fair the week of November 5 through November 9 and we



thank Mrs. Ellingson for all of her hard work putting that together. The 5-8 graders are looking forward to the annual Forensics meet at Martin Luther College on Thursday, November 15 as they have been working hard the last few weeks to be ready for that afternoon. Finally, the whole school is looking forward to Christmas cookie decorating with grandparents on Friday, November 30 in preparation for our Christmas Concert which will be on Sunday, December 2 at 3:00 in the gymnasium.

LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—October 4, 2018

The October Ladies Aide meeting began with hymn 619 “God Bless Our Native Land”. Pastor lead a study of Romans 13, government.

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Mitzner who thanked Pastor for the devotion.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. The treasurers report was read and approved.

Cards sent to members included Ron & Judy Pullman’s 57th wedding anniversary, Gene Pequin and LaDonna Rathje for their birthdays, and also Jo Palmer, former member, for her birthday.

New sympathy and birthday cards are available.

LWMS fall rally on Saturday, October 6, at Balaton. MLC Aux meets Saturday, October 13 at MLC. Minnesota Prairie OWLS meet on October 23.

Old business: Motion be Darlene Schultz and seconded by LaDonna Rathje to send \$40 to each of our 7 students at Great Plains and MLC as our Christmas donations/gift.

New business: Plan to sign Christmas cards for our shut-ins at the November meeting.

With our Christmas pot-luck at NOON on December 6, the ladies agreed to bring salads, desserts, and other side dishes to accompany the turkey (Sue) and potatoes (Darlene S).

Election of officers is tabled until November. We need to elect a new vice president and secretary/treasurer.

Flower sign-up sheet will be left in the narthex for church members to consider for the 2019 church year. Volunteers are scheduled on a monthly basis to put flowers up on the altar before and remove them after Sunday worship. Another duty is watering the green indoor plants. We hope members from the church will consider helping. These volunteers are greatly appreciated

Roll call was answered by 6 members and Pastor Schreiner.

Serving at the November meeting will be Vivian Mix.

November flower committee: Merna T. Mavis S., Jim & Gladys J. & Teri K

Members with October birthdays are Vivian Mix on Nov. 5 and Pastor Schreiner on Nov. 29. Pastor selected hymn 551 “For all the Saints” as his birthday song.

The meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Schreiner led the members in the Lord’s Prayers.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—September 17, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Dan Herrmann, Tom Werner, Wes Hoflock, Lucas Tietz, Rick Kobylinski, Kevin Lee, Ryan Obry, Perry Schultz, Arlen Meyer, Tom Vanderwerf
Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the August board meeting were read and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers and CLYF- Pioneers started up. The CLYF helped with the Cyclers event.

Coffee hour thoughts- Will have a committee head the meeting along with the Activity Director.

Cathedral Crafts- Stained glass inspection is on their schedule for them to come.

To The Ends Of The Earth Videos- Ordered 100 videos to hand out.

Alzheimer's seminar presentation and The Lutheran Home Association will be the weekend of September 29th 30th, given by Rev, Curt Seefeldt. We will give 250.00 for this event.

Christ Cyclers event- There were 37 people that took part. All had a good time. Maybe an annual event.

Nomination letters will be sent out by October 7th.

GPLHS Sunday, March 10th, 2019- Will be here with a presentation. The choir will be here on March 31st.

Christ Lutheran Golf Outing- Raised 174.00 on mulligans to be given to the summer music program.

Sunday school Numbers in the district- 2007-4611, 2013-4789, 2015-4109, 2017-2913. Numbers are down everywhere.

Mission Festival- Working on a date.

Pastor on vacation September 18th- 23rd.

Board of Elders:

No report

Financial Secretary:

Report given

Treasurer:

Report given

Stewardship/Endowment:

Gary St. Aubin will give a presentation on October 14th on financial planning.

Evangelism:

Sounds of Summer Parade went well. Now planning the SMSU Homecoming Parade.

Education:

The after school care program will be moved up to 8th grade.

Hired an aid for before school and after school care.

The K-2 class room is going well with the new aid.

Maintenance:

Tom Werner will be working on painting the bell tower louvers.

The church window sills need to be painted.

Pastors house needs the hallway sheet rocked and other ceilings repaired.

Called about getting the fence at the Village Drive rental fixed.

The flushers were installed in the bathroom at Samuel.

Activities:

No report

Worship:

We are looking for a Choir director.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Council Corner writer next month- Perry Schultz

Councilmen on duty next month are 8:00 Tom Werner, 10:30 Rick Kobylinski

Will work on a Date for the Long Range Planning Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

Working on a maternity leave policy.

Schwan's Cares Fundraiser will be for 135 days. The first 45 days Christ will get 20% of food, 40% on gift card. After the 45 days Christ will get 5% on food.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Wes Hoflock

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Mike Prah—September 4, 2018

Attendees: Mr. Ryan Obry, Pastor Schreiner, Craig Heil, Mike Prah, Darik Lyons, Justin Schultz and Miss Kali Gross.

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

Minutes: Minutes were read, corrections noted and approved.

EC News:

Perry Schultz added pea gravel to the pre-k playground to meet state guidelines.

Mr. Obry and Miss Gross have been interviewing individuals to hire in the preschool classroom as aides. Two individuals are being considered. **Motion** by Craig, **second** by Justin to hire two new aides for before and after school care programs. **Motion passed.**

Motion by Craig, **second** by Justin to expand after school care program for all ages up to 8th grade. **Motion passed.**

Miss Gross completed her presentation with discussion on number of students in preschool, classroom structure and staffing.

Financial Report:

Darik presented the monthly activity report for the month of August.

Mr. Obry has been given access to the Samuel Lutheran School checking account.

Motion by Craig, **second** by Justin to pay for remaining balance of soccer goals, which is approximately \$800.00 out of the miscellaneous fund. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

Samuel Lutheran School acquired 4 new yogas (computers). AED was placed in Samuel Lutheran School entryway by gymnasium entrance.

Samuel Lutheran School acquired 15 chairs for classrooms in grades 3-8.

Discussion of afterschool care in regards to contracts verses an hourly rate.

School has acquired tables for K-2 classroom and they have been set up.

No recent meeting in regards to school security measures.

Fundraising might be possible for safety issues by purchasing Schwan's food products.

Registration/Open House night went well and all forms are in.

Festerling's retirement party reimbursement has been taken care of.

Discussion in regards to teacher's lunches.

Grandparents Day at Samuel Lutheran School is tentatively set for a date in March of 2019.

The stage has been put away.

Samuel Lutheran School continues to look for a band instructor.

Mr. Obry attended a principal meeting in Redwood Falls, August 14th for professional development and to set sports schedules.

New Business:

Enrollment in 2018-2019 is up from previous school year. Total for this school year is 58 students with the following break down: 11 in Kindergarten, 8 in 1st grade, 4 in 2nd grade, 9 in 3rd grade, 8 in 4th grade, 4 in 5th grade, 8 in 6th grade, 3 in 7th grade and 3 in 8th grade.

2018-2019 school year started on September 4th 2018.

Discussion of maternity leave. Mrs. Kotecki is expecting a child in February 2019 and will need maternity leave.

Mr. Obry met with superintendent of Marshall Public Schools to discuss funds available to Samuel Lutheran School.

Volleyball has started at Samuel. Mr. Obry is working on completing volleyball and basketball schedules.

Graduation date has been changed to Wednesday May 29th since Ascension is on Thursday, May 30.

Chapel mission offerings are going to Kid's Care.

CLYF and Pioneers are starting up.

From the Board:

Darik will be conducting pay review of hired workers at school.

Discussion in regards to staff planning, as call season will be opening in November.

Next Meeting :

October 2nd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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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