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From the **PASTOR**—

On the eve of All Saints Day, 1517 a young German monk of the Augustinian order posted ninety five points he wished to publicly debate on the local bulletin board...the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther was the name of this man whose name we now bear as Lutherans. Martin, though, never wanted to be the namesake for a denomination of the Christian church. In fact, when he nailed these theses to the church door he wished to start a debate that would lead to the correction of errors that had crept into the church and unite the church in true and pure doctrine as found in God's holy word. Though the church where Martin posted these topics for debate no longer stands, the evidence of his commitment to pure doctrine remains.

The very first of the ninety-five theses Luther penned stated that God wills for the entire life of a believer to be a life of repentance. What a powerful and important statement that is! As sinful creatures there is nothing more essential to our survival and well-being than repentance. There is nothing we could do to please God more than to simply repent of our sins and trust in his grace, mercy, and forgiveness. What a wonderful blessing it is that our Lord extends his forgiveness to us! He gave us his word to show us the path to forgiveness, sent his son to secure our forgiveness, and sent faithful preachers like Martin Luther to shepherd the church along that narrow path that leads to Christ and his forgiveness!

For 505 years now, Martin Luther's gospel filled and motivated preaching has been showing sinners their Savior. As the day approaches when we celebrate this important date that jumpstarted the Reformation let us give thanks to our Lord for sending faithful preachers like Luther, his fellow Reformers, and the millions of faithful preachers who have followed in their footsteps. But also, let us pray that God continues to send faithful

shepherds to serve his church for the next 500 years and beyond. The harvest fields are ready, may God continue to provide faithful workers!

That very important work of recruiting and training future pastors starts right here in local congregations like ours. As we look to the future and pray that faithful pastors be sent to serve congregations, let's not overlook our role in that process. You might ask what you could do? The ways in which you can help provide for the future of the church on earth are many! First of all, pray! Pray for families, that Christian parents raise their children in the ways of the Lord. Pray for our worker training schools—our synod's high schools, prep schools, colleges, and seminary. Perhaps most importantly, though, encourage the young men in our own congregation to consider whether they might be able to serve as a pastor someday. Encourage young children (boys and girls!) to attend Sunday school, let their light shine, and use their unique gifts to share the love of Jesus with their friends and families. Show them what an important job it is to share God's word as pastors and teachers and what a wonderful blessing it would be for them and everyone they would serve. The best recruiters for the future pastors and teachers the church will need are the members of local congregations. Your encouragement and prayers will pay dividends for generations to come just like 95 points to debate posted by a lowly German monk changed the church on earth—and even the course of world history!

Happy Reformation Month!

Pastor Herold

REFORMATION LECTURE

On Sunday, October 30, we will be hosting a special Reformation lecture at Samuel Lutheran School. Professor James Danell will be presenting at 4:00 in the afternoon. During his presentation there will be organized activities for children in the gym and a meal will be served following the presentation at 5:30 PM. All

members of Christ Lutheran Church are invited to attend. Invitations have also been extended to the members of St. John's in Wood Lake, Peace Lutheran Church in Echo, Zion Lutheran, Island Lake Township, and St. John's in Vesta.



REFORMATION
SUNDAY

PIONEERS

Pioneers started our season in September with the Marshall Fire Department. Lieutenant Cody McCoy taught us how to use the "PASS" method to use a fire extinguisher to put out a fire. After we talked about it, everyone got to practice the "PASS" method and put out a real fire! Lt. McCoy let everyone practice a few times – it was great! He also gave us a tour of the fire dept and all the trucks they have and he answered some questions we had. It was a great experience! Hopefully none of the kids will ever have to use a fire extinguisher, but they'll know how to if a situation comes up. Thank you to Lt. McCoy and the Marshall Fire Department.

In October we will enjoy God's creation with a hike at Camden State Park. We'll meet at the park entrance at 1pm on October 16th. Pray for nice weather and come and join us! Thank you to Mrs. Rieke for helping with this activity!



SLS NEWS AND NOTES

We are already one month into our 2022-2023 school year. God has blessed our school with 55 students in Grades K-8 to start the school year and 23 students in our Preschool. 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 or check out the schedule on the new school easel in the narthex at church. You can also find other school items on the easel at church such as the school and preschool newsletters, the school year calendar, and other school items as they come up throughout the year. The faculty is working on setting up a "Fall Into Reading" activity again this year for Preschool-2 grade students at the school on Tuesday, November 8 to help kick off our book fair which will run through the end of that week in connection with our 1st Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will be handing out invitations at the SMSU homecoming parade to the "Fall Into Reading" activity again this year. If you would like some cards to hand out to families in the community to invite them to this event, please let me know. 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 Obry

LADIES AID

Submitted by Teri Knutson—September 8, 2022

The September meeting included study of Joshua 24:14 and following verses. To live according to God's promises, the people were told they had to choose whom to worship; giving us this reminder: 'as for me and my family we will worship the Lord'.

History from the church centennial book included organization facts: Ladies Aide organized in 1913 and Mission Society in 1962. Ladies Aid is open to any lady in membership at Christ Luth. Everyone is considered a part of our group. Come and enjoy the fellowship. We have no dues. Cards were sent by Sue for August anniversaries: Brian & Linda Onken, Greg & Becky Lecy, Lonnie & Kathy Schultz; sympathy: Cindy Klumb remembering George, Merna Thomsen remembering her brother Anne Rockman has retired as funeral committee chairperson. Thank You, Anne! for all your years of caring for our members and their families. Kathy Paxton is stepping up to take the lead. Thank you, Kathy! Ribbons are on order for bookmarks in the new hymnals. Pastor offered ideas for assistance assembling them, his Friday confirmation class. Looking ahead to December for plans and ideas for our upcoming Christmas meal and gifting/sharing with shut-ins etc. We had soup/sandwich lunch, a cookie exchange and cookie boxes. Pastor closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer and table prayers. Anne R served a fabulous pumpkin pie dessert, peanuts and coffee. Serving in October are Mavis and Merna. Attendees included Anne R., Sue M., Rose W., Joyce V., Pastor Dan, Chauntae and Theo H., Teri K.

LWMS FALL RALLY

The LWMS Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 15th at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD. The guest speaker will be Joni Vaughn, CAMM Stateside Nurse Coordinator. She will share photos and information from the Central Africa Medical Mission. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 AM. A morning snack and lunch will be served. Please bring used Meditations, clean white cotton sheets, baby caps, bucket hats, sunbonnets, washable Covid masks, sunscreen.

MISSION SOCIETY

Submitted by Amy MacArthur—September 8, 2022

The September meeting began by singing CW 568, “Good News of God Above,” accompanied by Amy MacArthur. Pastor Herold led a devotion based on Joshua Chapter 24.

President Ellen Loe thanked Amy for playing the hymn and Pastor for the devotion. The business meeting began with the reading of the secretary’s report which was read and approved. The treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$137.00. The June offering was \$178.00 which resulted in an ending balance of \$315.00.

Tabitha, an attendee, gave a report on the National LWMS Convention which was held in June in Rochester, NY. LWMS dues will be increasing to \$95.00. The Fall Rally will be October 15th in Watertown, SD. A representative from the Central Africa Medical Mission will be speaking. Mite Box offerings will be collected at church on September 11th and 18th to send to the rally.

New business included the discussion of hosting a work cleanup day at church on November 5th inviting the Ladies Aid and congregational members to assist. The primary cleaning projects will be the basement floor and backroom.

Current officers are willing to continue in their roles so an election will not be held in November.

Pastor asked the group for willingness to decorate a Christmas tree for the annual Christmas event at the museum. Kathy Paxton will organize this with the assistance of Joyce Flock and the Sunday School.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord’s Prayer and common table prayer. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1st. Five members and Pastor Herold were present. Refreshments were served by Ellen Loe.

Pam joined us at the end of the meeting for refreshments.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Geoff Stelter—September 12, 2022

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

Opening Devotion and Prayer

Member Presentation: Tim Meyer - Long Range Planning Presentation Handout read discussed and accepted.

PASTOR’S REPORT: No report

BOARD REPORTS

Elders: See below in by transfer. Motion passed.

Please give an update on the Peter plan.

Financial Secretary: Report handed out at meeting read and accepted.

Treasurer: Report handed out at meeting read and accepted.

Stewardship: After the long-range plan is presented, Stewardship will be compiling a list of all the committees throughout the church to decide assignments. Discussed the long-range planning handout. Plan to do a time and talents sign up day for all members to participate in, to show where members can be asked to volunteer.

Evangelism: No report.

Education: Preschool - 23 students throughout the week; K:8, 1st:5, 2nd:7, 3rd:5, 4th:7, 5th:4, 6th:3, 7th:6, 8th:9, Total:55

Ellen Loe helping with grades 1-2 2 days/week, Cindi Klumb helping with K-2 when they combine each afternoon, Pam Ellingson tutors students in grades 3-5

Volleyball is in full swing - schedule is on the website

School Doors Update - \$36,376.84 raised so far (\$25,000 was from school gift fund)

1st Semester Chapel Mission Offering - Costa Maya Ministries

GPL Visit - Pastor Maertz leading chapel on September 14 and will have a presentation for parents in the school cafeteria from 6:00-7:00 that evening

Singing Schedule for Sunday School/School was handed out on 9/11. Sunday School teachers will get music to the students and Linda will be emailing parents with the songs a few weeks before we sing as well.

Tree Removal - board is looking to coordinate machinery/trailers to get dead trees off the property

Janitor - 2 pay rate options for Mary Abrahamson - vacuuming building each day

Pay hourly at \$15.50/hr which is in line with MN dept of wage stats for this area; or

Flat \$20 per school day. Motion and second to have Mary be paid hourly, motion passed

School needs to purchase their own commercial vacuum. I contacted Patzers. They don't carry commercial vacuums anymore, but did guide me to a company. Julie Lyons looked them over for me and gave me 2 options that she thinks would work. Vacuum price is just under \$300.

Should look at replacing the oven at school.

Maintenance: Painted the lower 20 windows at church. Garage behind church all painted. Fixed broken window on storage shed at Samuel. Discussed starting the snow removal sign up sheet again. We will be using volunteers again. New gutters installed at Samuel. Received a bid for concrete sidewalk work at church entrance area and settled sidewalk. Will look further into this.

Activities: Reformation Sunday: October 30th we will be hosting. Reformation Lecture and supper 4PM @ Samuel. Need to coordinate meal

Worship: Discussion about Thanksgiving Service: Night before at 7PM (nothing on Thanksgiving). Discussion about New Year's falls on Sunday, no New Year's Eve service planned will bring to the voters.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmen on duty next month are: 8:00 Wes 10:30 - Arlen

NEW BUSINESS

Constitution & By-laws review recommended. A few items we do not conform to in by-laws. What are we doing with the old hymnals? Introduce church leadership reorganization proposal (i.e. Jesus cares committee) e.g. Executive committee (6 members/chairs, Pastor, Principal)?

READING OF THE MINUTES – Review Minutes for publication in Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

IN BY TRANSFER – Joseph and Mary Abrahamson and confirmed children Stella, Donna, Inge from Faith Lutheran Church Clara City, MN – ELS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Tom Werner—September 6, 2022

Present: Tom Werner, LeRoy Affolter, Aaron Krenz, Mr Obyr, and Pastor Herold

Opening Devotion – Mr. Obyr. Christ Lutheran Church's mission statement: Sharing the Love of Jesus. Samuel Lutheran School's 2022-2023 school year theme: Courageous in Christ

Preschool Report - Staffing/Numbers (handout), Future operations, ASC, BSC

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed. There was nothing notable to report.

Old Business

Janitor - commercial vacuum. We will need to buy one soon.

- Pay Rate for Mary Abrahamson (hourly or flat amount)
- 2 options:
- -pay hourly at \$15.50/hr which is in line with MN dept of wage

stats for this area; or

○ -flat \$20 per school day.

Key Fobs/Door Locking Update. To date, we have raised \$36,376.84.

Tuition Assistance Fund - handouts; comments. We are ready to move forward.

Soccer/Coaches. There will be no soccer due to lack of interest.

Enrollment - K:9, 1st:5, 2nd:7, 3rd:5, 4th:7, 5th:4, 6th:3, 7th:6, 8th:9, Total:55

School Pictures. We will not be using lifetouch next year.

Consensus to use Boerboom Photography.

Dates/Activities - Principal/Ad Meeting (8/16), MVL In-service (8/17), Registration (8/18), Work Bee

(8/22), Faculty In-service (8/23-24), Open House (8/30), 1st day of school (9/6)

New Business

Dishwasher maintenance. The detergent is not flowing correctly.

Chapel Mission Offering - Costa Maya Ministries (1st semester)

Church Attendance. We will not be taking church attendance this year.

Title funds. Mr Obry discussed various title funds.

Christmas Eve Practice. Consensus to do one Saturday

Christmas Eve practice this year.

Veteran's Day Program - speaker suggestions? We will explore some ideas.

Tree Removal. Some dead pine trees need to be removed.

Calendar dates - 1) GPL bball tourney 3/4 & 3-8 sing in church

3/5 2) Mankato Softball Tournament 5/18

& Preschool-8 sing in church 5/18 (Ascension)

MAP Testing - October 17-November 4

Dates/Activities - Redwood Vball Tourney (9/10), 3-8 Sing in Church (9/11), GPLHS visit (9/14) Vball

@ PLS (9/20), Vball @ RF (9/22), Picture Day (9/26), Vball vs. Hutchinson (9/29), Panther for a Day (9/30),

SMSU Homecoming parade (10/1), Vball Triangular Home (10/1), 3-8 Sing in Church (10/2)

Sunday School - Welcome Home (Education) Sunday (9/11)

From the board:

LeRoy would like to see the chime system keyboard installed.

LeRoy would like to have the church/school decorate a tree at the museum. We will bring this item to some committees.

The minutes were approved for publication.

Closing – Pastor Herold Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 4, 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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