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From the **PASTOR**—

Living with Real Purpose

**We are God's workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus to do good works, which God
prepared in advance for us to do. —
Ephesians 2:10**

Your life matters. You are living for a reason. Your life has purpose. Without purpose, life is boring and meaningless; there is little sense of life's significance and value. Having a life filled with purpose is not just for the super-successful and highly important. God doesn't just look after famous people who have accomplished great feats or individuals who have been placed in high positions of leadership. He cares for everyone. From the macro to the micro level, he declared his love for the world. There is no doubt, he loves you and gives your life real purpose. He does all this, not because you are deserving, but purely by his grace.

God demonstrated his grace when he saved you through your Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus' perfect life counts for you. He suffered and died as your substitute. His rising from the grave means that you will also rise from the dead. And since he has saved you for all eternity—the greater thing—does he not also have great purpose for you in this life, the lesser thing? Yes! What is more, God says that he has created you to do what he has already planned for you. With every task and responsibility God has given your life purpose.

There is purpose in the mother who cares for her newborn and the father who teaches his son to double-knot his shoelaces. There is purpose in children who obey, just as there is purpose for the soldier who follows orders, the citizen who respects

leaders, and the employee who goes to work.

Even your average day has purpose, for God has equipped and called you for each task of life. He does not intend life to be mundane mediocrity. Life is not meant to be compartmentalized into significant and insignificant pieces. Instead, God wants you to see his purpose for you as the fiber seamlessly woven through fabric of every facet of your life.

You have important purpose in life. Primarily, it is to know God's love for you through Jesus. Motivated by his grace, you can willingly follow his lead through life and lovingly serve the people he brings into your life. That's living with real purpose!

COUNCIL CORNER

This month we here from Lyle Patzer from the Board of Stewardship.

What is Stewardship?

If you look it up in the dictionary, a common definition is "One who manages another's property, finances, or other affairs". Stewardship is now generally recognized as the acceptance or assignment of responsibility to shepherd and safeguard the valuables of others.¹

"Time, Talents and Treasures" is a phrase that is also often connected to Stewardship in the church. Here at Christ, we are blessed with a membership that seems to understand the importance of the 3 T's. Wherever you look you see members donating their Time and Talents on projects and within organizations around our church and school. If you look at our Church's current financial situation it is also very evident that the third "T", Treasures, is part of our daily lives as well.

There is one area where we at Christ may need a little bit of help and prayer, and that is Missions. WELS Missions helps spread the Word and Gospel around the country and the world to those who may not have daily access to these important parts of our lives. Here at Christ, we pledge a certain dollar amount each year to Synod Missions, and although we have been meeting our promise lately, there is always room for improvement.

"As Christians, we are Stewards of God's gracious and abundant blessings that he has given us. As Stewards of these blessings we are to live confident, joyful, generous lives in grateful reaction to those blessings in our daily lives and actions."²

¹ The Free dictionary (Farlex)

² 2016/06/30/in FIC News, Forward in Christ

PIONEERS

The Pioneer youth group will meet on Sunday, September 10th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Samuel Lutheran School. We will play a variety of outdoor games. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move the games indoors. Please come with a comfortable pair of tennis shoes and an appetite for some friendly competition and for some treats afterward. The Pioneer youth group is open to all non-confirmed members of Christ Lutheran Church in 1st grade through 8th grade.

CLYF

Attention all high school aged youth of the congregation!! Our first meeting of the new school year will be on Sunday, September 17th from 5:30-7:00 PM. We have a number of important and exciting things to talk about – like the upcoming WELS International Youth Rally this coming summer. We also want to plan a few outings with the other area WELS youth. So see you at Samuel school on the 17th! We will be making “build your own Pizza’s” for supper. Everything will be provided – just show up!

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

A reminder that Sunday and Monday, September 3rd and 4th are the last summer schedule days. On Sunday, September 10th we go back to worship at 8 and 10:30.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION MEETING

Parents and students of ALL confirmation aged children are reminded of the special meeting we have on Wednesday, September 6th from 7-8 PM at Samuel in the fellowship hall. Again, this is for ALL students and parents. See you there!

CHOIR

Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 20th. Practices will be every Wednesday at 7:30 PM at church. All are welcomed to join us as we begin another year of singing praises to our Lord.



EDUCATION SUNDAY

Education Sunday is an opportunity for us to thank God for all the blessings he gives us via the educational agencies of the church. It is also the day that we register our children for Sunday school. No matter what age you are we need to keep learning. And what could be better and more important than learning more about God. That is why we will be having Sunday School for children 3 years old (by September 1) through 6th grade, Teen Bible study for 7-12 graders and Adult Bible study for those older. We hope and pray that by offering a Teen Bible study more kids that age will take advantage of this time to learn. Don't forget that Sunday School registration is on Sunday, September 10th between services.

HELP

We are still in need of some people to help with Sunday School as teachers and helpers. Maybe some of our young teens would like to help once in a while. If you are not going to the Teen Bible study (7th-12th grade) maybe you would like to help with the younger kids? Talk to Mrs. Kotecki if you are interested. MUSIC – We are also looking for someone who would be willing to help with our music at Sunday School. We want to divide into two groups but we need help!! Interested – speak to Pastor or Mrs. Kotecki.

CLGO

The 19th annual Christ Lutheran Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, September 17 with the first group address the ball at 1:00 PM. The fun but sometimes challenging Savannah Oaks golf course will again be the location for the fun filled fellowship festivity. Remember, it is a four person best ball scramble so you don't have to be a good golfer you just have to like to have fun! It is open to any confirmed member of Christ so you younger swingers can get involved too. Even if you don't want to golf you can join us afterwards at a local establishment for supper. Watch for more details and a sing up sheet at church very soon.



COFFEE HOURS

Our Sunday morning coffee hours continue to be very popular with those who are able to attend. Normally those coffee hours are held on the 1st and 3rd, and when they occur, 5th Sundays of the month. We will start on Sunday, September 17th.

Most of you know that these events are hosted by various groups and organizations within the congregation. So there are only so many that can be called upon to host. That means that some people, who are in various groups, are called upon often to host. What can we do to alleviate this problem? We are asking that families or a group of families pick a week to host. What does it involve? Well we usually have about 10 - 12 dozen treats, 2 gallons of juice and make about 30 cups of coffee. Coffee and paper products are provided by the church. If you might be willing to host a week or two, please contact the church office so we can schedule you in. Thanks!



CHRISTIAN LOVE

As Christians we will always strive to reflect the love of Christ in all we say and do and in how we talk and deal with fellow Christians. We will always strive to encourage and build one another up in love. If you have any questions or concerns about matters at your church and school please be sure to share them with Pastor or any elected member of the Council, Elders or Board of Education. All would welcome hearing from you. May God continue to bless and build up the body of Christ here at Christ.

JESUS CARES MINISTRY

Jesus Cares Ministry starts their school year on Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 PM. Each time we meet we provide a lesson, songs, and craft centered around one Bible story for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Can't wait to see you there!

ARCHIVING PROJECT

We are looking for a couple of people who would be interested in helping to archive our church confirmation pictures. The project involves scanning and putting the pictures in photo albums. We anticipate doing the project over a couple of evenings. If you would like to help please speak to Jennifer Schreiner. Thanks!

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

School will be starting for the 2017-18 school year on Tuesday, September 5. We will begin our year as we do each year, with an opening service in the gym at 8:25 am. Please come and join us after you drop off your children. We want to welcome Miss Kali Gross as our Pre-K teacher and Director apprentice. (What this means is that since she was an MLC graduate she is not going to take on all her duties right away. She will meet with a mentor (from another school) on a regular basis to help train her. She will gradually work into all duties as director) The teachers are looking forward to all the smiling faces that will enter the school doors on Tuesday. Even the teachers will be smiling, as they have been working in their rooms for weeks and now they can't wait for the students to come and start learning for the new school year. Volleyball starts the first week with practices from 3:30-5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. The girls will have their first "fun" tournament at Redwood Falls on Saturday, September 9. Education Sunday is September 10. On that Sunday, your children will be able to sign up for Sunday School classes and have some refreshments in the church basement. Sunday school classes will begin on Sunday, September 17.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—July 10, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, John Festerling, Mark Patzer, Perry Schultz, Geoff Stelter, Lyle Patzer, Tom Werner, Wes Hoflock, Karl Baumann, Lucas Tietz.

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the June board meeting were read, modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers are in recess. CYLF- The boundary waters trip went well. A total of 8 kids and 4 chaperones went.

Vacancy at St. John's Wood Lake- We thought communion went well with the temporary format to save some time for the Pastor to travel.

Summer music program update- VBS is July 24th-28th. The worship in the park and picnic is July 30th. A motion was made and 2nd to give a thank you gift of 250.00 to Ellen Loe for room and board. This was approved.

Pastor will be gone on Sunday July 16th and Monday July 17th. Tom Werner will open the church on Sunday and Perry Shultz will open the church on Monday.

The fence is all up at the parsonage thanks to Earl Weiring and Gordy Timmerman. Looks very nice. The September council meeting will be on September 18th due to the pastor conference.

The Voters meeting will be on July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. The Sunday school offerings for 2016-2017 will go to International Student Financial Aid fund at MLC

Might have a balloon launch with S.S. information attached, possibly for sounds of summer on Sunday August 20th.

Kali Gross installation will be on Sunday August 13th, with a coffee hour following the service.

Studio 1: Changes in the format and sound system concerns, we might need to upgrade,

Looking to scan all confirmation pictures and making an album.

Landscaping at the church and school-Bushes were taken out at the school and new ones in place. The old bushes at the church were taken out, it looks good.

Kathy Paxton is using some of Johns memorial for new alter covers.

Board of Elders:

Membership changes- In by transfer, Kali Gross from Zion LC,

Hartland, WI

Financial Secretary:

Report given and accepted

Treasurer:

Report given and accepted

Stewardship/Endowment:

No report

Evangelism:

The new member pie social was a good turn out

Education:

Registration for school will be July 25th. They are getting bids for the school floors to get redone, the will meet on July 11th

Maintenance:

Looking into a date for tree removal and trimming at the school and rental.

Activities:

Will need help loading the van on July 30th at 5:30 for the park service and picnic. Set up will be Sunday at 7:30 a,m,

Worship:

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Council Corner writer next month is Craig Heil

Councilmen on duty next month for ushering is Mark Patzer

We have two tuck pointing bids- Depyper masonry for 6000.00 and Mid Continental Restoration for 25000.00

No update on the chair situation

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating committee- Lyle Patzer, Geoff Stelter, Dave Biastock (BPE) 2nd term; Arlen Meyer, Tom Werner, (Charles Hoflock spot filled by Mike Prah) 1st term

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by David Biastock—July 11, 2017

Attendees:

Pastor Schreiner, Darik Lyons, Mr. John Festerling, Mike Prah, Kali Gross, Jane Grobe, and Dave Biastock

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Early Childhood Update:

Miss Kali Gross was introduced to the board along with her mentor Mrs. Jane Grobe.

Mrs. Grobe reviewed various mentoring items, roles and responsibilities, and planned meeting schedules.

Miss Gross's initial focus is to insure staff is up to date with training, compliance with files, and ensure correction order citations from our last license review have been fully addressed as we are due for our next license review this fall.

Motion by Darik to spend up to \$300 from the Misc fund to hire Health Care of Early Childhood to do a pre-inspection as recommended by our EC mentor. Seconded by Dave. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections from the June 6 meeting.

Financial – Treasurer Reports:

Darik reviewed financial activities for June along with current account balances.

Outstanding balances – 4 families with outstanding balances from the just completed school year. Mr. Festerling continues to work with the families. Craig to follow up with the one family that he has had prior conversations.

Tuition assistance for non-church member family – inquiry from a prospective family asking if we could provide some financial assistance if they sent their children to our school. Since we currently have minimal money in our tuition assistance fund which is designated to help member families, there is no funds currently available to help. This might be something to consider in the future.

Old Business:

Before school arrival – decision is to move forward with a 7:30 start time due to the low number of families arriving between 7 and 7:30. Mr. Festerling will contact affected families to inform them of the new start time for the EC center.

Sportsmanship policy – tabled due to 2 board members not present.

School security/doors – no update.

Floor waxing – C&C Janitorial submitted a bid of \$350 with \$350 of donated labor.

Lunch Report:

Freezers – we have been experiencing sporadic issues with a couple of freezers.

Hot water heater – hot water heater which is primarily used for the kitchen area is starting to go out and not providing adequate hot water. Will look into cost to replace.

Summer lunch – questions raised on small portions of food

served for summer lunches and limited hot lunch meals compared to last summer. Also cook's summer hours were discussed especially given the fact that it appears less meal prep time is being spent.

Pastor/Teacher Reports:

CLYF – 8 youth and 4 chaperones had a great time on their BWCA outing.

Pioneers – no update.

Laptops/tablets – firewall-security up for renewal. Cost is \$384 for 2 years plus \$20 per year per computer running on the server. Additional student laptops cost is \$469 each. Up to 5 additional laptops will be needed. Mr. Festerling will finalize the number needed.

Testing program – we will be using NWEA online testing program which is the same testing program used by Marshall Public Schools. Cost is \$15 per student plus \$200 admin fee. This is a little cheaper than what we have been paying in the past.

Paxton memorial – memorial will be given by the school in honor of John Paxton. Memorial will be designed for the school library.

Landscaping – the landscaping around the school sign was redone by volunteers.

Upcoming Activities:

July 24-28 – VBS, July 25 – school registration from 11-12:30 and 4:30-6:30, July 28-29 – floor waxing, August 13 – Miss Gross installation.

From the Board:

No new items.

Next meeting – August 15 at 7:00 pm

Pastor closed the meeting with the Benediction.

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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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