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From the **PASTOR**—

I Need More...FAITH

"I Need More faith." I can't imagine any honest Christian who wouldn't say a hearty "Amen" to that statement. Because of the common weakness of our sinful, human nature, the fervent request that a greatly distressed father made to Jesus regarding his son's great need and his own weakness of faith has often struck a chord: "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24)

Notice how that statement is punctuated with only a semicolon regarding his faith, but an exclamation point with regard to his unbelief. Unfortunately, that's the reality of the faith-life of God's people. We wish our own faith was punctuated with an exclamation mark or at least a simple period. But we know a question mark suggesting uncertainty or doubt gets in the way too often.

Every Sunday the worshipers in our churches make a confession of faith with the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. The key truths of the Christian faith are very briefly and yet adequately summarized in those statements. There are no exclamation points in either of those great, ancient creeds—just commas and periods that acknowledge the basic scriptural facts. That's an important aspect about saving faith: knowing the truth about the true God and the Savior he has given us.

Since this faith is totally a gift, we need to keep going to the Lord with this request, "Lord, I do believe; help me overcome my

unbelief!" We keep having a problem with unbelief because it's such a natural part of us. Faith is a supernatural thing, and it is kept alive and strong only with the supernatural Word of our supernatural God.

The most important thing to remember about faith is that it derives all its strength from its object, that on which it rests. As a famous preacher once said, "It is not your hold on Christ that saves you; it is Christ. It is not your joy in Christ that saves you; it is Christ. It is not even your faith in Christ that saves you, though that be the instrument. It is Christ's blood and merit." There might indeed be many instances where our trusting faith is shaky, but the Savior and his promises are rock solid. With this subject of faith, it's most important to hear him speak with exclamation points, "I love you! I have saved you! I will never let you go!"

COUNCIL CORNER

This month we hear from Wes Hoflock, Maintenance

It's that time of the year again, school has started and fall is here with a chill in the air. Maintenance has been busy with preparations at church and school for the fall. At church one of the major projects to complete was getting all the windows done, they were completed in September, they turned out very nice. The parsonage had some ceiling work done and we will be adding some insulation in the attic. We have a company coming to the parsonage to clean all the duct work.

The house on 3rd street has been all cleaned and ready for a tenant to move in, if anyone knows someone looking to rent a nice home, you can contact Pastor or anyone on the council. We will have a list of items we need to complete for fall clean up.

At Samuel there was a lot of items to have completed before the start of school.

A new boiler was installed at Samuel this summer. There was a new floor installed in the washroom. New carpet was installed on the ramp and down to the classrooms. We added pea rock to the playground. There were other repairs at school in the bathrooms, light fixtures and ceilings. I would like to thank all who helped out with various repairs, and a special thank you to Perry Schultz for all the time he spent coordinating and taking care of the repairs.

Hope everybody has a great fall.

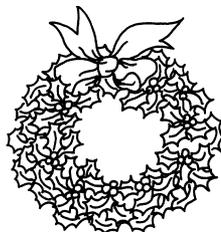
PIONEERS

We had 16 kids attend Pioneers in September. Our theme was "A day in the life of a Parent." We spent some time talking about life skills from reading nutrition labels to choose a healthy breakfast to folding laundry to changing a diaper to grocery shopping and paying bills. After a quick review we split into 2 teams and had a race through 8 skill stations. It was such a close race we had to call it a tie-everyone won!

CLYF

We will be meeting next on Sunday, October 20 at 1:00 at church. We will be discussing if there is interest in attending the WELS International Youth Rally in Tennessee – June of 2020.

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.



AREA REFORMATION RALLY

This year our area Reformation rally will be held here at Christ on Sunday, October 27, 2019 starting at 4 PM. Our preacher will be Professor Paul Koelpin of Martin Luther College. He teaches history and theology. After the service everyone is invited and encouraged to stay for a light lunch that will be served in the church basement.

RENTAL

The church owned home next to church, 404 N Third Street is vacant and available for rent. A few years ago it was renovated to the tune of \$40,000 so it is a nice house. We would look to rent it to a member before the general public so if you are interested speak to Pastor. Rent is \$1050.

CHRIST CYCLERS

I'm very happy to announce that 38 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 explanation.

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!

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

It has certainly been a busy first month of the school year! It was great to see all of our students back from the summer and ready to have another year of learning. God has blessed us with 59 students in Grades K-8 and 19 students in our Preschool at the start of the year. The school family thanks Mrs. Carol Goblisch for her five years of faithful service to our school as our cook. We wish her God's blessings as she starts her new full time job cooking at the nursing home. As you have seen through the bulletin we have been looking for a cook to replace Mrs. Goblisch, and God has blessed us in our search as we have hired Mrs. Roberta Basel who will begin cooking hot lunches for our school on Monday, September 30. We wish her God's blessings as she starts cooking for us. The faculty is working on setting up a "Fall Into Reading" activity for preschool-2 grade students at the school to help kick off our book fair on Tuesday, November 5. We will be inviting people from the community to this activity as well. More information will be coming out in the Cougar Chronicles and bulletins so you can share with people you know. We are also working on a flyer to hand out in the SMSU parade to invite people to this activity. Finally, please continue to remember the school, faculty, volunteers, students, and families in your prayers that all may continue to use their gifts to God's glory each day.

In Christ's service, Mr. Ryan Oby

MLC LADIES AUXILIARY

The annual Auxiliary Day will be held Saturday, October 5th. Registration begins at 8:00 AM in the Luther Student Center with the meeting starting at 9:00. There will be presentations about our Staff Ministry program and our Science Education programs. In addition, those in attendance will hear special updated presentations about MLC's EQUIPPING CHRISTIAN WITNESSES campaign. Food donations for the MLC Food Shelf will be collected at the registration site.

LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—September 5, 2019

Verses 1-3-5 of hymn 530, 'Hark! the Church Proclaims Her Honor' were sung to open the devotion of the ladies September 5 meeting. Pastor chose to read 'Why Jesus' from Prepared to

Answer. A discussion followed on apologetics.

Pres Ronnie M called the business meeting to order.

Secretary reports from June, July outing, and August coffee hour were read.

Treasurer reports from June, July and August were given.

There was no correspondence to read.

Sue M reported sending birthday cards to Richard Geske, Sharon Strangman, Anne Rockman, and Mavis Schultz and also anniversary card to Duane and Marian Pagel in June. There were no cards sent in July. In August, birthday cards went out to Ron Pullman, Louise Krause and LeRoy Affolter, sympathy to Ellen Loe and get well to Darlene Schultz and Julie Festerling.

A new selection of birthday and sympathy cards is available.

Our new serving cart is in use in the kitchen.

A motion by Sue M and second by Vivian M to send \$250 to MLC Aux. Motion passed.

Roll call was answered by 8 members. We had a guest, Joyce V. Darlene S serves at the October meeting.

Flowers in October: Darice Nielson.

Birthdays in August – Darlene S who chose to sing 'What a Friend We have in Jesus'. Jennifer S has Sept 18 birthday and LaDonna Rathje on Sept 28. Happy Day!

Pastor led the Lord's Prayer and table prayer. Pam L and Darleen G treated the ladies to fresh breads and coffee.

MISSION SOCIETY

Submitted by Amy MacArthur—September 12, 2019

The September meeting began by singing CW 402, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," accompanied by Pam Ellingson. Since Pastor Schreiner was not able to be in attendance, a topic from Prepared to Answer entitled "I Can Believe What I Want as Long as I Am Sincere" was read by Julie Festerling, followed by a discussion of faith.

President Joyce Flock thanked Pam for playing the hymn and Julie for reading the topic. We welcomed Tabitha Mays as a member of Mission Society. The business meeting began with the reading of the secretary's report which was read and approved. The treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$118.00. The June offering was \$220.00, which resulted in an ending balance of \$338.00.

Kathy passed around the 2020 altar care, flowers, and

communion sign-up sheet. A couple of the altar cloths have pinholes in them. Jennifer and Kathy will get together and discuss them further. Jennifer reported that the MLC Auxiliary Rally will be held October 5th. Julie reported on the LWMS convention that was held last June in Des Moines. The 2020 Convention will be held June 25 – 28 in Athens, Georgia with the theme “We Live by Faith and Not by Sight.”

There was no old business. For new business, we were reminded that funds will be disbursed at the November meeting. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, November 14th, beginning at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken with 8 ladies present. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer and common table prayer. Refreshments were served by Deb Herrmann.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Ryan Palmer—August 12, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Tom Werner, Wes Hoflock, Lucas Tietz, Rick Kobylinski, Kevin Lee, Ryan Obry, Perry Schultz, Arlen Meyer, Mark Patzer, James Hartke, Lennis Kennedy, Ryan Palmer

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the previous board meeting were read modified and accepted.

Pastor’s Report:

CLYF had 5 that attended Valley Fair trip.

Update on vacancy in Balaton and Tyler.

21st Annual Christ Lutheran Golf Outing, Sunday, August 25 at Cottonwood.

Summer Music Recital had 29 students perform.

Sunday School Teachers meeting August 14, registration September 8th, first Sunday School and Bible Class September 15.

SMSU campus ministry meeting Wednesday 8pm.

Christ Cyclers event in September.

Neil and Gayle Schultz resigning from CCCW.

Pastor touched on some suggestions for ushering out at church. Perry made a motion to present a thank-you gift to organists seconded by Arlen Meyer and passed.

September Council meeting moved to September 16th.

Board of Elders: Motion by Board of Elders and seconded by Perry Schultz to transfer Vernon and Evelyn Albers into CELC

from St. Johns LC Redwood Falls was passed.

Motion by Board of Elders and seconded by Mark Patzer to transfer Kali Gross from CELC to St. Johns LC in Redwood Falls was passed.

Motion by Board of Elders and seconded by Kevin Lee to transfer Jason and Nicole Kotecki from CELC to Trinity LC in Caledonia, WI was approved.

Financial Secretary: Mission offerings and Media offerings are up.

Treasurer: Reviewed balance sheets. Motion by Perry Schultz to approve treasurers report seconded by Mark Patzer and approved.

Stewardship/Endowment: No Report

Evangelism: Sounds of Summer Parade August 17.

Education: Reviewed registration numbers from registration night. Thanks to Gordy Timmerman, Wes Hoflock, Perry Schultz, and Ray Sorenson for all the work that has been done at the school. Teacher in-services at Samuel, MLC, and Marshall High School throughout august. First Day of School September 3rd.

Maintenance: Worked on some projects at the school.

Estimate from Kato roofing at \$12,000 to repair roof above rear entry at church, waiting on estimate from Laraway Roofing.

Bill of \$250 from Gordy Timmerman to repair parsonage ceilings.

Perry will get a quote to add insulation to the attic of parsonage.

Motion made by Mark Patzer and seconded by Jim Hartke to purchase a load of pea rock for approximately \$350 to be added to existing rock around paly equipment at school to meet safety regulations. Will remove old radio antenna. Pastor contact James Lozinski about shingle repair on the church.

Activities: Worship in the park held in church due to weather and had about 65 in attendance at the meal.

Worship: Compline Service Wednesday August 14th, 9pm. Choir will be starting this fall.

OLD BUSINESS: Council Corner Writer for September is Lucas Tietz. Councilmen on Duty for September 8am: Arlen Meyer 10:30: Perry Schultz. Motion by Perry Schultz and seconded by Mark Patzer to have parsonage ducts cleaned

NEW BUSINESS:

404 N.3rd Street rental, will post in bulletin and newsletter.

Snow concerns on the school roof, Perry will look into.

Karl will be asked to contact Kevin Lee, Gary St. Aubin, Darik Lyons, Tim Meyer, and Dan Herrmann for the Budget

Committee.

Maintenance Committee along with Lucas Tietz will be overseeing the window restoration project starting hopefully the following week.

Baumann Fundraiser Sunday September 8th in Tracy.

Mark Patzer brought to the council that a replacement lawnmower was requested. A replacement would cost approximately \$13,000. A deluxe seat to replace the existing seat for more comfort would cost \$600. Motion by Mark Patzer and seconded by James Hartke to replace the seat on the current mower with the deluxe seat was approved by the council. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 6, 2019

Attendees: Mr. Ryan Oby, Mike Prah, Darik Lyons, Justin Schultz, Adam Baumann, Hannah Prah and Tom Werner.

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

Locker Room Report: Hannah presented the PTF's idea and options for the locker rooms. **Motion** by Darik to go with option 1 (removing lockers, adding benches and painting). **Seconded** by Adam. **Motion Passed.**

Preschool Report: 19 kids total signed up. Ryan presented Sarah's report.

Tom presented regarding Sunday School –Tom had been using Christ Light curriculum at the Jr high level.

Minutes: Minutes were read, amended, and approved.

Financial Report: Read and approved.

Old Business: Volleyball Post/Nets: Justin started working on the posts. Bleachers/Handrails: No Update – To be removed from the agenda for now. Band Instructor – Melanie Lee has accepted the position and will be at registration to register students. Kitchen Floor/Carpet in Hallway: They are coming August 12 to install the new carpet. E-Learning: No update – Remove from the agenda for now. Pre-School Staff: Ryan had 3 responses from SMSU. Board approved Ryan to hire as necessary. CLS Contribution: Already done and sent in. Classroom Desk Chairs: They got the chairs and they are set up. Sports: Sign-up, Activity Fee, Coaches – Ryan presented the signup sheet.

Release Time: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – 1:10pm to 2pm. Wednesdays 1:10pm to 1:40pm. Mrs. Manian will cover for Ryan on Wednesdays. K-2 will be combined during the above listed times.

New Business: K-2 combined: Ellen Loe will come in Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday as an aide to help out during those times. Discussion about adding another aide. Background Checks: Will be getting them all done on school staff, possibly drivers and coaches as well. Before/After School Care: Currently \$50/student not to exceed \$500/family. Discussion about reducing rate to \$25/family separate from the school fee.

Motion by Darik to cut Before/After School Care Registration Fee from \$50/child to \$25/family separate from the School Registration fee, regardless of the \$500 cap. **Seconded** by Justin. **Motion Passed.** Late fees – Ryan told Linda to be stricter on the late fees. Students of Faculty Tuition Rates: Discussion.

Motion by Darik to charge half of the sister rate for Mrs. Manian's children as a called worker. **Seconded** by Justin.

Motion Passed. Lockers: Lockers need to be moved upstairs. Will be short lockers once a new student joins in November. Ryan will look for lockers. Board approved by consensus for Ryan to purchase lockers as needed. Faculty Book Study: Ryan wants to purchase 3 books for the new employees for their book study. Approved by consensus for Ryan to purchase the books with appropriate funds. Book Mailbox outside of School: Pam Ellingson and Ryan are working on putting one up on school property off of Village Dr.

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).

Families Update: Family is moving to town and the son will start in November or January.

Student Teacher: January 16th to March 27th in Ryan's class.

Faculty Handbook: (review: Pages 21-24) and (Leave of Absence: Pages 24-28)

Next Meeting:

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

Ryan 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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