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From the **PASTOR**—

God's Encouraging Word ... when I'm worried

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Peter 5:7

Erma Bombeck once told about Donald. Donald was worrying about going to school. Here is how he expressed his anxieties: "My name is Donald. I don't know anything. I have new underwear...a loose tooth...and I didn't sleep last night because I'm worried. What if a bell rings and a man yells, 'Where do you belong?' and I don't know? What if the trays in the cafeteria are too tall for me to reach? What if my loose tooth comes out when we have our heads down and are supposed to be quiet? Am I supposed to bleed quietly? What if I splash water on my name-tag and my name disappears and no one knows who I am?"

Worry about big things and little. Worry about the future. Worry about the past. Worry about your finances...your family...your marriage. What is it that transforms normal basic human concern into worry? Just this: the gut-level urge to assume the worst in every possible outcome. Worry seems to have set up shop in most hearts. It never leaves and continues to send out reports about how things are going. Its reports always paint the darkest pictures and project the worst.

You are literally worrying yourself sick over some situation over which you have no control. How can you shut down the shop of worry? What can be said to help you lighten your load today? First, you need to understand that worry is not based on an outer circumstance...but on an inner condition. Worry comes not from what is happening to you on the outside...but from how you process it on the inside.

Shutdown worry by living in the present. **“Cast all your anxiety on him.”** You aren’t God. You don’t know the future. You may be worrying about something that will never happen. You may be worrying about something that will resolve itself. Focus simply on today. Are you healthy this moment? Do you have enough to live on this moment? Are your children well this moment? Try not to anticipate what may never occur.

Here is the key. **“Cast your anxiety on him...because he cares for you.”** Shutdown the office of worry remembering Jesus cares for you. How can you trust his care? The righteousness that he wove in his perfect life...colored with his blood from the cross...was guaranteed to you the moment he rose victorious over death. Like all people, you have failed so many times and so many ways to be who God wants you to be. You could worry every minute of every day over your guilt! But Jesus wants you to remember his righteousness! That forgiveness and peace with God that you were given through Jesus’ death and resurrection! You are forgiven! At peace with God! Going to heaven! Focus on this foremost thought: Jesus cares for you.

PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings: On Saturday, August 11, 2018 Justin Vanderwerf and Tiffany Johnson were united in marriage before God’s altar. On Saturday, August 18, 2018 Abigail Biastock and Logan George were united in marriage before God’s altar. We wish these young couples God’s richest blessings.

CLYF

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Sunday, September 16 starting at 4:00 PM after the Packers Viking game. We will meet at Justice Park to help with the Christ Cyclers event. If you have a bike you will be asked to ride the trail and be sure that all the kids are staying safe as well as offer assistance if needed. You will be the ones in bright neon vests so wear your sun glasses so you don’t go blind. If you don’t have a bike or don’t want to ride you can stay at the park and help prepare the snack and drinks for when the riders return. After that, you role models, will help supervise the youngsters on the playground. Yes, they do look up to you not just because you are taller. You will receive an email about this with more information. We thank the CLYF in advance for helping this event be a great success!!

COUNCIL CORNER

Stewardship is focused on Times, Talents, and Treasures. Each of us offers something unique that they can bring forward for the betterment of Christ Lutheran. For some it is time teaching Sunday School, for others it is the talent they bring in singing in the choir, and yet for others it is the treasures that they have gathered. Each of these things provides a vital piece to the Stewardship puzzle here at Christ, and without one, the puzzle is not complete. It takes all 3 to be successful stewards through Christ. One area that we, as a Stewardship board, always focus on at Christ is the financial aspect of being good stewards, and we are focused on ensuring that we offer everything that we can to make sure that members can be good financial stewards. One of the things that we highlight on is electronic offerings, or e-offering. This option is available through our website and can be used by anyone. It allows you to donate electronically, either one time, or on reoccurring instances. This is a feature that makes it easy to donate, as the money goes directly out of your account and into the church account. More information on it can be found on the Christ Lutheran website under the Church page. A reminder to those who are using this means to give, you need to reenroll as the system has been updated. Being a good steward doesn't just stop at giving financially, it involves so much more. If you're interested in volunteering your time or talents, reach out to myself or Pastor and we can help you put your time and talents to use!

God bless, Luke Tietz, Stewardship Committee Chairman

CLGO

We had 20 golfers casually carting around the Cottonwood Country Club Course on Sunday, August 19th. God blessed us with a warm and humid day but the rain held off until after the event. The festivities continued as we enjoyed the company of some who did not golf but joined us for a meal at the Varsity Pub. It wasn't all fun and games as the golfers raised \$174 "four" our summer music program with their Mulligans for Music fund raiser. Thanks to those who organized and came out for this event.



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 9th between services.

CHRIST CYCLERS

We hope many of you will join us on Sunday, September 16th for our first **Christ Cyclers** ride. Plan is to meet at Justice Park, get on the bike trail there, and peddle our way down toward SMSU, under highway 23, around the Red Barron Arena and the pond and back to Justice for a snack. Total distance if you go all the way on the route is about 7 miles. If you decide not to go all the way you can turn around anytime or at a couple different spots that would offer you a 3.6 mile or 5 mile trek.



This event is open to **any member or friend of Christ any age**. We think this will be a fun family event so plan to attend. We will start at 4:00 after the Packer Viking game is over. Maybe wear your green or purple pride or Christ or Samuel attire?!? The park offers playground equipment for the younger kids and places for adults to congregate and fellowship. We are asking the youth of our CLYF to help orchestrate the event and make sure the younger riders stay safe.

Entry fee is one bag of some type of "snack" food like chips, pretzels, popcorn, M&M's, etc. that we will dump together to make a delicious treat! We will have water and juice available for all. If you don't want to ride come out to cheer on the riders or just enjoy the day. Hope to see you on the 16th!

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

A reminder that Sunday and Monday, September 2nd and 3rd are the last summer schedule days. On Sunday, September 9th 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 5th from 7-8 PM at Samuel in the fellowship hall. Again, this is for ALL students and parents. See you there!

ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Our church will offer a presentation that provides information that families and friends will want to know as they care for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease. The event entitled: *"It's Alzheimer's—It's Time for Extraordinary Love*, will be held in the church basement on Saturday, September 29 from 9–noon. Pastor Curt Seefeldt, Director of Church Relations for The Lutheran Home Association will facilitate discussion on Alzheimer's diagnosis, treatment options, answers to spiritual questions and family care. Participants will leave with a better understanding of how to provide emotional and spiritual support to all who are affected by the disease. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rev. Curt Seefeldt has written *"It's Alzheimer's—It's Time for Extraordinary Love*, published by The Lutheran Home Association (TLHA). Written in everyday language, this booklet provides useful tips to help individuals understand how the disease progresses, how family and friends can provide quality care, how to approach the necessary legal and financial adjustments and reassurance from God's Word.

Watch for more information on this event in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

JESUS CARES MINISTRY

Jesus Cares Ministry starts their school year on Thursday, September 6th 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!

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

School will be starting for the 2018-2019 school year on Tuesday, September 4. We will begin our year, as we do each year, with an opening service in the gym at 8:30 am. Please come and join us after you drop off your children. We want to welcome Mr. Ryan Obry as our new principal and 6-8 grade teacher. He comes to us from Hoskins, NE where he was serving as the principal and 3-8 grade teacher for the past 7 years. The teachers are looking forward to all the smiling faces that will enter the school doors on Tuesday ready for another school year of fun and learning. Volleyball starts the first week with practices from 3:30-5:00 on Tuesday and Thursday. The girls will have their first "fun" tournament at Redwood Falls on Saturday, September 8. Education Sunday is September 9. 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 16.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Wes Hoflock—July 9, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Schreiner, Ryan Obry, Mark Patzer, Tom Werner, Craig Heil, Wes Hoflock, Tom Vanderwerf, Karl Baumann, Rick Kobylinski

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the board meeting were read modified and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pioneers and CLYF- Pioneers off for the summer, The CLYF went to Valleyfair, there were a total of 14 youth and 2 chaperon. Had a fun time.

Summer music- Fun nights are going well. VBS will be July 23rd-27th.

Our worship and picnic will be July 29th at the park. There was a motion made to give Ellen Loe a gift for room and board for Raquel Freeze, it was 2nd and passed. There was a motion made to continue the summer music program in 2019, it was 2nd and passed.

Soccer camp- Started July 9th with 40 campers and a lot of helpers.

Voters meeting date- will be July 22nd.

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

Vacation- Pastor will be on vacation July 13th-18th. We will have guest pastors on Sunday and Monday.

September council meeting- Will be on September 17th due to the pastor's conference.

Alzheimer's seminar presentation and The Lutheran Home Association TLHA Sunday the weekend of September 29th & 30th, 2018. Presenter will be Rev. Curt Seefeldt

Board of Elders: Membership changes:

In By Transfer- Ryan & Chelsie Oby (Linnea & Trey) from Trinity LC Hoskins, NE-WELS

A motion was made for this transfer, it was 2nd and passed.

Out By transfer- Jeremy & Katie Hoflock to King of Grace LC Golden Valley, MN- ELS. A motion was made for this transfer, 2nd and passed.

Financial Secretary: The e-giving problem is being worked on.

Treasurer: Report was given and accepted

Stewardship/Endowment: No report

Evangelism: Invitations went out for bringing a friend to the church picnic.

Education: Report given and accepted

Maintenance: Waiting for the flushers to be installed in the boys bathroom at Samuel. There will some taping and texturing done at the parsonage.

Activities: Loading for the church picnic will be on July 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Worship: Monday night services are going well, very well attended

OLD BUSINESS: Newsletter writer next month is Craig Heil BPE. Councilmen on Duty for ushering in August will be Mark Patzer.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominating committee- Mark Patzer, Tom Vanderwerf, Dan Herrmann, Craig Heil (2nd Term) BPE Nick Noble. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Nick Noble—July 10, 2018

Attendees: Mr. Ryan Obry, Mrs. Nicole Kotecki, Miss Gross, Nicholas Noble, Mike Prah, Craig Heil, Pastor Schreiner, Justin Schultz, Darik Lyons.

Mr. Obry 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.

EC Update: Mr. Obry had brought up a list of requests or requirements that would like to be seen as a student moves into kindergarten. Miss Gross stated she has a different curriculum than what the previous kindergarten teacher used for assessment. Miss Gross stressed that she was not concerned with any of the assessments that came back at the end of the year. She stated she really has no concerns with any students moving on to kindergarten but did talk with one family where she had little concerns. Miss Gross said she gives the assessment twice a year and all students showed a great deal of improvement with the second assessment and this really excites her. Miss Gross also gave a better explanation of Play Base Learning and how she uses this in the classroom. She explained that the kids are not just playing with toys. It is a fun interaction between her and the students that is built into the lessons.

We have licensing coming up for the ECC. It has been reported that all corrective actions have been completed and corrected. The state will be here within 3 months for the licensing review.

Mrs. Kotecki shared how she plans to work out teaching now K-2 grades. The first big change that will be noticed besides adding a grade to her classroom is her classroom is now going to be moved into the old kindergarten room. Mrs. Werner will be present as a Teacher's Aide from 9-2 every day. However she will be in the building all day long helping in other areas also if needed. She will be working exclusively with the kindergarten grade students during Math and Language Arts. In addition, Mrs. Werner will also be giving every single student one on one time. The current numbers for the 2018-2019

K-2 are as follows Kindergarten- 8 students, 1st- 8 students, and 2nd – 4 students.

Minutes: No formal minutes shared since Secretary Noble was absent. Pastor went over his notes that he had written down

Financial – Treasurer Reports:

Darik reviewed financial activity for the month along with the current balances.

AED machine has been purchased.

Old Business:

Gym Mats—we are going to review over the order again before making final purchase. Tile Floors throughout the school will be cleaned the last week of August. Yoga machines are on back-order. AED- now that the machine has been purchased, we need to decide on best placement. Blinds in the K room, requested that are to be taken down.

Lunch Report:

New Convection Oven has arrived, still waiting for it to be installed. There is a freezer that is out and we are waiting to see what is wrong with it.

New Business:

Mr. Oby talked about Powerschool. It is an online program for students, teachers and parents. It is an online program to view grades, register online, send messages to parents, send emergency texts to parents, invoices for balances as well as paying online is an option. The cost is \$18.50 per student for a total of \$1,202.50. Motion made by Nick to accept this program and move forward with purchase using funds from technology, motion 2nd by Justin. Full Implementation of Powerschool to be determined. Mr Oby will be working up a new handbook for K-8 faculty, pre-school faculty as well as Board of Education Board Members. Mr. Oby mentioned that that 2018-19 school year theme is still being worked on.

BUDGET ITEMS:

Tables for the new K-2 classroom. Requesting 4 snowflake tables at \$150 per table with shipping, total came to \$680.25. Motion made by Darik, 2nd by Justin to move forward with purchase. Books for faculty: There is continuing Education Funds allowed for each teacher. Mr. Oby has a book in mind that he would like to purchase for all teachers to use during meetings. He stated there are a lot of great team building materials in the book. Darik said fund in Misc. can be used for this type of book purchase. Darik made the motion to pay for the first faculty book, and 2nd by Nick.

Pastor/Teacher Reports:

Really looking for families to step up and help out with taking

over Pioneers. This does not have to be just one family. It can be a joint effort thing.

From the Board:

Justin mentioned that it would be nice if we could look into changing the date of the Christmas concert as it is always on the same night as Great Plains.

Band was brought up. Nothing is lined up for a teacher, it was recommended that maybe there is something the college could help out with.

Pay structure for Melanie was discussed.

Justin mentioned that Great Plains offers an outstanding Track and Field Day. He stated they offer a lot more activities than what is currently being offered at Sleepy Eye. Pastor expressed concern with if Samuel pulls out, that is one less school at Sleepy Eye and makes it harder and harder for them to have a full competition. We do not want the entire track and field day to end as a result of this.

Justin questioned if Mrs. Kotecki's pay will be increasing since we are adding to her job duties, more than what she was initially called for. Pastor stated that calls and duties change all the time and there are not always salary changes.

Justin and Pastor also mentioned about the storage closet in the preschool room needs to be cleaned out. It is so full that you cannot even get into it. Then it was mentioned that there are a lot of storage areas that need to be cleaned out and stuff thrown away.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Aug 7th, 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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