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## ***“Walking and Working Together”***

*by Pastor Michael Woldt*

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Later this summer, I will have the privilege of serving as a delegate at the 64<sup>th</sup> biennial synod convention held at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI from Monday July 31 through Thursday, August 3. Every two years, representative delegates meet in convention to serve as the legislative body of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). I will be serving with about 400 other voting delegates who represent our churches, missions and schools from around the world. This convention will be the second time in my ministry that I have been a voting delegate at a synod convention. The last time was 20 years ago, before I started serving at David's Star.

The synod convention establishes, reviews and amends the policies and the direction of WELS as we pursue our mission. The WELS mission statement reads as follows: “As men, women, and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod exists to make disciples throughout the world for time and for eternity, using the gospel in Word and sacrament to win the lost for Christ and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service, all to the glory of God.” It is the responsibility of every voting delegate to be a prepared decision maker who is informed about the issues before the convention, and then prayerfully votes on what WELS should be doing for the Lord.

This year, the convention agenda includes primarily “routine” business. We will hear reports from missionaries and ministerial education. We will establish the synod's mission plan (operating budget) for the next two years. The operating budget is dependent on offerings received from congregations like David's Star. We will elect key people to oversee the work of our synod between the conventions. WELS President Mark Schroeder is not up for election, but we will be voting on our synod's First Vice President and Recording Secretary. Other elections

include chairman for the Board for World Mission, the Board for Home Missions, the Ministerial Education chairman and others. (Two years ago, it was the synod convention that elected me to my second term as chairman of the Martin Luther College governing board. I have four years left to serve in that position.)

One of the special items before the convention will be how we compensate those who serve the synod in ministry positions. Some people know this compensation formula as “synod code.” David's Star tries to stay close to “synod code” when it decides how to financially support its pastors and teachers. I have been asked to serve as chairman of the floor committee which will bring recommendations regarding “synod code” to the convention floor.

For people who don't like meetings and formal procedures, attending a synod convention might seem a bit like an unwanted but necessary trip to the dentist. Yet, each of us has a stake in what the convention decides. The convention is overseeing and making decisions about the work we do together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Throughout the years, conventions have kept the synod on a sound biblical footing. We rejoice in the true fellowship we enjoy as bible believing, Jesus confessing Lutherans. Conventions have wrestled to exercise good stewardship of the gifts you give in support of missions and ministerial education. Please join me in praying that Jesus continues to bless the mission of WELS, and the delegates who meet in convention this year.

By the way, if like you would like to view some of the convention sessions, streaming and other convention information is available at [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net).



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS**

- Annie Hardt (6/10)
- Wilmer Ehlke (6/14)
- LaVerne Groth (6/17)
- Myron Philipps (6/17)
- Wayne Bublitz (6/30)

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**JUNE 2017 GREETERS**

- June 11, 2017 7:45 Dennis & Marlene Bell  
9:30: Brian & Pam Lee
- June 18, 2017 7:45: Jean Hall  
9:30: Cory & Jessica Schumacher
- June 25, 2017 7:45: Andy & Colleen Loeffler  
9:30: John & Ruthanne Geldon



**LORD’S PRAYER SERMON SERIES**

A new sermon series begins on Father’s Day weekend, June 15-18. We will preach a nine week series on the Lord’s Prayer beginning on Father’s Day with the Address, *Our Father Who Art in Heaven*. Each Sunday will refresh in us the joys and treasures of each of the petitions of the Lord’s Prayer. How often have we simply said the Lord’s Prayer rather than actually praying to the Lord all the critical petitions of this prayer? It is our prayer that through this series we will all be refreshed through God’s amazing grace to us and encouraged in our prayer life.

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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** The office is open during the summer. The church secretary is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30am until 3:30pm. The school secretary is in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30am until 3:30pm.

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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.

**KML IS HOSTING A SPECIAL CHRISTIAN ESTATE PLANNING** series on June 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 6:30-7:45 P.M. Presenters include Paul Snamiska from KML as well as Attorney Doug Fitzgerald and Financial Planners Tim Reis and Scott Weir. Each night there will be a unique topic presented by a special speaker. This is a great opportunity to learn from people who are estate planning professionals. Go to [www.foundation.kmlhs.org](http://www.foundation.kmlhs.org) for a schedule and more information.

There is no cost for the seminar, but you must RSVP to Paul at [paul.snamiska@kmlhs.org](mailto:paul.snamiska@kmlhs.org) or [262-677-4051](tel:262-677-4051).

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**THE COMPASSION BRIDGE**

Building bridges of compassion to help one another through difficult times is what this group is all about. A group of members who are grieving or have grieved the loss of loved ones, have recently completed an eight week grief support group. They intend to keep meeting to support each other and anyone else who is suffering. This group will meet once a month over the summer and invite any others struggling through loss of life, marriage, job, or any other struggles of life.

Here’s what you need to know:

1. You don’t have to say anything. No need to share, you can simply come and benefit from the gathering.
2. You don’t have to be the one struggling, you can benefit from this group so that you might help someone else who is struggling.
3. You don’t have to be suffering a loss, just struggling with life.
4. What is said in this group, stays with this group.
5. No need to sign-up, just come.
6. It will be a sort of running Bible study/devotional reading led by Pastor Loescher with discussion and encouragement interspersed. Kind of like a conversation where you let the Lord speak first. And we will speak to the Lord in prayer.
7. The next meeting will be June 14th from 7-8pm in the multipurpose room, across from the gym.

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

**Church Council Minutes  
David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Jackson, WI  
May 16, 2017 7:00pm**

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Pastor Woldt, Mark Ahrens, Todd Backus, Dennis Bell, Tim Gustafson, Kurt Henning, *Jon Kruse*, Paul Steinbrenner, Mike Willis

**Excused:** Nelson Erdmann, David Zarling, Josh Boeldt

The meeting was called to order by Paul Steinbrenner at 7:01 pm. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Loescher.

A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on April 11, 2017.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

**Incoming:** Everts, Dosty

*Adult Confirmation*

Miller, Stan & Sherry; Amanda, Tiffany

*Transfer from Morning Star, Jackson, WI*

Weisman, Kory & Rachel

*Profession of Faith*

**Outgoing:**

Henning, Kent & Laurie; Megan

*Released from membership*

Siebers, Ben

*Released from membership*

Siebers, Rachel

*Released from membership*

**Pastors' Report**

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**Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019**

**[woldtma@hotmail.com](mailto:woldtma@hotmail.com)**

The pastors (and also our male teachers) will be attending our District conference at the seminary on June 6th, 7th. No lay delegate is needed for the district conference. Pastor and Betsy Woldt recently enjoyed a week in California, visiting their youngest daughter and her husband. Pastor Loescher and his family took a quick weekend trip to Minnesota to attend their son Martin's graduation

from Martin Luther College. Martin plans to attend the seminary next year. Joey Loescher (student at MLC) would like to do voice lessons for children of David's Star at the church for a nominal fee. Suggestion by a professor at the college. Approved by Council to use church for lessons.

**President's report**

(Paul Steinbrenner,

No report. An individual asked for permission to place a copy of an old flyer on her webpage. Signed extended mortgage this past weekend

**Board for Buildings and Grounds**

**Kurt Henning**

**[klhrconst@gmail.com](mailto:klhrconst@gmail.com)**

No report. Some of the graves sites are fairly steep to access. Looking to make changes to the cemetery, possibly to make some stairs to access the area closer to Spring Valley Road. Need a new roof on the building in the woods. Costs will be brought to another council meeting. Looking to have the driveway cracks filled, potentially in July. Will look to have a few costs on different parts of the project. Arbor night set for May 17. Mowing going well. Looking to have the grass fertilized to keep the campus looking better. Waiting for report from the forester on the woods.

**Board for Elementary Education**

**Mike Willis, [mike.willis@sial.com](mailto:mike.willis@sial.com)**

**Principal Tim Gustafson**

**[tgustafson@davidstar.org](mailto:tgustafson@davidstar.org)**

**APRIL 18, 2017**

Meeting location: David's Star MPR @ 630pm

Attending: M. Willis, T. Gustafson, Pastor Woldt,

M. Kempfert, B. Campbell, T. Oestreich, J. McCoy

Open with Prayer – Pastor

1. Approval of minutes from the March 16, 2017 meeting Motion to Approve, Seconded. Motion Carried
2. Council Report – Tim, Pastor, Mike
3. Financial Report – Mike K
4. Principal's Report – Tim
  - Hot Lunch- There is nothing new to report.
  - Technology- We had a few Chromebooks with problems, but we have been able to work around most of them. Otherwise, there is nothing new to report.

- Jackson Parade Involvement- The faculty has suggested that we participate in this year's Action in Jackson Parade. We plan to fill out the application, and there is no cost. We will look for families to volunteer to march with the school and pass out VBS and school information.
  - Student Absence- I will share some information about a student who has been absent quite a bit this school year. The absences for the most part have been due to illness.
  - ELC Call- We need to discuss that ELC call for next year. I would suggest that we change the call to a 12 month ¾ time call. If the Board would agree to do this, we should bring a recommendation to the Council meeting in May, so that a call meeting could be held to approve this change. There would be a small impact to the 2017 budget.
  - Tuition assistance has been sent out to all families, and more communication sent to families that have used it.
  - Mr. Watts 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Discussion on how to commemorate.
5. Parents Group Report – Bob
  6. Approval of Reports Motion to approve, seconded. Motion carried
  7. Old Business
    - a. Team Ministry – Pastoral Analysis
    - b. Reminder to observe classes
  8. New Business
    - a. ELC Call discussion: Recommend to council: Reissue a provisional call for the ELC, and extend the call to a 12 month ¾ time position from a 10 month ¾ time call effective 7/1/17. Motion made. Seconded. Motion carried.
  9. Next Meeting May 22 6:30 pm
  10. Meeting adjourned 7:25pm
- Close with Blessing.

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

No printed report. Need additional sexton help. Have about \$800 to support a project, for additional chairs or cart. Looking for a way to promote a way for home devotions. Baby bottle program started by Parish Nurses. Working on removal of pews and purchasing chairs.

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

No report. New member welcome on Sunday.

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

No report. Review envelopes.

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

No report. Planning for VBS. Doris Koeller is helping to run program.

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

May 16, 2017

### 2017 April Operating Budget Financial Update

Thanks be to the Lord! The total offerings for April were \$89,556, which is about 1.5% more than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was nearly 3% higher than budgeted for and is up nearly 2% from the budgeted amount for the year to date. The actual expenses for April were just over 1% higher than the budgeted amount but are still about 3% lower than the budget for the year to date. Looking at the chart below, the actual net profit for the month was \$1,798 larger than the anticipated budgeted amount for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of April shows a deficit of \$1,907.

|                   | Actual    | Budget    | Difference |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Revenue           | \$105,470 | \$102,513 | \$2,957    |
| Expenses          | \$92,469  | \$91,310  | \$1,159    |
| Net Profit/(Loss) | \$13,001  | \$11,203  | \$1,798    |

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

The remittances in April for the WELS mission were 14% lower than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 25% less than the budgeted amount. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were about 23% less than the amount budgeted for. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 7.5% lower than the amount budgeted for the year to date.

|                        | Actual  | Budgeted | Difference |
|------------------------|---------|----------|------------|
| Wisc Ev Lutheran Synod | \$6,859 | \$7,997  | (\$1,138)  |
| KMLHS Operating Fund   | \$3,571 | \$4,792  | (\$1,221)  |
| KMLHS Joyful Noise     | \$658   | \$850    | (\$192)    |

**2017 April Building Fund Update**

The mortgage loan balance as of April 30, 2017 is \$1,230,724. The council’s objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 4/30/17 was \$89,711. This balance is down about 2.6% from March. The mortgage note was refinanced in April—the interest rate remains the same, but is now fixed for the remainder of the note payments, which will be approximately eight and a half years if the minimum payments are made.

Josh Boeldt, Treasurer

**Old Business**

DS Ministerial Students grants. Have approximately \$60,000 in fund. Use annual interest to support students. Have four students eligible for program, who will receive about \$600 each. Check will be sent to the school in their name. Caleb Gustafson, Andrew Eggers, Joseph Loescher, attend Martin Luther College; Martin Loescher will be attending Martin Luther Seminary.

Identify fund for \$1000 commitment for 500th Luther Anniversary Service. District celebration is planned for the first Sunday in November. A big service in Milwaukee is being planned. Money will come from Worship Support Expenses fund from the Elders budget. Currently the fund has about \$500.

Board of Education recommendation regarding Extended Learning Teacher

A motion was made and seconded to reissue a provisional call for the ELC to Colleen Loeffler, and extend the call to a 12-month ¾ time position from a 10-month ¾ time call effective 7/1/2017. This will impact the budget by approximately \$3600 annually. Motion carried.

Set date for special voters meeting for Extended Learning position/call. Voters’ meeting to be set up in early summer ideally in-between services, need to post in bulletin 3 weeks prior to meeting. Looking to have the Voters’ Meeting on June 11, 2017 starting at 8:50 am.

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

Next month’s Council Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday June 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting @ 7:58 pm. Motion carried.

Pastor Loescher closed with the Blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Ahrens—Secretary  
(Cell # 955-4032, [mrahrens1@yahoo.com](mailto:mrahrens1@yahoo.com))



## Parish Nurse News

*God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Psalm 46:1-3*

One of the local churches recently hosted a **Mental Health Forum** during which education, resources, support, hope and encouragement were offered to the community. I couldn't go, but was given information that was offered. The **National Alliance on Mental Illness** (NAMI) says that mental illness can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race or economic status. "Mental illness is a health condition that disrupts a person's thinking, feelings, mood, ability to relate to others and daily functioning. One in four individuals suffer from some form of mental illness. The earlier people receive care, the better the long-term outcomes. With the right services, supports and tools, people CAN and DO live fulfilling lives and experience recovery!"

**Christian Family Solutions** (Wisconsin Lutheran child & Family Service) was one of the organizations there with information on their professional Christian counseling services, either in person or via secure online video. Their mission is to heal and help people in need through the ministry of Jesus Christ. They have providers in the Milwaukee area who are licensed psychologists, licensed clinical social workers and licensed professional counselors who provide treatment for a variety of mental health issues.

Some statistics about Depression and Suicide:

- Depression can lead to suicide
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death of individuals 15-24 years old
- Every 2 hours and 7 minutes a person dies under the age of 24 from suicide
- 11.3 young people, ages 15-25, die every day from suicide
- For every completed suicide there are 200 attempts
- The peak age of committing suicide is 16
- 19% of high school students think about committing suicide
- Depression is treatable

**What you can do** if you think someone is seriously depressed or suicidal....

**A.C.T.**

- **ASK the question.** Be direct! Talk openly. "Are you thinking about suicide?" "Are you thinking about hurting yourself?" Always take it seriously. Do not leave the person alone.
- **Show you CARE.** Make a connection. Listen non-judgmentally. Offer hope.
- **TELL someone.** Do not try to handle the situation alone. Call for help. Do not keep it a secret. Tell a trusted adult. Talk to Pastor or a counselor. Seek professional help. Call a local crisis hotline.

**Ozaukee County Crisis Hotline: 262-377-2673.**

**Washington County LifeofHOPEproject.org | 262.429.1556**

*I too, am always willing to listen, support or refer as needed!*

Together in Christ, our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble,

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)).