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## Catching Up

*By Pastor Kurt Loescher*

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Summer can be a great time for catching up with old friends you haven't seen in a while. Community events, Fourth of July Parades and fireworks bring many people together and you often see people you haven't seen in a long time.

Sometimes a chance meeting can be awkward when it's someone whose life went a different direction than yours. You were once childhood best friends forever. Then as adulthood approached interests became very different and your friend increasingly got involved in self-destructive behavior. Now this person you haven't seen in years shows up in your life. What should you do? Should you ignore the person, pretend you didn't see her? Try hard not to look his way? You could do that but then someone who had been a good friend will remain in your heart a person who made poor choices and lives a sinful life. You wouldn't know that for sure. It would merely be the assumption you are stuck with.

How about going right up to him and saying, "Jerry Anderson is that really you?" "How have you been?" Sometimes we find out marvelous things about people. We can learn to understand them better if we just ask. We may even regain a good friend.

I find that to be a good approach to understanding people who have strayed away from the church, too. It may be someone we see almost everyday in our lives, we just haven't seen them in church for a very long time. What should we do? Should we just keep avoiding conversations about church. It's always awkward. They have never taken well to being told that they should be going to church. It never does any good to ask them to come to church with you. They just dig in their heels more. You can

tell them all you want that it is a sin to not go to church, and they just get more angry.

Now it is true that to stay away from the Word of God and the Sacraments, to avoid the encouragement of the church is despising of God's grace and a terrible sin. Kind of like when we go to church unprepared, sleepy because we stayed out too late the night before and we get nothing out of church. Our lips sang and spoke, but our hearts weren't in it. That's pretty much the same thing as not going at all.

Rather than judging them without taking the plank out of our own eye first so that we can see clearly to help them get the speck of sawdust out of their eye, try having a conversation to try to understand them. Ask them why they don't go to church without right away condemning them. "I miss having you in church with me. Why don't you come?" You may get to know them better and find out how you can pray for them. If they say they just don't believe the Gospel anymore. That would be hard to hear, but at least you know and can warn them and pray for them. Maybe you will find out something painful that they have associated with church. You might be able to help them heal the pain. Maybe they'll say that they really are just lazy and do want to be in church. You can offer to encourage them until they get back into a healthy habit of worship.

They aren't just sinful people who don't go to church anymore. They are sinful people just like those of us who do go and find forgiveness and strength in our weakness. It is awkward at first, but genuine compassion, born of the compassion of our Savior Jesus, will drive our words. From there constructive conversation laced with God's love and forgiveness can make the difference.



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS**

Paul Weis (7/4)  
Marcella Schultz (7/24)

### **JULY 2018 GREETERS**

July 1st	9:30am	n/a
July 8th	7:45am	Lorraine McCauley
	9:30am	n/a
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	Joel & Linda Pless
	9:30am	n/a
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:45am	n/a
	9:30am	Brian & Pam Lee
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	Lorraine McCauley
	9:30am	n/a

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### **175<sup>th</sup> SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **July 1, 2018**

Outdoor Worship in church woods will be held Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30am. Pastor Richard Gurgel will preach for this service, with tailgating afterwards in the woods.

#### **August 26, 2018**

Mission Festival in Church Woods. An outdoor worship service held on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. Lunch and special mission displays will follow. Pastor David Kehl will preach for this service.

#### **October 14, 2018**

Special Celebration Service at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15am with lunch to follow on David's Star campus. WELS President Mark Schroeder will preach for this service.

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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** are 8am - 12pm Monday through Thursday from June 4<sup>th</sup>—August 24<sup>th</sup>. Fall/winter hours of 7:30am - 3:30pm will resume on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**WALKING GROUP** - All are welcome to walk with us on Tuesdays from 8:00am-9:00am. Feel free to come when you can and leave when you need to. Walking will continue in the gym, and there may be an additional group that will walk outdoors when the weather permits. Please Park in the South lot. We will be walking outside only the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>, and will not be walking the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**THANK YOU!** Dear David's Star Members, I want to thank you for all the cards, well-wishes, and expressions of gratitude on my retirement. The Lord has truly blessed my ministry through each of you. Words truly can't express how much I've

enjoyed serving the Lord among you and how being a part of the David's Star family is an extension of my own.

I will never forget the grace and generosity that you showed while Barry battled his physical challenges and as you supported me when he reached his heavenly home. I am truly grateful to be surrounded by such a "cloud of witnesses" who have uplifted me and treated me like their own.

I know God has great plans for David's Star in the coming years, and I pray he continues to shower our ministry with his richest blessings.

In Christ, Mrs. Eunice Washburn

### **175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FACTS DID YOU KNOW?**

Modern day life is defined by convenience. We can buy gas and groceries at the same store, often minutes from our home. With a few clicks on the computer things are delivered right to our doorstep. Not so for the earliest settlers of Kirchhayn. Flour and other staples had to be purchased 25 miles away in Milwaukee. This was a three day trip by horse and wagon down old Fond du Lac Road. It could take as much as a week by foot.

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**DAVID'S STAR PHOTO DIRECTORY** - David's Star is putting together a new photo directory this year. Life Touch will be in the multipurpose room during the following dates and times:

**August 7<sup>th</sup> thru August 11<sup>th</sup> & September 11<sup>th</sup> thru September 15<sup>th</sup>.** Weekdays 2pm to 9pm, Saturdays 9am to 4pm.

Sign up online by going to:

[www.davidstar.org/photo](http://www.davidstar.org/photo) or contact Shana Beyersdorf at 414.248.8060

We also need many hands to check the families in as they arrive for their photos. Visit [www.davidstar.org/hostess](http://www.davidstar.org/hostess) to sign up. Questions? Please contact Mel or Eunice Heckendorf at [meheck53037@gmail.com](mailto:meheck53037@gmail.com) or 262.677.2498.

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**MORNING BIBLE CAMP 2018**, using the theme Space Station Salvation, registered 71 students this past week. We are thankful for the 33 cabin youth leaders and the 23 adults who helped. We also appreciate the donations of snacks and craft items, as well as cash donations. We pray the Lord will bless our efforts to reach young hearts with the Gospel message.

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**THERE'S A PRAYER FOR THAT** - How many times have you failed to pray, not knowing what to say or how to say it? This little prayer book by Northwestern Publishing House has prayers for over 450 situations. If you would like to place an order, use the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. The order will be placed after the services on July 15th. Next to the sign-up is also a copy of the book for your review. Books will be in the \$8 - \$10 dollar range, depending on what the total order turns out to be. Payment can be made after the book order is finalized. We will announce the final price in the bulletin.

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**DS WELS STUDENT AID FUND** is a fund similar to an endowment. Offerings given to the fund are invested with WELS Investment Funds (WIF), and a 4% distribution is taken annually to support David's Star members who are attending WELS Ministry Education Schools (Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary).

This year, four David's Star members received each received \$725 assistance from this fund as they pursue studies for the public ministry during the 2018-2019 school year at Martin Luther College. Those students are Andrew Eggers (4<sup>th</sup> year, educational studies), Joey Loescher (4<sup>th</sup> year, educational studies), Caleb Gustafson (3<sup>rd</sup> year, preseminary studies), and Livia Lickteig (1<sup>st</sup> year, educational studies.) Through a Congregational Partner Grant Program for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> year students at Martin Luther College, the assistance given to Caleb and Livia was matched dollar for dollar, resulting in a total of \$1450 assistance.

Thank you for your support of our members pursuing preparation for public ministry in our synod. Please keep Andrew, Joey, Caleb and Livia in your prayers.

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**THANK OFFERING OPPORTUNITY** - One of our David's Star families has offered to match dollar for dollar any offerings given to the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thankoffering during the months of July and August. The match will be applied up to a total of \$20,000 in offerings received. Please consider using the Anniversary Thankoffering Envelope in your packets to make a special gift of thanks to the Lord for the blessings of the gospel ministry we enjoy at David's Star. Remember, you can designate your Thankoffering gift either for debt retirement or for the special mission gift to our WELS Multi-Language Publications ministry.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**David's Star Women's Retreat**  
Saturday, November 10, 2018; 8:30-3:00

## Be rooted in Christ



So then, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in [Christ], strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. *Colossians 2:6-7*

Keynote Speaker: Author, Rebecca Wendland

Breakfast and lunch are included with your choice of afternoon breakout sessions. *Registration info coming in September* <http://www.davidstar.org>  
[dswomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:dswomensretreat@gmail.com)

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### **COUNCIL CAPSULE - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

Incoming:

Outgoing:

Gromacki, Loni; *Transfer to St. John's, Wauwatosa, WI*

Harting, Michael & Miranda; Mya, Michael  
*Transfer to Trinity (ELS), West Bend, WI*  
Lehman, Brandon & Jennifer; Peyton,  
Jordan; *Transfer to Christ, Pewaukee, WI*

#### **Pastors' Report (Pastor Woldt)**

We anticipate welcoming up to five adults into communicant membership soon. They have all completed the Bible Information Class. What a blessing to welcome new people into our fellowship! The transfers out this month result from changes in location for the families, putting them in closer proximity to other congregations and schools in our fellowship. We are grateful that they will be faithfully served with the gospel by others. Pastor Loescher will be attending and participating in the ordination and installation of his son, Philip, as he begins his pastoral service to the WELS congregation in Cadillac, MI. That event will take place on July 8th.

The Southeastern Wisconsin District Convention was held at WLC. Dan Bolha served as delegate to SE WI District Convention. Pastor Woldt was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

### **Buildings and Grounds (Glenn Miller)**

Pastor Loescher's house needs window replacement. Coordinate all gym usage with the Athletic Director for liability and security purposes, especially when there is no adult supervision. Board of Education will administer the policy, School Secretary will administer FOBs, and Building and Grounds will handle securing facility. Stone was placed in the woods.

### **Evangelism Committee (Andrew Loescher)**

Picnic and Morning Bible Camp postcards have been sent out. Street signs were discussed with W. Miller. Signs available but need vinyl applied. Consider having Oasis groups help greet new members of similar ages.

### **Spiritual Growth Committee (Jon Kruse)**

Morning Bible camp begins on June 25<sup>th</sup>. There are several Oasis groups holding meetings.

### **Treasurer's Report (Joshua Boeldt)**

#### *April Operating Budget*

Praise to the Lord, the King of Creation! The total offerings for May were \$57,301, which is about 4.8% lower than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was about 1% lower than budgeted but is about 1.1% higher than the budget for the year to date. The actual expenses for May were about 5.1% higher than the budgeted amount and are 2.3% higher than the budget for the year to date.

#### *May Ministries Beyond our Congregation*

The remittances in May for the WELS mission were 20% lower than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 1.6% higher than budget. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were about 21% less than the amount budgeted for. The Multi Language Publication remittances were about 36% higher than the budgeted amount. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 4.6% lower than the amount budgeted for May, and is 12.5% lower year to date.

#### *May Building Fund Update*

The mortgage loan balance at the end of May is \$1,066,660. The council agreed last month to

make additional principal payments once the reserve fund balance reaches \$100,000, which allowed us to make an additional principal payment of \$27,800.

### **Old Business**

Proposal for use of credit card to purchase lunch food.

Next Council Meeting: (7pm; July 10, 2018)

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### **PARISH NURSE NEWS**

***Will you help us improve  
WELS ministry to the  
military?***



A letter from Pastor Jim Behringer, Director, WELS Special Ministries was placed in my mailbox! I thought you might like to hear what he has to say, in part! He writes....

"Dear fellow soldier of Christ,

In addition to issues of life and death, our men and women in the military face moral challenges. Away from home and church for the first extended time in their lives, they need our ministry more than ever. Since relying on uniformed chaplains creates doctrinal dilemmas, we are committed to serving our members with our personnel, on our own time, on our own dime.

WELS Military Services works with our congregation when a son or daughter joins the armed forces. We can be where you can't. Our civilian chaplains and military contact pastors work to harden faith's defenses through Word and sacrament.

But we cannot contact counsel, or comfort your members in the military if we don't know who or where they are. ***We need your help.***

Anyone can go to ***wels.net/refer*** and use the simple referral form to provide as much contact information as you can. We'll follow up with monthly email devotions, *Meditations* mailed quarterly, and outreach from the nearest WELS pastor (where possible).

We would also appreciate a congregational contact person to help inform David's Star members about WELS ministry to the military through periodic announcements/new resources in the bulletin or newsletter. Jennifer is very helpful and easy to work with!

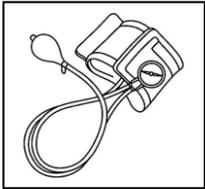
Did you know? The Department of Defense recognizes the Wisconsin Synod as a "distinctive

religious group" and permits our members to request "LUTHERAN WELS" on their dog tags?

We believe that we are currently reaching only half (or less) of as many as 1500 WELS service members. With your help, we hope we can soon declare "mission accomplished"!

With you, serving Christ,  
Pastor James Behringer,  
Director, WELS Special Ministries"

Questions? Want to serve as a David's Star contact for WELS Military Services? Contact Sue Bolha RN, 677-3485 [parishnurse@davidstar.org](mailto:parishnurse@davidstar.org)



### 2018 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING SCHEDULE

Screenings take place in the nurses office located off of the gathering space between services. Dates are subject to change.

Sunday, July 22th  
Sunday, September 23rd  
Sunday, October 28th  
Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

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### NEW BEGINNINGS ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You're invited to New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers for their Annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 18th from 1:30pm-4:30pm. New Beginnings is a WELS home for single mothers located at [9215 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI](http://9215.W.Wisconsin.Ave.Milwaukee,WI). This FREE family event will include a bouncy house for kids, awesome prizes, volunteer appreciation gifts, tours of the home, and the opportunity to meet the mothers and babies at New Beginnings. For more information about the Ice Cream Social or New Beginnings, please visit [www.homeformothers.com](http://www.homeformothers.com), or call our office at (414) 376-0595. See you there!

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### LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS) MISSION UPDATE

Each LWMS Congregation supports a home mission and a world mission through the Befriend a Mission (BAM) program. David's Star's home mission is The Vine Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This month we feature our home mission, The Vine. Below is June update:

#### Sunday Worship

We've been averaging around 50 people in worship lately - roughly a third of them are from the launch team, a third are members of The Vine, and a third are prospects from the community. We pray that God continues to bless

us with opportunities through our worship services to reach more people for Jesus.

#### New Member

Last month we welcomed Glen Warriner as a new member to The Vine. We thank God for Glen, and we look forward to worshiping and serving with him here.

#### Family Fun Fair

On May 5<sup>th</sup> we participated in the Family Fun Fair in Coeur d'Alene. We met lots of people from the community, gave away some fun raffle prizes, and added 70 more people to our prospect list. What was really cool was that The Vine was one of the title sponsors of the event, which allowed us to set up our table in front of the main stage and also introduce the performers throughout the day.

#### Baby Bottle Boomerang

At our Mother's Day worship service, we handed out baby bottles to people, asked them to fill them with money for 5 weeks, and then return them on Father's Day. The proceeds will be donated to Open Arms Pregnancy Center in CDA.

#### Chris Driesbach Concert

In May we invited the community to a Christian music concert performed by WELS musician and singer Chris Driesbach. Chris grew up in Coeur d'Alene and was returning to his home town for this concert. Those who attended enjoyed his music. It also gave us another opportunity to invite people to The Vine.

#### Property on Dakota Ave

Unfortunately, the 4.5 acre parcel of land which we were considering purchasing on Dakota Ave was sold before we could make an offer. That's the second time this has happened to us with property we wanted to purchase. Land and property are very expensive in Coeur d'Alene, and whatever is still available is all being bought up by developers. But we know that the Lord will bless us with our own building and property at the right time and in the right location.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. Please continue to keep The Vine in your prayers.

Serving Christ with you, Pastor Kevin Schultz

**WLC Summer Arts in the Park:** WLC will host a free Art and Craft Fair on **July 28**. For a complete schedule of Summer Arts in the Park events, visit [wlc.edu/summer-arts](http://wlc.edu/summer-arts).

**WLC Summer Discovery Day:** High school students and their parents are invited to attend Wisconsin Lutheran College's Summer Discovery Day on **July 10**. To register, visit [wlc.edu/pcw](http://wlc.edu/pcw).

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**News from the  
SOUTHEASTERN  
WISCONSIN  
DISTRICT**

51<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention

***"Looking Back...at a Century of God's Grace  
Moving Forward...with Prayer and Resolve"***

Almost 450 pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and lay delegates attended the 51<sup>st</sup> biennial Convention of the Southeastern Wisconsin District at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee last week (June 12-13).

As the theme above suggests, the convention acknowledged God's grace and commemorated the centennial of the first convention of the district that was held in 1918.

While attending the convention, those delegates...

- joined together in worship at the opening communion service, in which District President David Kolander focused on the words of Jesus in John 8:31,32, which encourage us to hold onto Jesus' teachings, because they contain the truth that makes us free. The first district president, Carl Buenger, also preached on these words of Jesus in the opening service of the 1918 convention. The service was also based on an order of service from the 1917 Book of Hymns.
- focused their attention on the essay which was presented to the delegates of the 1918 convention by Prof. August Pieper entitled, "The Despising of Grace Is the Death of the Church." Vice President Joel Leyrer led them through the essay, which reminded delegates in 1918 and 2018 that we are completely unable to earn God's grace on our own, that it was only by the grace of God that he brought us into his kingdom, and that we are in danger of despising that grace any time we depend on anything else for our salvation or begin thinking that anything else might be more important to us than God's grace.
- Heard reports about the kingdom work we do together with all the other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.
- elected the following pastors to two-year terms as district officers:

-David Kolander of Brookfield, Wisconsin, re-elected to his second term as district president;

-Joel Leyrer of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, re-elected to his fourth term as first vice-president;

-Michael Woldt of Jackson, Wisconsin, elected to his first term as second vice-president after being appointed to fill out the term of Jon Kolander, who accepted a call to California last year;

-William (Billy) Carter of Brownsville, Wisconsin, re-elected to his seventh term as district secretary.

All these officers thanked the delegates for the trust they placed in them by electing them and asked for the Lord's blessing on the work that they do to serve the district and our Savior God.

In separate meetings, all nineteen circuits elected circuit pastors. Our Corridor Circuit re-elected Pastor Steve Bode of Zion, Allenton to his second term as our circuit pastor.

The delegates also heard from Missionary John Hartmann, who serves our mission field in Zambia. He shared some of the challenges and blessings he and the other missionaries in the field have experienced. He also thanked the delegates for the support our mission offerings provide for the work our missionaries do in Zambia and around the world.

The delegates adopted a resolution that encourages the synod's Conference of Presidents to continue their efforts to find ways to reduce the workload of the district presidents in our larger districts and/or to provide some kind of assistance to help them in their work. The Conference of Presidents hopes to have something in place by the fall of 2018.

The delegates designated the offering from the opening service of the convention for mission work among the Apache people in Arizona. This year marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our work there.

You can find more news about the work of the convention, including the resolutions that were adopted, at [www.sew-wels.net/2018convention](http://www.sew-wels.net/2018convention).

You can also watch for more information about what happened at all twelve district conventions this month in future issues of Together and Forward in Christ and future editions of the WELS Connection videos.

You can also learn more about the work we do together in the WELS by downloading the "Report to the Districts" that is meant to give the districts an update of the work of the synod's various boards and commissions. You can find that report (along with other reports about the synod's work) at [www.wels.net/rtttd2018](http://www.wels.net/rtttd2018).