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From the **PASTOR**—

As another school year is about to begin, allow me to share some selections from the Preface to Luther's Large Catechism. Christian Catechesis, which is learning and growing in the faith, is not something that takes place only when we are children. Catechesis is the lifelong endeavor of every Christian.

“But for myself I say this: I am also a doctor and preacher; yes, as learned and experienced as all the people who have such assumptions and contentment. Yet I act as a child who is being taught the catechism. Every morning—and whenever I have time—I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Psalms, and such. I must still read and study them daily. Yet I cannot master the catechism as I wish. But I must remain a child and pupil of the catechism, and am glad to remain so.”

“Besides, catechism study is a most effective help against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts. It helps to be occupied with God's Word, to speak it, and meditate on it, just as the first Psalm declares people blessed who meditate on God's Law day and night. Certainly you will not release a stronger incense or other repellant against the devil than to be engaged by God's commandments and words, and speak, sing, or think them. For this is indeed the true “holy water” and “holy sign” from which the devil runs and by which he may be driven away.

Now, for this reason alone you ought gladly to read, speak, think, and use these things, even if you had no other profit and fruit from them than driving away the devil and evil thoughts by doing so. For he cannot hear or endure God's Word.”

“If these reasons were not enough to move us to read the catechism daily, we should feel bound well enough by God's command alone. He solemnly commands in Deuteronomy 6:6–8

that we should always meditate on His precepts, sitting, walking, standing, lying down, and rising. We should have them before our eyes and in our hands as a constant mark and sign. Clearly He did not solemnly require and command this without a purpose. For He knows our danger and need, as well as the constant and furious assaults and temptations of devils. He wants to warn, equip, and preserve us against them, as with a good armor against their fiery darts and with good medicine against their evil infection and temptation.

Oh, what mad, senseless fools are we! While we must ever live and dwell among such mighty enemies as the devils, we still despise our weapons and defense, and we are too lazy to look at or think of them!

What else are such proud, arrogant saints doing who are unwilling to read and study the catechism daily? They think they are much more learned than God Himself with all His saints, angels, prophets, apostles, and all Christians. God Himself is not ashamed to teach these things daily. He knows nothing better to teach. He always keeps teaching the same thing and does not take up anything new or different. All the saints know nothing better or different to learn and cannot finish learning this. Are we not the finest of all fellows to imagine that if we have once read or heard the catechism, we know it all and have no further need to read and learn? Can we finish learning in one hour what God Himself cannot finish teaching? He is engaged in teaching this from the beginning to the end of the world. All prophets, together with all saints, have been busy learning it, have ever remained students, and must continue to be students.”

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

This fall I would like to offer an opportunity for adult Bible study, an opportunity for this ongoing catechesis. It seems best to hold a weekly study on the same evening when I come to Marshall for our public school catechism class. That will probably be **Thursday evening**, but the time has not yet been set. Watch the church bulletin for details.

I would like to start by looking at the Augsburg Confession, the first and chief confession of the Lutheran Church. We'll learn some of our history along the way, but this study will draw us into the Scriptures as we cover the most basic tenets of the Christian faith.

—Pastor Caauwe

PIONEERS

The Pioneers program at Christ is open to all congregational children in first through the eighth grade. We meet monthly for a fun learning experience. Join us Sunday, September 12th from 1-3. Watch your bulletin for more details.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

We are happy to announce that we will be starting up Sunday School for children 3 years old (by September 1) through 8th grade. Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 19 and run through the end of the school year. Registration for Sunday School will be Sunday, September 12. If you have any questions, please contact our Church's President, Mr. Craig Heil, or Mr. Obry.

PIE SOCIAL

We hope you will plan to join us for a pie social after service on September 12th, to be held in conjunction with Sunday School Registration in the church basement. A sign-up sheet to donate pies is on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.

SOUND/VIDEO SYSTEM UPGRADES

Given the events of this past 1-1/2 years or so, we have seen the importance of our ability to stream/broadcast our services. In an effort to improve the quality and reliability of this technology, the voters at Christ Lutheran recently approved funds to upgrade the audio and video equipment. You may have already noticed the congregational microphones hanging from the ceiling in church (hopefully not, the goal was to make them blend in as much as possible, but I guess you will now!). These will allow the viewers/listeners to better hear the singing and organ playing. In the balcony, we already have installed new sound equipment that will greatly improve the sound quality. The final phase of this upgrade (to be installed in the next few weeks) will include 2 new video cameras, which will allow for full coverage of the front of the church. All of this will not only greatly improve sound and video quality, but also establish a more reliable system as well as make it easier for an individual to run all of the equipment on their own. Please be patient as we work to finalize the remaining equipment, as while we will do everything within our power to avoid any disruptions, technology can sometimes get the better of us!

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.

CHOIR

“Sing a new song to the Lord!” What a blessing and privilege it has been to return to worship the Lord at Christ! As confirmed members, please, consider singing with the choir September through May. The choir usually sings one to two times a month during the school year. If you are interested in joining, but are available for only part of the year, you are welcome to share your talents during that time and take the rest of the time off. A sign-up sheet will be on the table by the bulletin board, so that you can be contacted by call or text. Practices begin Wednesday, September 15 at 7:30 PM in preparation for the hymn festival! We look forward to seeing you then!

JESUS CARES MINISTRY

Brothers and sisters in Christ, beloved children of our Heavenly Father,— did you know that you participate in a ministry for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities right here at Christ Ev. Lutheran Church? Through your prayers, offerings, time, and talents God allows you to participate in sharing the good news of salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with more of his beloved children at Jesus Cares Ministry.

You are invited to a pizza and salad supper which will kick-off the in-person Jesus Cares year in the church basement on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 at 5:45 P.M. After supper, everyone will head up to the sanctuary for devotion, Bible lesson and songs. What a wonderful opportunity for you to come see and hear what really happens at Jesus Cares! As your RSVP, and so we know how much pizza to order, please, give your positive response on the sign up sheet by the bulletin board in the entry way of church. Anyone of any age is welcome! See you there!

SLS NEWS AND NOTES

School will be starting for the 2021-2022 school year on Tuesday, September 7. We will begin our year with an opening service in the gym at 8:30 am. Please come and join us after you drop off your children. A reminder that we will be mask optional this year in school, and we are going back to our non-pandemic school policies. This does mean that we are not limiting visitors in school, but do ask that you enter through the doors that lead up to the church and school offices and check in with Mrs. Onken in the office. We are also planning on having our regular activities throughout the year so be on the lookout in upcoming newsletters and bulletins for those opportunities to see our students use their God-given abilities. Volleyball starts the first week with practices from 3:30-5:00 on Mondays and from 3:00-4:30 on Wednesdays this year. The girls will have their first “fun” tournament at Redwood Falls on Saturday, September 11. You can find their full schedule of games on the church/school website under the resources tab on the school page. Education Sunday is September 12. 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 19. I would like to thank all of our church members who have volunteered to teach or help with Sunday School this year. Finally, I would like to thank my staff for all of the hard work and preparation they have been doing to be ready for the new school year. The teachers, preschool aides, secretary, nurse, and music teachers have all been working together to get everything ready for our students to come back and we're excited to get back to all the normal activities that we usually have during the year. Please continue to keep Samuel in your prayers and may God bless us in our new school year. In Christ, Mr. Obry



CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Rick Kobylinski—July 12, 2021

Members present: Pastor Caauwe, Craig Heil, Wes Hoflock, Rick Kobylinski, Geoff Stelter, Ryan Obry, Adam Henning, Kevin Lee, Dave Biastock, Mark Patzer, Brian Onken
Pastor opened with devotion and prayer
Minutes from June were read, amended and approved

Pastor's report

Summer music going well, she is working on putting together a recital mid August

Call meeting next Sunday, have documents ready to mail Monday August 8th Pastor Caauwe has a family reunion in the twin cities and is looking for guest pastor for Masrshall and Wood Lake

Discussion on pastoral calls

Board of Elders

Membership changes

IN BY AFFIRMATION - Travis Frederiksen as motion from board of elders and second by Mark Patzer, motion passes

Financial Secretary

Everything in good status, report accepted as presented

Discussion on renters and payments

Treasurer

Reviewed Treasurer's report, accepted as presented

Highlighted areas: June transfer from school, increases in mutual and endowment investment funds, media fund up, funds coming in for organ, no major June expenses, ECC budget sitting good
Payroll set up for Lacey, July payment of summer music person: \$2,250 – one time payment for the summer

Stewardship

Did not meet this month, need to set up the next LRP meeting

Evangelism

No meeting this month

Note Gallery came in to take measurements for the microphones, Awaiting Voter meeting approval. Ensure install does not right before weddings or other events

Education

Lacey as signed hiring documents

School remodeling update

Carpet and bathrooms have started to tear things out, Painting is done, Plumbing to be done the end of the week, Contractor to installing partitions in bathrooms, Ceiling tiles to be installed by volunteers, Saturday lockers being installed, looking for volunteers

Summer letter going out this week, August 19th Prek-8th registration, setting up in home meetings

Janitor-Julie willing to continue cleaning through the school year, looking for someone to take over

Leave of absence policy tabled

Discussion about teacherage and new owners fence requirements and upcoming construction

Maintenance

New LED lights install at school completed by Tom
Parsonage updates mostly complete, carpet, vanity and linoleum flooring to be completed

Have estimate for snow clips on the roof of the school \$3,100 over both entrances to school

Discussion on ensuring something put in to accommodate the amount of snow

Motion tabled, Wes to reach out to contractor again

Reached out to floor to Ceiling about replacing or fixing carpet in rental property

Activities

No updates

Worship

Discussion on Hymnal committee

Organ funds, discussion had on continuing organ funding. one idea: 2nd dedication with current organists or special organist include choir

Communion help is covered

Old business

GPLHS scholarship grant program – GP has matching funds for incoming freshmen as a scholarship match from their congregation. We currently allocate in December divided by students enrolling, GPLHS grant timing is July. Discussed changing process to take advantage of matching funds from schools. Discussed creating a sub fund in endowment funds or pulling funds from endowment or mutual fund. Craig to reach out to GPLHS about scholarship policies.

Councilmen on duty for next month 8am: Wes Hoflock and Mark Patzer

New business

Tree trimming at school and church – should have someone go through all the trees on the property, discussed finding someone to trim/cut down.

Sunday School (superintendent, teachers) – Tom enjoys doing it and would like to help out, have Sunday school materials at school and would like to move to church, Ryan reaching out to members to help teach.

Meeting ended with the Lords Prayer

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Charles Hoflock—July 6, 2021

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

Mr. Obry opened with Prayer and Devotion.

Preschool Report:

- Before and After Care - Doors open at 7:45am to 8am Monday - Friday.
- Call Update: Lacey will be the lead teacher when we get the proper paperwork sent to us to have her sign.
- Carpet starts Monday the 19th.
- Blinds - Discussed
- Summer Care is going well!!
- Rates for 2021-2022 for the summer year will remain \$3.25. Drop in rates will be \$4.00.
- Registration fee is per family instead of per student.
- Ms G will be back this summer to help out with after school care.
- Flat rate vs Hourly rate - No update.

Minutes: Minutes were read, amended and approved.

Financial Report: Financial Report was read and approved.

Old Business:

- 21-22 School year Calendar 2.0-updated and approved for changes.
- Summer letter - Registration Fee/Tuition Rate, All set.
- Cleaned out storage shed and threw out the old scoreboard.
- Coaches- Set with Brad W. coaching the A Team.
- Bathroom updates: Working on some minor projects to wrap it up.

New Business: Coaches - Looking for someone to coach the B-team.

- Curriculum 4 - getting new books for Math and Social Studies.

Closing- Pastor Caauwe.

Next Meeting- August 3rd, 2021

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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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