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David's Star  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## *"Reason to Celebrate"*

*by Pastor Woldt*

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Most people love to celebrate. We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. We celebrate graduations and retirements. We celebrate holidays and personal milestones. Some people even find reason to celebrate the sun coming up in the morning.

As a congregation, we are ramping up to make calendar year 2018 a year of celebration. With good reason! 2018 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of our congregation and school in the Kirchhayn/Jackson area. The anniversary steering committee is ready to roll out its plan for celebration this Fall. The committee is proposing that our celebration center on a theme from Psalm 100:5b: "His faithfulness continues through all generations."

During our anniversary year, we will encourage each other to "Remember! Rejoice! Reach Out!" We want to remember with gratitude the blessings of the past. We want to rejoice in the spiritual blessing God is giving us today. And finally, we want to reach out to others with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are much more than an historic church. We are a congregation of Jesus' witnesses in our world today ... and we want to make sure that future generations know the peace of Jesus through the legacy we leave.

You might want to "save the dates" of these special services which will take place in 2018.

Weekend of January 14 - Anniversary Celebration begins with guest speaker Prof. Steve Ehlke - a son of the congregation who has served 40 years in the ministry, and is still actively serving at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI.

April 29 - One celebration service on Sunday at KMLHS. The focus will be the blessing of Christian Education. Pastor Paul Prange, the WELS administrator for Ministerial Education will be our guest speaker. Special presentation by the students from our school.

July 1 - Outdoor service with Prof. Rich Gurgel (former David's Star pastor) as the guest speaker.

August 26 - Mission Festival with Pastor Dave Kehl as the guest speaker. Pastor Kehl is currently serving in China with the WELS Multi-Language Publication Committee. His ministry has also taken him to Antigua and an urban setting in Milwaukee.

October 14 - One culminating service at KMLHS, with worshippers and guest invited back to our campus for a meal and historical displays. WELS President Mark Schroeder has agreed to preach for this service.

Other sons of the congregation who are serving in the WELS ministry will be invited to participate somehow in these services if they are able to be present.

Plans for fellowship events are also being made. We will have a year long emphasis on paying down our building debt, together with the opportunity for a special thank-offering for missions.

Planning events takes quite a bit of work (and money). But we have reason to celebrate. We have reason to celebrate because our gracious God has preserved his Word and Sacrament and we still proclaim God's truth here at David's Star for the salvation of souls.

Come to think of it, we don't have to wait for next year to celebrate. We have reason to celebrate right now. Jesus lives. And through him, so do we! Forever! You may have heard me proclaim the words of Psalm 118 once or twice over the years. I say these words to remind myself (and you) that Jesus has given us a reason to celebrate no matter what the calendar says! "This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS**

- Reno Dippmann (8/4)*
- Walter Gutermann (8/8)*
- Anita Eulert (8/9)*
- Richard Oestreich (8/9)*
- Fritz Mahnke (8/18)*
- Lillian Hollmann (8/25)*

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**AUGUST 2017 GREETERS**

- August 6, 2017 7:45: No one signed up.  
9:30: No one signed up.
- August 13, 2017 7:45: No one signed up.  
9:30: Dennis & Marlene Bell
- August 20, 2017 7:45: No one signed up.  
9:30: John & Ruthanne Geldon
- August 27, 2017 9:30: Lora DuFore

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**DAVID'S STAR ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS** have arrived and will be available between service in the atrium/library area. If you did not preorder your cookbook, don't worry, we have a one available for you too! If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Tews, [262-377-2051](tel:262-377-2051). The cost is \$15. Please make checks payable to: David's Star Lutheran Church.

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**BASKETBALL AND FELLOWSHIP**

We have a core group from a variety of WELS churches and the area community of Jackson that play basketball regularly at KML. That core group is aging gracefully, but we are seeking more players to keep the group active. We play 3 times per week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning at 5:45am for about an hour or whatever your schedule allows. High school age or older - this is a fun and competitive group.

Questions, please contact Mike Willis at [mike.willis@sial.com](mailto:mike.willis@sial.com) or go to [http://dusty.dyndns.org/hoops\\_terry/index.asp](http://dusty.dyndns.org/hoops_terry/index.asp) to sign up. No long term contracts or commitment required. Play when you can and enjoy some fun, fellowship, and exercise and meet others from our sister congregations and the community.

**THANK YOU**

For years David's Star has benefitted from a group of volunteers who arrive early before each worship service to open the church, turn on the lights and sound system, post the hymn numbers, and make sure everything is ready as worshippers arrive. They also lock up after everyone else has left. We refer to these men as "sextons." Recently three faithful sextons have stepped down from regular duty after decades of service: **Jim Volz** (who also served as head sexton), **Puddy Bublitz**, and **Richard Oestreich**. We thank these dedicated men for their service to the Lord and this congregation.

If you are interested serving as a sexton, please contact Bill Bublitz. ([billbublitz@netzero.net](mailto:billbublitz@netzero.net)).

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**SAVE THE DATE MISSION FESTIVAL SERVICE IN THE WOODS** (Weather permitting) Sunday, August 27th. There is only a 9:30 service on that day. Pastor Joseph Fricke will be our guest preacher for the weekend. He is the Pastor Fricke serves on the WELS Commission on Evangelism. In case of inclement weather the service and meal will be held in the school gym.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR MISSION FESTIVAL** There are a number of opportunities for fellowship and service for our Savior on Saturday, August 27 as well as Sunday, August 28. Sign up sheets are available in the new gathering space. Please consider joining us as we prepare for this service in our woods.

**COUNCIL CAPSULE  
HIGHLIGHTS OF  
THE JULY 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

**Church Council Minutes  
David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Jackson, WI  
July 11, 2017 7:00pm**

**Members in attendance:** Pastor Loescher, Pastor Woldt, Todd Backus, Dennis Bell, Josh Boeldt, Tim Gustafson, Jon Kruse, Paul Steinbrenner, Mike Willis

**Excused:** Mark Ahrens, Nelson Erdman, David Zarling

**Absent:** Kurt Henning

The meeting was called to order by Paul Steinbrenner at 7:03 pm. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Loescher.

Todd Backus acted as secretary in the absence of Mark Ahrens.

A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on June 13, 2017.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

Incoming: Beyersdorf, Cody

*Transfer from Christ, Milwaukee*

Knudtson, Cheyenne

*Adult Baptism/Confirmation*

Outgoing: Davison, Brian & Stacey;

Oliver, Tyson

*Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI*

**Pastors' Report**

**Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919**

**kurt.loescher@gmail.com &**

**Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019**

**woldtma@hotmail.com**

What a privilege to have an adult baptism in our congregation these past weeks. The Spirit worked through the gospel testimony of David's Star members who were committed to Jesus, as well as instruction in God's Word to bring another one of his "children" to the Sacrament of water and word. This wonderful event reminds all of us that there are still people in the world who need to be brought to know the peace of Jesus. Please look for opportunities in your own lives to share the joy you

have in the forgiveness of sins and hope of eternal life. Jesus calls us to plant the seed. The Spirit will take over after that.

Help will be needed if the regular rains ever let up enough for us to hold a service in the woods on July 30th. Anyone who is interested, please contact Pastor Woldt. Pastor Woldt will be attending WELS convention in Watertown, WI the week of July 31 through August 3. Pastor Loescher will be gone part of this week and this weekend and the last week of July on vacation.

**President's report  
(Paul Steinbrenner)**

No written report. Moving along on directory. Have committed LifeTouch regarding pictures. Plan for printed directories prior to Christmas 2018. Photo shoots a full week of August and September 2018. Publicizing June, 2018.

**Board for Buildings and Grounds**

**Kurt Henning**

**klhrconst@gmail.com**

No report.

**Board for Elementary Education**

**Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com**

**Principal Tim Gustafson**

**tgustafson@davidstar.org**

See attached report. Bridget Munn was hired to work in child care during the day. Grade school moving a couple classrooms. Some carpet repairs need to be made.

Meeting location: David's Star 8<sup>th</sup> grade room @1829

Attending: M. Willis, T. Gustafson, Pastor Woldt, B. Campbell, T. Oestrich, J. McCoy, M.

Kempfert(excused)

Open with Prayer – Pastor

Kathy Bintz – PreK teacher, Teacher's aide position discussion

Approval of minutes from the May 22, 2017 meeting Motion to approve, seconded. Motion carries

Council Report – Tim, Pastor

Financial Report – Mike K

Principal's Report – Tim

Hot Lunch- Mrs. Miller has submitted a year-end report. There is a lot of good information in the report and a number of things that the Board will have to react to. Please look over the report before the meeting, so we can discuss it and make decisions on some of the items. Motion to approve recommendations for \$10/hr pay for prep time, and raise lunch fee to \$3 per meal. Seconded. Motion carries.

Technology- There is nothing new to report at this time. I am hoping to get a technology meeting scheduled in the next few weeks.

English/Writing Curriculums- The new curriculums were handed out in May. Please bring any questions that you might have about the curriculums, so I can answer them for you. We would then need to approve the curriculums. Motion to approve. Seconded. Motion carries.

Action in Jackson Parade- This year the school had a presence in the parade. We had a banner made and we passed out School/VBS flyers to people along the route. We had about 30 DS parents, children, and faculty members representing the school. Everything went well, so we plan to do it again next year.

Accreditation Report- This year's report will need to be approved, so I can send it in by the end of the week.

Faculty Professional Development- Listed below are classes, workshops, or other forms of professional development taken during the summer.

Eunice Washburn- KML Educator's Conference

Kathy Bintz- KML Educator's Conference

Lora DuFore- KML Educator's Conference

Rachel Gustafson- KML Educator's Conference, WICRIS Professional Learning Conference August 11

Kris Eggers- KML Educator's Conference, WELS Worship Conference

Randy Watts- CESE Conference August 8

Tom Neuman- KML Educator's Conference, Augsburg Music Clinic July 30-31, Lectures in Church Music October 22-24

Wisconsin State Music Conference October 25-27

Scott Beyersdorf- KML Educator's Conference, CESE Conference August 8, ASL class with possible certification

Tim Gustafson- KML Educator's Conference, WICRIS Professional Learning Conference August 11

Colleen Loeffler- KML Educator's Conference, CESE Conference August 8, Synod Certification Application and planning future classes

New Achievement Test- Beginning this Fall, all students in grades K-8 will begin taking the NWEA MAP tests. These test are adaptive, so they will adjust to how the students answer each question. All tests will be taken on the Chromebooks and results will be available in 24-48 hours. The MAP test will be taken three times a year (fall, winter, spring), and the data should help the teachers adjust their teaching to better meet the needs of the students. Students in grades 3-8 will be tested in Math, Reading, Language Usage, and Science. Students in K-2 will be tested in Math and Reading. The cost of the tests will be \$15/student/year. There will also be a \$200 fee for the first year to get everything set up and receive some training.

Public Relations Strategies- We need to review this policy again. Policy was reviewed and updated.

New basketball uniforms. Motion to approve purchase of 18 basketball uniforms @ \$2318. Seconded. Motion carries

Parents Group Report – Bob

Approval of Reports Motion to approve. Seconded. Motion carries.

Old Business

New Business

Year End Survey Results

Science Curriculum

AOB from Tim's report as needed

4K Aide Motion to approve Michelle Brandt as the 4K aide. Seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting 8/8/17 @ 1830

Meeting adjourned @ 2030

Close with Blessing.

**Board of Elders**  
**Dennis Bell**  
[dandmbell55@yahoo.com](mailto:dandmbell55@yahoo.com)

No report.

**Evangelism Committee**  
**Nelson Erdman**  
[theerdmans@hotmail.com](mailto:theerdmans@hotmail.com)

No report. Need additional help for Evangelism.

**Stewardship Committee**  
**David Zarling**  
[david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com)

No report.

**Spiritual Growth Committee**  
**Jon Kruse**  
[krusejon@hotmail.com](mailto:krusejon@hotmail.com)

No report. Morning Bible camp again went well.  
 Very good attendance.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Josh Boeldt**  
[joshua.boeldt@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.boeldt@gmail.com)

July 11, 2017

**2017 June Operating Budget Financial Update**

All glory be to God! The total offerings for June were \$58,716, which is about 1% lower than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was about 3% lower than budgeted for and is up 1% from the budgeted amount for the year to date. The actual expenses for June were over 8% lower than the budgeted amount and are about 3% lower than the budget for the year to date. Looking at the chart below, the actual net loss for the month was \$4,523 smaller than the anticipated budgeted loss for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of May shows a deficit of \$21,325.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$72,234	\$74,737	(\$2,503)
Expenses	\$79,830	\$86,856	(\$7,026)
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$7,596)	(\$12,119)	<b>\$4,523</b>

**2017 June Ministries Beyond our Congregation Financial Update**

The remittances in June for the WELS mission were 1% higher than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 14% less than the budgeted amount. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were about 7% less than the amount budgeted for. The total amount

remitted for all missions was about 12% lower than the amount budgeted for the year to date.

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Wisc Ev Lutheran Synod	\$6,224	\$6,167	\$57
KMLHS Operating Fund	\$3,097	\$3,597	(\$500)
KMLHS Joyful Noise	\$474	\$510	(\$36)

**2017 June Building Fund Update**

The mortgage loan balance as of June 30, 2017 is \$1,213,329. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 5/31/17 was \$86,427. This balance is down about 7% from May.

Josh Boeldt, Treasurer

**Old Business**

Establishment of David's Star Endowment Fund – Need to follow up on establishing a council directed endowment fund or something similar. A prior gift was made but the funds have not been placed in an endowment fund. There was a question regarding the status of a gift from last year.

Update on 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans – Meeting was held. Publicity will start getting ramped up in Fall. Looking at a goal for thank offering as debt retirement and/or Synod offering. Recommendations from committee will be brought to council.

**New Business**

Mission Festival – Todd will work with Glen Miller for prior work performed in preparation of Mission Festival. Building & Grounds – check on status of boards for seating. Some boards may be cracked.

**Items for Annual 2018 Voters' Meeting (TBD):**

Next month's Council Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting @ 7:45 pm. Motion carried.**

Pastor Woldt closed with the Blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Backus —Vice President  
(Cell # 414-467-0512, [toddbackus@gmail.com](mailto:toddbackus@gmail.com))



## *Parish Nurse News*

**Aren't you worried about...?**

The July *OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) newsletter* has just been delivered to our home and soon we will have a bunch to hand out after worship for you to read too! The front page article is written by Richard Warnke, from the OWLS Spiritual Growth Committee. He talks about ***“the things we worry about”*** and the wisdom and power of Scripture to overcome the fears that could torment us if we were not Christians. ***The ushers will hand them out after services when they arrive, feel free to take one home!***

The newsletter is also filled with information about this fall's OWLS Convention, to be held October 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee, WI! Why do they gather each fall? For Spiritual encouragement in our opening/closing worship and daily devotions, Christian fellowship, to learn about the world we live in and serve our Lord through the support of the European Civilian Chaplaincy! The Convention Schedule, a description of the tour to be offered on Tuesday, and a list of the workshops to be offered on Wednesday are all included in the newsletter. The most challenging thing when registering for the Convention? Deciding which workshops to attend! They all sound interesting! Questions about the Convention? Contact Becky Markgraf at 507-354-4403 or [owlswels@gmail.com](mailto:owlswels@gmail.com).

We usually have a nice group from David's Star that travels each year to the convention and this year we are especially blessed to have the convention nearby in Pewaukee, making it easier for the first time attendee to join us! There is also flexibility in the days that you attend. We are giving thought to staying at home and driving back and forth each day. Contact Sue if you would like to carpool. We always have a great time, making new friends and renewing old friendships made through the years! Your parish nurse is available to the

attendees as a health educator, health counselor and community liaison, even taking blood pressures when requested!

Please consider coming to the Convention with the David's Star OWLS group this fall!

Together as we serve the Lord and his people,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

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**PART-TIME JOBS AVAILABLE (MALE OR FEMALE - MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER)**

Fun and flexible position available with David's Star Lutheran Grade School's Morning and After School Child Care Program. There are two positions available for the 2017-2018 school year. One position would be for the lead person during our After School Child Care. Hours are 3:15-6:00, on days we have school. The other position is for Morning Child Care.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:45-11:30 on days we have school. Pay: \$10 per hour. Our after school child care program exists to care for our school children who need to remain after school for parent pick-up. Staff helps with homework when needed, and supervises play and activities. Hours and days are flexible. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Mrs. Eunice Washburn ([262-305-4622](tel:262-305-4622); [ewashburn@hotmail.com](mailto:ewashburn@hotmail.com)).

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**WELS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK** Thursday, August 10, 2017; 7:10 PM / Minnesota Twins vs. Milwaukee Brewers. Mark your calendars and plan to join thousands of WELS members for the fourth annual WELS Night at Miller Park! Seating will be together for WELS members in all three seating area. Tickets can be purchased online at [Brewers.com/WELS](http://Brewers.com/WELS). Deadline to purchase tickets: Thursday, August 3.

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**TEACHER VISITS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER** Home visits by the teachers will be from August 1 – 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be calling you to set up a time. All required registration forms have been posted on FastDirect, (all documents will be found under the links section...click on documents). If you don't have your forms filled out prior to registration, plan on spending 45 to 60 minutes extra at registration.

**REGISTRATION & SCHOOL PICTURES** will be on **Monday, August 7th (5pm—8pm)** in the school gym. Payments of at least 10% must be made at this time.

**SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS** On Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> we will begin our 175<sup>th</sup> school year with a church service at 8:45 a.m. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The students should go to their respective classrooms when they come to school. School will begin at 8:30 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m.

**(4K - 8:30-11:30 Monday, August 28th)**  
**(3K – 8:30-11:30 Tuesday, August 29th).**

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**JESUS CARES MINISTRIES (JCM)**

In December 2017, two long-time Jesus Cares team members, Bill Truebenbach (former David's Star member) and Julie Luetke, will retire. Generous ministry friends have given \$35,000 for a matching challenge, now through July 31, 2017! Every dollar donated will be matched with \$0.50. Please consider donating to the Bill Truebenbach and Julie Luetke JCM Endowment Fund. This fund was established to provide a lasting and meaningful opportunity for friends of JCM, like you, who want to remember Bill and Julie while providing gifts to grow JCM into the future. There are envelopes in the gathering space kiosk for you to include your donation to this cause. Thank you for your considerations.

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Dear members of David's Star,  
Thank you for the financial support I received for this school year at Martin Luther College. Throughout the school year, I remember my home church and know that there are many who pray for all the students at MLC, and support us with their monetary gifts. The Christian love and care you show through this gift of money, prayers, encouraging words, and many personal expressions, are quite appreciated. Thank you for supporting me. Although I'm not in the public ministry yet, the financial aid that David's Star provides me with directly helps me in my training. Lord willing, I will graduate in three years and receive a call into his glorious mission field.  
Sincerely,  
Joey Loescher

# THUNDERBOLT OPEN REGISTRATION FORM

- Please send one check per FOURSOME or for as many golfers as you are registering.
- \$75/person for golf/cart/dinner package (Golf only not an option)
- Full payment must accompany registration for it to be recorded.
- Please add all email addresses so that this information can be sent to you every year.

1<sup>st</sup> Golfer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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2<sup>nd</sup> Golfer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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3<sup>rd</sup> Golfer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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4<sup>th</sup> Golfer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**DINNER RESERVATIONS  
\$20.00 PER PERSON**

**NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING ONLY THE DINNER:**

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SEND YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:  
**DAVID'S STAR**

SEND THE REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:  
**GLENN RUSCH  
1157 SPRING VALLEY ROAD  
JACKSON, WI 53037**



# 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT OPEN Saturday, September 9, 2017

**Time:** 12:00pm Registration  
1:00pm Shotgun Start -Scramble Format  
6:00pm Dinner (approximately)

**Place:** West Bend Lakes / Hwy. 33 in West Bend

**Cost:** \$75.00 Golf/Cart/Dinner Package  
\$20.00 Dinner Only

**Deadline:** Limited to the first 144 paid golfers. On a first come basis!

- Free Soda & Beer after golf
- Prizes and Silent Auction to follow
- All golfers must be 16 years old or older.
- Golf cart rental is mandatory and included in the cost.
- In case of rain, rain checks will be given for golf only.
- Dinner will be held rain or shine!

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A DOOR PRIZE, PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

GLENN RUSCH	262-208-6471	RANDY ESENBERG	262-677-2713
JON KRUSE	920-740-5468	SHANNON LEITZKE	262-677-2944
JOSH BOELDT	262-707-7185	BRENNAN HERATHER	262-224-9464

**THE MONEY DONATED WILL GO TOWARDS NON-BUDGETED ITEMS AT DAVID'S STAR LUTHERAN GRADE SCHOOL!**