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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

### **Entrust Your Fear and Doubting**

The new *Christian Worship* hymnal (2021) has now been released. The committee which prepared it decided that about 1/3 of the hymns in it would be new. However, not every hymn new to the hymnal is actually *new*. Some are rather quite old. For example, the hymn “Entrust Your Fear and Doubting” (#841) was written by Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676). It was in *The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941) under the title “Commit Whatever Grieves Thee” (#520). But it didn’t make the cut for *Christian Worship* (1993) and now has returned to this new hymnal with a fresh translation and paired once again with its original melody.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about this hymn is that it was written in German as an acrostic. The hymn is based on Psalm 37:5, and so Gerhardt made each stanza begin with next word of that verse. The initial words of the twelve stanzas “spell” out Psalm 37:5: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will do this.”

Entrust your fear and doubting and all that pains your life  
to him whose hand is guiding your way through storm and strife.  
He governs times and seasons in ways that none can see,  
so trust his hidden reasons, though dark your path may be.

Have faith in God’s vast mercy; consider all he’s done:  
his mighty acts in hist’ry, salvation he has won.  
when sorrows overwhelm you and self-tormenting care,  
your worry will not help you—approach his throne in prayer.

In vain the pow’rs of evil oppose the Lord’s designs;  
in all of life’s upheaval his promise ever shines.  
For God holds firm the ending, though now it seems unclear;  
his purpose is unbending, and thus you need not fear.

Take hope, O weary spirit, be strong and unafraid;  
God promises a respite for hearts that are dismayed.  
Your Savior's perfect timing is governed by his grace;  
the day is surely coming when joy will light your face.

These troubles that distress us, Lord, bring them to an end;  
with strength and courage bless us, your love to us commend,  
that we, till death accepting your hidden, loving ways,  
may then, new life attaining, give praise for endless days.

## **PIONEERS**

Pioneers kicked off the 2021-2022 season in September. Five participants engaged in activities and games to get to know each other better and have fun! We ended the afternoon with root beer floats. In October, we will be packing snacks for Marshall Food4Kids and hope to include our CLYF age kids as well. Watch the bulletin for the date and time.

## **CLYF GREENERY**

The CLYF will NOT be selling the Christmas greenery this year. Our supplier has had to significantly increase the price of all of their items due to labor shortages, transportation delays, and material shortages attributed to the drought and fires. Sorry for the inconvenience. We hope to offer it again next year.

## **HYMN FESTIVAL**

On Sunday afternoon, October 3 (4:00pm), we will be holding a hymn festival at Christ Lutheran. This special service will feature our new church organ (since its dedication took place while various restrictions were in place). It will also include a few hymns from the new Christian Worship hymnal which will be released this fall. We'll have organ, instruments, choir, and congregational singing. Come join us as we lift our voices in song and celebrate our heritage of hymnody in the Lutheran church.

## **AREA REFORMATION RALLY**

An area Reformation service will be held on Reformation Day, Sunday October 31 at 4:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wood Lake. A fellowship meal will be held following the service.



## SLS NEWS AND NOTES

It is hard to believe that we are already one month into our 2021-2022 school year. I am happy to announce that we have been able to start off this school year with in-person learning and back to policies, schedules, sports, etc. as we were before the pandemic began. All thanks and praise to God that we have been relatively healthy as a school and at the time of this writing haven't had any COVID cases or outbreaks this school year either. We pray that he keeps our school healthy this whole year. God has blessed our school with 48 students in Grades K-8 and 19 students in our Preschool at the start of the year. If you would like to come cheer on the Cougars in volleyball, you can find a schedule on our church/school website under the Resources Tab on the school page. 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 2. 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

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Rick Kobylnski—August 9, 2021

**Members Present:** Pastor Caauwe, Craig Heil, Dave Biastock, Brian Onken, Wes Hoflock, Kevin Lee, Mark Patzer, Ryan Oby, James Hartke, Adam Henning.

Began meeting immediately after voters meeting. Minutes from the July church council meeting were read by Craig H, accepted as presented.

**Pastor's Report:** See items under Old Business

**Board of Elders (Dave Biastock):** Membership changes  
OUT BY RELEASE – Richard Geske to Memorial LC Sioux Falls, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Patzer, motion passed unanimously  
OUT BY TRANSFER – Chloe Doble to Faith Lutheran Church – Fon du Lac, WI, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Henning, motion passed unanimously

**Financial Secretary (Brian Onken, Mark Patzer):** Reviewed July Numbers, report accepted as presented

**Treasurer (Kevin Lee):** Reviewed Financial Statement, accepted as presented

**Stewardship/Endowment (Geoff Stelter):** no report

### **Evangelism (Adam Henning):**

Pie Social September 12<sup>th</sup> with Sunday School Registration. Adam Henning will communicate with committee members & get signup sheet published. The Note Gallery Installation of new audio equipment – Adam Henning will propose to them August 16<sup>th</sup> at the earliest, otherwise August 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Adam Henning to request invoice so down payment can be applied. Sounds of Summer Parade: Adam Henning is out of town that weekend (23<sup>rd</sup>), discussed trying to put something together however it is relatively last minute. Mark Patzer to check if we are registered if someone wants to try and get something together. We for sure will want to participate in the SMSU parade.

**Board of Education (Ryan Obry/Lennis Kennedy – Lennis not present):** Ryan Obry asked if any committee is assigned landscaping duties, it was confirmed this is on a volunteer basis only. SMSU student returning for after school care (helps with end of day & closing so Lacey Timm and Melanie Werner do not have to). 16 total pre-k (after school care TBD). Facebook advertising generated ~3 more interested parties. Question/Comment was made whether we are watching costs vs revenue in order to avoid losses. Ryan Obry to discuss with Lacey Timm & Sara Zander to be sure they are watching this closely on a day to day basis. Lacey Timm is aware of the WELS requirements for pre-k certification. \$6,400 total cost for classes (as anticipated). Lacey Timm to pay this out of pocket (upside is increase in salary + benefits once certified). Renovation at School: Lights and carpeting complete. Bathrooms should be complete by August 16<sup>th</sup>. Asked about ADA compliance, it was determined that it is not needed as we did not previously meet requirements. Policies going into school year will be same as pre-COVID policies  
Enrollment: Kindergarten = 4, 1<sup>st</sup> grade = 5 or 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade = 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade = 8 or 9, 4<sup>th</sup> grade = 6, 5<sup>th</sup> grade = 3 or 4, 6<sup>th</sup> grade = 7, 7<sup>th</sup> grade = 7, 8<sup>th</sup> grade = 3, Total enrollment 48-51 students.

**Maintenance:** Parsonage estimated completion 8/13/21. Rental carpet has been stretched. Trees trimmed at school within capabilities of equipment Wes Hoflock had available. Snow guards at school – bid increased to \$3,835, did receive a couple of other bids (\$4,386 & \$3,330 from Campbell Construction). It was recommended to use rails vs clips by most contractors. Should be able to have completed by October. Motion made (Wes Hoflock) to place order with Campbell Construction to install snow rails at school for up to \$4,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Onken, motion passed unanimously. It was asked if we could carpet the platform in the entry to the gym floor. Mark Patzer said he would

look into it. Gate on fence between church and parsonage sagging, Wes Hoflock/Craig Heil to look at when mowing and repair as needed. Suggestion to re-finish pews at church due to fading from sanitizing discussed, decided it was not significant enough at this time to justify the work needed.

**Activities:** No report

**Worship:** WELS Connection – announce in next newsletter the link to the monthly videos. Need to confirm we are still subscribed. No official decision made if/when to start showing in church again. Radio broadcast started ~15 minutes late in recent week. We concluded it was simply an error at the station. No action required unless we see it happen again. Kevin Lee stated we have not been billed for ~3 months

**OLD BUSINESS:** Councilman on Duty for September: Craig Heil Hymn Festival (National Hymnal Week) – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4PM Kids singing; Choir to sing; Congregational Hymns; Organists (Ryan Obry to coordinate); Loose offering for organ fund Summer Music program recital: Combined with Wood Lake students on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1PM

Sunday School Updates: Roxanne Rieke/Ronda Kobylinski: Pre-k, Becky Swanson: 1-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Wendy Rubendall: 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade Tom Werner: 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Kristin Heil/Tricia Stelter/Heather Fischer: Substitutes

Signup Sept 12<sup>th</sup> (Education Sunday), Start September 19<sup>th</sup>

**NEW BUSINESS:** Next council meeting to remain on September 13<sup>th</sup>, however Pastor Caauwe will be at Pastor Conference so will not be able to attend. Gym Rental: OK to open up gym for rental. Suggested that Linda to contact City regarding Men's volleyball Jesus Cares Program: Me1lanie Werner provided a proposed 2021-2022 plan for Jesus Cares Ministry. Begin 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in September. Kick-off event such as a picnic/pizza party at school with congregation invited. Would like to have a JCM Sunday with Pastor Feldhus, holding a Worship at the Cross service. Would invite all JCM participants. Would like to have in place of regular worship service if possible, to maximize attendance. Would display media marketing materials with our own pictures, crafts, etc. Have our JCM participants play bells. Need to come up with date for this, sometime in October? Council had some concerns replacing only service on a Sunday with the WATC service, but supported the JCM Sunday and all other items proposed.

Bible study startup. Pastor Caauwe willing to do but need to consider schedule (Maybe a Thursday after Catechism ~7pm?) The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Submitted by Charles Hoflock—August 3, 2021

Attendees: Ryan Obry, Darik Lyons, Charlie Hoflock, Aaron Krenz, Pastor Caauwe.

Mr. Obry opened with Prayer and Devotion.

Preschool Report:

- Charlie Motioned to give Mrs. Timm Half Rate for after school care for the following

2021-2022 school year. Seconded by Darik. Further discussion. Motion Passed.

- Darik Motioned to give Pre-K \$100.00 dollars to spend for Facebook Advertising.

Seconded by Charlie, Further discussion, Motioned Passed.

- Carpet: Complete

- Flat Rate vs Hourly Rate: No updates.

- Summer Care: Staff is getting CPR training on 8-4-2021.

- Monday-14 total. Tuesday-10, Wednesday-13, Thursday-10, Friday-10. We have a total of 16 kids.

Minutes: Minutes were read, amended and approved.

Financial Report: Financial Report was read and approved.

Old Business:

- Staffing: All staff are updated and ready to start the following School Year!!!!

- Bathroom: Floors are complete, Lockers are set up, Waiting on dividers, sinks, and urinals.

- School Lighting: Complete.

- Back to School Night Activities: We will not be doing it this year.

- Home Visits: All scheduled.

- Storage Shed: reorganized

New Business:

- Darik Motioned to optional mask wearing for the 2021-2022 school year. Charlie

Seconded. Further discussion. Motioned Passed.

- Outdoor Basketball court: Remove the poles and clean up around the court.

- Replacing chairs in the building. Getting estimates.

- Westside School: We bought 32 student chairs for \$26.00.

- Janitor: C & C will continue to clean the school, but wants us to continue to look for a replacement when we can.

- Gym and Lunchroom: Looking for someone to wax both floors before the school year.

- Tom W. will take out old furnace for \$250.00 and dump it for us.

Closing- Pastor Caauwe.

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## **Worship Services**

**Sundays: 8:00 AM**

**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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