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From the **PASTOR**—

God's Encouraging Word ... *when I am tired*

Sleep experts advise getting seven to eight hours of sleep a night. We need rest for our tired bodies to recuperate.

Even on the most regular day, life is draining. The work day is long and the demands are great. Getting the kids to school, work schedules, meeting deadlines, grocery shopping, getting dinner ready, children's activities, only to get ready to do it over again the next day. Getting older doesn't help matters. By the time you hit the pillow at night you may feel like a smart device that has only 2% battery life left.

But what do you do when you become tired emotionally? It's the exhaustion that comes from strained relationships, heated arguments and being rejected by those from whom you want acceptance.

Then there's that inner weariness—the kind that no one else knows you have except you. The weariness that comes from the burden of sin and guilt. It comes when you must live in the brokenness of past mistakes. When things don't go so well on any given day, you wonder if God is angry and out to get you. The earthly consequences of your sins and knowledge of your guilt is...well...spiritually tiring.

God comes to you today with an encouraging word recorded in the book of Isaiah: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

The LORD is the everlasting God. He is the Creator. He never gets tired. He has perfect understanding; he knows what it's like when you feel tired for any reason at all. He promises to give strength to you when you're tired. The Lord God is Jesus, your Savior. He took your sins and guilt to the cross and died for you. It's a fact! Jesus took your sins and guilt away from you, buried it all in his tomb, and rose from the dead. Your sins are forgiven. That's rest—rest for your soul. Talk about strength for the weary!

And don't forget! It's the Lord God who gives the blessing of physical rest too. It's been said that a clean conscience is a good pillow. God gives you this clean conscience in Jesus Christ. He also provides you with home, food, and bed to become recharged to tackle the new day with all its challenges. So do it with all the energy and strength that Lord God gives you as his own through faith in Jesus!

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism: William Albert, infant son of Martin and Amanda (nee Lamprecht) Boucek became a child of God by the washing of Holy Baptism on September 16, 2018. We wish God's blessings on this young family.

CLYF

Last month we helped out with the Christ Cyclers event – making sure no one got hit crossing the streets. Thanks to those who were able to be there to help out with that family friendly event.

We will be meeting next on Sunday, October 21st for a sightseeing, fact gathering walk of our downtown area. We will meet at church at 1 PM and head down town so wear comfortable shoes and weather appropriate outerwear.

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

We had 12 kids gather together for some fun and fellowship. We started the afternoon with a treat and an activity to better get to know each other. The main activity of the day was a Bible scavenger hunt. The kids were given Bible passages to look up and solve the clue for the item for the scavenger hunt. The older kids helped teach the younger kids how to find passages in the Bible so it was also a good lesson on teamwork. After all the clues were solved, the hunt began! We had



nice weather to scavenge around the school yard finding the items on the list. It was pretty difficult to find feathers around though! Eventually all the teams found all the items on their lists. We had just enough time for an ice cream treat at the end.

Very soon we might not want to venture outside much so before that happens let's take a trip to Camden State Park to take in the sights and sounds of God's wonderful creation! We will meet at church on Sunday, October 14 at 1 PM and car pool out to Camden. **(Do I have any volunteers to drive?? A park sticker will be needed but if you don't have one that's okay the pioneer fund can pick up the cost. Please speak to Pastor if you can drive.)** When we have finished exploring and learning about the wonders of nature we will have some hot cider and a treat. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and for a hike on the trails.

AREA REFORMATION RALLY

Many of you might remember that for years this service was held on an annual basis with the other WELS churches in our Redwood Fall West Circuit. For a couple years we held a unique lunch and lecture event with guest presenters from MLC. Last year we were encouraged to attend the rally at MLC in New Ulm. This year our area Reformation rally will be held here at Christ on Sunday, October 28, 2018 starting at 4 PM. Our preacher will be Pastor Johann Caauwe of St. John's Wood Lake. After the service everyone is invited and encouraged to stay for a light lunch that will be served in the church basement.

CHRIST CYCLERS

I'm very happy to announce that 37 people took part in our Christ Cyclers ride. Ages varied from the very young to the...well let's just say not as young! A good time was had by all. Snack "dump" was also a hit. Looks like this might be an annual event so be ready to join us next year.



COMMUNION INFORMATION

It has been a while since we have written anything regarding our procedure concerning logistical items about the Lord's Supper. Since we have a number of new members who might not be sure of some things here goes a brief explanations.

The rose colored cups in the center of the individual tray contain a few drops of wine that have been diluted with water. These are reserved for those who might be allergic to wine or who might be recovering from alcoholism. Remember, it is not the amount or alcohol content of the wine that is important but that we do it in accordance with and how Jesus instituted it. If you want to receive the common cup you need only let it touch your lips and taste the wine that way.

We now have gluten free wafers if that is something you need. We ask that you speak to pastor ahead of time so he can offer you this option but please, only if you physically need to be gluten free.

Just a reminder that when you are the first one in line you need to go all the way over to the pulpit or on the other side to the wall by the baptismal candles so that everyone can comfortably stand at the table. Also you might not have noticed but our current pastor is not the tallest man so if you can be sure to stand as close as possible to the first step that would be helpful. When receiving the host (bread) be sure to hold out your hand if you wish to have the wafer placed in it. For those taking the individual cup be sure it is visible when pastor passes in front of you so he can see you do not wish to receive the common cup. For those taking the common cup remember to gently grasp the bottom of the chalice and guide it to your lips. Thanks for your attention to these minor but important matters!

WHAT'S CHANGED ON THE CHARITABLE GIVING LANDSCAPE

I'm sure all of you have heard the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew's gospel ***"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."*** The words are very straightforward and easy for us to understand. That does not make them easy to follow though. Christian stewardship is something that all of us need to evaluate in our lives in an ongoing basis. We are very blessed in our congregation to have someone who can help us understand, from a spiritual as well as governmental way, how we can put this into practice. The article below offers some insight as well as a chance to learn more about how we can give to the government and to our God in a pleasing way.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) went into effect on January 1, 2018. Where it will take several years to figure out all the winners and losers, some of the obvious losers are our churches and other charitable groups. How much do people care about tax breaks related to their contributions? According to Charity Navigator, 12% of annual giving occurs in the last three days of the calendar year. The answer is clear.

Changes to the tax law in 2018 have taken away most people's ability to deduct charitable contributions. But there are still a few options to consider in order to give and still receive a certain amount of tax benefits. Examples include "bunching techniques", the use of donor advised funds, the use of IRA's for those at age 70.5, and the use of appreciated assets such as securities or real estate.

Gary St. Aubin and the Stewardship committee will present this information to our Congregation on October 14, 2018. The first presentation will be at 11:30 after the second service and the second presentation will be at 4:30. Both presentations will be held at the Church.

MLC LADIES AUXILIARY

The annual Auxiliary meeting will be held Saturday, October 6. Registration begins at 8:00 am in the Luther Student Center with the meeting starting at 9:00 am. Morning treats and lunch can be purchased for \$8.00. Food donations for the MLC Food Shelf will be collected at the registration site.

SCHWANS CARES

We are raising money for Samuel Lutheran School Security System with the Schwan's Cares program. You are invited to join our campaign to help spread the word to your own friends and family! Once you join, you will easily be able to share with the online tools provided. Our group earns up to 40% cash back each time we shop for delicious foods from Schwan's Home Service, Inc. between Oct 15 2018 and Feb 27 2019. Schwan's offers over 300 high-quality, family-pleasing foods that are flash-frozen and delivered to your door. It's an incredibly easy and convenient way to raise money. Order at your convenience.



Please join our team to raise money for Samuel Lutheran School Security System today! To order, go to SchwansCares.com, click on "Find a Campaign" and search "Samuel Lutheran School". Thank you! The Stewardship Committee

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

The school year has started off well and the first month went by quickly. We continue to have chapel each Wednesday morning and this year we were able to pair up the preschoolers and Kindergarteners with an older student to be their chapel buddy that helps them throughout the worship service. We will be sending the offerings from these Wednesday morning chapels to Kids c.a.r.e for the first semester. The kids c.a.r.e (care about reaching everyone with the gospel) program is designed to teach children about mission outreach and encourage them to give offerings to mission work. Mission churches are using camps focused on activities like music, sports, art, and computer coding as outreach opportunities to families in their communities. The offerings given in our Wednesday morning chapels will provide monetary assistance to home missions as they develop, advertise, and implement Bible based activity camps. We also give God praise and thanks for the blessing of a child, who will be arriving sometime around February of 2019, to Mr. and Mrs. Kotecki. We pray that God is with baby, mom, and dad throughout the pregnancy.

LWMS FALL RALLY

The Minnekota circuit of the LWMS will be holding their Fall Rally on Saturday, October 20th at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Balaton. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with the meeting following at 9:15 AM. The speaker will be Pastor Michael Kuschel of St. Mathews Lutheran Church, Danube. He will be speaking about "Mission Work and Outreach in Rural America."

LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—September 6, 2018

Hymn 396, In Adam We have All been One, odd verses, was sung to open the devotion. Pastor Schreiner read Genesis 3, The fall into sin. Discussion followed.

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Mitzner who thanked Pastor for the devotion. There was a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections from the August meeting. The August treasurers report was given. Sue presented a bill for postage stamps. There was no correspondence to read.

Cards were sent to several members in August including Ron and Judy Pullman for their anniversary, a Praying for You card to Rudy Kehren and birthday greetings to Marion Wiering, LeRoy Affolter, Ron Pullman, Louise Krause and Darlene Schultz.

Sympathy and birthday cards will be ordered.

Old business: We will send \$250 to MLC per the motion by Anne R and second by Darleen G.

New business: We will decide in October the amounts for our Christmas gifts to students.

Flower and committee and serving sign-up sheets are needing volunteers. The flowers are scheduled on a monthly basis. We hope members from the church will consider helping.

Anne R visited with Vi Braakman for quite a while on Sunday.

Roll call was answered by 6 members and Pastor Schreiner.

Serving at the October meeting will be Ronnie Meyer.

The ladies chose to sing Beautiful Savior as the birthday hymn for members with September birthdays: Jen Schreiner 18th and LaDonna Rathje on the 28th. We will send a birthday card and wishes also to Jo Palmer. The motion made by Darleen G and second by Merna to adjourn the meeting.

Pastor Schreiner led the members in the Lord's Prayer and table prayers. A chocolate pudding dessert was served with watermelon for our lunch by Teri.

MISSION SOCIETY

Submitted by Julie Festerling—September 13, 2018

The September meeting of Christ Lutheran Mission Society began with the singing of CW517 “Almighty Father, Strong to Save.” Pastor Schreiner led us in a discussion of the events of September 11th. Where were we at the time? How did we feel when it was happening and after it was over? What would we have done if we had been on one of the planes? Our lives have changed because of the events of that day. We are thankful for the military and their families. This day brought many people back to God. We always need to be ready and realize that God is always watching over us and protecting us.

Pam thanked Pastor for leading us in this discussion and thanked Amy for playing the hymn.

We welcomed Kali Gross as a member of Mission Society.

The Secretary’s report from June was read and approved. The Treasurer’s report was read and approved.

Kathy reported that there was nothing to report for Altar/Communion Care.

Jenny told us the MLC Rally will be held Saturday, October 6th, at MLC.

Julie reported on the LWMS National Convention that was held in Green Bay: There were 1,450 attendees. Mission Projects Offering (our mite box offerings) totaled \$125,413.64. This money was divided between the Caribbean Scholarship Fund and Cameroon Mission. The Worship Service Offering totaled \$61,829.05 and was given to First Public Service Assistance and Academia Cristo. The kids c.a.r.e. offering (money collected by Lutheran Elementary Schools and Sunday Schools) totaled \$49,443.57 for this year and was given to Feeding Jesus’ Lambs in Nepal. The 2019 National Convention will be June 27-30, 2019 and will be held at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme will be “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus in the Heartland”. The Fall Minnekota Rally will be held on Saturday, October 20th at St. Peter’s in Balaton. The speaker for the day will be Pastor Kruschel from Danube, He will speak on “Outreach in Rural Communities”. We will be taking our fall mite box collection on Sunday, October 7th.

Joyce reported on CAMM: There are 21 people serving at our clinic. They see 4,000-5,000 people per month. Right now they are having their dry season so there have been fewer cases of

malaria. Malawi is known as the “Warm Heart of Africa” because of the positive attitudes of the people.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 8th. We will be having elections at that meeting. We thanked Pam for serving. Deb Herrmann will serve in November.

Roll call was taken with 8 ladies and Pastor present. The meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord’s Prayer and Common Table Prayer.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—August 13, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Dan Herrmann, Tom Werner, Craig Heil, Wes Hoflock, Karl Baumann, Lucas Tietz, Rick Kobylinski, Kevin Lee, Ryan Obry, Perry Schultz

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the board meeting were read modified and accepted.

Pastor’s Report:

Pioneers and CLYF- Both will start up in September. Pioneers are still looking to get parents involved more.

Summer music- A total of 53 students. 37 students took Piano, 8 voice, 5 guitar, 5 bells, 1 organ, with a few taking multiple instruments. There were 20 non-members: 3 adults, 7 high school, 18 from gr. 5-8, 25 from K.-4.

Bells at church- Working on a better sound.

Cathedral Crafts- Stained glass inspection will call when in the area.

20th annual golf outing- August 19th in Cottonwood, 1:00 tee time. A meal will follow at the Pub.

September council meeting date will be September 17th due to pastor’s conference.

Alzheimer’s seminar presentation and The Lutheran Home Association will be the weekend of September 29th 30th.

Confirmation Class and orientation meeting will be Wednesday, September 5th. Thinking of moving class to Wednesday afternoons.

Sunday school registration will be Sunday, September 9th. He first Sunday school and Bible Class will be September 16th. Will be getting the word out about SMSU campus ministry program.

Thinking about doing a Christ Cycle Circle on Sunday September 16th after the Vikings/Packer game. Will start and finish at

Samuel, with snacks to follow.

Communion distribution helpers.

GPLHS- Honors choir March 31, 2019

Board of Elders: In by affirmation- Martin and Amanda (William) Boucek, Motion was made to accept into membership, 2nd and passed.

Financial Secretary: Report given and accepted

Treasurer: Report given and accepted

Stewardship/Endowment: No report

Evangelism: Sounds of Summer parade is on Saturday August 18th.

Education:

Samuel registration was held with 59 registered

We are looking for help in the ECE room.

The board approved an on line information service for Samuel.

The Christmas concert will be the 1st Sunday in December.

We will be putting more pea rock in the playground at Samuel.

We will be looking into fixing the ramp at Samuel.

Maintenance:

We are looking into when the flusher will be done.

The garage by the church needs to be painted.

Tom Werner will be working on the bell tower.

We will be calling Geske on getting the gutter covers on.

The ceiling in the upstairs hallway at the parsonage needs to be sheet rocked.

Activities: The church picnic went very good, it was very well attended.

Worship: Church service starting on September 9th will be 8:00 a.m. and 1030 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is- Lucas Tietz, Stewardship.

Councilmen on duty next month: 8:00 a.m. - Dan Herrmann/

Kevin Lee 10:00 a.m. - Perry Schultz.

NEW BUSINESS:

Select Budget Committee- Kevin Lee, Gary St. Aubin, Dan Hermann, Derik Lyons, Tim Meyer

Appoint CCCW Committee Neil and Gayle Schultz. A motion was made to appoint, it 2nd and passed.

Looking at possibly dispersing some of the Sunday school money.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Nick Noble—August 7, 2018

Attendees:

Mr. Ryan Oby, Nicholas Noble, Mike Pahl, Craig Heil, Pastor Schreiner

Mr. Oby opened the meeting with devotion from the Book of Acts and also read the Chief Objectives of Samuel Lutheran School and finished with a prayer.

Minutes: Minutes for July were read and approved as read.

Financial – Treasurer Reports:

Darik was not present but we went over the monthly activity report that he had provided.

EC News:

Julie Lyons will not be returning for the 2018-19 school year.

Old Business:

Gym Mats—nothing new

Yoga machines are on back-order

AED- placement was decided at the base of the ramp on the upper grades side.

Pioneers, still looking for help to take over these meetings.

Festerling retirement: motion was made by Darik to reimburse the church \$500 and seconded by Craig. Motion Passed

Powerschool has been ordered and set up for faculty.

School Security-Pastor and Mr. Oby talked with Living Connected when they stopped out at the school. Many options are still being looked at. Security and Safety committee needs to meet again.

Band Teacher feelers are out there, but no response yet.

Lunch Report:

Per the stated review, teachers can no longer eat school lunch for free.

- Options: 1. Teachers pay for their own meals
2. Teachers bring their own lunches
3. Church reimburses the teachers for their lunches- around \$375 a month.

Been brought up that the summer meal program has declined. Miss Gross has spoken with Ms. Goblisch regarding the issue of limited food amounts provided for students.

New Business:

Chairs requested to be replaced for grade 3-8. Need about 10-15 chairs which will run between \$25-30 per chair. Motion made

by Mike to approve purchase and second by Nick. Motion passed

Mr. Oby announced the school year theme will be: It all began with God. Looking at options for banners to be made with the theme.

Before and after school care is looking to hire new staff. We will be placing something in the church bulletin as well as at SMSU. Request for financial aid from a non-member family that recently came in is no longer needed.

We agreed that the Statement of Beliefs will be printed and added to the registration packets.

Registration and Open House will be held together this year.

Grandparents Day will be a full day with the kids this year.

Requested that a work bee's day needs to be set up to take care of stuff inside and out at the school.

The playground needs to be looked at and have pea-gravel added. This will be brought up to the church council.

Christmas Concerts: looking to changing the format of the school concert which is held in early December. The Christmas Eve program will have no changes.

School Year Calendar-suggestions were made to follow the public school schedule more so there are fewer conflicts with students who take the bus.

Easter break will be Thursday, Friday before Easter and the Monday after Easter

Principal Meeting: Mr. Oby will be attending the meeting in Redwood Falls on August 14th.

Family updates: a family with four students attended out VBS and may be interested with enrolling at Samuel. There was another inquiry from another family to enroll their grandson.

BUDGET ITEMS:

Textbooks, should arrive on time. Mr. Oby ordered extra textbooks and paid for them with his own money. Motion made by Nick to reimburse Mr. Oby and seconded by Mike. Motion Passed

Tables for the new K-2 classroom have been purchased.

Pastor/Teacher Reports: No report.

From the Board: Mike suggested that we start looking at our own church members and seeking possible enrollment of members to enroll their children at Samuel.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting will be September 4th, 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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