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From the **PASTOR**—

I Need More...MONEY

Someone once asked John D. Rockefeller, “How much money is enough?” “Just a little more,” he answered. At the time, he was one of the wealthiest men in the world.

Those who’ve heard that story and Rockefeller’s answer, usually divide into two groups: they either think of him as a greedy miser (“He has more money than he knows what to do with!”) or an honest pragmatist (“Hey, he’s just telling the truth—even if you’re rich, a little more is always nice.”). Don’t we all occasionally find ourselves thinking, “I need more money?”

There’s nothing wrong with financial security, but how much is enough? If you are pricing a vacation home in Florida and feel frustrated that you don’t have enough to buy a Ferrari too, that’s one thing. If you lost your job and can’t pay the bills, and it’s getting tough to put food on the table, that’s something else.

This is a complicated issue. It’s not easy to properly distinguish between real needs and selfish greed. Do you really need more money? Maybe. Maybe not. When it comes to finances, the best advice comes from Jesus Christ. Our Savior said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

According to Jesus, a lot of folks expend an enormous amount of time and energy in pursuit of earthly treasure and financial security, but for what? In the end—if a bad economy, a poor

decision, or unforeseen disaster doesn't claim it, time certainly will—you can't take it with you.

That makes heaven the only worthwhile investment. And here's the great news: Jesus lived, died, and rose again to provide all the heavenly treasure for you. Peace with God—now and forever—that's what he freely gives.

Put your trust in Jesus. Find in him real treasure and eternal security. What more do you need? Besides, Christians know that the Lord will always provide. We've got his Word on that: "Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:31-33).

Do you really need more money? You don't need to answer that question. Put your trust in Christ—seek first his kingdom and his righteousness—and let him answer the question for you.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms: On Sunday, September 29th Myles Adam, infant son of Adam and Greta (nee Evink) Henning, born August 17, 2019, and Theodore Merlin, infant son of Joseph and Laura (nee Davidson) Newhouse, born August 22, 2019, became children of God by the washing of Holy Baptism. We pray God's richest blessings on these boys and their families!

COMPLINE SERVICE

Some of our members have attended our Compline services and a few have commented how much they have enjoyed them. Our next service will be on Wednesday, November 13th at 9:00 PM. We will not have one in December since we have a midweek Advent service on the 2nd Wednesday of that month. We will resume on Wednesday, January 8th! Watch for an earlier start time for that service.



COUNCIL CORNER

It's that time of year again. The 2020 financial budget work for the Church, School, and Early Childhood Center is upon us. There are many thoughts that go into establishing these budgets. What are the expenses that we know will incur? Are there any large projects on the horizon that we need to start budgeting for? How will we fund the 2020 budget that will be proposed and voted on in early December? How many children will be enrolled in our School and Early Childhood Center in 2020 and beyond? How can we use our financial treasurers to advance the depth and reach of our ministry here at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and at Samuel Lutheran School? These are only a few of the questions that we think about during. Some of the answers to these questions are easy to find and others take some time to figure out.

The question our congregation has 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 2019 year and the beginning of our 2020 year.

The last two 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 budget goal for 2019. 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

PIONEERS

Last month we met for some fall pumpkin fun. Each pioneer received a pumpkin (luck of the draw) that they were to decorate. That's right, decorate not carve. They had all kinds of fun things to choose from like yarn, glitter, paint, fun foam and lots more. We were hoping to get their creative juices flowing and some did not disappoint. We also made caramel apples for them to take home. Most importantly we did a game that brought out a Biblical point. We all had a good time. Again, as always, a big thank you to those who volunteer their time to help with our program.

CLYF



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 22nd 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 24th 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.

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 28th. 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 27th at 7:00 PM or Thursday morning the 28th 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 chose 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.”

USING GOD'S GIFTS

Electronic Giving (E-Giving) has been available to our Congregation for several years now. As we approach a new year, consider whether this convenient and reliable option for supporting your Church is right for you. It is relatively simple to set up your periodic dollar amount to be transferred from your bank account to the Church's account. It is a safe and reliable way to assure your offerings are regularly received even in your absence. If interested, contact the Church office, Pastor or a member of your Stewardship Committee.

Did you know that if you are age 70.5 and have a traditional IRA account, the law allows you to transfer your required minimum distribution or more directly to your Church. This method provides a direct tax deduction by removing that dollar amount from your income on your tax return. You do not have to itemize your deductions to obtain the tax benefit. This is by far the best option for those who qualify to make their charitable contributions to their Church. Consult your IRA administrator or your tax consultant for more details.

With the passing of the Tax Cut & Jobs Act in December of 2017, taxpayers' standard deductions were dramatically increased. With that, the opportunity to itemize one's charitable deductions has become more sophisticated. New techniques to effectively "bunch up" those deductions in certain years allows one to itemize periodically while using the larger standard deduction in non-itemizing years. Consider prepaying your 2020 Church offerings, establishing a Donor Advised Fund, or contributing appreciated securities or other assets to accomplish this technique. Consult your tax adviser for more details to see if this type of tax planning would work for you. For more details on how our Church participates in these plans, contact the Church office, Pastor, or a member of your Stewardship Committee.

Several years back, our Congregation established Endowment Funds for our Church and School. Offerings to the Endowment Funds are invested with the Synod and the earnings are then used to support Church and School projects. Consider these funds as you work with your advisors on your own estate and income tax planning. For more information, contact the Church office, Pastor, or one of your Stewardship Committee members.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE – LRPC

I'm sure that many of you know that years ago a committee was formed to look at the future needs of our church and school. This committee has been meeting every month for about a year now. While we know that God is in control we also know that he would have us to be smart and plan for the future as well. This group does not make any decisions but only looks at what lies ahead for our church and makes recommendations to the church council which ultimately takes them to the voters for possible implementation. In the next couple of months this group will have some information to share with the membership of Christ that they feel will help strengthen and move our church forward into the future. Stay tuned!

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT



Two years ago Prairie Home Hospice started a little holiday light show entitled Light Up the Night. I'm sure many of our members may have watched the parade or walked through the park to look at the lights. This year we would like to get our church and members more involved in this community project. For that reason the evangelism committee is heading up an effort for us to have a float in the parade on Friday, November 29 and also

“sponsor” a night working the events at Independence Park on Saturday, December 7 from 5-9 PM.

Hospice is a wonderful organization that has touched the lives of many of our member families – maybe yours! We are going to be in need of about 20 volunteers for this service project. I have no reason to believe that we won't have many more who would love to give of their time to help. Watch for more information and a sign up sheet in the coming weeks.

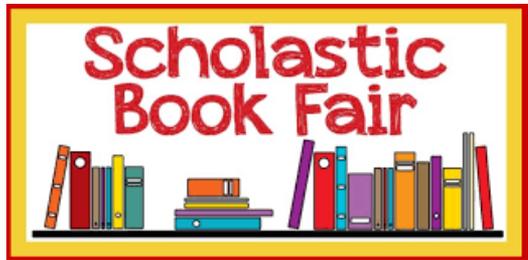
DIRECTORY PHOTOS

If you did not order any photos at the time of your church directory photo shoot, your complimentary 8x10 was sent to the church for pick up. The photographs are located on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex. If your portrait is not in the current shipment, it means it will be coming in a future shipment and we will notify you of when that occurs.

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

The first quarter seems to have gone quickly as it ends on Friday, November 1 and we are looking ahead to prepare for all the events that are coming up through the end of the year 2019. First, though, a big congratulations to our girls volleyball players as they all worked hard all year long and our A team took first place at the end of the year tournament at MVL in New Ulm. Great job ladies! Basketball open gyms will be starting soon with the beginning of the year tournament at Redwood Falls on Saturday, December 7. The bulk of our games will be in January and February again this year as that schedule is still working to be finalized. We would like to thank the PTF and those parents that help put on the Harvest Fest for the children on Friday, October 25 as a fun get together for our families to enjoy. The school will be putting on an activity called "Fall Into Reading" for students in preschool-2

grade along with their parents on Tuesday, November 5 as a way to kick off our book fair week. This activity will include four stories and end with a devotion. Please feel free to let



other families with children that age in our community know about this event. We thank Mrs. Ellingson again for all of her hard work in setting up our book fair which is the week of November 5-November 8. The 5-8 graders will again be attending the Forensics Meet at MLC this year on Thursday, November 21. Our Christmas Cookie Decorating activity will be on Friday, December 6 this year again starting at 1:00 p.m. We will send out more information about this once we get closer to the date. Finally, we would like to thank everyone for all that they do for our school through donations of items and time, helping with work bees, words of encouragement, and prayers. We humbly ask that you continue to remember Samuel, the faculty, the students, and their families in your prayers.

In Christ's service,
Ryan Oby

LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—October 3, 2019

Opening devotions included the singing of hymn 189, 'Jehovah Let Me Now Adore You' and a reading by Pastor Schreiner called 'Where's the evidence that God exists?' from Prepared to Answer.

Pres Ronnie M called the business meeting to order.

Secretary and treasurer reports were given and adopted.

Correspondence was read from Jo Palmer.

Sue M reported sending a birthday card to Jo Palmer and an anniversary card to Ron and Judy Pullman.

MLC Auxiliary meeting is Saturday, Oct 5 in New Ulm. OWLS meet in Renville at St. Johns on October 22.

Sign-up is continuing for various committees including Aide duties, monthly serving and flower committees.

There was some discussion about the Christmas potluck and Christmas gifts.

Roll call was answered by 9 members.

Flowers in November: Jim and Gladys, Mavis and Merna

Serving in November: Ronnie M

Birthdays in October: Vivian M and Pastor. Happy Day!

The meeting was adjourned.

Pastor led the Lord's Prayer and table prayer.

Darlene S served sandwiches after the meeting.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Ryan Palmer—September 16, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Karl Baumann, Rick Kobylinski, Ryan Obry, Perry Schultz, Mark Patzer, James Hartke, Ryan Palmer

Guests: Tim Meyer

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Presentation:

Tim Meyer presented the information that Gary St. Aubin, Dan Hermann, and himself were tasked with finding in regards to the offer made by Suite Liv'n LLC on the 410 Village Drive rental house and parking lot.

A motion was made by Rick Kobylinski for the group to move forward with a Letter of Intent but failed due to lack of a second.

A motion was made by James Hartke and seconded by Rick Kobylinski to send an email to the entirety of the Church Council

with the presented information with the intent on seeking input on whether or not the group should proceed a Letter of Intent draft. Minutes from the board meeting were read modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers had 16 in attendance at last event.

Motion by Mark Patzer and seconded by James Hartke to allow an assistant position o the Treasurer of the Board of Education was passed.

Vacancy in Balaton and Tyler was filled by Pastor Eugen Andrus, installation will be October 6th.

Christ Lutheran Golf Outing, Mulligans for Music raised \$145 and there were 12 golfers.

Sunday School went back to Christ Light with 3 age levels, 3yr-1st grade, 2-5 grade, and 6th grade and up.

Discussed security at church, posting an usher in the entry during the service, will continue to look into.

Christ Cyclers event had 38 riders.

School locks have been re-keyed with a style of lock and key that cannot be duplicated.

Nomination letters will be sent out this week, responses due by October 13th.

Long Range Planning Committee created two sub-committees to focus on what extra staffing could physically due for the church and school, and how to fit this extra staff into the budget. Engan architecture firm will be consulted for potential expansions or additions to the church for discussion purposes.

Pastor will be meeting with the Verdin Company to visit about the condition of the church bells.

No objections from the Council about having Great Plains Lutheran High School join our worship on a Sunday.

Mission Festival will be on Sunday, January 26th, 2020.

Board of Elders:

Motion by Board of Elders and seconded by Mark Patzer to transfer David Ellingson from Christ Lutheran to Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa Arizona, passed.

Financial Secretary:

General offerings came in strong this past month.

Treasurer:

Reviewed balance sheets

Stewardship/Endowment:

Would like to address congregation about volunteering time and

talents to aid in worship during services.

Evangelism:

Had a float in Sounds of Summer parade with 20-25 people walking with the float.

We will be in the SMSU Homecoming Parade.

Had discussion on Friendship Sunday during last meeting.

Education:

Discussion on Pre-K director

Board of Education recommended to the Council that a full-time Pre-k teacher/director should be called.

Volleyball posts have been improved.

School kitchen floor completed.

New carpet installation completed in ramp and down to classrooms.

Board of Education thanks Ryan Oby for his hard work on new faculty handbook.

Discontinuing early hours child watch before school.

Ryan Oby is interviewing candidates for school cook position at Samuel.

Pre-school background checks will be done again. Now requires names of both chairman and Treasurer of Board of Education and Church Council.

59 students registered at Samuel in K-8 and 19 registered in Pre-k.

Maintenance:

Perry is still looking into potential of snow build up on school roof. Windows at church look very well done, shingles were repaired by same company. Section of concrete was cracked while this work was being done and will be repaired.

Perry Schultz presented quotes for adding insulation to the parsonage attic. Motion was made by Perry Schultz and seconded by James Hartke to add insulation to the parsonage attic using insulation from Ace Hardware for \$37.85 per bag and no charge for rental of the blower was passed. Will take approximately 25 bags of insulation.

Motion by Perry Schultz for carpets to be cleaned at parsonage for approximately \$236 and to clean the ducts in the parsonage for approximately \$650 was seconded by James Hartke and passed.

Worship:

Continue to offer Compline service

Discussion on starting a chimes choir and borrowing chimes from

St. Johns in Wood Lake. 10 people have already signed up to participate.

Meeting October 7th to discuss Advent services.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Council Corner Writer for October is Perry Schultz/
Wes Hoflock- Maintenance Committee discussing Fall projects and clean-up.

Councilmen on Duty for October: 8am Wes Hoflock 10:30am Ryan Palmer

NEW BUSINESS:

404 N. 3rd Street Rental still available.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Adam Baumann—September 3, 2019

Attendees: Mr. Ryan Obry, Pastor Schreiner, Mike Prah, Darik Lyons, Justin Schultz, Rick Kobylinski, and Adam Baumann
Mr. Obry opened the meeting with devotion, prayer, and read the chief objectives of Samuel Lutheran School.

Preschool Report:

20 kids total signed up now

Ryan talked about schedules with staffing

Board Recommendation to Council to start the calling process for Pre-School Director/Teacher

Minutes: Minutes were read, amended, and approved.

Financial Report:

Read and approved.

Old Business:

Upgrade of Volleyball posts/net (done, Thank you Justin!)

Kitchen Floor/Carpet in Hallway (done)

K-2 combined: Ellen Loe M, T, Th – Went well for the 1st day

Background Checks (Employees, volunteers including FT drivers)

Now also has to include: Church Council President, Treasurer, Board of Education Chairman, and Board of Education Treasurer

Lockers – Ryan is working on it

Faculty Book Study – Books came. Faculty meeting next week on Wednesday

Book Mailbox outside of the school – Pam got approval from City of Marshall personnel to put it up. Gordy Timmerman is going to help her build it.

Dates/Activities – Registration Night (8/8 4-6pm), In-service at

MVL/MLC (8/13-8/15), Volleyball Open Gyms (8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 6-7pm), Sounds of Summer Parade (8/17), SLS In Service (8/20-8/21), Work Bee (8/20 6pm), MN Twins Outing (8/24), Workshop (8/27 8-11am, Open House (8/27 6-6:30pm), 1st day of school (9/3)

New Business:

Enrollment Numbers/1st Day of School

8th Grade – 3 Students, 7th Grade – 8 Students, 6th Grade – 4 Students, 5th Grade – 8 Students, 4th Grade – 9 Students, 3rd Grade – 4 Students, 2nd Grade – 8 Students, 1st Grade – 8 Students, Kindergarten – 8 Students, Pre-K – 20 Students

Total of 59 Students enrolled

Chapel Mission Offerings – 1) First Semester is Jesus Cares; 2) Second Semester is MLC's Equipping Christian Witnesses

Cook/Freezer

1 freezer that is not working – It was decided to get rid of the not working freezer

Discussion about Taher and Hy-Vee. Ryan and Darik will continue looking into this and costs. Ryan will also email the parents.

Grade Scales – Discussion regarding the grade scales

Air fresheners for bathrooms by Gym – Tabled

Soccer – Discussion

Motion by Mike to have some soccer practices on dates that work for Pastor Manian. **Seconded** by Rick.

Motion Passed

Dates/Activities – Redwood Volleyball Tournament (9/7), 3-8 Sing in Church (9/8), Volleyball vs. Redwood (9/10), Volleyball vs. Lynd (9/19), Panther for a day (9/20), 6-8 Volleyball Camp @ MLC (9/26)

CLYF/Pioneers – Christ Cyclers again this year

Note from Pastor that Mrs. Manian will be installed this next Sunday

Families Update – No Update

Faculty Handbook (Review: Pages 21-24 & Leave of Absence; New: 24-28)

Next Meeting:

October 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor closed 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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