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From the **PASTOR**—

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.” —Isaiah 40:8

What a wonderful reminder these words are! Though the seasons change quickly, God’s word endures forever...even into eternity. As the seasons change so does the church year. While the climate of creation shifts to a time of stillness and quietness, the church prepares for vibrance and activity. As the last crops are harvested and fields, yards, and homes are prepared for winter the church prepares to celebrate its festival season. In the next month, the current church year will come to an end. On the 25th Sunday since the church last celebrated a festival (on Pentecost) we will begin a new church year—a new cycle of hearing and celebrating the events of our Savior’s life as he went about his redemptive work.

Along with the change in liturgical season will come the full-time use of our new hymnals. For the past several months you’ve heard, read, and sung psalms, hymns, and liturgies from that hymnal. Starting the first Sunday in Advent (11/27) the new blue hymnals will replace the red hymnals currently in our pews. As with all change there will be a period of adjustment (for the one leading worship services too!), but in time I am confident we’ll grow to appreciate this tool which we have received for use in worshipping our Lord.

This certainly is a wonderful time of year. As nature slows, and temperatures push us toward more indoor activities, the church year springs back to life. As we look forward to the season of Advent where we anticipate the return of our Lord and as we look forward to celebrating the first coming of our Lord as well, take some time in these closing weeks of the church year to pause and appreciate the patterns of life. Remember the words

of the prophet Isaiah quoted above and hold those words dear—
“The word of our God stands forever.”

Those words were ones that were especially comforting to those called Lutherans in the years following Luther’s death. As the world around them plunged further into turmoil the prophet Isaiah’s words became their greatest comfort and boldest battle cry. No matter what may change in this world the word of our Lord will remain into eternity. What great peace and comfort those words bring and, at the same time, what better words to cling to as we boldly continue on amidst a world full of change!

To God alone be the glory!
Pastor Dan Herold



Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum (*The Word of the Lord Endures Forever*) is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God’s Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24–25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court’s official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It

was used by Frederick’s successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, even on horse’s helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day.

(Quoted from <https://lutheranreformation.org/history/the-motto-of-the-reformation/>)

CONFIRMATION CLASS SERVICE PROJECT

This year the confirmation classes will be planning and participating in a number of service projects. The first of these projects is coming up on November 18 from 5:30-8 PM. The confirmation classes will be providing free babysitting that evening for families in our congregation. Parents will be invited to bring their children age 3 (and potty trained) through age 10 to Samuel Lutheran School for an evening of fun. Adults will also be present to supervise and assist. More details and a sign-up sheet will be available soon.

PIONEERS/CLYF

In October, several of our young Pioneers went to Camden State Park to enjoy God's creations as we hiked a couple of miles through the park. There was even some time at the end for the kids to play at the playground. Thank you to Mrs. Rieke for leading this event! In November, we will serve our community by helping to pack snacks for Marshall Food4Kids on Sunday, November 13th at 1pm at Agape Fellowship. Pioneers and CLYF families are invited to join us.

THANKSGIVING

Charles Dickens said that we are somewhat mixed up here in America. Instead of having just one Thanksgiving Day each year, we should have 364. "Use that one day just for complaining and griping," he said. "Use the other 364 days to thank God each day for the many blessings he has showered upon you." In the



Christian Church, thanksgiving is not relegated to an annual event. Rather, thanksgiving is a fixed feature of our regular gatherings. Whenever the church gathers, it is to give thanks. In fact, the Greek word for thanksgiving, eucharist, is one of the names used for our Lord's Supper. We use this term because we read before instituting this supper, Jesus "gave thanks." Giving thanks to our Lord for what He has given us is simply what we do whenever we gather. Likewise, in Christian homes, we are taught in the catechism to "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good" every time we sit down and receive a meal. For every meal, not just the big one in November, comes only by the hand of our gracious Father, and not because we have earned or deserved it. On Wednesday, November 23, we will gather on the Eve of our national Day of Thanksgiving to recollect and recap our all-year-long continual life of thanksgiving. This service will take place at 7:00 PM. Please join us.

LADIES PAINTING EVENT

We will be hosting a Ladies Paint Event on Friday, November 11 at 6:00 PM in the basement of church. Cost is \$28 per person. Sign up by November 5th on the table by the bulletin board. Payment is due on the 12th. Contact Chauntae Herold at 316-207-151 with any questions.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

The 6th Annual Light Up The Night Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 26th at 6 pm in Downtown Marshall. Line-up for the parade begins at 5 pm. The lights reveal along with fireworks at Independence Park will follow the parade. Drive-thru routes to enjoy the lights will be available on Saturdays and Sundays (weather permitting) through Dec. 26th. This event is a community favorite and for the past few years Christ has had a presence in the parade and sponsored a tree. We are excited to stay involved with this great event again this year and need your help! Volunteers can help decorate the parade float and decorate the sponsored tree.



ADVENT SEASON

The Advent Wreath, which originated after the Reformation, is probably the most common used fixture for the season. Four Advent candles are used in an Advent wreath to mark the four weeks before Christmas. One additional candle is lit each week of the Advent season. The lighting of the candles symbolizes the coming of Christ, when the light of prophecy concerning the Messiah became brighter and brighter until he himself appeared. Originally four white candles were used, but now most churches, including ours, use either blue or purple to match the paraments. One pink, or rose-colored, candle is used and lighted the third Sunday in Advent. Our Advent wreath also has a single white candle in the middle of the wreath called the Christ candle. We pray that this wreath and all other church signs and symbols help focus our attention on the object of our worship – Jesus Christ, God's Son our Savior.

Our midweek Advent services will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. The dates are November 30, December 7, and 14. We hope you will take time and let God prepare your hearts to receive the Christ child during this most blessed season.

CHURCH DECORATING

Holiday decorating will start at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 26. Stick around after for a chili dump lunch. Everyone provides the chili – everything else is provided by the church.

CHURCH BASEMENT CLEANING

The Mission Society members will be heading up a work morning on Saturday, November 5th at 9:30 AM to organize and clean the church basement floors and kitchen. Can you come and help just for one hour? It would be very much appreciated. Many hands make the work light.

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

The first quarter ends on Friday, November 4. We are excited for all of the upcoming activities that we will be having again this year. 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 8 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 8-November 11. The 5-8 graders will be attending the Forensics Meet at MLC this year on Thursday, November 17. Please make note that our Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 2 starting at 6:30 p.m. Our children's Christmas Eve Service is back to normal day and time on Saturday, December 24 at 5:30 in the school's gymnasium. Thank you to all who came to cheer on the girls for their volleyball games this year. They played hard in all of their games and had a lot of growth throughout the season. The basketball season will be coming up soon. We have our beginning of the year tournament on Saturday, December 10 at Redwood Falls, but are still working on finalizing the rest of the schedule. You can keep updated on the schedule by going to our church/school website, checking the school easel at church, or following this link <https://bit.ly/SLSbball22-23>. Please note that all the games highlighted in yellow are still being finalized. 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, Mr. Ryan Oby

LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—October 6, 2022

Pastor Herold led a history lesson/bible study of Romans. Sue M presided over the meeting. Secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved. Birthday cards sent to Gene Pequin, LaDonna Rathje and Joan Palmer. Anniversary card to Ron & Judy Pullman. Sympathy cards to Cecil and Deb Naatz (Deb's brother) and Louise Krause (her sister). The ribbons for the bookmarks are ready for assembly. Pastor took a large amount for his Friday students to work on, and the rest that Sue brought for assembly were passed out to the ladies present. Bookmarks will be inserted in new CW21 hymnals for use starting in Advent. Christmas dinner plans include scheduling the meal for Thursday, December 8 at 12:00 with main dish from Chicken Connection. We will bring side dishes and desserts. Remember all church members and quests are invited. Christmas cookie boxes will be assembled with a variety of cookies packed 3/baggie (up to 6 if bite sized). We will pack and deliver those boxes to shut-ins. We are looking for volunteers to do fall/Thanksgiving flowers yet. Also we have a variety of cards on display in the basement hall as well a few on the table in the narthex: Thanksgiving, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, baby, sympathy, get-well etc. Merna T and Mavis S served a fabulous lunch sandwich. Sue M will serve lunch in November.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Geoff Stelter—October 10, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Herold, Craig Heil, Steve Mohwinkel, Wes Hoflock, Chad Kulla, Geoff Stelter, Ryan Obry, Brian Onken, Kevin Lee, Tom Werner, Gregg Swanson, Arlen Meyer, Adam Henning.

PASTOR'S REPORT: 24 total students in confirmation classes; 8 8th graders. 2 families currently in adult instruction classes; one will begin soon. One Jesus Cares attendee going through simplified catechism. Coffee with Pastor went well and will continue. Will continue Thursday morning class for now, but will be re-evaluating. Guest preacher (Pastor Samelson) from Christian Life Resources 12/4 motion and second to donate to Christian Life Resources the guest pastor rate and door offering, motion passed.

Elders: Membership changes:

Out by release – Mitchell Patzer motion passed

Out by transfer– Eric DeBlicck to Christ Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN – WELS motion passed

Financial Secretary: Report read and accepted.

Treasurer: Report handed out at meeting, read and accepted.

Stewardship: Discussed time and talents survey will work on doing another survey handout was presented. Discussed a work chart and who does what within the church.

Evangelism: Light up the Night Purchase a tree for \$100 by Nov. 1st for the parade on Nov. 25th Motion and second to buy the tree motion passed. Tree Decoration / Sponsorship / Volunteer / etc.

Education: Salary proposals for ECC will be discussed at budget review. Preschool - Mrs. Timm has agreed to continue as preschool lead teacher. Current staff is also remaining the same for the 23-24 school year. Janitor - C&C cleaning doing the bulk of the cleaning - going well. Mary Abrahamson doing the vacuuming - going well. Tree Removal - Tom Werner and Wes Hoflock are lining things up for 10/22 at 9 to remove the dead evergreen trees on the school property and trim trees. Sports - volleyball wraps up their season on 10/15. Kitchen oven - Board of Ed is looking at options to replace the oven in the kitchen as it is original to the building and there have been some maintenance issues. Reported on Sunday School and singing at church.

Maintenance: Chad has the final estimate for cement work, discussed how much concrete to replace will table until next year. Have repairman coming Monday for furnace at the parsonage has been fixed

Activities: Reformation Lecture and supper 4PM @ Samuel we will need to set up table and chairs for potluck.

Worship: Thanksgiving Service: Night before at 7PM (nothing on Thanksgiving). New Years falls on Sunday, no New Years eve service planned will bring both items to the voters meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Constitution & By-laws review recommended. A few items we do not conform to in by-laws. Introduce church leadership reorganization proposal. e.g. Executive committee (6 members/chairs, Pastor, Principal)? LRP - Next Steps. Schedule meeting with committee leaders to discuss process of leading committee's in development of ministry plan (objectives and associated tactics). Leadership development opportunities

NEW BUSINESS: WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership January 16-18, 2023 in Chicago. \$249/person before 10/31 motion and seconded to send Pastor Herold and up to 3 others motion passed. Nomination Committee: End of 1st term (eligible for re-election): Craig H., Adam H., Steve M. End of 2nd term (ineligible for re-election): Wes Hoflock

Update photo directory spring 2023. Motion and second to spend up to \$600 for memorial folders for the choir, motion passed.

Discussed fist draft of the 2023 budget

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Tom Werner—October 4, 2022

Opening Devotion – Mr. Obry. Christ Lutheran Church's mission statement: Sharing the Love of Jesus. Samuel Lutheran School's

2022-2023 school year theme: Courageous in Christ

Present: Tom Werner, LeRoy Affolter, Darik Lyons, Adam

Baumann, Aaron Krenz, Pastor Herold and Mr. Obry.

Preschool Report - ASC - Ms. Savannah Wahl, Summer Care, Mrs. Timm's position

Financial Report - Financial Report read and approved.

Salary Guidance: Motion and second to recommend to council pay increases for the cook and early childhood staff effective January 1, 2023. Seconded by Darik. Motion Passed.

Tuition Payment Schedule - Presented. Lunch accounts - Sent out email reminding parents about paying

Old Business: Janitor - commercial vacuum - here, seems to be working well. Key Fobs/Door Locking Update - No Update

Tuition Assistance Fund - working on it - No Update

Dishwasher maintenance update - Seems to be working well now

Veterans Day Program - Working on finalizing that for November 10th.

Calendar date - Mankato Softball Tournament 5/18 & Preschool-8 sing in church 5/18 (Ascension)

Dates/Activities SMSU Homecoming parade (10/1), Vball

Triangular Home (10/1), 3-8 Sing in Church

(10/2), Vball @ TMB (10/3)

New Business

Sports/Coaches update - Coaches are finalized for Basketball Volleyballs - \$200-250 after shipping and handling. Consensus to go ahead and purchase the volleyballs

Parent/Child Vball game - Ryan will work on getting this setup for October 28th.

Wish List - Ryan put together an amazon wishlist at the request of parents that teachers can place items on.

Flat Top Grill/Oven - Tom brought up issues with the pilot lights not staying lit. He is looking into it

PITF - Pride in the Tiger Foundation - Should hear back from them within the next month

Cards/Picture for Deployed Troops - Will be helping with that

Teachers' Conference - In New Ulm this year

Closing – Pastor Herold Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m

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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
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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