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From the desk of Pastor Matt Nelson

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month I want to talk with you about your spiritual care when you are sick, hospitalized, home-bound, in a care facility, or in hospice. In short, nothing should change. Because of our size I generally know when you are coping with any of the situations mentioned above, but please do not assume that this is true. A call or text to me, to Diane, to Deb, or left on the church voice mail will all suffice; I will take it from there.

But please know that in the midst of things that may seem out of control for you when you are in the midst of a health problem or crisis your spiritual care is not left to any facility (hospital, assisted living) or program (hospice, for instance). Where you go, I will go too. And you should be clear to those providing your care that while you are happy to see a chaplain or "spiritual care facilitator" once in a while, your pastor serves you in every circumstance.

Increasingly, I am experiencing situations where health care providers assume that the only spiritual care available is that which is provided by their organizations chaplains, etc. Please hear me when I say *I sense no malice or other agenda in this*. What I perceive to be happening is that pastoral care from wherever people attend church is infrequent, or worse yet, becoming a thing of the past. One of the unintended consequences of the mega-church model (even if not a mega-church) are the degrees of separation between pastor(s) and people and this shows up most clearly in times of medical emergency or for the aging. As a result, facilities that used to assume people had their own pastors who would show up (eventually) now assume that they (the facility or organization) must meet the spiritual needs of patients.

On the one hand, I'm grateful for the efforts of chaplains and others who seek to fill a void that would otherwise go unmet. On the other, it is incumbent on you as patients, and family and friends of patients, to do two things: alert me to the need and alert the medical caregivers that this need is being filled by your pastor and church.

This is not a question of "turf", but of teaching and practice. It was recently suggested to me that I place a box of my business cards on the Sunday 'snack table' so that parish members could, if they wish, keep that information in their wallets or purses. Beginning Sunday October 7th, the cards will be out and available to you.

It is my great pleasure to serve you in every circumstance of your lives. I thank you for the privilege.

God's Peace
Pastor Nelson

Pastor will be gone:

October 18 - 22 in Billings for Montana District Board of Directors meeting. Please call his cell phone for any reason.

October 23 - 25 Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork for the MT District Fall Pastors' Conference.

Meetings this month:

- October 2 (1 pm): Playground Committee
- October 4 (6 pm): Budget Committee
- October 15 (6 pm): Elders Meeting
- October 15 (7 pm): Council Meeting

Communion Schedule

October

- 7 - 8:30 am
- 14 - 11:00 am
- 21 - No communion
- 28 - Both services

November

- 1 - 8:30 am
- 11 - 11:00 am
- 18 - 8:30 am
- 25 - 11:00 am

Lending a Hand in October

Ushers: (early) Tom Pullen & Joel Kempff

(late) Larry Workman & Eric Creighton

Greeters: (early) Nancy Werner

Money Counters: Linda Polzin and Sally Martinus

Altar Guild: Gwen Shay

Music: Joyce Baumgartner, Rae Workman, Nancy Landell, Tawn Bueltmann

Acolytes: Georgia Morrell, Noah Peters, Josie Ekholt, Alona Johnson, Christopher Daenzer, Emily Wicks, Rachel Eberhart

Blessings on your special day! Birthdays

1 - Alona Sharp	18 - Christopher Daenzer
1 - Isaac Sorenson	18 - Rylie Dahl
3 - Madison Akers	19 - Elena Creighton
5 - Camille Sellers	19 - Bryan Erickson
7 - Kevin Kuper	20 - Jenny Creighton
7 - Jack Polzin	20 - Connor Martinsen
8 - Cedar Creighton	20 - Charlie & Savannah Moss
8 - Josh Sorenson	20 - Tessa Peters
9 - Ron Buentemeier	23 - Colin Martinsen
11 - Greg Daenzer	24 - Al Bergeson
11 - Kelly Kyle	26 - Alyssa Kranz
11 - Ana & Emily Wicks	27 - Lane Sapa
12 - Avis Endreson	28 - Alona Johnson
14 - Cody Landell	29 - Sofia Moss
15 - Jill Weigand	
16 - Lindsey Landell	
17 - Linda Broscheit	

Anniversaries

6 - Josh & Carla Fields (6 yrs)
15 - Clayton & Rhonda Appleton (35 yrs)
18 - Kenny & Christy Earickson (4 yrs)
30 - Darol & Shirley Egger (63 yrs)

If you have a birthday or anniversary that falls in this month and are not listed, please update your information with Deb.

Table Fundraiser

The Church Council is asking for your help in purchasing new tables for the Fellowship Hall. We are setting up a dedicated fund "Fellowship Hall Tables". If you would like to donate to this fund, please mark "Tables" and the amount on your offering envelope.

Currently we have raised \$785 - *Thank you!*

Lutheran's For Life

Life Chain

Sunday, October 7th from 2 - 3 pm. This annual event is sponsored by Flathead ProLife for all Christians to get together at the crossroads of Kalispell (intersection of Hwy 93 and Hwy 2) and pray for an end to legalized abortion and that life will be held sacred in our country from conception to natural death.



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Junior Youth Group (JYG) Children kindergarten - Grade 5



WHEN: October 9 - 5:00 pm
WHERE: Meet at Sweet Pickins' Pumpkin Patch
(512 Kingfisher Lane, Columbia Falls)
Story: Let the children come to Me

Bible Verse: Mark 10:13-16 13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Catechism (CAT I & II)

CAT I - Studying Law and Gospel

CAT - II: Studying the third article of the Apostles Creed

ACTIVITY: Chili Feed & Games on October 14.
Meet at the church at 4 pm.



Active Christian Teens (ACT)

ACT group is for kids grades 8 - 12.

Regular Bible Studies begin Sept 10. Meet in the ACT Room upstairs in the Educational Wing at 9:45 am.

October Activity: Corn Maze - October 14. You will be contacted with details. Thanks to Eric & Kayla Sharpe for sponsoring this event!



Sunday School Classes

October 7 - Joint Opening for Preschool through Grade 7 in the big area downstairs of the Education Wing at 9:45 am.

Lessons:

- **Oct 7** - Moses and the Burning Bush
- **Oct 14** - Moses and the Plagues
- **Oct 21** - The Passover
- **Oct 28** - Crossing the Red Sea

2 year old class begins - Ashley Herbert will be leading this class and they will meet in the Preschool room upstairs of the Educational Wing. Join us for coloring, stickers, snacks and age appropriate Sunday School material. Parents are welcome to stay with their child.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

● Oct 14 - Mite Box and Food Bank Sunday



LWML Quilt Assembly - each Tuesday from 9 am - noon. We will not have a monthly meeting in October.

For the 2019 Lutheran World Relief Drive, to date, we have assembled 35 Baby Care Kits, 86 School Kits, and 75 quilts.

Food Bank Donations can be made two ways:

1. Bring nonperishable items to the church and place in the tub marked "Food Bank" located in the narthex.
2. You can give through your offerings by writing "Food Bank" and the dollar amount on the Special line of your offering envelope.

In **October & November** we will be assembling **Baby Care Kits** for the Browning hospital to be given to the mothers for their babies. We have applied for a Thrivent Action Team Project to purchase disposable diapers and socks for these kits. Thank you to all who have provided us with baby clothing and blankets.



The kit consists of:

- 1 each of smaller and larger t-shirts; smaller and larger sleeper; jacket/sweater with hood or cap; blanket (doubled); blanket (single), hand towel.
- 2 each of: bar soap, pairs of socks, diaper pins
- 4 diapers.

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is able to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

King's Kids Preschool

October

- 1 - 5: Noah and the Flood
Bible Verse: "Remember Me, O Lord" Psalm 106:4
Letter - D Number - 4
- 8 - 12: The Tower of Babel
Bible Verse: "Seek first the Kingdom of God"
Matthew 6:33
Letter - E Number - 5
- 15 - 19: God's Promise to Abraham
Bible Verse: "Beloved, we are God's children now"
1 John 3:2
Letter - F Number 6
NO SCHOOL - Thursday (18th) and Friday (19th)
- 22 - 26: Jacob's Troubles
Bible Verse: "God is with you wherever you go"
Joshua 1:9
Letter - G Number 7

Special Days!

Friday 10/26:

- ❖ **Pumpkin Patch field trip** - The cost is \$6 for each student, please turn your money into one of the teachers. If you are unable to cover this cost please see Deb Sorenson. We MEET at our school at 9 am and carpool to Sweet Pickins' Pumpkin Patch located at 512 Kingfisher Lane in Kalispell (off Columbia Falls Stage Rd). We return to our school before noon.

Additional Information:

Carpooling - children who are NOT riding with a parent will be transported by an adult who has 1) a valid MT Driver's License, 2) a current copy of their insurance for the vehicle they are driving and 3) be associated with the Preschool. We follow Montana Child Car Seat Laws which states children under 6 years old or weighing less than 60 pounds must ride in a federally-approved safety seat or booster.

Halloween - as a reminder, Halloween is not celebrated here at Preschool. We do discuss being courteous and safe while trick-or-treating.

Outdoor Recess - we continue to have outdoor recess throughout the year. Please make sure you send appropriate outdoor clothing with your child and LABEL all their coats, hats, gloves and boots.

Stone Soup is November 2 - The list will be posted on the bulletin board. Each child is asked to bring ONE thing.

We have Staff Devotions on Tuesdays (8:15 - 8:45 am). Please make sure there is a teacher present in the classroom before you leave your student.

We are in need of Mr. Potato Head parts.



Council Meeting ~ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church ~ September 10, 2018

Attendance: Don Martinus, Deb Sorenson, Pastor Nelson, Joe Peters, Carla Heintz, Denise Falkner, Larry Workman, Peg Hoppe, Dan Creighton, Kathy Stamm, Dwyght Lindberg

Agenda: Agenda was confirmed.

Opening: Pastor read Article 7 from the Augsburg Confession, The Book of Concord and opened with prayer

Minutes: August 7, 2018 minutes sent out in September Newsletter

Reports:

Treasurer (Denise Falkner)

- At the end of August we should be at 67% of our budget. Our August expenses were approximately \$2000 more than income but year to date we have about \$7,700 more income received than expenses paid. When looking at the individual categories, they are all at or below budget YTD. Review of dedicated accounts. Discussion included having a budgeted "discretionary line" or "Council Misc." line item; reviewing savings at the end of the year and putting into a Money Market account. At this time the Council did not feel a discretionary line or Council Misc. line item was necessary.
- 2019 Budget committee will consist of Denise Falkner, Ron Buentemeier, Dan Creighton and Deb Sorenson.
- Goals and YTD budget will be sent out to Council chairs for review. Council: please submit your 2019 goals and budget by September 21.
- In the bulletin it lists the offerings – this is just the "general budget" offerings received and does not include money given to dedicated accounts. It was requested to add the word "general" in the bulletin.

Elders (Larry Workman, Don Martinus, Dan Creighton)

- No report

Evangelism (Peg Hoppe)

- School supplies and quilts were delivered to Browning Public Schools on Sept 6 by Bill & Peg Hoppe.
- LWML will be assembling baby layette kits for the Browning Hospital. They are applying for a Thrivent grant to help purchase diapers.
- LWML has assembled 65 quilts so far this year and are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- LWML served ice cream at the Sunday School Kick-off Carnival on Sept 8.
- Blackfeet Committee – Larry Workman reported that the committee met last week with a productive meeting.

Education (Carla Heintz)

- All education programs are under way. Sunday School carnival was well attended and was "more fun than the County Fair" according to one small participant.

Welfare (Kathy Stamm)

- Bingo is scheduled for January 25, 2019

Property (Dwyght Lindberg)

- Lights – schedule a work evening in September to replace lights and will rent a scissor lift. Dan Creighton will look into the difference between current bulbs and LED.
- Preschool wall and flooring are complete. Windows – we received a bid from Aluma Glass to replace the upstairs education windows: north side (\$3,098.33) and south side (\$2,392.13). After reviewing the Building Construction/Maint budget a motion by Larry Workman, seconded by Denise Falkner to replace the south side windows in the Preschool room. Motion carried. Deb will schedule installation. The upper glass will be double pane with a sun coating. The lower window will be a vinyl slider. We completed the Flat-head Electric lighting program in October 2015 switching to more efficient bulbs.
- A new toilet was installed in the ladies restroom.
- Fellowship Hall table replacement – we have set up dedicated account to raise money to purchase tables. We will purchase all the tables at once after the money has been raised. Deb will look into the tables with wheels and locks to make moving tables easier.

Pastor Nelson

- **CAT I & II:** classes have begun with 6 students in CAT I and 4 in CAT II. Going to Pin-n-cue on Sunday, Sept 16 for lunch and bowling.
- **Adult Bible Studies:** Men's and Ladies' Bible studies started last week and are studying the Gospel of Mark.
- **JYG:** first event is tomorrow evening.
- **LCMS National Convention** is in July 2019 in Tampa FL. Pastor Winters and a lay delegate from Eureka have been selected to attend.
- **MT District Board of Directors:** Meeting October 19 in Billings. Pastor is on this Board and will be attending.

President's Report (Joe Peters)

- Preschool has begun and is amazing!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Playground Equipment:** A committee was established and consists of Dwyght Lindberg, Pastor Nelson, Joe Peters, Heather Wicks and Dan Creighton. This committee will: 1) evaluate the structures, 2) look at replacement options if necessary. 3) research Preschool age appropriate equipment and 4) what is the church's liability if others use our equipment and get hurt. The committee will report back to the Council with their findings. The first meeting will be scheduled through the secretary office.
- **Facility Planning Committee** – it was felt this committee is not needed at this time. This committee has been disband.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Preschool Scholarship Fund:** Two families have scholarship needs. Currently all scholarship funds have been allocated, including the funds from the Bingo fundraiser in Jan 2019. We have never had to turn away a student due to inability to pay. Preschool Committee wants to bring this matter before the Council for recommendation.
 - An email was previously sent to the Council with four options: 1) Redirect fund from dedicated account Congregational Welfare since one scholarship family is a member of our congregation. 2) Redirect funds from dedicated Council Discretionary fund. 3) Appeal to the congregation to donate to Scholarship Funds account. 4) Let the families requesting the scholarships know there are not funds available. (These students have already started preschool).
 - Denise reported that after discussion with Deb regarding the current budget line items we have 2 additional options. 1) The Senior Youth Group currently has \$750 left in the budget and \$1,900 in their checking account. It was felt they did not need the additional \$750 from 2018 Budget. 2) The Preschool Subsidy budgeted \$10,400 for 2018 and has only used about \$3,600. We expect to need an additional \$1,000 to finish out 2018, leaving around \$5,500 available.
 - \$1,575 is needed to fund the two scholarship requests. A motion by Larry Workman, seconded by Kathy Stamm to move the \$750 from Senior Youth Group to Preschool Scholarship Fund. Take the additional \$825 from the Preschool Subsidy account. Motion carried.
- **Flooring recommendation:** A request to replace the kitchen and bathroom flooring. This request will be handed to the Budget committee.
- **2019 Council Chair Positions:** The following council chairs are up for election: Education, Welfare, Property and Elder position vacated by Brad Peters, currently serving is Dan Creighton. Pastor will talk to current board chairs to see if they are interested in being elected again.

Adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Deb Sorenson