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From the **PASTOR**—

Holy Communion

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” - 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Often we have a hard time believing that we are loved. Men and women who have a keen awareness of their flaws will wonder if anyone can really love them. So we have a need to not only hear that we are loved, but also to receive tangible assurance of that love.

If we need that assurance from our fellow human beings, how much more do we need that assurance in our relationship to God?

God knows us so well. He knows how we feel. He knows what we need. Not only does he tell us in his Word that he loves us, he also gives us personal assurance of that love.

How does he do that? He does so in what Christians call *Holy Communion* or *The Lord's Supper*. In this special meal Jesus gives us bread that isn't just bread. He tells us, “This is my body.” He also gives us wine to drink that isn't just wine. He says, “This is my blood.”

Now before anyone gets grossed out, this isn't some kind of weird cannibalism. It's bread and wine that looks, smells, and tastes like bread and wine. Yet, in a way that we can't perceive or comprehend, Jesus tells us that with the bread and wine, his body and blood are really present in this Supper.

Here's why this is such a great gift. You may think, "I know that Jesus forgives all those other people out there, but I'm not really sure that he can forgive me." In Holy Communion, Jesus comes to you personally and says, "I love you. Your sins are all forgiven. You want proof? Here's the price I paid for you on the cross. This is my body which was sacrificed for you. This is my blood which I shed for you."

Whenever we receive the Lord's Supper, we remember Jesus' saving, self-sacrificing love for us, and we personally receive not only assurance of that love, but we also receive his forgiveness.

PASTORAL ACT

Funeral: A Christin funeral and burial was given to Verla Wieggers on Saturday, September 16th. She entered glory on September 9, 2017 at the age of 94.

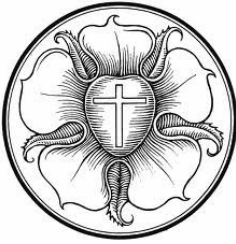
COUNCIL CORNER

This month we here from Geoff Stelter, Maintenance
I would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone within the church that has donated any of their time and talents to help keep our church maintained and clean. It is very true that with many hands it makes the work load go faster and easier. We will have many more opportunities to volunteer in the upcoming months. There will be an outside cleanup day at Samuel School Tuesday October 3rd Beginning at 5 p.m.. I hope if you get a chance to stop and help we can find something for you to do. I would also like to remind everybody that we live in lovely Minnesota and snow is just around the corner. We are always looking for volunteers to help shovel sidewalks at the church and the school. There will be a signup sheet at Church for anyone that would like to volunteer. Thank you again from the maintenance committee for everything that you do for our church and school.



REFORMATION

This year marks the 500th anniversary of Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg. We are encouraging all of our members to make the trip to New Ulm where on the campus of Martin Luther College in the chapel of the Christ we will gather with many other Lutheran/Christians in celebration of the restoration of the truth of Scripture to God's church. The service will begin at 3:00 PM. For more information check out the poster on the easel at church.



CLYF

Last month we met for the first time in the new school year. We each made our own tortilla pizza with lots of toppings and other goodies. We talked about what we want to do this coming year. We found out a little more about the WELS international youth rally that will be held in Bowling Green, Ohio on June 26-29, 2018. Sounds like there is some interest from our group attending. Lots more information and work to do on that in the upcoming months.

In October we have invited all the area WELS high school youth to come to Marshall for a GRIDIRON GET-TOGETHER!! The



Green Bay Packers play that team from Minnesota on Sunday, October 15th. We are going to meet at Samuel and project the game on the big screen. Youth are



encouraged to wear their favorite team's jersey, t-shirt or colors! Lunch will be served near the end of the first quarter. We also plan to play some games at halftime. Kick-off is at noon but those coming from out of town can come when they can.

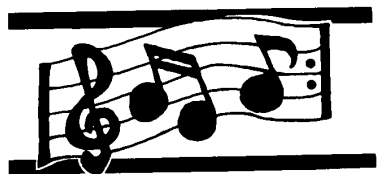
The CLYF will again be offering the Holiday season greenery from Greenwood Nursery. This has been really well received and appreciated by our member for the past few years. It's a great way to add a little holiday festive cheer to your house, not spend a lot in doing so and also raise a few dollars for the youth. Most items are sold by us for less than you can buy them for at the stores. So watch for your chance to go green.

PIONEERS

The Pioneers met on Sunday, September 10th at Samuel. Seventeen Pioneers were in attendance. The afternoon started out with a game called 3-ball. It's similar to softball or kickball, but instead of hitting or kicking one ball, each "batter" threw a football, kicked a kickball and tossed a frisbee into the outfield. The batter then had to advance one or more bases before the fielders retrieved all three items and placed them in a bucket on the pitcher's mound. Next, the Pioneers went inside to build structures using uncooked spaghetti noodles and marshmallows. Then, the Pioneers headed to the gym for several rounds of "Would you Rather?". Each Pioneer took turns answering a question, but before the answer was given, the remaining Pioneers had to guess what he or she would answer. (As an example, one question was "Would you rather be 3 feet tall or 8 feet tall?") Finally, treats and punch were enjoyed in the cafeteria. Please make note the next meeting will be a movie night at Samuel on Friday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. This will replace the meeting normally scheduled for Pioneers on the second Sunday of October.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM RECAP

The 2017 Summer Music and Dance program and Vacation Bible School at Christ Lutheran Church were a success! Fifty-three students participated in music and dance, and around fifty students attended VBS. These students included both members and non-members. What an amazing turn-out! Music lessons included free individual lessons on the piano, voice, flute, trumpet, and baritone. I taught two group dance classes of twelve dancers each. Children ages 4 through 6th grade went to Vacation Bible School, and 20 volunteers from 7th grade to adults generously gave their time and talents to make it run smoothly. At Christ Lutheran's church picnic on July 30, the VBS kids sang during the outdoor service, and the dancers performed on the band shell before picnic lunch! Many parents have told me how much fun their children had and how lessons have helped them or given them a new passion. I praise God that I along with Christ Lutheran was able to touch these families in this way.



SLS NEWS AND NOTES

The 2017–2018 school year is off to a great start! We welcomed all returning and new students as well as Miss Gross, our new preschool teacher, and Miss Wilde, a student teacher in Mrs. MacArthur's classroom. We hope you were able to attend Open House on September 19th to visit the classrooms which gave returning families an opportunity to become acquainted with new families in our school. While in attendance, did you enter the Kindergarten Kernel guessing contest? A third grader, Alex Timm, won the contest with a correct guess of 200 kernels!

Our volleyball team, consisting of girls from grades 3 - 8, is off and running! We participated in the annual fun tournament in Redwood Falls on Saturday, September 9th and have already played against St. John, Redwood and Lynd. Come and cheer us on for the remaining games of the season!



The Kindergarten class took a field trip to the Stonegate Orchard near Slayton on Friday, September 22nd. Grades K – 8 will be taking a trip to Camden State Park on Friday, September 29th for some food, learning, and fun!

We look forward to many activities in the month of October including Fire Prevention Week and preparation of a K – 8 musical focused on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Be on the lookout for more information as it develops!

LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—September 7, 2017

Pastor Schreiner Chose to begin the meditation with Hymn 203 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word. We studied bible passages concerning when God says to ‘be faithful’ and ‘do not fear’.

Pres. Sue Mitzner called the meeting to order, thanking Pastor for the bible study. Secretary and Treasurer reports accepted.

Greeting cards are for sale, waiting for new order catalogs.

Get well cards were sent to LaDonna Rathje and Glenn Mitzner.

\$100 will be donated to Miss Gross for use in her classrooms.

Kathy Paxton donated disposable plates left over from John's funeral. Ann asked that we consider purchasing bulk plates to save families a little on funeral expenses.

A fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday the 9th at Balaton for Glenn Mitzner. His wife Sharon volunteers at Samuel school. It

was noted that individuals can donate cash to the tuition fund at Samuel if desired.

Flower committee for October – Jackie Knigge and Steve Mohwinkel.

Serving at October meeting – Darlene Schultz.

Roll call – 8 members present

September birthdays: Jo Palmer on September 11, Jennifer Schreiner on the 18th, and LaDonna Rathje on the 28th.

Motion to adjourn carried followed by the Lord's Prayer and table prayers.

Sue served a wonderful apple crisp for lunch. Thank You Sue.

MLC LAIDIES' AUXILIARY ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The MLC Ladies' Auxiliary Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 AM till 3:30 PM at Martin Luther College in New Ulm. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. Attendees will learn about new programs at MLC, select new projects for the 2017-18 school year, and enjoy worship and Christian fellowship. Lunch will be available in the Luther Student Center. Workshops will highlight the morning, with student entertainment and a closing service in the Chapel of the Christ rounding out the afternoon. Make plans to attend this annual event in support of our WELS College of Ministry. Childcare is available.

MISSION SOCIETY

Submitted by Julie Festerling—September 14, 2017

The September 14, 2017 meeting of Christ Lutheran Mission Society began with a Bible study on the prodigal son led by Pastor Schreiner. We sinful human beings cannot comprehend the welcome we get when we “come home” to our Father. Sometimes God allows suffering to come into our lives to bring us back to Him. We should never despair because God is always there for us. We should expect punishment in hell for our sins but in His grace and mercy, God gives us full forgiveness—“He remembers our sins no more.” Just like the father in the story, God our heavenly Father is always waiting for us with open arms. Deb Herrmann called the meeting to order and thanked Pastor for leading us in the Bible study. The Secretary's report from June 8th was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was

read and approved with an ending balance of \$510.80.

Correspondence from Calvary Lutheran Academy, California Lutheran High School, and Friends of China was read.

LWMS report: Julie reported on the National Convention that was held in Orlando, Florida this past June. There were 542 registered attendees with 55 of the 60 circuits represented. The Home Mission project, Equipment Fund, received \$39,326.56. The World Mission project, Nepal, received \$39,326.55. The money received by these two mission projects comes from the mite box collections received from the various circuits throughout the year. Worship service offerings at the convention totaled \$26,049.22 and were divided between Cross-Cultural Mission Conference and Training and Repatriation Conferences. The “kids c.a.r.e.” program collected \$37,379.45 this past year. This money was sent to Family Ministry for Outreach. “kids c.a.r.e.” stands for **Care About Reaching Everyone** with the Gospel. Children in Sunday Schools and Lutheran Elementary Schools throughout Synod support missions with their offerings. In the past eleven years, this program has raised over \$608,000 for missions in places like Mexico, Russia, Malawi, and many home missions. The LWMS Fall Rally will be held Saturday, October 7th at Lake Benton.

MLC Auxiliary: Jenny reported that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14th at MLC.

There were no reports from CAMM and Altar/Communion. There was no President’s report and no Old Business to discuss.

New Business: Our mite box collections for the Fall Rally will be collected on Sunday, September 24th and Sunday, October 1st. A suggestion was made that we combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Kathy Paxton, Julie Festerling, and Deb Herrmann will go through the Constitution to see what needs to be amended in order to make this change.

Deb thanked Julie for serving refreshments. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th. Refreshments will be served by Joyce Flock.

Roll call was taken with 7 ladies and Pastor present. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer and Common Table Prayer.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—August 14, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Dan Herrmann, John Festerling, Mark Patzer, Perry Schultz, Geoff Stelter, Lyle Patzer, Tom Werner, Craig Heil, Wes Hoflock, Tom Vanderwerf, Karl Baumann.

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. Minutes from the July 10th board meeting were read, modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers and CYLF will start up this fall. Vacancy at St. John's Wood Lake: They will have a call meeting on Thursday August 17th. Pastor will help until September 1st. Summer music program: final thoughts. Hopefully she Rachel Winter will be back, did a wonderful job. A motion was made and 2nd to renew the music program in 2018. This was approved. Sound system update: Mike Stols did some work on. September council meeting will be on September 18th due to the pastors conference. 19th CLGO- Will be Sunday September 17th at Savannah Oaks starting at 1:00 p.m. with a meal after at a local establishment. Sunday School balloon launch- Will be Sunday August 20th after service. Confirmation class and parent orientation meeting Wednesday September 6th. Will be getting the word out about SMSU campus ministry program. CCCW- A motion was made and 2nd for Neil and Gayle Schultz for another year, this was approved.

Upcoming dates-Christmas Eve on Sunday, 8:00a.m., 10:30a.m., 5:30p.m., 9:00p.m. New Years Eve on Sunday, 8:00a.m., 10:30a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Board of Elders: No membership changes

Financial Secretary: Having a good start to August

Treasurer: Read and accepted

Stewardship/Endowment: No report

Evangelism: Sounds of Summer parade will be on Saturday August 19th at 4:00 p.m. Walkers for the parade would be great.

Education: Met with Kali Gross and mentor.

Floors at the school are done

Still working on painting at the school.

First day of school will be September 5th

Maintenance: We have a shingle issue at the church, will contact Jim Lozinski. Perry Shultz will look at the ramp at Samuel. September 14th at 5:30 , the trees will get trimmed at Samuel.

Activities: Service at the park went well, maybe next year have the picnic at 10:30 a.m.

Worship: Regular worship will start on September 10th, with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Lyle Patzer- Stewardship (start up missions).

Councilmen on duty next month are Geoff Stelter at 8:00 a.m., and Perry Shultz at 10:30 a.m. Tuck pointing at church- We have 2 bids, Midcontent and Depyper. Perry Shultz is working on this. Chairs: A motion was made and 2nd to pay \$5.00/chair, with an order of 176 chairs out of the Memorial Fund, this was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Select members for the Budget committee: Lucas Tietz, Gary St. Aubin, Dan Herrmann, Darik Lyons, Tim Meyer

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by David Biastock—August 15, 2017

Attendees: Pastor Schreiner, Craig Heil, Miss Kali Gross, Mr. John Festerling, Mike Prah, and Dave Biastock

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Early Childhood Update: Miss Gross had a few questions regarding pay. Pay is to be based on the role the individual is fulfilling and needs to be record on time cards. Pay rate – Kali will look at synod, New Ulm, and Redwood Falls pay rates for the various positions to ensure we are within guidelines when bringing on new staff. We are full for the fall EC program with 20 children plus one on the waiting list. After school care is also near full capacity.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections from the July 11 meeting.

Financial – Treasurer Reports: Financial activities for July along with current account balances were reviewed. \$7.50 supplemental contribution to Synod Commission on Parish Schools will be sent in for the upcoming school year.

Old Business: Before school arrival – in the future better communication and formal motions should be required when we decide to make changes to schedules as some families were not contacted about the change of the start time for before school care to 7:30. Sportsmanship policy – based on the original motion passing by a 3-2 vote and no additional reasons to not overturning this motion, it was decided to revert back to the

original motion and revise the sportsmanship policy in the school handbook based on simple majority. School security/doors – checked with St Johns-Redwood Falls on security measure incorporate in their school. They install a card reader for 1 door at the cost of \$2600 with volunteer labor to install plus \$4,000 for cameras. Mr. Festerling will continue to explore options. Floor waxing – was completed the end of July.

Lunch Report: Need to continue to monitor what is being provided for meals.

Pastor/Teacher Reports: CLYF – the group will be meeting in September to plan out the upcoming year. Pioneers – will be partnering with PTF to gain additional leadership help with monthly events. Laptops – 6 laptops were purchased which will help fulfill the needs of the larger class sizes especially in grades 3-5. Testing program – in progress of getting the program up and running. Work bee painting/cleaning – Mr. Festerling reviewed a list of items that need to be addressed. Fun days – Pastor discussed the idea of holding quarterly fun days and will be discussing with the staff at an upcoming faculty meeting. One idea is to go to a state park where they can do some learning/science activities, games, and grill for lunch. Also looking at purchasing shirts that students would wear for fun days. Sounds of Summer Parade – planning to hand out bags with goodies/school info/lip balm in addition to tossing out candy. The bags would be handed to families with children. Balloon Launch – planning to launch 45 balloons with an invite to Sunday School on August 20th after church. Freezers – repairs were completed on 2 of them. Hot water heater – will be replaced before school starts. Enrollment for 2017-18 school year – 47 in K-8th and 20 in Pre-K. We lost 6 students in K-8 due to moves out of the area and/or transferring to a different school.

Upcoming Activities: 8/16 – work bee, 9/5 – first day of school, 9/19 – open house at 6:30.

From the Board: Is there a volleyball schedule? Mr. Festerling indicated he had just received it. Parking lot – could we price class 2 or other options besides concrete or blacktop? Craig will talk to Perry Schultz to see if there are other options. Wages – need to ensure we are fair and at least at minimum wage. We will decide if changes are needed based on the information Miss Gross is working on obtaining.

Next meeting – September 7 at 7:00 pm

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 6:30 PM Tuesday and 12:30 PM Wednesday

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